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BX3223 Installation Instructions 2002 Pontiac Aztek

Serial No.

The front fascia, metal bumper, and blinker assembly are removed for baseplate installation. Holes need to be drilled. The BX8869 is available for the vehicle. Attachment Tabs are 25 inches center to center and a height of 13 inches.



1. Remove seven push pins from top side of fascia.



2. Just forward of front tires are two Phillips head screws to remove with the Phillips screw driver, both sides.



3. Remove two Phillips head screws under fascia corner with the Phillips screw driver, both sides.



4. Using the 10MM socket, remove two metric bolts on fascia corner inside wheel well, both sides.



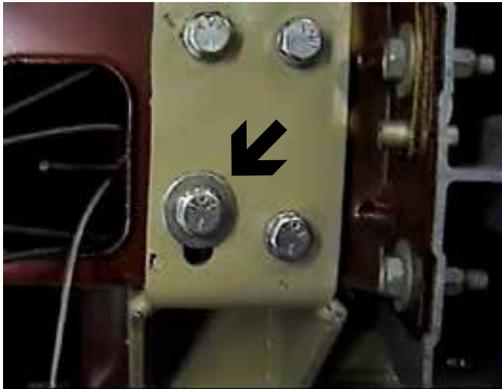
5. Just forward of lower air dam, on the back side of fascia, are four push pins to remove. Pull fascia forward and set aside.



6. Remove three push pins from front styrofoam, pull forward and set aside.



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7. Hold baseplate to align with existing holes on frame (arrow shown in photo). Insert item 2 into frame opening, and fasten items 3, 4, and 5, both sides. Be sure baseplate is up as far as possible and drill remaining holes in frame rail with the 13/32" drill bit. Install items 2, 3, and 4 according to drawing on last page, tighten all bolts. **Be sure and loctite all bolts before tightening.**
8. Using the baseplate as a template, drill holes into bottom of frame. Install items 2, 3, and 4 according to drawing on last page and tighten. **Be sure and use loctite on all bolt before tightening.**
9. Reinstall fascia and be sure all electrical connections are plugged in to proper receptacles.
10. 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.
11. Install the tow bar and safety cables according to the instructions included in their packages.
12. Do **not** substitute other devices if the tow bar pin and clip are lost.
13. **DEALER OR INSTALLER: BE CERTAIN THE USER RECEIVES THE INSTRUCTION SHEET.**



Location for
the BX8869.





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Tools Required

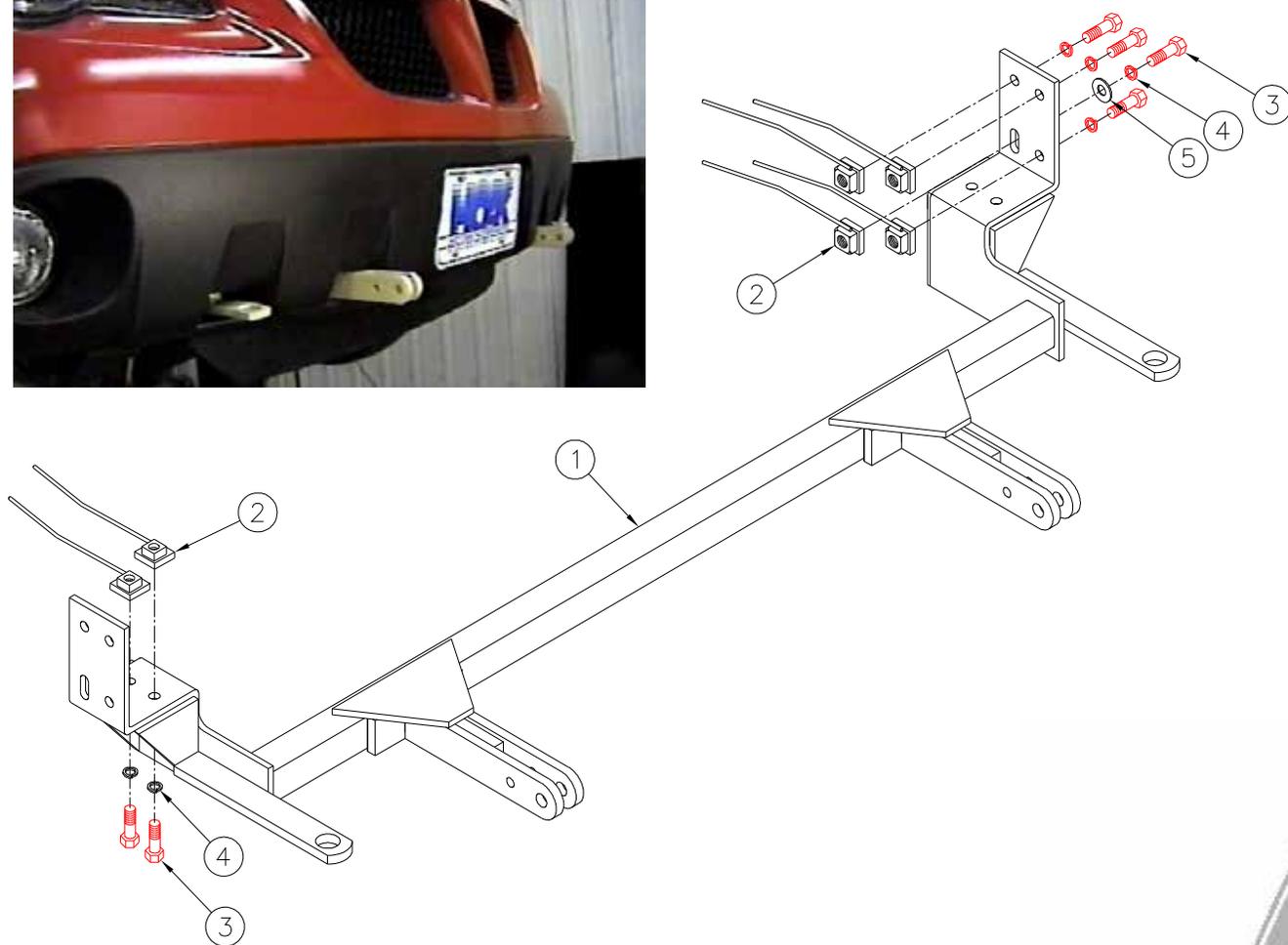
10MM Socket
9/16" Socket

Loctite Blue
Vise Grips

13/32" Drill Bit
Phillips Screw Driver

Parts List

| Ref. No. | Qty. | Part No. | Description |
|----------|------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | 1 | 61-5739 | Weldment, Base Plate, BX3223 |
| 2 | 12 | 61-5208 | Weldment, 3/8-16, Nut Plate |
| 3 | 12 | 201-0368 | 3/8-16 x 1 1/4 Hex Bolt, Grd. 5, ZP |
| 4 | 12 | 203-0010 | 3/8 Lock Washer, ZP |
| 5 | 2 | 203-0003 | 3/8 Flat Washer, ZP |



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

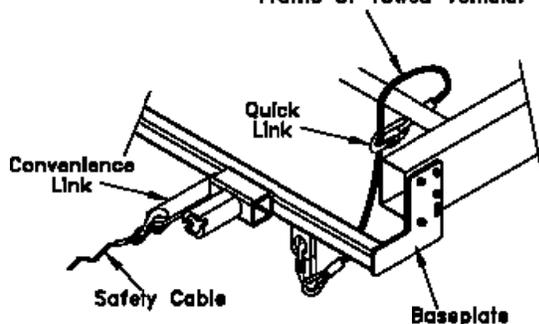
Permanent baseplate safety cables are strongly recommended when towing a vehicle with a tow bar. The principle function of the permanent baseplate safety cables is to prevent the towed vehicle from breaking loose in the event the connection between the frame of the towed vehicle and the baseplate fails 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.

