



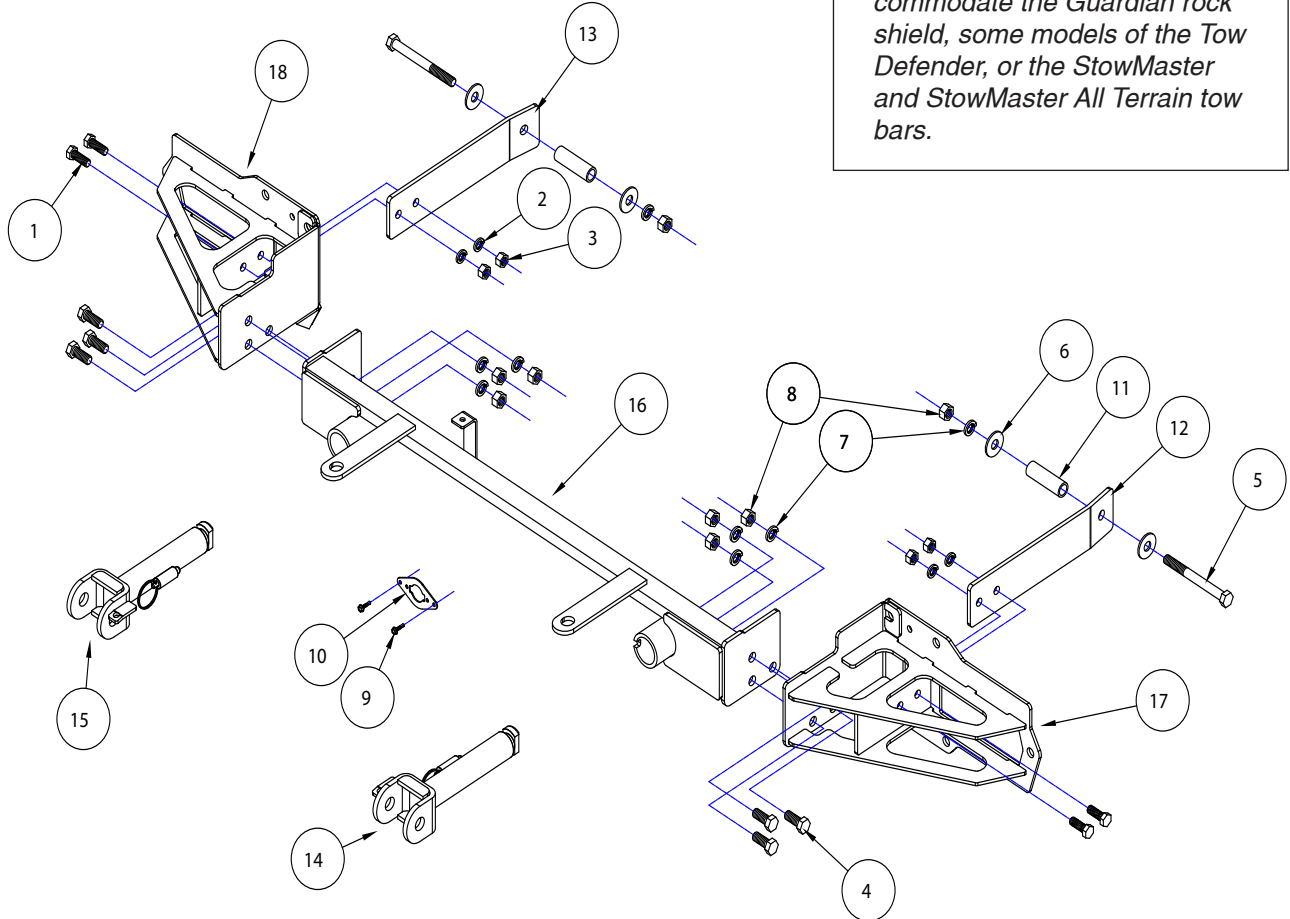
BASEPLATE KIT INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

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Important Note: this bracket will not accommodate the Guardian rock shield, some models of the Tow Defender, or the StowMaster and StowMaster All Terrain tow bars.



ITEM	QTY	NAME	PART #
1.....	4.....	7/16" x 1 1/4" BOLT.....	350073-00
2.....	4.....	7/16" LOCK WASHER.....	350307-00
3.....	4.....	7/16" NUT.....	350256-00
4.....	6.....	1/2" x 1 1/4" BOLT.....	350094-00
5.....	2.....	1/2" x 5" BOLT.....	350107-00
6.....	4.....	1/2" FLAT WASHER.....	350308-00
7.....	8.....	1/2" LOCK WASHER.....	350309-00
8.....	8.....	1/2" NUT.....	350258-00
9.....	2.....	#10 x 3/4" SELF DRILLING SCREW.....	350247-35
10.....	1.....	WIRE PLUG PLATE.....	A-003801
11.....	2.....	5/8" I.D. x 2 3/4" PIPE SPACER.....	A-005888
12.....	1.....	DRIVER SIDE REAR MOUNTING PLATE.....	B-003544
13.....	1.....	PASSENGER SIDE REAR MOUNTING PLATE.....	B-003545
14.....	1.....	DRIVER SIDE ARM.....	C-002383
15.....	1.....	PASSENGER SIDE ARM.....	C-002384
16.....	1.....	MAIN RECEIVER BRACE.....	C-003298
17.....	1.....	DRIVER SIDE SIDE BRACE.....	C-003299
18.....	1.....	PASSENGER SIDE SIDE BRACE.....	C-003300



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This is one of our direct-connect style baseplates, which allows the visible front portion of the baseplate to be easily removed from the front of the vehicle (Fig.A and Fig.B). The bracket consists of a main receiver brace, two removable front braces and a hardware pack.

The main receiver brace mounts to the frame rails and the bumper core. The removable front braces install in the main receiver brace.

Before starting the installation, lay out the kit components in order, as they will be used. This will give you a visual idea of how the components work, and will also confirm that everything is present and accounted for.



Fig.A



Fig.B

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.

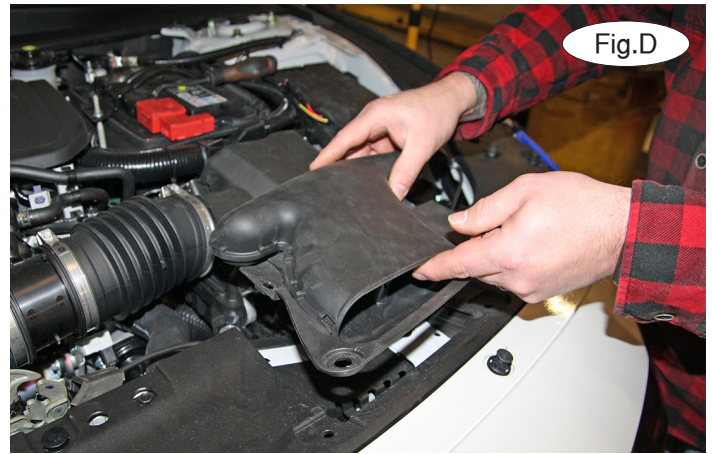
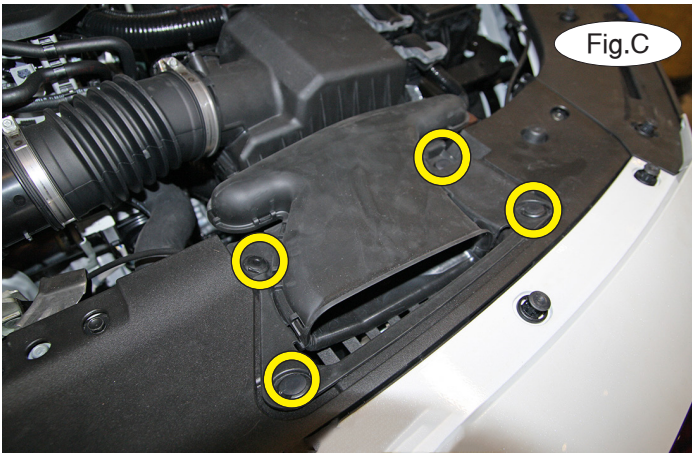


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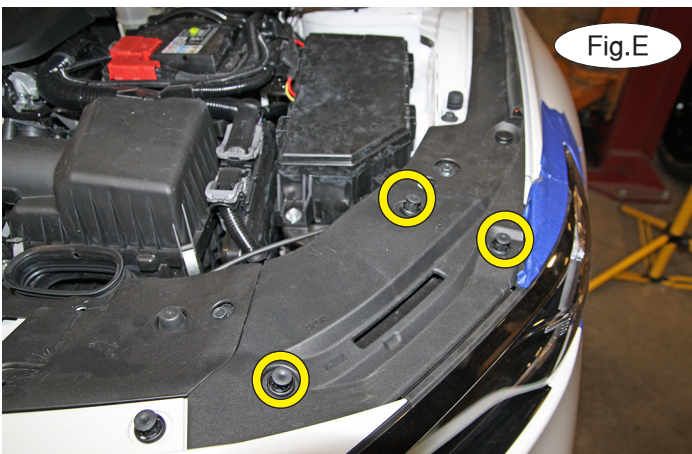
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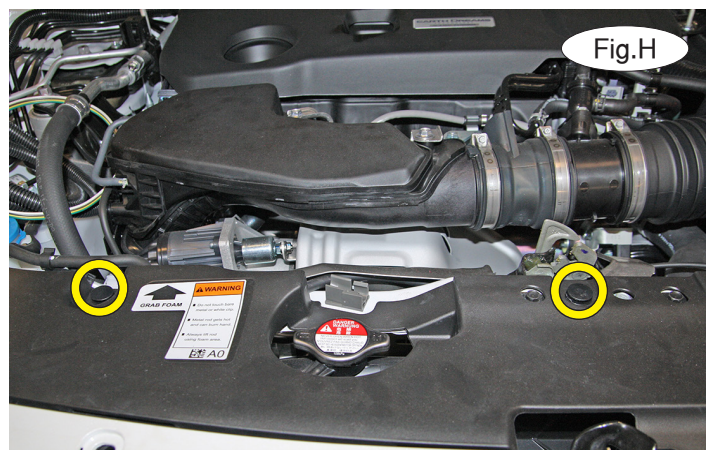
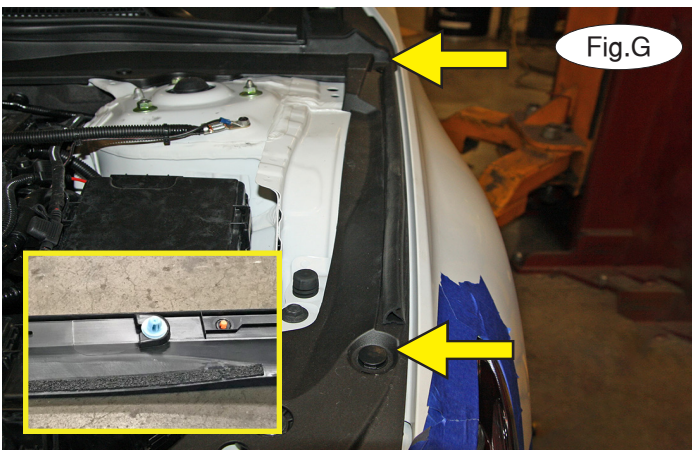
1. **Important:** please use all supplied bolts and parts and read all instructions carefully before beginning this installation. The majority of questions you may have can be answered within the text, and proper installation will ensure safe and secure travel. Now, begin the installation. Remove four plastic fasteners attaching the air intake to the radiator cover (Fig.C). Pull straight up to remove the air intake (Fig.D).

2. On each side, remove three plastic fasteners attaching the plastic headlight cover to the core support and fender (Fig.E). Pull straight up to remove it (Fig.F).



3. On each side, remove two plastic fasteners attaching the plastic cover to the fender (Fig.G). *Note:* There is an unseen plastic snap located on the underside of the plastic cover, about midway between the two fasteners (Fig.G – inset).

4. Remove two plastic fasteners attaching the radiator cover to the core support and remove it (Fig.H).



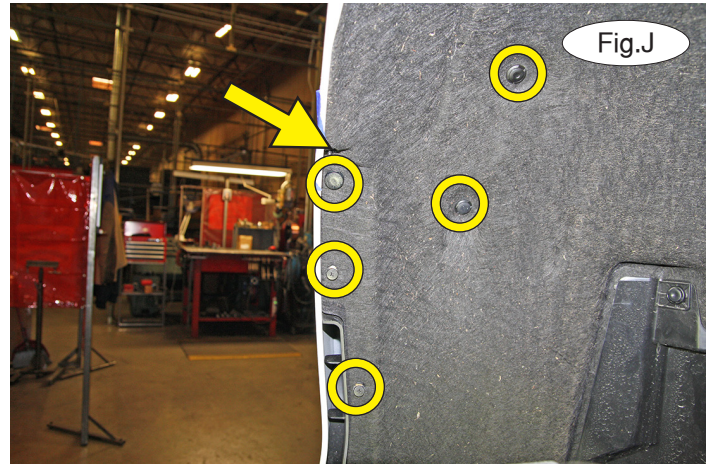
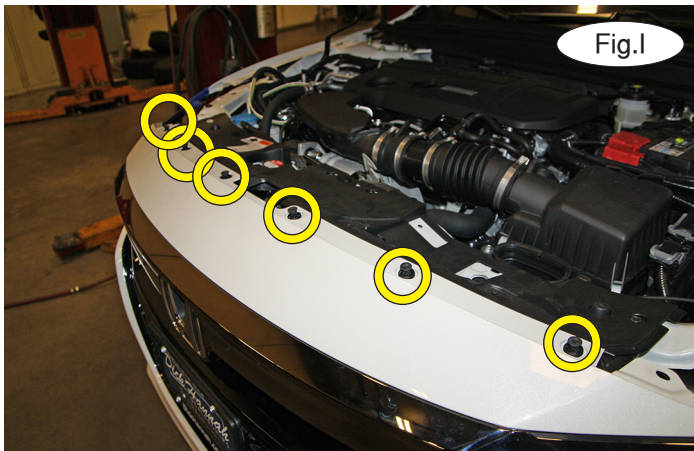


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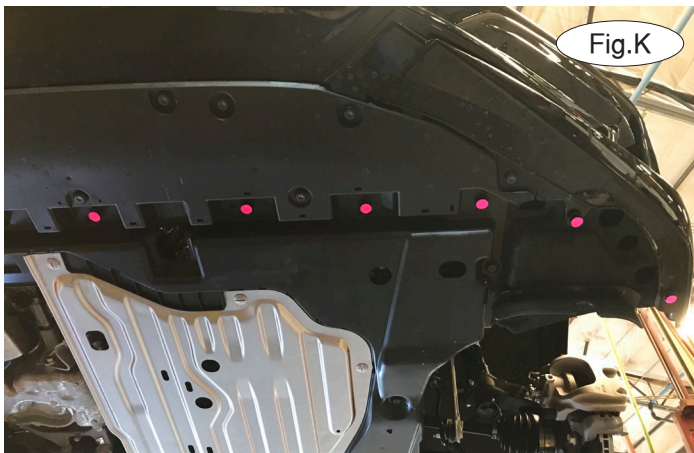
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5. Remove six plastic fasteners attaching the fascia to the radiator cover (Fig.I).

6. On each side, remove three Phillips screws and three plastic fasteners attaching the fender liner to the fascia (Fig.J).
Note: In this image – as well as subsequent ones – we have removed the tire for illustration purposes and clarity only.



7. On each side, remove five plastic fasteners attaching the splash shield to the fascia, and one in the middle (Fig.K – driver's side, pink indicators).

8. On each side, pull out on the corner of the fascia, releasing the locking strip (Fig.L). Disconnect the fog lights, if the vehicle is so equipped.

9. On each side, remove four plastic fasteners attaching the lower splash shield to the fender well (Fig.M).



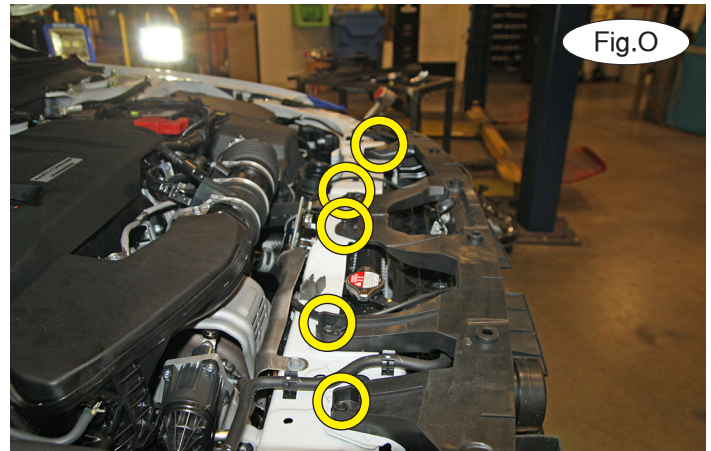


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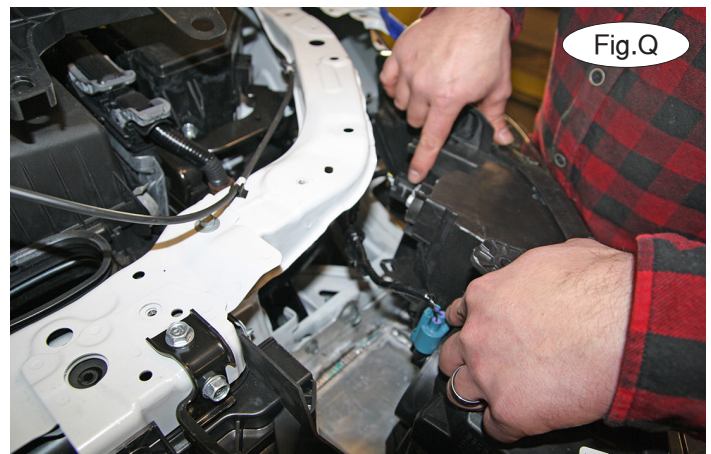
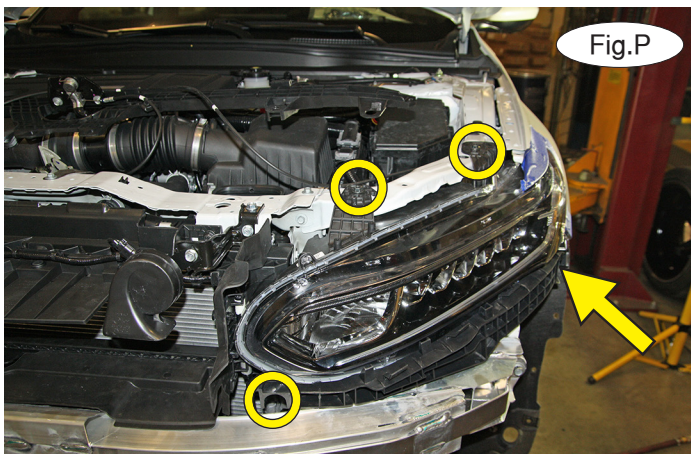
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10. On each side, remove three Phillips shoulder bolts (Fig.N – green indicators) and three plastic fasteners (pink) attaching the splash shielding to the undercarriage.

11. Remove five 10mm (head) bolts attaching the fascia support to the core support (Fig.O). Fold it back out of the way for now.

12. On each side, remove four 10mm (head) bolts attaching the headlight to the frame (Fig.P). Pull out firmly to release the headlight. Disconnect two electrical plugs (Fig.Q).



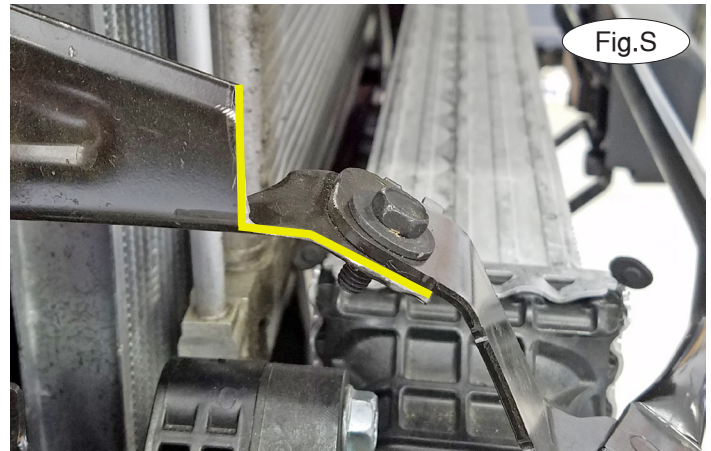
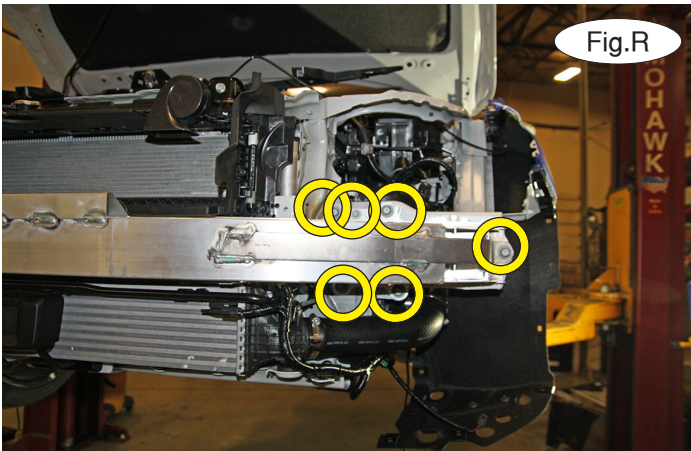


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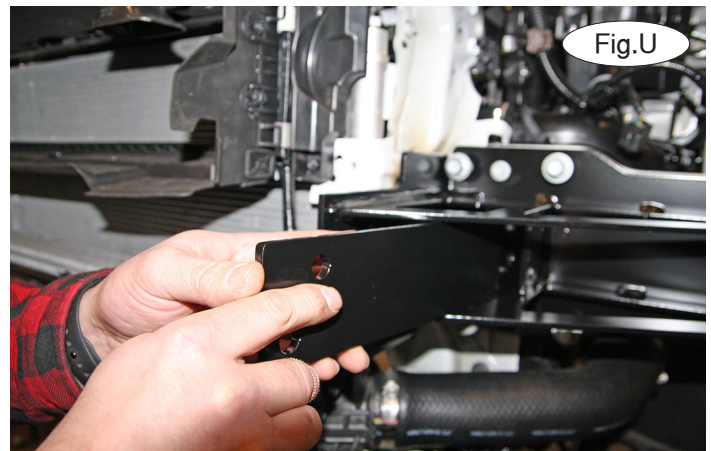
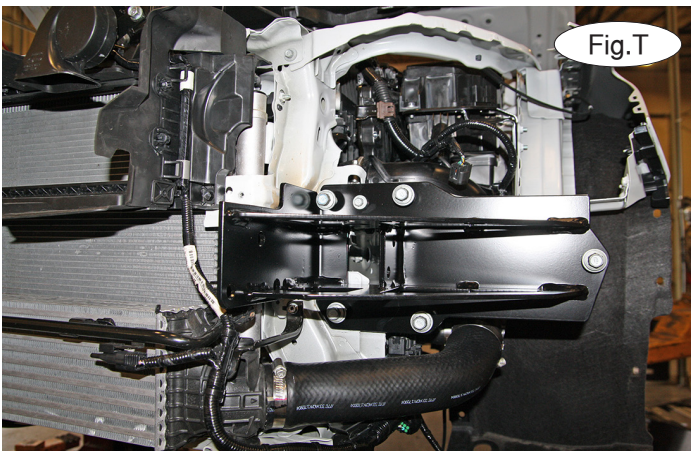
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13. On each side, remove five 14mm (head) bolts and one 10mm (head) bolt attaching the bumper core to the frame (Fig.R). Pull out to remove the bumper core. It will not be replaced. *Note:* Retain the bumper core for replacement in case the baseplate is ever removed.

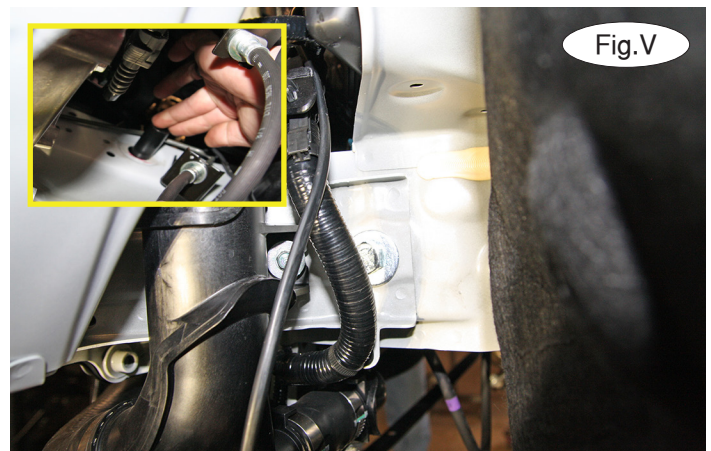


14. **For vehicles without ACC:** proceed to step 15. **For vehicles with ACC:** it may be necessary to trim the ACC mounting bracket as shown in Figure S to allow clearance for the main receiver brace.

15. Using the drawing on page 1 as a reference, locate the side-specific rear and side braces. Working on only the driver's side, bolt the side brace to the bumper core mounts using the hardware you removed in the previous step (Fig.T). Finger tighten only for now. Now, insert the rear brace into the access hole (Fig.U). Use the two 7/16" x 1 1/4" bolts, 7/16" lock washers and 7/16" nuts to bolt the rear brace to the side brace. *Note:* ensure proper alignment, as the bolts will receive Loctite® Red and will be torqued at the end of these instructions.

16. Bolt through the rear mount of the rear brace and into the frame using a 1/2" x 4 1/2" bolt and 1/2" flat washer (Fig.V). Finish with a Sched. 40 x 2 3/4" pipe spacer (Fig.V – inset), 1/2" flat washer, and a 1/2" lock washer and nut.

17. Repeat steps 15 and 16 for the passenger side of the vehicle.



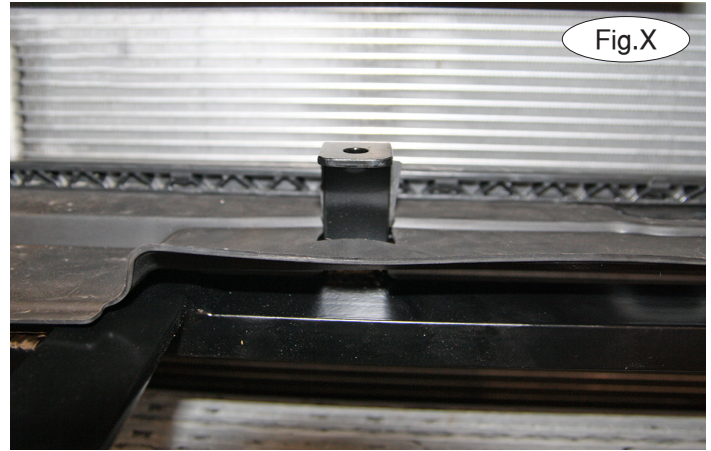
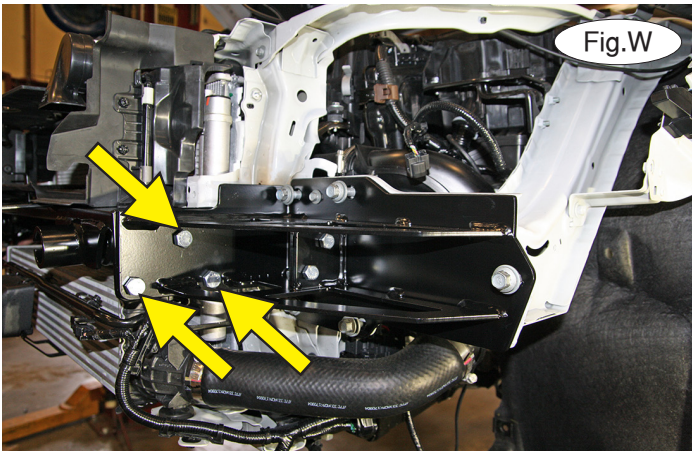


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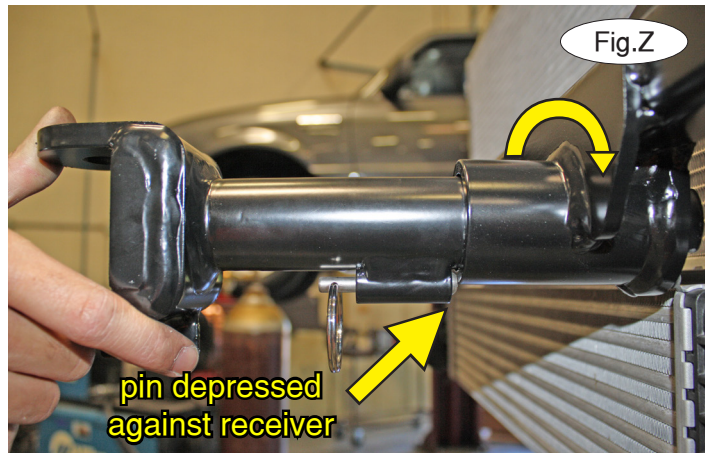


18. On each side, install the main receiver brace to the side braces using the three supplied $\frac{1}{2}$ " x $1\frac{1}{4}$ " bolts, $\frac{1}{2}$ " lock washers and $\frac{1}{2}$ " nuts (Fig.W).

19. Trim the air dam to allow clearance for the breakaway switch (Fig.X).

20. Push up and out to ensure that the main receiver brace is level. Then, torque the side brace bolts to the bolt torque requirements found at the end of these instructions before torquing the rear brace bolts and then finish with the main receiver brace bolts. *Note:* Use Loctite® Red on all nuts and bolts.

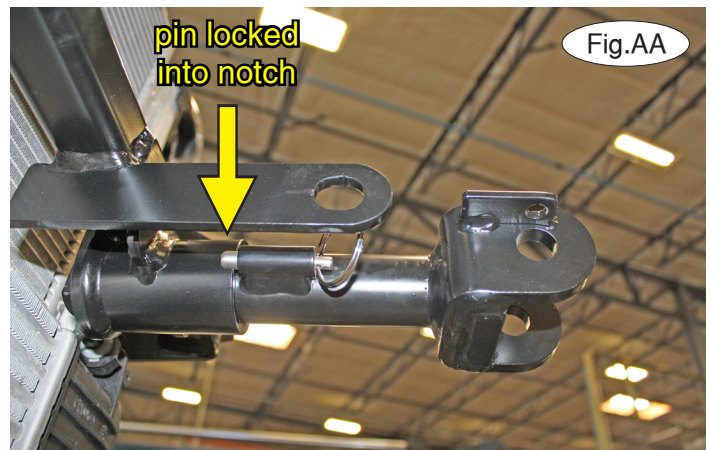
21. Cut out the template on the last page of these instructions and align it with the inside edge of the grille opening, mark the fascia and then trim it to allow clearance for the main receiver brace. Additional trimming may be necessary for locking pin barrel clearance. Figure Y shows the completed trimming. *Note:* You will also need to trim to allow room for the wiring plug mount. We recommend placing it next to the license plate as shown in Figure Y.



22. Reinstall the fascia, headlights and splash shielding, reversing steps 1 through 12.

23. *Note: the next two images are for illustration purposes only, as your specific application may be slightly different.* On each side, insert the removable front baseplate arm into the front receiver 90 degrees from its final towing position, depressing the spring-loaded pin against the receiver (Fig.Z). Now, twist back 90 degrees until the spring-loaded pin snaps into place in the notch on the receiver, locking the arm into place in its final towing position (Fig.AA).

Please note: it is the owner's responsibility to ensure the locking of the pins before towing. Otherwise, failure of the towing system will result.





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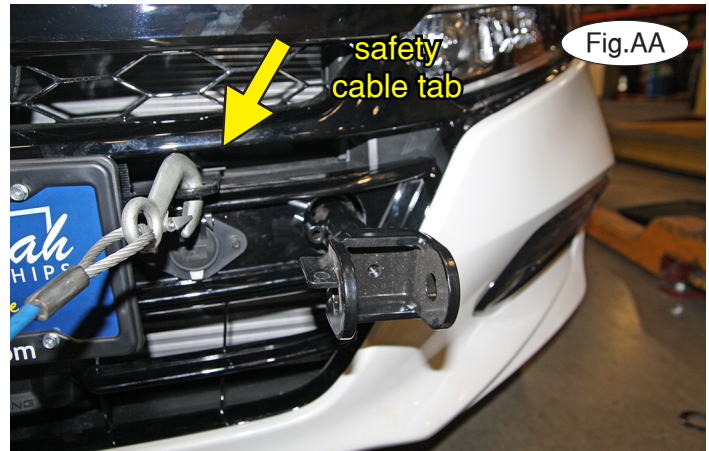
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24. Install the tow bar to the baseplate according to the manufacturer's instructions.

IMPORTANT!

Safety cables are required by law. When towing, connect safety cables to the safety cable tabs illustrated in Figure BB. Make certain there is adequate slack in the cables to allow a full turning radius; otherwise, damage will result. If necessary, longer cables or cable extensions are available.

Note: if the bracket is so equipped, the holes in the alignment tabs which are welded to the arms and main receivers are for padlocks only. Under no circumstances should you bolt the alignment tabs together. Bolting the alignment tabs together may result in non-warranty damage to the bracket.

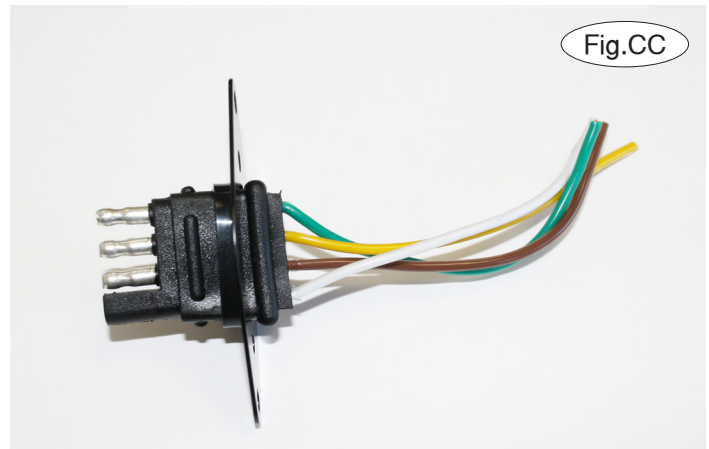


Three options for attaching the wiring plug to the main receiver brace

For six-wire plugs: use the two supplied 3/4" self-tapping screws to attach the electrical plug directly to the rods on the front of the main receiver brace.

For four-wire round plugs: attach to the plug mounting plate and then use the two supplied 3/4" self-tapping screws to attach the mounting plate to the rods on the front of the main receiver brace.

For four-wire flat plugs: place the plug through the mounting plug plate, and then secure it using the supplied zip tie on the front of the plug (Fig.CC). Use the two supplied 3/4" self-tapping screws to attach the mounting plate to the rods on the front of the main receiver brace.



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

Thread Size	Grade	Torque
5/16.....	5.....	13 ft./lb.
3/8.....	5.....	23 ft./lb.
7/16.....	5.....	37 ft./lb.
1/2.....	5.....	56 ft./lb.
5/8.....	5.....	150 ft./lb.

METRIC BOLTS

Thread Size	Grade	Plated / Unplated
8mm-1.0	8.8	20 ft./lb. 18 ft./lb.
8mm-1.25	8.8	19 ft./lb. 18 ft./lb.
10mm-1.25	8.8	38 ft./lb. 36 ft./lb.
10mm-1.5	8.8	37 ft./lb. 35 ft./lb.

METRIC BOLTS

Thread Size	Grade	Plated / Unplated
12mm-1.25	8.8	70 ft./lb. 65 ft./lb.
12mm-1.5	8.8	66 ft./lb. 61 ft./lb.
12mm-1.75	8.8	65 ft./lb. 60 ft./lb.
14mm-2.0	8.8	104 ft./lb. 97 ft./lb.

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