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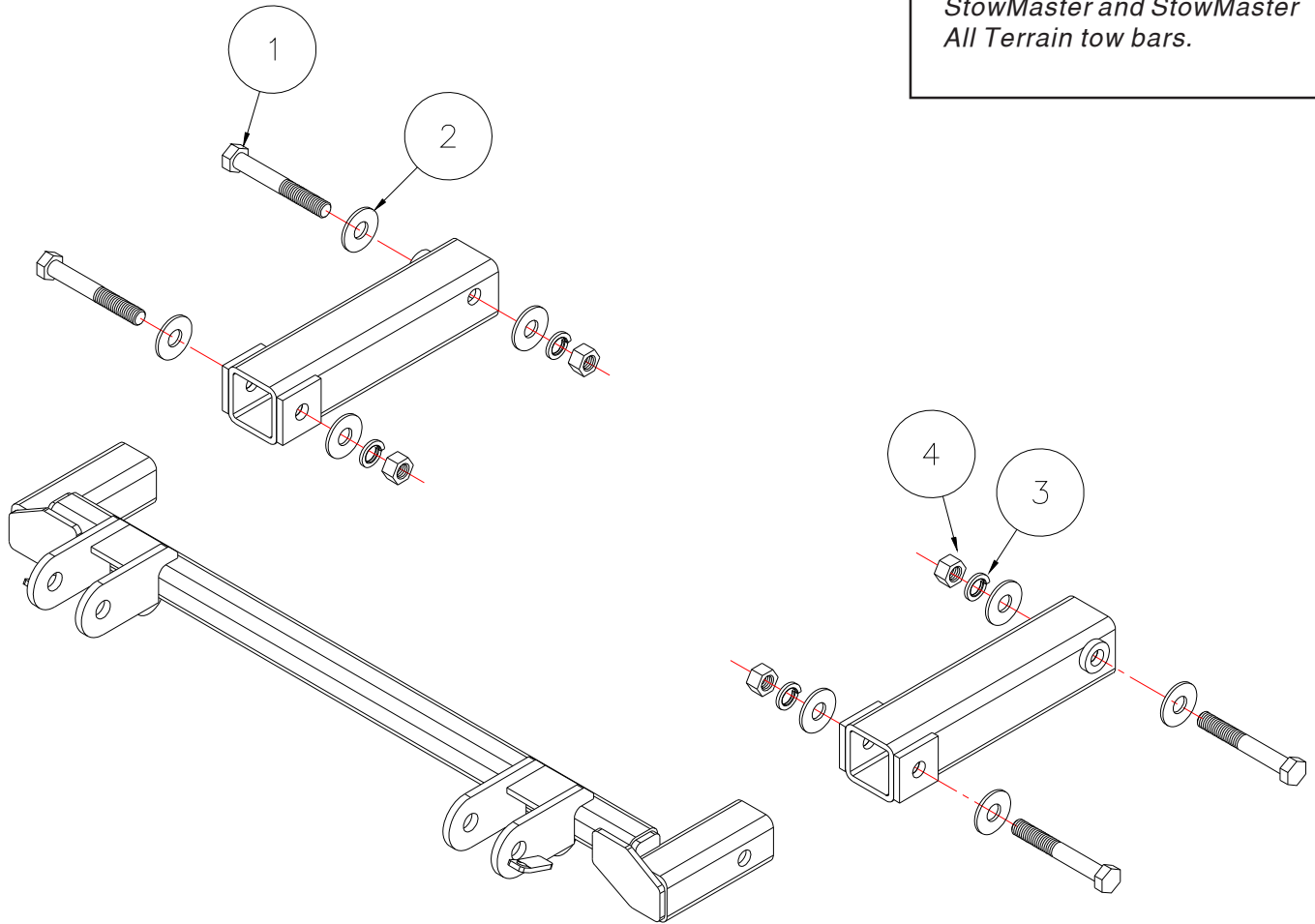
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### Important

Note: this bracket will not accommodate the Guardian rock shield, Stowaway or the StowMaster and StowMaster All Terrain tow bars.



ITEM	QTY	Length	Width	HARDWARE	PART NO.
1	4	4 1/2"	5/8"	BOLT	350159-00
2	8	5/8"		FLAT WASHER	350348-00
3	4	5/8"		LOCK WASHER	350313-00
4	4	5/8"		NUT	350262-00

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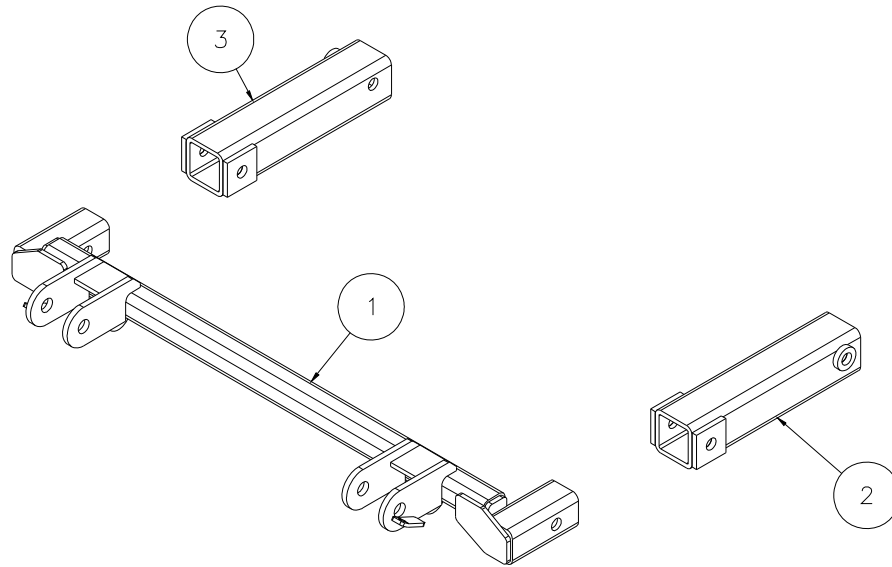
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ITEM	QTY	PART NO.	ASSEMBLY
1	1	C-000613	MAIN BRACE WELDMENT
2	1	C-000614	DRIVER SIDE RECEIVER BRACE

**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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This bracket kit is one of our MS series, which is designed to blend as much as possible with the existing front grille and bumper systems. The kit consists of two rear braces, a front brace and a hardware pack. The braces are designed to mount in the frame tubes on each side behind the lower bumper fascia (Fig. A).



Fig.A

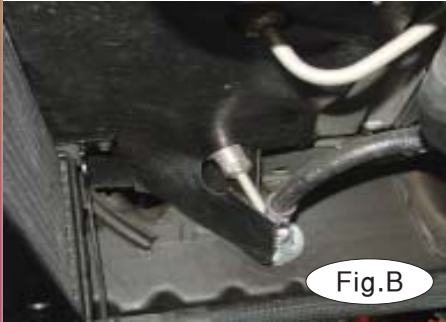


Fig.B



Fig.C



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. Begin by removing the plastic fasteners holding the flexible air deflector in place (Fig.B) then remove the inner front bumper mounting bolts (two bolts on each side) (Fig. C). The intercooler mounts are also attached to the inner bolts, just remove and let the intercooler hang out of the way for the time being (Fig. E). Now remove the outer bumper bolts and set the bumper and lower fascia aside (Fig.D).



Fig.E



Fig.F

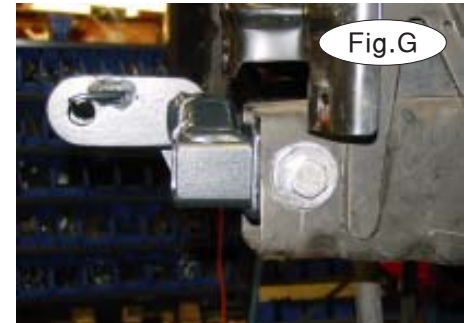


Fig.G

2. Insert the rear side braces into the frame tubes on each side and bolt through the rear mounting holes with  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " bolts, lock washers and nuts (Fig. F).  
3. Now install the front brace into the side braces and bolt through the frame, front brace and side braces on each side with  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " bolts, lock washers and nuts (Fig. G).



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Fig.H



Fig.I



Fig.J

4. Torque all mounting bolts to the specifications below.
5. Remove the small lower grille or trim as illustrated to fit around the braces (Fig.H,I).
6. Reinstall the bumper and fascia reversing step 1.
7. Install the tow bar according to the manufacturer's instructions.
8. Attach the tow vehicle's safety cables to the main receiver brace using the included cable connectors (Fig.J).

### 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.						

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