

# BASEPLATE KIT INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

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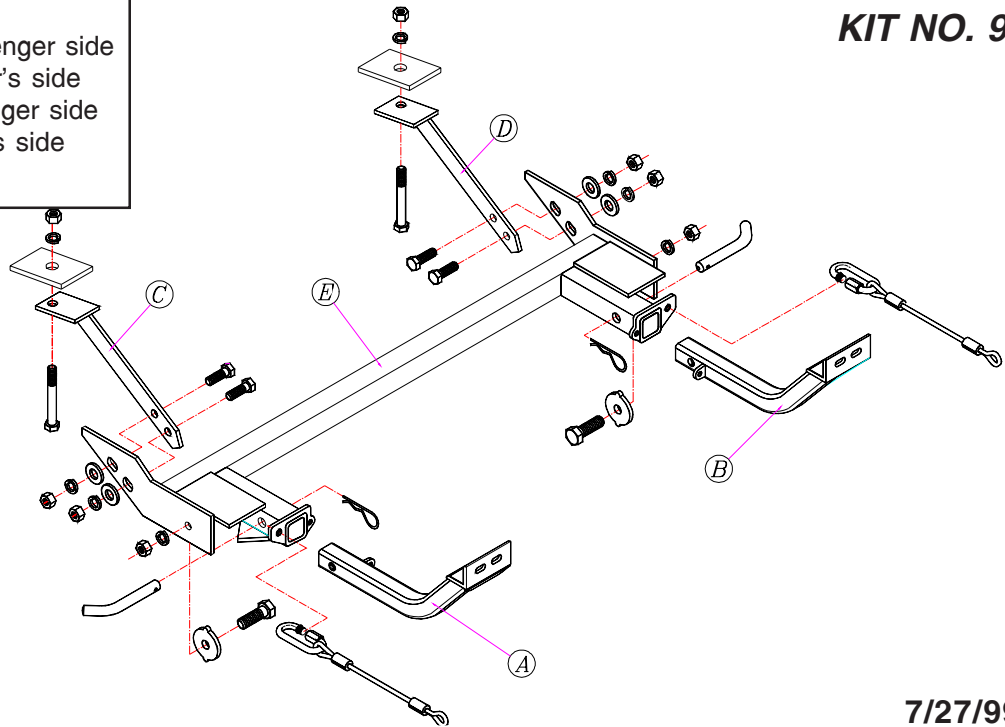
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**PARTS LIST:**

- 1- FRONT BRACE (A) - Passenger side
- 1- FRONT BRACE (B) - Driver's side
- 1- REAR BRACE (C) - Passenger side
- 1- REAR BRACE (D) - Driver's side
- 1- MAIN BRACE (E)

**KIT NO. 909-8**



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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
- Use lock washers on all fasteners

## **WARNING**

Failure to follow the below warnings and the installation instructions may result in voiding your warranty, property damage, the loss of your towed vehicle, personal injury or even death.

- Installation of most baseplates requires moderate mechanical aptitude and skills. We strongly recommend professional installation by an experienced installer.
- The installer must read the instructions and use all bolts and parts supplied.
- Use Loctite® Red on all bolts used for mounting this baseplate.
- Every 3,000 miles, the owner must inspect the fasteners for proper torque, according to the bolt torque requirements chart on the last page of these instructions. The owner must also inspect all mounting points for cracks or other signs of fatigue every 3,000 miles.
- The owner must check the vehicle manufacturer's instructions for the proper procedure(s) to prepare the vehicle for towing. Some vehicles must be equipped with a transmission lube pump, an axle disconnect, driveline disconnect or free-wheeling hubs before they can be towed. Failure to properly equip the vehicle will cause severe damage to the transmission.
- Do not weld. This baseplate is designed to be bolted to the vehicle. Welding will void the warranty.
- Do not use this document for custom fabrication, as it may not show all parts or structural components could result in loss of the towed vehicle.
- 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.
- If running changes were made by the vehicle manufacturer after this

kit was designed, some bolts or other fasteners in the hardware pack may no longer be the correct size. It is the installer's responsibility to verify this kit is securely fastened to the vehicle and fitted with the correct hardware to account for these changes.

- 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 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, motorhome and/or towed vehicle.
- 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. Refer to the cable instructions for proper routing. Failure to leave enough slack in the safety cables, or failure to connect the safety cables frame to frame, will result in 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.
- Upon final installation, the installer must inspect the baseplate to ensure adequate clearance, particularly around hoses, air conditioner lines, radiators, etc.
- 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. This bracket kit is one of our XL Series with removable front braces. The main receiver brace is designed to mount between the bottom front tie down loops. It also attaches to the bottom of the frame on each side with two additional mounting braces. Remove two small splash panels located on each side of the frame.
2. Position the main receiver brace between the tie down plates. Now bolt through the tie down loops on each side with a 1/2" x 2" bolt, plate washer, lock washer and nut. Be sure to use the plate washer on the outside of the tie down loop. Tighten the bolts until the brace stays in position.
3. Bolt the rear braces to the receiver brace as illustrated using two 1/2" x 1 1/2" bolts, flat washers, lock washers and nuts on each side.
4. Insert the two front braces into the receivers and pin with the supplied 5/8" draw pins and 1/8" spring pins.
5. Check the brace for alignment then tighten the side bolts and the rear brace bolts on each side. The rear braces should be flat against the bottom of the frame on each side with the mounting hole centered on the frame. The front braces mounting surface should be vertical.
6. Now drill a 1/2" hole through the top and bottom of the frame on each side using the rear braces as a template. NOTE: Check the top of the frame, if ABS brack line are present, protect and reposition slightly if necessary. Some models may require removal of the air cleaner plenum for access.
7. Bolt through the frame on each side using the supplied 1/2" x 5 1/2" bolts, 1/4" x 2" x 3" backing plates, lock washers and nuts. NOTE: Be sure to use the backing plates on the top of the frame.
8. Trim the small splash panels to fit and reinstall.
9. Mount the tow bar according to the manufacturers instructions and torque all bolts to the specifications below.
10. Attach the supplied 15" safety cables to the RECEIVERS and the TOW VEHICLES cables.

**HARDWARE LIST**

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|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 2-1/2" X 2" BOLTS               | 2- 15" SAFTY CABLES |
| 4-1/2" X 1 1/2" BOLTS           | 2- CABLE CONNECTORS |
| 2-1/2" X 5 1/2" BOLTS           |                     |
| 8-1/2" NUTS                     |                     |
| 8-1/2" LOCK WASHERS             |                     |
| 2-1/2" PLATE WASHERS            |                     |
| 4-1/2" FLAT WASHERS             |                     |
| 2-1/4" X 2" X 3" BACKING PLATES |                     |
| 2-5/8" DRAW PINS                |                     |
| 2-1/8" SPRING PINS              |                     |

**CAUTION:** Installer must read instructions and use all bolts and parts supplied.

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FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAN RESULT IN DEATH, PERSONAL INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE

**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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