

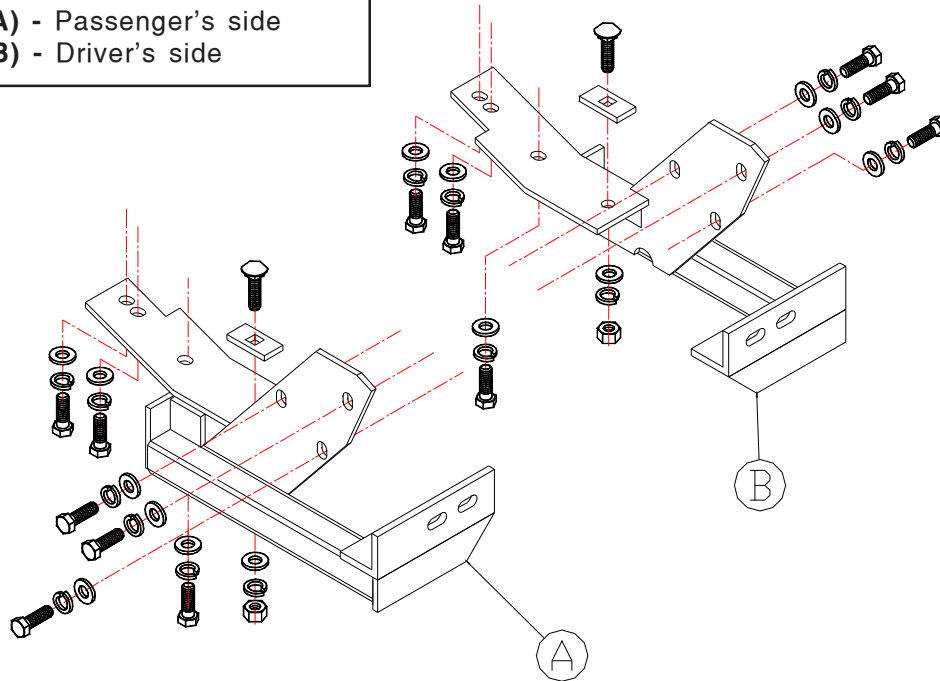
BASEPLATE KIT INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

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PARTS LIST:

- 1- MAIN BRACE (A) - Passenger's side
- 1- MAIN BRACE (B) - Driver's side

KIT NO. 1418-3



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IMPORTANT: All baseplates **must** be assembled with all the bolts left loose for final adjustment and positioning (before tightening) unless otherwise instructed. All bolts **must** be torqued for proper strength. If more than one bolt is used per fastening point, the diagram may only show one. Use flat washers over all slotted holes and lock washers on all fasteners.

WARNING

Failure to heed these warnings or follow the installation instructions may result in a voided warranty, loss of towed vehicle, personal injury or death.

- Do not weld or modify this baseplate or its components. Welding or modification will void the warranty.
- Do not use this document as a basis to design/fabricate a baseplate, as it may not show all parts or structural components.
- We strongly recommend professional installation.
- If the towed vehicle has been in an accident, it must be properly repaired before attaching the baseplate. **Do not install the baseplate if any structural frame damage is found.**
- The installer must use all bolts and parts supplied. If running changes were made by the vehicle manufacturer after this kit was designed, some bolts or other fasteners may no longer be the correct size. **It is the installer's responsibility to verify this kit is securely fastened to the vehicle.**
- Use **Loctite® Red on all bolts used to secure this baseplate.** Torque all bolts to the specifications found at the end of these instructions. **Do not over-torque the bolts or failure may occur.**
- The installer must inspect the baseplate to ensure adequate clearance, particularly around hoses, air conditioner lines, radiators, etc. or non-warranty failure may result.
- Roadmaster manufactures many styles of baseplates. **If your baseplate has removable arms, they must be removed before driving the vehicle, unless the arms can be pinned or padlocked in place.** If not secured, the arms could vibrate out.
- Some motorhome chassis have such a tight turning radius that you can damage your motorhome, towed vehicle, tow bar or baseplate while turning sharply. **Before getting on the road, test your turning radius in**

an empty parking lot. Turning too sharply could result in non-warranty damage to your towing system, motorhome and/or towed vehicle.

- Do not back up with the towed vehicle attached or non-warranty damage will occur to your towing system or vehicles.
- The safety cables must connect the towing vehicle to the towed vehicle frame to frame, with the cables crossed, with enough slack for sharp turns. See cable instructions for proper routing. Failure to do so will result in non-warranty damage and/or the loss of the towed vehicle.
- This kit is designed for use with ROADMASTER tow bars and ROADMASTER adapters only. **Using this kit with other brands, without an approved ROADMASTER adapter, may result in non-warranty damage or injury.**
- Receiver extensions and out-of-level towing situations of 3 inches or more. This can cause the system to swing much higher and lower, causing excessive strain on the tow bar, baseplate and frame. That can cause the towing system to fail, causing property damage, personal injury or even death. **If you must use a receiver extension or drop hitch to tow, it will reduce your receiver's weight capacity by 1/3 to avoid damaging your system. Never use more than one extension and/or drop hitch, as this will void your warranty.**
- Every 3,000 miles, the owner must inspect all mounting points for cracks or fatigue, and check the fasteners for proper torque, according to the bolt torque requirements chart on the last page of these instructions.
- The owner must follow the vehicle manufacturer's instructions to prepare the vehicle for towing. Failure to do so may cause severe damage to the vehicle.
- This baseplate is only warranted for the original installation. Installing a used baseplate on another vehicle is not recommended and will void the warranty.

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1. **Important: please use all supplied bolts and parts and read all instructions carefully before beginning this installation. The majority of questions you may have can be answered within the text, and proper installation will ensure safe and secure travel.** Now, begin the installation. The braces included in this kit take advantage of existing holes provided for the accessory tow hooks available for this model. If the vehicle already has tow hooks in this area, they will have to be removed. The bumper will also have to be removed to provide access to the front of the frame tubes. Remove the bumper at this time by pulling the small plastic retainer from the lower splash shield on each side and pull back to access three bumper bracket bolts on each side. Remove the bumper bolts and then remove the bottom bumper torx bolt and replace with 10mm x 1.5 x 25mm bolts and hardware. Pull the bumper from the vehicle and set aside.
2. Remove the two stabilizer bar mounting bolts on each side and allow the bar to drop down.
3. Working on one side at a time, fishwire a 1/2" x 1 1/2" carriage bolt and a 1/4" x 1" x 2" sq. hole backing plate through the front of the frame tube into an existing hole in the bottom of the frame located in front of the stabilizer bar mounting nuts.
4. Hold the main brace to the bottom of the frame with the upper mounting plate to the side of the frame over the bumper mounting holes, then fasten the main brace to the bottom of the frame with a 1/2" lock washer and nut on the bolt installed in step 3. Bolt through the rear mounting hole in the brace with a 10mm x 1.5 x 35mm bolt, lock washer and flat washer.
5. Repeat steps 3 through 5 for the remaining side.
6. Reinstall the stabilizer bar over the main braces using the supplied 10mm x 1.5 x 35mm bolts, flat washers and lock washers.
7. If the vehicle has the later plastic bumper skin with molded bumpers, the end moldings will have to be removed to expose the upper bumper torx bolt in the bumper on each side. If you have an exposed metal bumper, the bolt should be accessible. Removing the bumper skin will require removing two upper 6mm bolts located on the front fender, two pop rivets, one on each side, and eventually replacing them with 6mm x 20mm machine screws, fender washers, and nylon lock nuts. Remove the small bolts fastening the skin to the metal core, and once the torx bolt is exposed, loosen and move the bumper brackets out.
8. Replace the bumper, sliding the bumper braces over the installed main braces and bolt through the bumper and main braces with the 10mm x 1.5 x 35mm bolts, lock washers and flat washers supplied.
9. Torque all bolts to the specifications below and replace the bumper skins at this time.
10. Install and align tow bar according to the instructions provided with the tow bar.

Hardware

12- 10mm x 1.5 x 35mm bolts	2- 1/2" flat washers
12- 10mm flat washers	2- 1/4" x 1" x 2" sq. hole backing plate
12- 10mm lock washers	2- 6mm x 20mm machine screws
2- 1/2" x 1-1/2" carriage bolts	2- 6mm nylon lock nuts
2- 1/2" lock washers	2- 6mm fender washers
2- 1/2" nuts	2- 10mm x 1.5 x 25mm bolts

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BOLT TORQUE REQUIREMENTS

Note: The torque values represented below are intended as general guidelines. Torque requirements for specific applications may vary. Roadmaster does not warrant this information to be accurate for all applications and disclaims all liability for any claims or damages which may result from its use.

STANDARD BOLTS			METRIC BOLTS			METRIC BOLTS		
Thread Size	Grade	Torque	Thread Size	Grade	Plated/Unplated	Thread Size	Grade	Plated/Unplated
5/16	5	13 ft./lb.	8mm-1.0	8.8	20 ft./lb. 18 ft./lb.	12mm-1.25	8.8	70 ft./lb. 65 ft./lb.
3/8	5	23 ft./lb.	8mm-1.25	8.8	19 ft./lb. 18 ft./lb.	12mm-1.5	8.8	66 ft./lb. 61 ft./lb.
7/16	5	37 ft./lb.	10mm-1.25	8.8	38 ft./lb. 36 ft./lb.	12mm-1.75	8.8	65 ft./lb. 60 ft./lb.
1/2	5	56 ft./lb.	10mm-1.5	8.8	37 ft./lb. 35 ft./lb.	14mm-2.0	8.8	104 ft./lb. 97 ft./lb.
5/8	5	150 ft./lb.						