



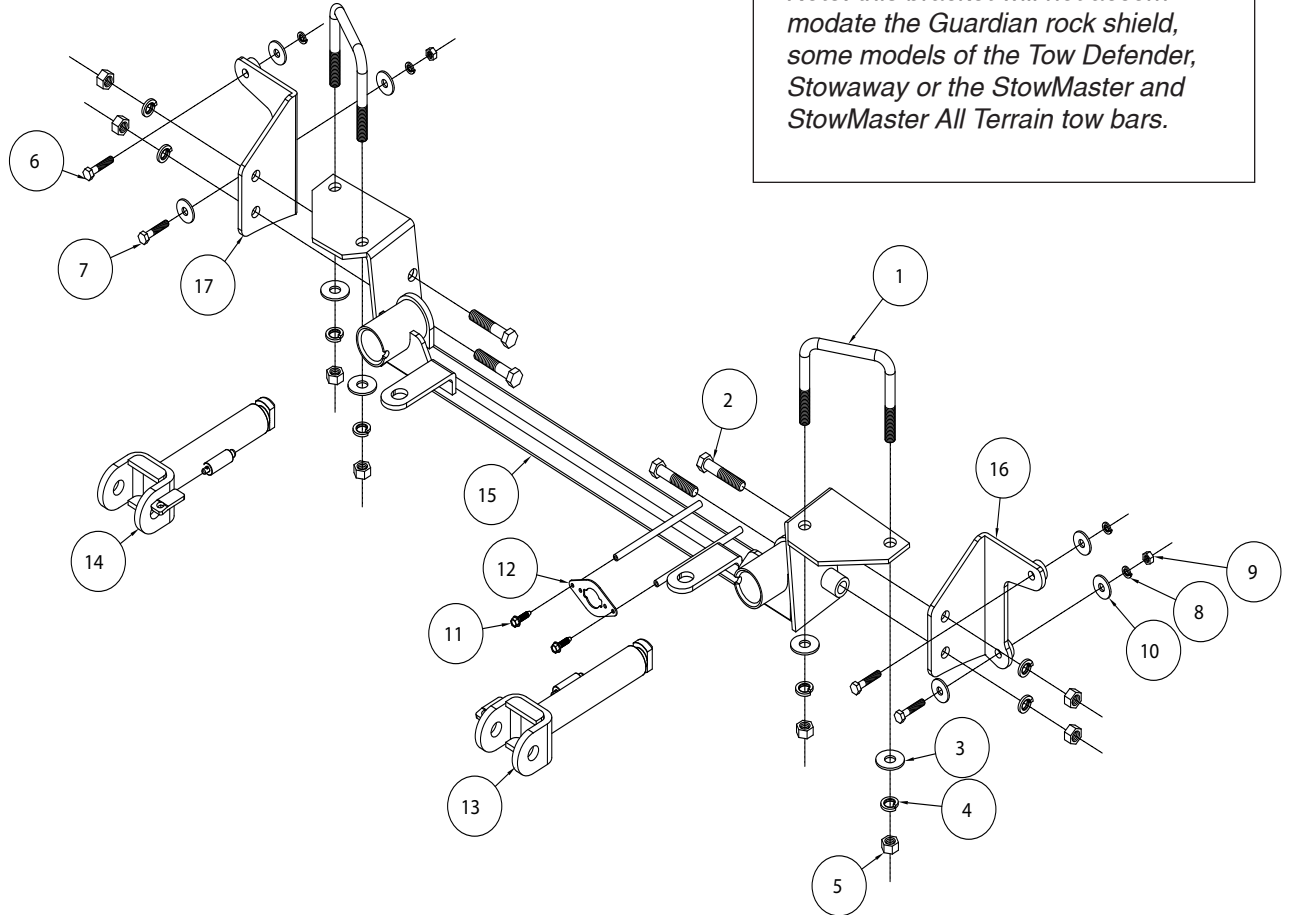
# BASEPLATE KIT INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

**KIT# 521881-5**

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



ITEM	QTY	NAME	PART #
1.....2.....	2.....	U-BOLT .....	357018-50
2.....4.....	4.....	1/2" x 2 1/2" BOLT .....	350099-00
3.....4.....	4.....	1/2" FLAT WASHER.....	350308-00
4.....8.....	8.....	1/2" LOCK WASHER.....	350309-00
5.....8.....	8.....	1/2" HEX NUT .....	350258-00
6.....2.....	2.....	8mm x 1.25 x 30mm BOLT .....	356001-00
7.....2.....	2.....	8mm x 1.25 x 40mm BOLT .....	356003-00
8.....4.....	4.....	8mm LOCK WASHER.....	355705-00
9.....2.....	2.....	8mm x 1.25 HEX NUT.....	356208-00
10.....6.....	6.....	5/16" FLAT WASHER.....	350303-20
11.....2.....	2.....	#10 x 3/4" SELF TAPPING SCREW .....	350247-35
12.....1.....	1.....	WIRE PLUG PLATE .....	A-003801
13.....1.....	1.....	DRIVER SIDE ARM .....	C-002383
14.....1.....	1.....	PASSENGER SIDE ARM.....	C-002384
15.....1.....	1.....	MAIN RECEIVER.....	C-002693
16.....1.....	1.....	DRIVER SIDE BRACE.....	C-002694
17.....1.....	1.....	PASSENGER SIDE BRACE .....	C-002695
18.....1.....	1.....	ZIP TIE .....	300140-8



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This is one of our EZ5 series brackets, which allows the visible front portion of the bracket 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.

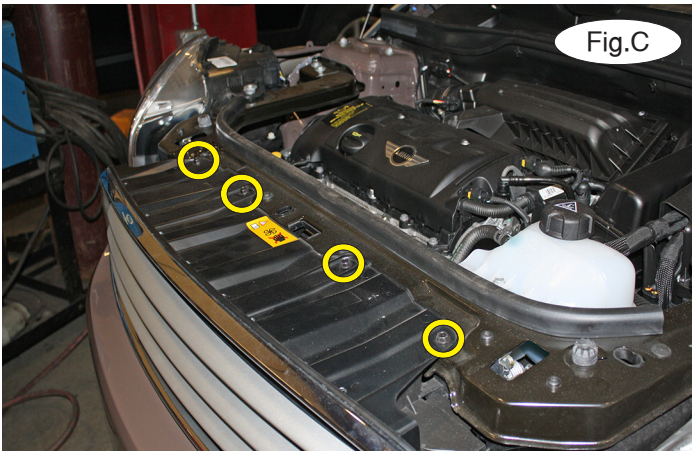


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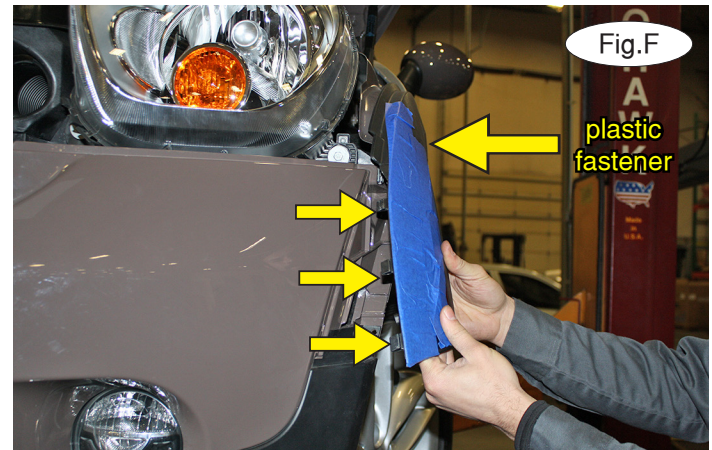
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1. **Important:** please use all supplied bolts and parts and read all instructions carefully before beginning this installation. The majority of questions you may have can be answered within the text, and proper installation will ensure safe and secure travel. Now, begin the installation by removing four 10mm (head) bolts attaching the upper grille to the core support (Fig.C).

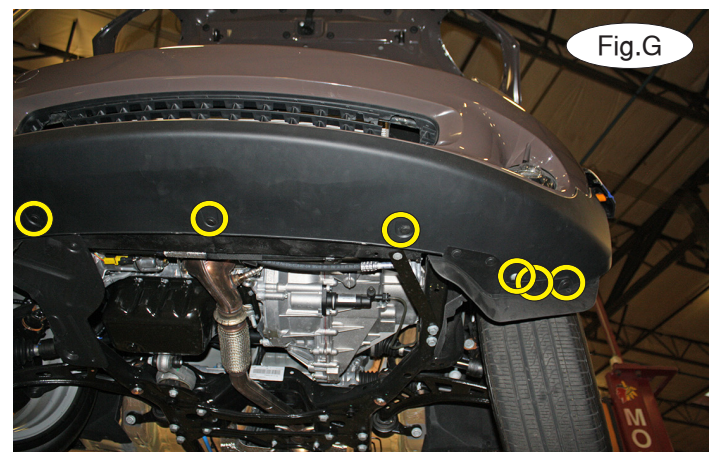
2. On each side, pull straight out on the upper grille to detach it from the fascia clips (Fig.D).



3. On each side, remove two plastic pin fasteners, one 8mm (screw) and one plastic fastener attaching the fender liner to the fascia (Fig.E).

4. On each side, release the three fender clips along the forward edge of the fender trim, attaching it to the fascia, and then pull out carefully to release a plastic fastener under the trim. *Note:* the plastic fastener's approximate location is indicated with the yellow arrow in Figure F.

5. On each side, remove two plastic fasteners and one T25 Torx bolt attaching the splash shield to the fascia and fender liner. Then, remove three plastic fasteners across the middle of the splash shield (Fig.G – driver's side).



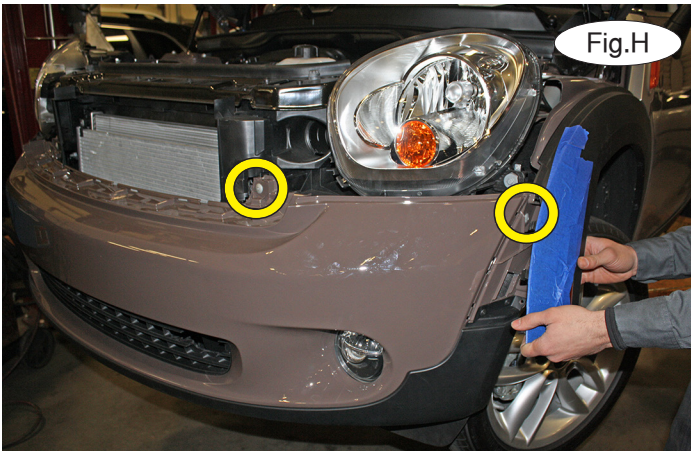


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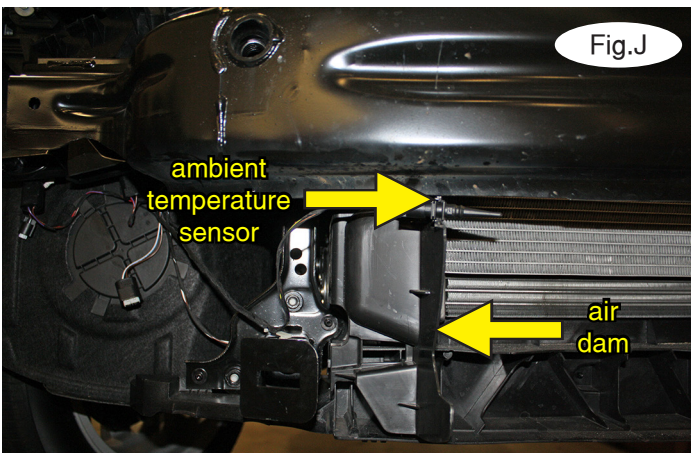
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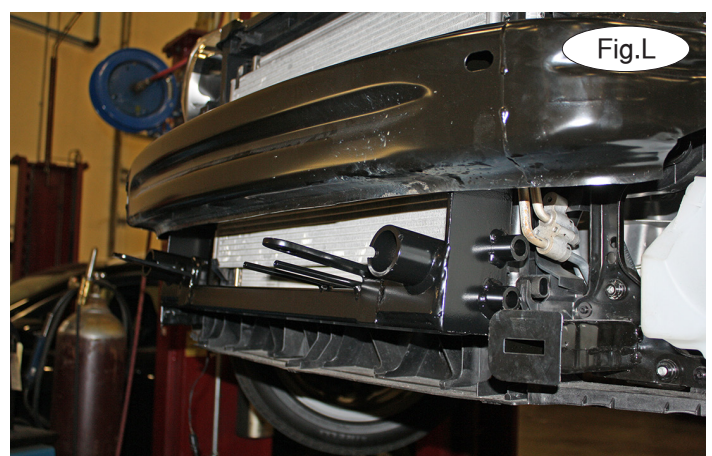
6. On each side, disconnect the side marker lights and remove two T25 Torx screws attaching the fascia to the core support (Fig.H).

7. On each side, pull out on the corners of the fascia to remove it (Fig.I).



8. On the passenger side only, disconnect the ambient temperature sensor and then, on both sides, remove the air dams to allow clearance for the main receiver brace (Fig.J – passenger side). The air dams will not be replaced. *Note:* retain the air dams in case the main receiver brace is ever removed from the vehicle.

9. Rotate the driver's side of the bracket under the bumper core (Fig.K) and then the passenger side (Fig.L).



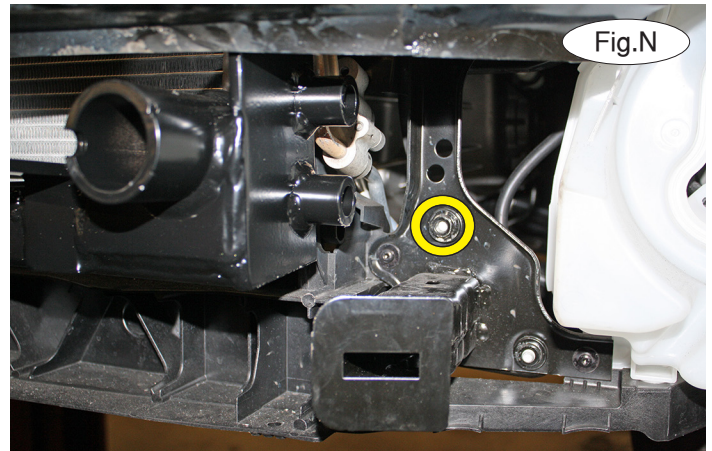
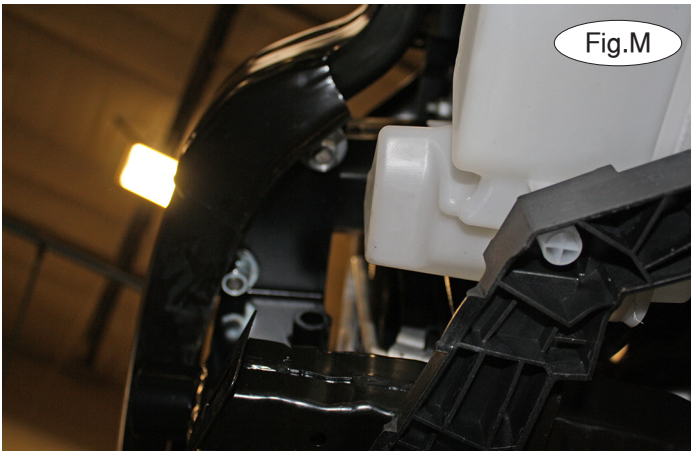


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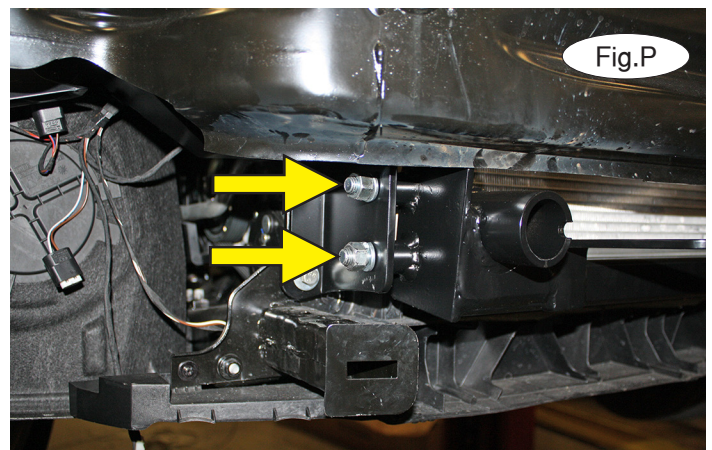
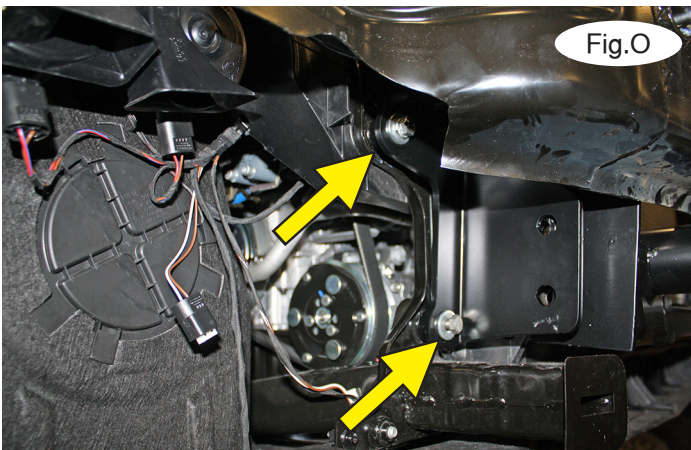
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10. On each side, place the supplied U bolt over the bumper core and through the bracket. Finish each U bolt with one 1/2" flat washer, lock washer and nut (Fig.M).

11. On each side, remove one 13mm (head) bolt attaching the bumper core to the subframe (Fig.N). *Note:* the head of the bolt is on the back side of the subframe flange.



12. Working on one side at a time, place the support plate over the threaded nuts, one of which you exposed in step 11, and align it with the existing weld nut behind the bumper core. On the upper bolt, use the supplied 8mm x 1.25 x 30mm bolt, and an 8mm lock washer and 5/16" flat washer. On the lower hole, use the supplied 8mm x 1.25 x 40mm bolt and a 5/16" flat washer (Fig.O). *Note:* ensure proper alignment, as the bolts will receive Loctite® Red and will be torqued at the end of these instructions.

13. Bolt the main receiver brace and support plate together using two 1/2" x 2 1/2" bolts and two 1/2" lock washers and nuts (Fig.P).

14. Repeat steps 12 and 13 for the opposite side of the vehicle and then tighten all bolts to the bolt torque requirements found at the end of these instructions. *Note:* use Loctite® Red on all nuts and bolts.



15. On each side, finish the exposed stud on the back side of the subframe flange using the supplied 5/16" flat washer and 8mm lock washer and nut and then torque it (Fig.Q).



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16. Ziptie the ambient temperature sensor to the main receiver brace (Fig.R).
17. On each side, trim the front of the fascia as shown in Figure S, using the yellow lines as a guide for trimming.
18. Reinstall the fascia, reversing steps 1-7.



19. **Note: the following four images are for illustration purposes only, as your specific application may be slightly different.**

The spring-loaded pin on the removable arm snaps into a notch on the receiver, locking the removable arm into its final towing position. Before inserting each arm into the receiver, verify that the spring is working by ensuring that the spring-loaded pin moves easily back and forth within the barrel when pulled and that it can be pulled flush with the face of the barrel (Fig.T and Fig.U).

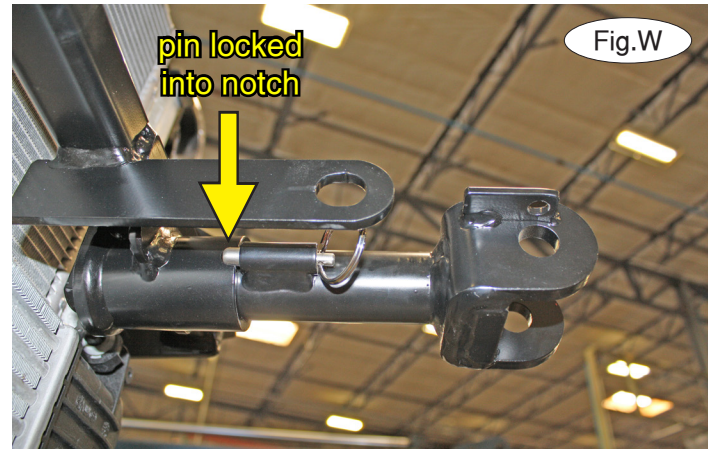
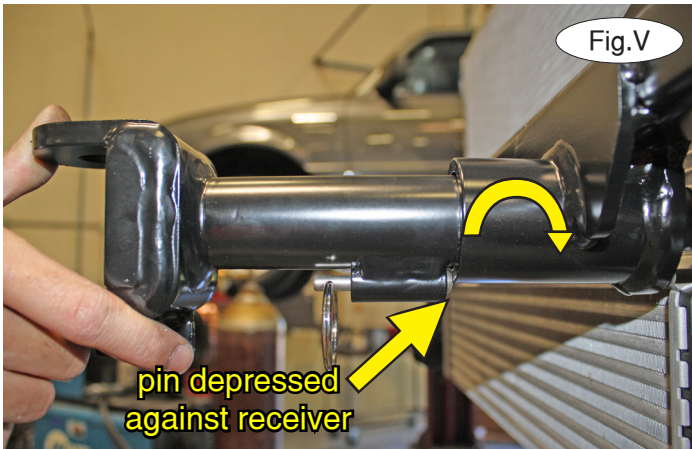


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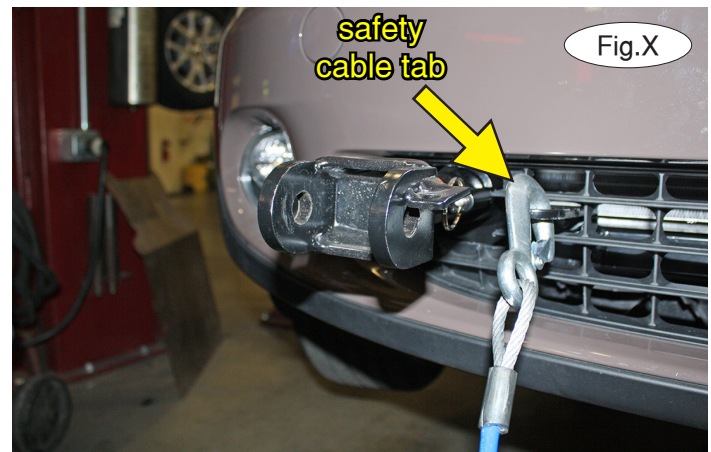
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20. On each side, insert the removable front bracket arm into the front receiver 90 degrees from its final towing position, depressing the spring-loaded pin against the receiver (Fig.V). Now, twist back 90 degrees until the spring-loaded pin snaps into place in the notch on the receiver, locking the arm into place in its final towing position (Fig.W).

***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.***

21. Install the tow bar to the mounting bracket according to the manufacturer's instructions.



## **IMPORTANT!**

**Safety cables are required by law. When towing, connect safety cables to the safety cable tab shown in Figure X. 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.**



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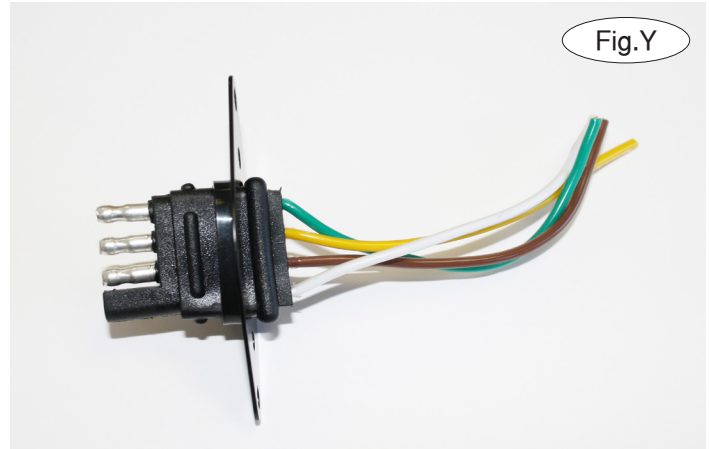
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## Three options for attaching the wiring plug to the main receiver brace

**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.Y). 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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