



BASEPLATE KIT

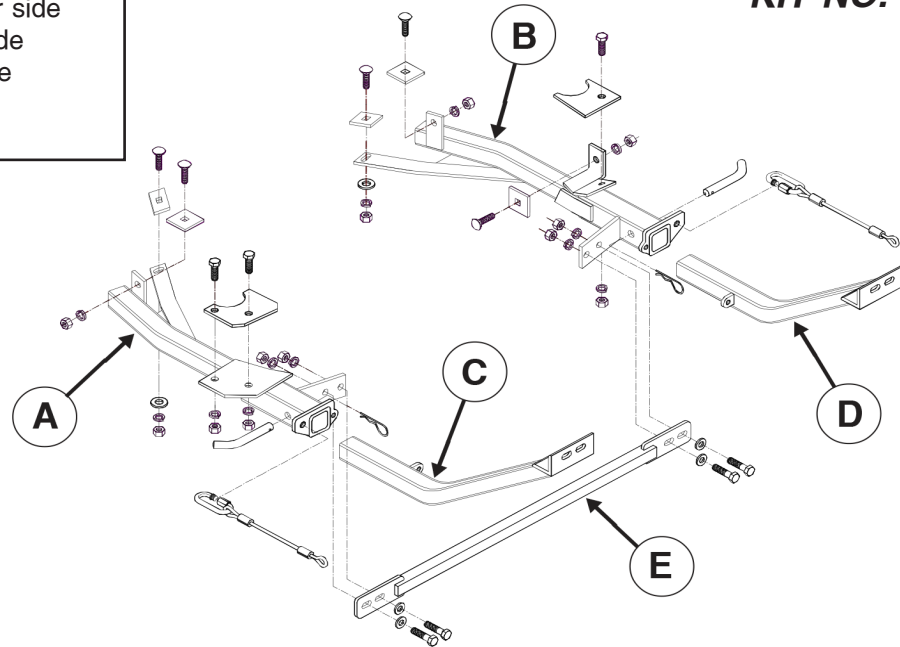
INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

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PARTS LIST:

- 1- LOWER RECEIVER (A) - Passenger side
- 1- LOWER RECEIVER (B) - Driver's side
- 1- FRONT BRACE (C) - Passenger side
- 1- FRONT BRACE (D) - Driver's side
- 1- CROSS BRACE (E)

KIT NO. 180-1



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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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- 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. This bracket kit utilizes the front sub-frame on both sides as mounting points. Remove the lower front spoiler for proper access.
- Install the receiver braces one at a time beginning with the passenger side brace. Hold the brace to the bottom and side of the front sub-frame arm. Locate the existing hole in the sub-frame which lines up with the rear most hole in the brace. Bolt through this hole using a 1/4" x 1 1/2" x 2" backing plate and supplied 1/2" x 1 1/2" carriage bolt, flat washer, lock washer and nut. Now, find the special two holed crescent shaped backing plate and fit into the sub-frame arm so that the hole closest to the edge of the plate lines up with an existing hole. Bolt through the backing plate, sub-frame and brace with a 1/2" x 1 1/2" bolt, lock washer and nut.
- Tighten the bolts and use the brace as a template to drill the remaining two 1/2" holes. Bolt through the remaining hole in the front backing plate with a 1/2" x 1 1/2" bolt lock washer and nut. Use a 1/4" x 2" x 2" backing plate and 1/2" x 1 1/2" carriage bolt, lock washer and nut in the remaining rear side hole.
- The same procedure will be followed with the driver's side brace with the exception of the front holes. The special backing plate for the front of the brace has only one hole. Drill through and bolt as in step three. The front side hole should be located over an existing side hole which will have to be enlarged. Bolt using a 1/4" x 2" x 2" backing plate, 1/2" x 1 1/2" carriage bolt, lock washer and nut.
- Now, bolt the cross brace between the two braces using two 1/2" x 1 1/2" bolts, flat washers, lock washers and nuts per side.
- Insert front braces into the receiver braces and pin in place using the supplied 5/8" draw pins, and 1/8" spring pins.
- Mount the tow bar following the manufacturer's instructions. Align the braces and tighten to the torque specifications below. Trim the spoiler to fit and install.
- Use the supplied cable connectors to attach the 15" safety cables to the lower receiver braces and the tow vehicle's safety cables.

Hardware:

- 5- 1/2" x 1-1/2" carriage bolts
- 7- 1/2" x 1-1/2" bolts
- 12- 1/2" nuts
- 12- 1/2" lock washers
- 6- 1/2" flat washers
- 1- 1/4" special two-holed backing plate
- 1- 1/4" special one-holed backing plate
- 3- 1/4" x 2" x 2" sq. hole backing plates
- 2- 1/4" x 1-1/2" x 2" sq. hole backing plates
- 2- cable connectors
- 2- 15" safety cables
- 2- 5/8" draw pins
- 2- 1/8" spring pins

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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.						