

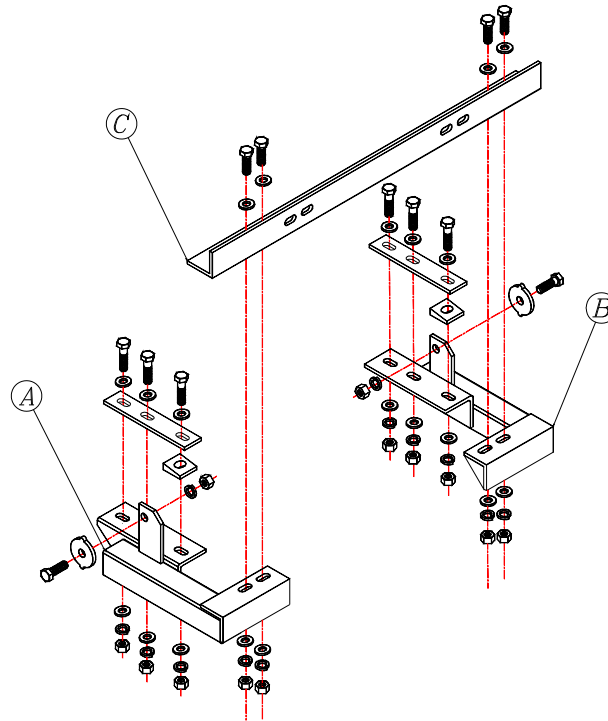
BASEPLATE KIT INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

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PARTS LIST:

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

KIT NO. 407-1



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 consists of two braces and a hardware package. The braces mount to the bottom and side of the frame rails. The lower bumper plastic if present will have to be removed. Remove the plastic now – later it can be trimmed to fit and remounted.
- Put a brace in place under the frame and find the existing hole in the side of the frame that matches the braces side mounting tab. Mount as illustrated using a 1/2" x 1 1/2" bolt, 1/2" plate washer, lock washer and nut. Be sure to use the 1/2" plate washer inside the frame rail.
- The frame should have three holes which will match the mounting holes in the brace. If there is a misalignment, use a 1/2" drill bit to align the holes.
- Bolt through the front hole with a 1/2" x 1 3/4" bolt, flat washer, tapered shim, lock washer and nut. Put the tapered shim between the frame and the brace and the flat washers over the slotted holes.
- Bolt through the two remaining holes with a 1/2" x 1 3/4" bolt, flat washers, lock washers and nuts.
- Repeat steps 2 through 5 for the remaining side.
- Now, bolt the face plate to the front of the braces with four 1/2" x 1 1/2" bolts, flat washers, lock washers and nuts. Tighten all bolts to the bolt torque requirements below.
- Trim the bumper plastic to fit, and reinstall it.
- Mount the tow bar according to the manufacturer's instructions.

HARDWARE LIST:

- 6-1/2" X 1 3/4" BOLTS
- 4-1/2" X 1 1/2" BOLTS
- 14-1/2" FLAT WASHERS
- 12-1/2" LOCKWASHERS
- 12-1/2" NUTS
- 2-1/2" PLATE WASHES
- 2-TAPERED SHIM PLATES
- 2-1/4" X 1 1/2" X 7 1/4" BACKING PLATES

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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

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| 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. | | | | | | |

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