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2011 Honda Accord Ex-L
2012 Honda Accord SE
Installation Instructions

Serial Number

Please read BOTH these Installation Instructions and the General Instructions before attempting to install or operate this equipment.

- Blue Ox® towing products and accessories are intended to be installed by Blue Ox® Dealers who are familiar with our products and have the equipment necessary and knowledge to do "fit work". When necessary Blue Ox® Dealers can be found at www.blueox.com or by contacting our Customer Care Department at (402) 385-3051.
- Many Blue Ox® Baseplates are designed to use existing holes and hardware to mount the baseplate to the towed vehicle. Even though bolts are there, do not assume they are adequate for baseplate mounting. Always use hardware supplied in the hardware kit and existing hardware specified in the Baseplate Installation Instructions.

Attachment Tab Height: 14"

Attachment Tab Width: 22"

Bolt Torque Specifications
Torque in Foot-Pounds for Metric Bolts

Bolt Size	Grade 8.8	Grade 10.9
6MM	6	8
8MM	16	22
10MM	31	40
12MM	54	70
14MM	89	117

Confirm the towability and pre-towing procedures for your vehicle with the owner's manual or contact the vehicle's manufacturer for specific towing procedures.

Bolt Torque Specifications
Torque in Foot-Pounds for Inch Bolts

Bolt Size	Grade 5	Grade 8
1/4"	10	14
5/16"	19	29
3/8"	33	47
7/16"	54	78
1/2"	78	119
5/8"	154	230



If the front of your vehicle looks different than this, call us at (402) 385-3051.

WARNING

Failure to read and follow these instructions could result in separation of the towed vehicle from the tow bar, causing property damage, loss of towed vehicle, personal injury or death.



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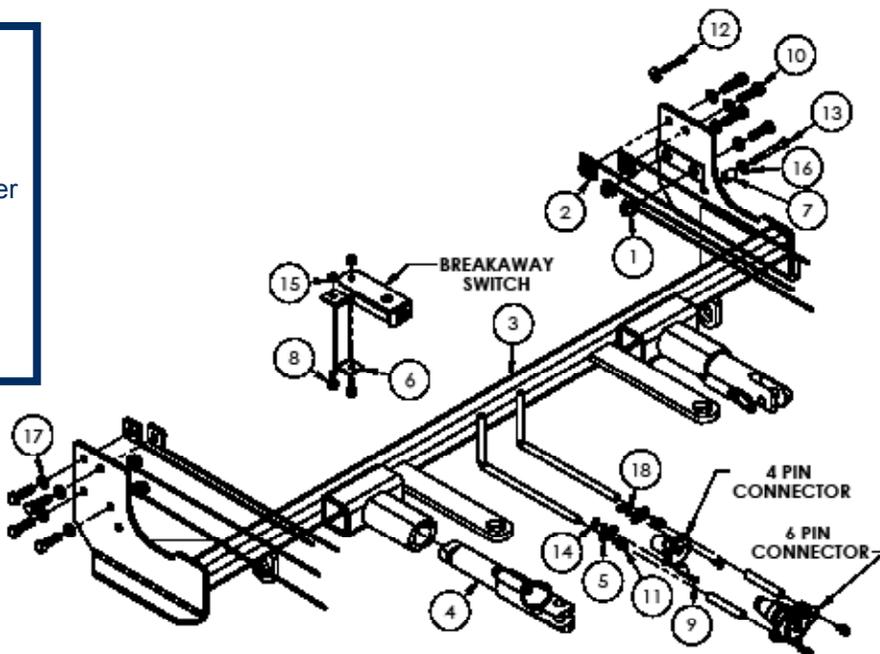
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Parts List

Ref. No.	Qty.	Part #	Description
1	4	61-4978	3/8"-16 Whiz Nut Plate with 14" Wire
2	4	61-5208	3/8"-16 Nut Plate with 14" Wire
3	1	61-6820	BX2254 Baseplate
4	2	62-3469	Attachment Tab
5	2	101-5822	4 Way Connector Adapter
6	1	102-7116	Breakaway Bracket
7	1	107-3081	Spacer Tube
8	2	201-0050	1/4"-20 x 3/4" Hex Head Bolt, Grade 5, ZP
9	2	201-0192	#10-32 1/2" Round Slotted Head Screw
10	8	201-0368	3/8"-16 x 1-1/4" Hex Head Bolt, Grade 5, ZP
11	2	201-0979	#12-14 x 1" Self Drilling Screw, ZP
12	1	201-0708	#10-16 x 1-1/2" Self Tapping Screw
13	1	201-0798	6MM-1.0 x 60MM Hex Head Bolt, Grade 8.8, ZP
14	2	202-0047	#10-32 Hex Nut
15	2	202-0102	1/4"-20 Hex Nylon Nut, ZP
16	2	203-0001	1/4" Flat Washer, ZP
17	8	203-0010	3/8" Lock Washer, ZP
18	2	203-0054	#10 Lock Washer
19	2	226-0046 (not shown)	36" Class III Safety Cable
20	2	229-0359 (not shown)	3/8" Quicklink, ZP
21	1	290-0437 (not shown)	Black Receiver Cap
22	1	293-1339 (not provided)	Breakaway Switch
23	1	294-0805 (not provided)	4 Way Connector Pin
24	1	294-0902 (not provided)	6 Way Connector Pin

Tools Required

10MM Socket/ Wrench	Drill
12MM Socket	Flat Screw Driver
9/16" Socket	Phillips Screw Driver
5/8" Wrench	Torque Wrench
Large Vise Grip	Tape Measure
Reciprocating Saw	13/32" Drill Bit
	Loctite® RED



Important:

Use only genuine factory replacement parts on your baseplate. Do NOT substitute homemade or non-typical parts. If a bolt is lost or in need of replacement, for your safety and the preservation of your baseplate, be sure to use a replacement bolt of the same grade (In most cases it will be Grade 5, please reference the parts list above). Replacement parts may be ordered through your nearest Blue Ox® Dealer or Distributor, or call our Customer Care Team at (402)385-3051. Failing to follow and/or altering these installation instructions in either installation or required equipment will void the manufacturer's warranty. Towing behind a non-motorized vehicle will void the warranty.



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Attachment Tabs:

Motorhome mount tow bars are recommended for use with this baseplate. Due to the design of the removable tabs, the RangeFinderII and Ambassador tow bars can not be used. Adapters, except the BX8833 and BX88151, can not be used with this baseplate.

Installation Notes:

The radiator cover, fascia, bumper and extension are removed for the baseplate installation. Drilling is required.

Some vehicles fascia's may need trimming. The dimensional variations between otherwise identical vehicles can be considerable. While the baseplate was designed for easy installation, it may be necessary to tailor the baseplate slightly to compensate for auto manufactures' tolerances. These minor adjustments may include filing a hole slightly, bending electrical rods or bending end plates.

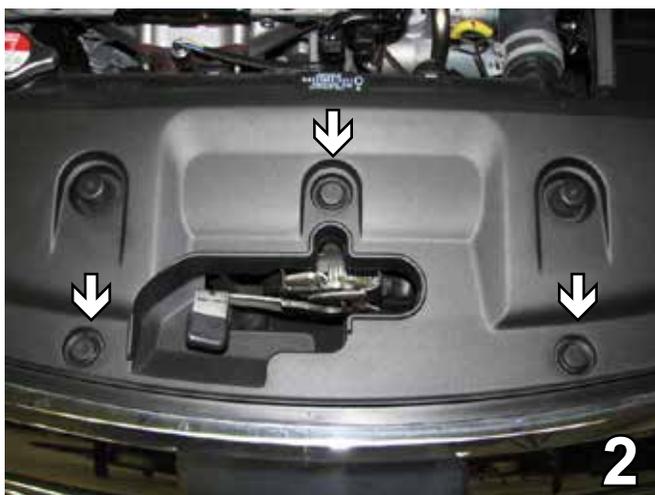
The Bx8848 4-Diode Wiring Kit is recommended for this vehicle.

Handling of some cosmetic parts when installing this product may require the use of protective covers, rags, specialty tools, etc. to prevent damage.

Installation Instructions:



1. Remove two push pins from the side in order to remove the radiator cover. Do this to both sides of the vehicle. Set push pins aside to be reinstalled later.



2. Remove three push pins from the middle in order to remove the radiator cover. Set cover and push pins aside to be reinstalled later.



3. In the corner of the fascia, remove the Phillips screw. Do this to both sides of the vehicle. Set screw aside to be reinstalled later.



4. Underneath the fascia, remove ten push pins all the way around. Set push pins aside to be reinstalled later.



5. On the driver's side, remove the push pin just forward of the front tire in the wheel well. Set the push pin aside to be reinstalled later.



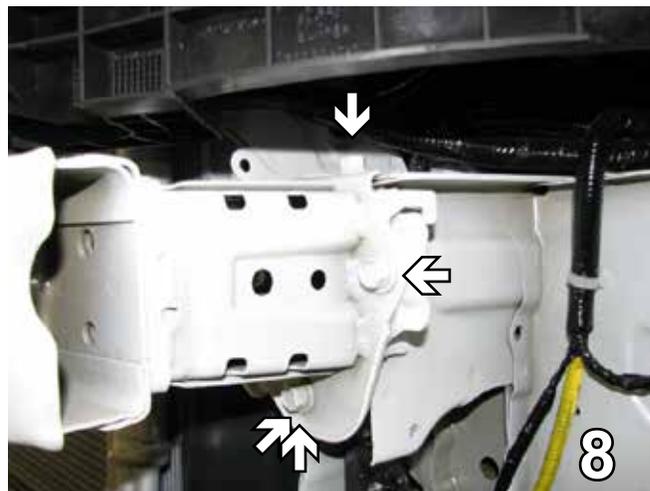
6. On the driver's side, use a 10MM socket to remove the two bolts holding the air baffle. Don't remove the air baffle just pull it back out of the way. Set the bolts aside to be reinstalled later.



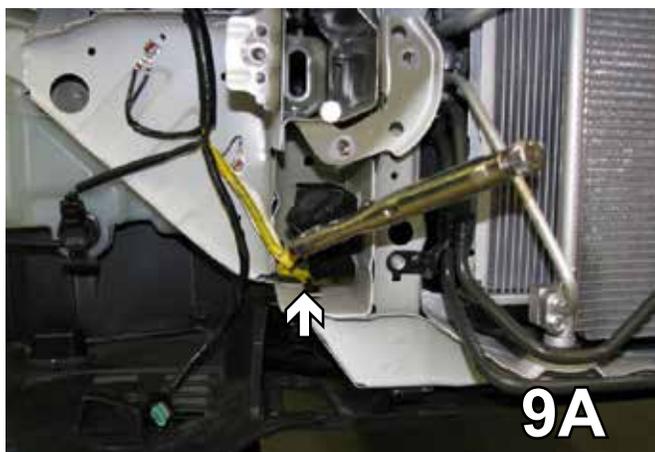
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7. Behind the bumper, disconnect the temperature sensor by removing two push pins before taking the bumper off.



8. Using a 12MM socket remove the four metric bolts one on each side holding the metal bumper and extension. This is done to both sides. Pull the metal bumper forward and set carefully aside to be reinstalled later.



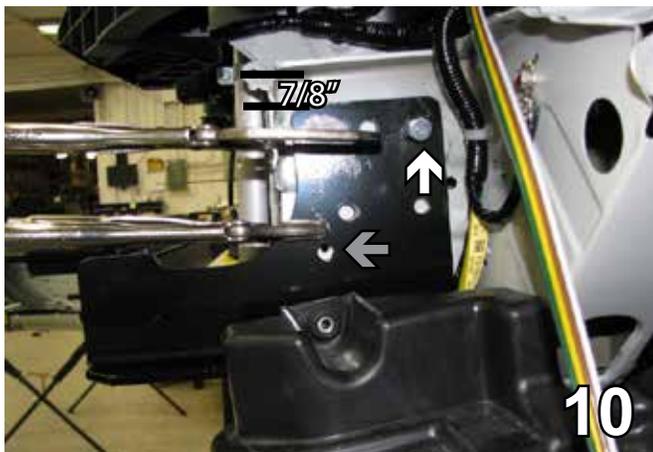
9. Clamp the air bag sensor bracket with the vice grip and bend it back. Do this on both sides.

BE SURE TO USE LOCTITE® RED ON ALL BOLTS BEFORE TIGHTENING. TIGHTEN ALL BOLTS ACCORDING TO THE TORQUE CHART ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS OR ON PAGE 3 OF THE BASEPLATE TOWING GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.



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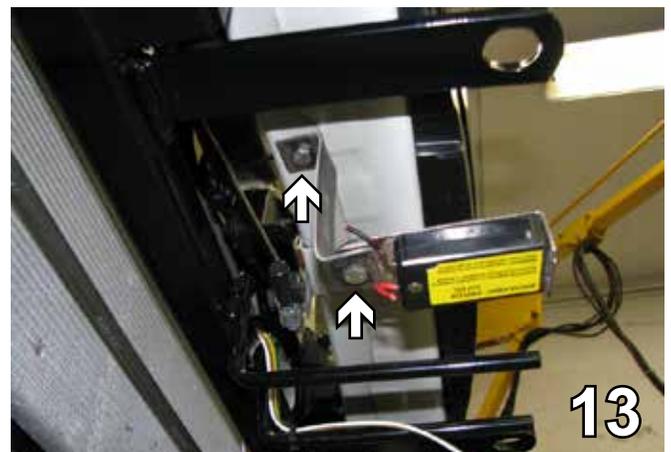
10. With the vehicle on a level surface, slide the baseplate up and in. The top of the baseplate should be flush with the frame offset and 7/8" down from the frame ledge. Be sure the baseplate is level with respect to the vehicle frame. Clamp with the large vise grip. Drill one hole (white arrow) with a 13/32" drill bit, using the baseplate as a template. Be sure the washer reservoir hole on the driver's side (gray arrow) lines up. Insert 3/8-16 x 1 1/4" bolt and 3/8" lock washer with 3/8-16 nut plate attached inside the frame. Be sure to use Loctite Red on all the bolts. Drill the remaining three holes. Do this on both sides.



11. Use 3/8-16 x 1 1/4" bolts and 3/8" lock washers in all the holes (white arrows). The top two attach to 3/8-16 nut plates inserted inside the frame. The bottom two attach to 3/8-16 whiz nuts. Be sure to use Loctite Red on all the bolts. Do this on both sides. On the driver's side, reattach the air baffle with a 6MM-1.0 x 60MM bolt, 1/4" flat washer and a 1/2 OD. x 18 GA.W x .63" tube in the bottom hole. In the top hole, use #10-16 x 1 1/2" self drilling screw and 1/4" flat washer (gray arrows).



12. Attach the permanent baseplate safety cables to the provided convenience link on the baseplate (see grey arrow). The photo above shows the recommended installation of the cables to frame of vehicle (see white arrow). Additional options may interfere with suggested mounting; in this case secure the cables to a solid piece of the frame as described in the instructions included with the permanent baseplate safety cables. Be sure the safety cables do not rub against any hoses or moving parts. Do this to both sides of the vehicle.

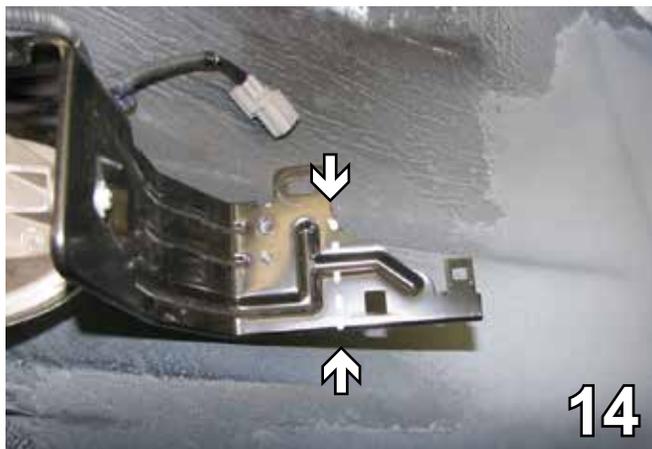


13. Reinstall the bumper. Center the breakaway bracket between the tab and the rod. Using a 13/32" drill bit, drill a hole in the bottom of the bumper. Attach the bracket with a 1/4-20 x 3/4" bolt and 1/4-20 nut. Attach the breakaway also with a 1/4-20 x 3/4" bolt and 1/4-20 nut.

When using power drills be aware of the dangers of torque and drill bit length.



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14. Cut the fog light bracket along the slot edge and straight down. Replace the housing to the bracket and reattach back to the fascia. Do this on both sides.



15. On the fog light bracket on the back side of the fascia, cut across the top of the lower bracket and the plastic tab and remove on the driver's side only.



16. Also on the back side of the fascia, cut the tab off on the side of the fog light opening.



17. On the passenger side, trim the fog light bracket along the bend.

18. Reconnect the temperature sensor. Reinstall the fog lights, the fascia and the radiator cover.

19. Install the tow bar and safety cables according to the instructions when demonstrating this to the customer. Be sure to include all the contents and packages.

20. Do **NOT** substitute other devices if the tow bar pins and clips are misplaced.



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Be sure that ALL electrical connections are plugged in properly and functioning BEFORE Installing the fascia.

DEALER or INSTALLER:

Be certain the user receives the instructions sheets for their products.



Without removable tabs installed.



With removable tabs installed.

If the baseplate is in an accident, it must be replaced. DO NOT use it again! An accident can cause unseen damage and using it again could result in more damage or serious injury. DO NOT use the baseplate if it is damaged or missing parts.

CUSTOMER SERVICE COMMITMENT

Blue Ox is committed to providing you with exceptional customer care throughout your lifetime with our products. Our team is here to assist you with any questions you may have regarding the performance of your product. Simply call (402) 385-3051 and you can speak with our customer care team.

Additionally, please visit our website to see which rallies our Destination America team will be attending. For a nominal fee, our service technician will service your towing system to ensure it's in proper working condition. Also as a commitment to our customers, should you visit our factory you can stay at our full service Blue Ox campground at no charge along with enjoying a factory tour.

Again thank you for being our customer and for the confidence you have shown in the performance of our products. It is because of customers like you we enjoy the success we have today.



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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

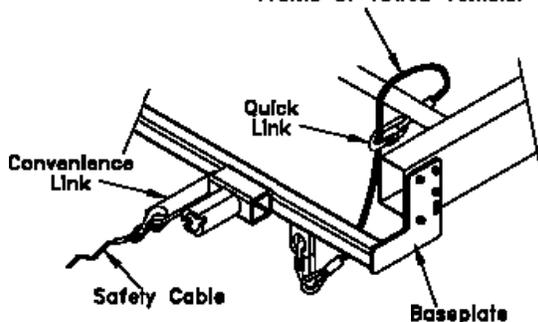
Permanent baseplate safety cables are strongly recommended when towing a vehicle with a tow bar. The principle function of the permanent baseplate safety cables is to prevent the towed vehicle from breaking loose in the event the connection between the frame of the towed vehicle and the baseplate fails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

