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BX1509 Installation Instructions 1997-05 Buick Century

Serial No.

The front fascia and head light assemblies are removed for baseplate installation. Drilling is necessary for installation and trimming of fascia is required. The BX8869 is available for the vehicle. Attachment Tabs are 24 inches center to center and a height of 13 inches.



1. Remove the five push pins from the top side of fascia.



2. Lift two white clips up on the back side of the head light assembly, pull assembly forward, unplug and set aside, both sides.



3. Just behind head light assembly, on the inside of fascia's corner, are two metric bolts to remove with the 10MM socket, both sides.



4. Using the 7MM socket, remove two metric bolts just forward of front tire, and four under front edge of fascia.



5. Remove two push pin from lower fascia opening and five push pins from bottom side of fascia. Pull fascia forward, set fascia and bracket just under metal bumper aside.



6. Trim air dam according to photo to open area for baseplate, both sides.



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7. Using the hack saw cut and remove metal according to photo, both sides.



9. Hold baseplate up as far as possible and align forward to dimple in frame, clamp to frame with vise grips. Using the baseplate as a template, drill four holes with the 13/32" drill bit, both sides. Insert item 2 into frame opening to align with drill holes and tighten items 3 and 4, both sides. **Be sure and use loctite on all bolts before tightening.**



8. Remove four metric bolts from windshield washer reservoir with the 10MM socket to relieve opening in frame. Remove metric bolt from horn bracket with the 10MM socket and set aside.



*Location for the BX8869,
(View of driver's side)*

10. Reinstall windshield washer reservoir, horn (according to photo in step #9), fascia support and fascia. Be certain that all electrical connections are plugged in properly.
11. The dimensional variations between otherwise identical cars can be considerable. While the location and size of the holes in the baseplate were designed to allow for easy installation, it may be necessary to file a hole slightly to allow a bolt to clear.
12. Install the tow bar and safety cables according to the instructions included in their packages.
13. Do **not** substitute other devices if the tow bar pin and clip are lost.
14. **DEALER OR INSTALLER: BE CERTAIN THE USER RECEIVES THE INSTRUCTION SHEET.**



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Tools Required

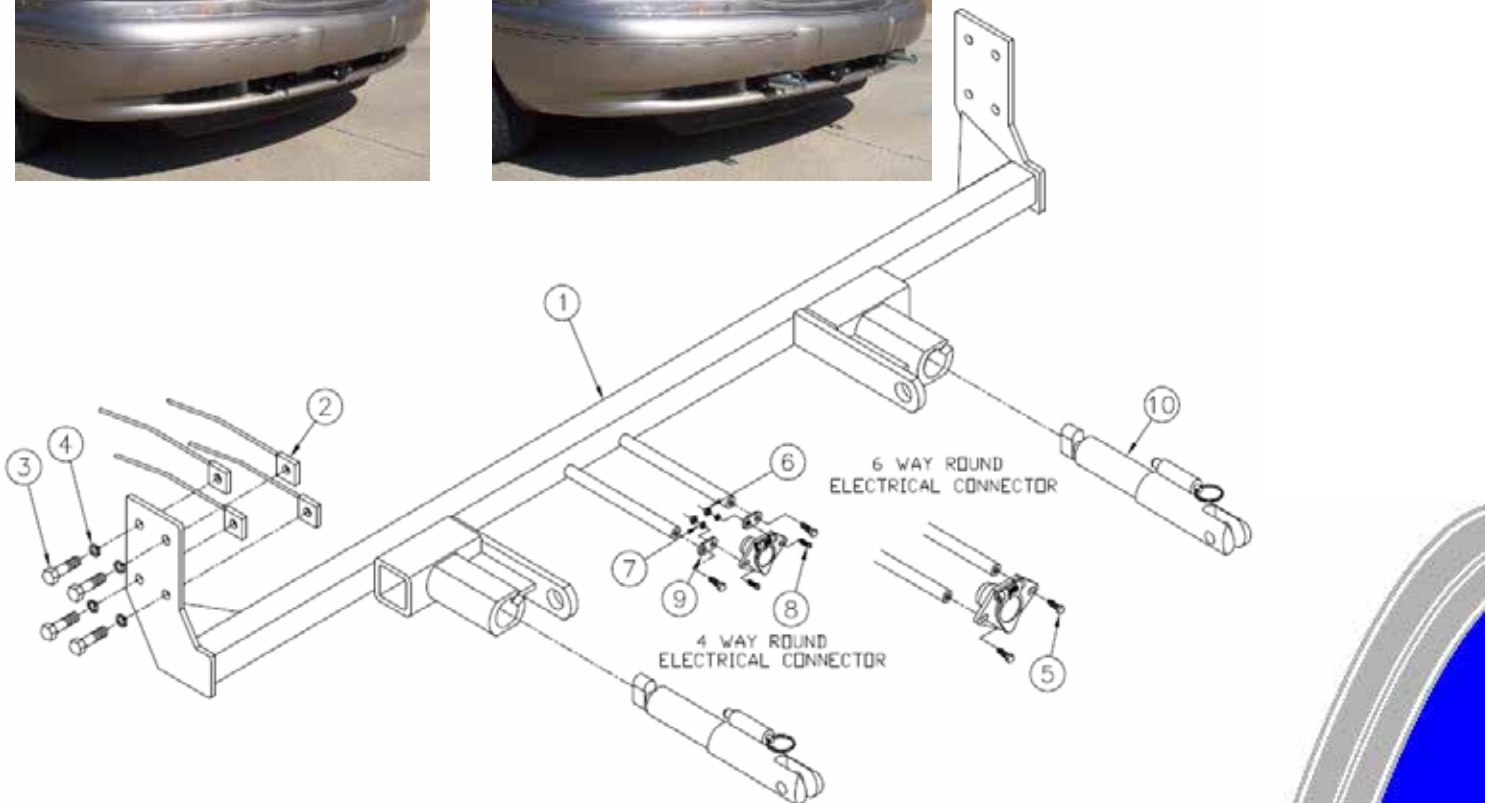
7MM Socket
10MM Socket

Loctite
Vise Grip

13/32" Drill Bit
Hack Saw

Parts List

Ref. No.	Qty.	Part No.	Description
1	1	61-5796	Weldment, Base Plate, BX1509
2	8	61-5208	3/8-16 Nut Plate
3	8	201-0440	3/8-16 x 1 1/2 Bolt, Grd. 5, ZP
4	8	203-0010	3/8 Lock Washer, ZP
5	2	201-0979	#12-14 x 1" Self Drilling Screw, ZP
6	2	101-5822	Adapter, 4 Way Connector
7	2	201-0192	#10-32 x 1/2 Slot, Rd. Hd. Screw
8	2	203-0054	#10 Lock Washer
9	2	202-0047	#10-32 Hex Nut
10	2	62-3469	Attachment, Assembly, SF/LB (R)
	2	226-0046	Baseplate Safety Cable, 36" CL III (Not Shown)
	2	229-0359	Quicklink, 3/8, ZP (Not Shown)
	2	290-0437	Receiver, Cap Plug (BLK) (Not Shown)



IMPORTANT: Use only genuine factory replacement parts on your Base Plate. Do not substitute homemade or nontypical parts. If a bolt is lost or in need of replacement, for your safety and the preservation of your Base Plate, be sure to use a replacement bolt of the same grade (Usually Grade 5, refer to parts list). Repair parts may be ordered through your nearest **Blue Ox** dealer or distributor.

General Information

1. Ensure that your product(s) are registered online at www.blueox.com. It is crucial to register your product(s) so that you may be alerted of product offerings, updates, upgrades, maintenance and safety bulletins, and/or recalls.
2. **It is the owner's responsibility to inspect all towing equipment for cracked welds, missing or worn parts and loose bolts before each towing trip.** Be sure to use Loctite® Red on all bolts and tighten to the recommended specifications.
3. **It is the owner's responsibility to hook up all towing equipment per manufacturer's instructions/recommendations.**
4. Remove the attachment tabs when not in use (if applicable).

Notice To Baseplate Installer

1. It is YOUR responsibility to watch for:

- Oil cooler and air conditioner lines
- Electrical wires and hoses
- Missing parts or attaching points on the frame

** If the baseplate is improperly installed and is against a wire or hose, it could cause fluid leaks or electrical shorts some time after the actual baseplate installation.

Permanent Baseplate Safety Cable Installation

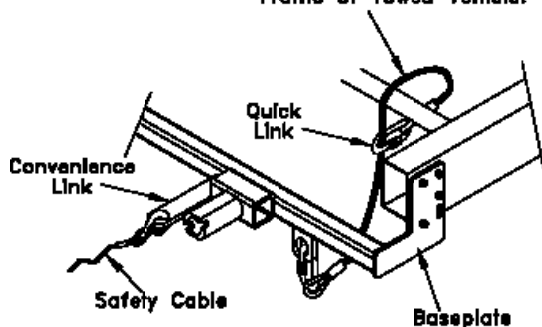
Permanent baseplate safety cables are strongly recommended when towing a vehicle with a tow bar. The principle function of the permanent baseplate safety cables is to prevent the towed vehicle from breaking loose in the event the connection between the frame of the towed vehicle and the baseplate fails or becomes disconnected. The cables must be connected from the baseplate to the frame rail or cross member of the vehicle's frame. The illustrations below show the possible arrangements recommended by Blue Ox®. Each permanent baseplate safety cable must have an adequate weight rating for the towing system. The weight rating of the two (2) cables together will not qualify.

Do not mount the permanent baseplate safety cables against wires, hoses or brake lines.

These permanent baseplate safety cables should remain installed as long as the baseplate is installed on the vehicle. Permanent baseplate safety cables are to be used in conjunction with, and NOT a replacement for legally required safety cables attaching the towed vehicle to the towing vehicle.

OPTION #1

Permanent Baseplate Safety Cables to Cross Member or Frame of Towed Vehicle.



OPTION #2

Permanent Baseplate Safety Cables to Cross Member or Frame of Towed Vehicle.

