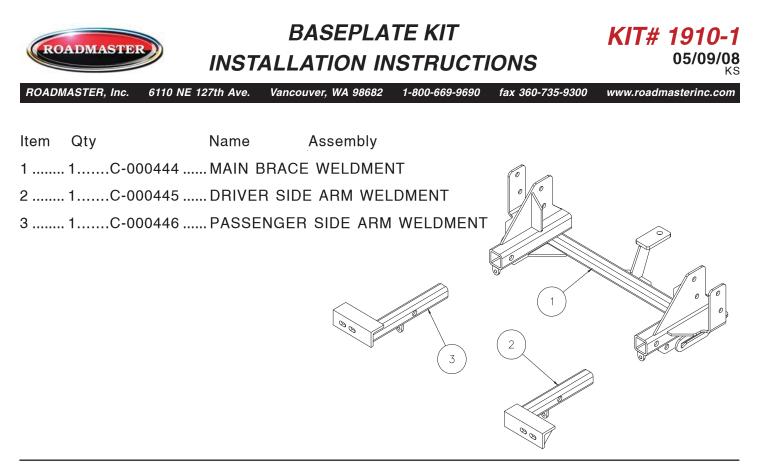


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 1/4" BACKING PLATE
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IMPORTANT: All baseplates **must** be assembled with all the bolts left loose for final adjustment and positioning (before tightening) unless otherwise instructed. All bolts **must** 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 nonwarranty 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 warranteed for the original installation. Installing a used baseplate on another vehicle is not recommended and will void the warranty.



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his bracket kit is one of our XL series, which is designed to be partly removable. The kit consists of a main receiver braces, two front braces and a hardware pack. The main receiver brace mounts behind and below the front bumper core to the front frame extensions and the frame cross member just in front of the radiator. The front braces insert into the receiver brace on each side.

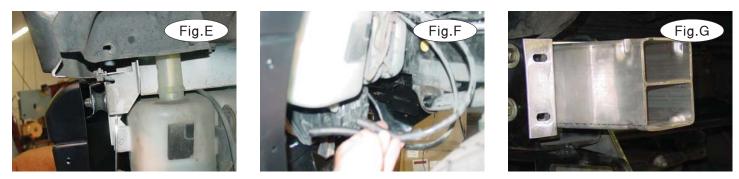
Start by laying the kit out according to the illustration. This will give you a visual idea of how the kit installs and also confirm that the kit components are present and accounted for.





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 by removing the center splash panel located in front of the sway bar (Fig.C). Remove all the front fasteners in the fender well holding the splash panels to the front fender fascia (Fig.B). This should give you access to the back of the bumper fascia.

2. Remove the brush guard if the vehicle is so equipped (two bolts) on each side and a fastener on each outer bar near the fender well (Fig.D).



3. Unbolt the bumper on each side just forward of the fender well. These are cylindrical rubber isolation mounts accessible from the fender well (Fig.E).

4. Access the back of the bumper and disconnect the fog light electrical connections as well as the vent tubes to each light (Fig.F).

5. Locate the washer bottle on the driver's side and disconnect the headlight washer lines on the front pump.

6. Remove two nuts on each side of the aluminum frame extensions holding the steel bumper core (Fig.G). Pull forward and set bumper aside. The entire front mounting area should now be exposed.



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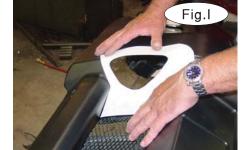
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7. Find four bolts holding the aluminum extensions and the frame center brace to the front of the frame tubes. Unbolt these and remove the center brace and the metric bolts. Ream the holes with a 17/32" drill bit through both sides of the frame tube. This will enlarge the holes slightly to fit the larger receiver mounting bolts. The brace will also replace the frame center brace (Fig.H).

8. Hold the brace to the bottom of the frame and bolt through with four $\frac{1}{2}$ x 5" bolts, flat washers, lock washers and nuts.

9. Using the receiver brace center mount as a drill template, carefully drill a 17/32" hole up through the center frame member. Use caution in this area since it is close to the radiator.

10. Bolt through the cross member and the brace using a $\frac{1}{2}$ " x5" bolt, flat washer, $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 2" x 2" backing plate on top of the cross member, lock washer and nut (Fig.H).

11. Torque the mounting bolts to the specifications below.

12. Using the included hole template, position as shown, mark and cut holes in the bumper fascia to allow mounting the bumper over the receiver brace (Fig.I,J).

Note: the large template outline, marked "Top," "Bottom" and "Grille," is intended for positioning only, against the fascia. Use the inner outline to trim the fascia.

13. Bend the ends of the mesh grille back $\frac{1}{2}$ " on each end to fit between the braces (Fig.K) then fit the fascia reversing steps 4 through 7.

14. Reinstall the brush guard if present with the fresh 10mm x 1.5 x30mm bolts, fender washers, lock washers and nuts provided.

15. Insert the front braces into the receiver tubes and secure with 5/8" draw pins and 1/8" spring pins.

16. Install the tow bar according to the manufacturer's instructions and torque all mounting bolts to the specifications below.

17. Attach one end of the included 8" safety cables to the lower front hole in the side mounting plate on each side of the receiver brace with the included cable connectors. Connect the other end to the tow vehicle's safety cables and the tow bar.

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 10	04 ft./lb. 97 ft./lb.
5/8	5	150 ft./lb.						

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