

BX1303  
2002-06 BMW Mini Cooper  
2007-08 BMW Mini Cooper Convertible  
Manual Transmission Only  
Installation Instructions

Serial Number

Please read **BOTH** these Installation Instructions and the General Towing Instructions before attempting to install or operate this equipment.

- Blue Ox® towing products and accessories are intended to be installed by Blue Ox® Dealers who are familiar with our products and have the equipment and knowledge to do “fit work.” When necessary, Blue Ox® Dealers can be found at [www.blueox.us](http://www.blueox.us) or by contacting our Customer Care Department at (888) 425-5382.
- Many Blue Ox® Baseplates are designed to use existing holes and hardware to mount the baseplate to the towed vehicle. Even though bolts are there, do not assume they are adequate for baseplate mounting. Always use hardware supplied in the hardware kit or existing hardware specified in the Baseplate Towing Installation Instructions.

Attachment Tab Height: 10 1/2”  
Attachment Tab Width: 18”

**Bolt Torque Specifications**  
Torque in Foot-Pounds for Metric Bolts

Bolt Size	Grade 8.8	Grade 10.9
6MM	6	8
8MM	16	22
10MM	31	40
12MM	54	70
14MM	89	117

Confirm the towability and pre-towing procedures for your vehicle with the owner’s manual or contact the vehicle’s manufacturer for specific towing procedures.

**Bolt Torque Specifications**  
Torque in Foot-Pounds for Inch Bolts

Bolt Size	Grade 5	Grade 8
1/4”	10	14
5/16”	19	29
3/8”	33	47
7/16”	54	78
1/2”	78	119
5/8”	154	230



**! WARNING**

Failure to read and follow these instructions could result in separation of the towed vehicle from the tow bar, causing property damage, loss of towed vehicle, personal injury or death.

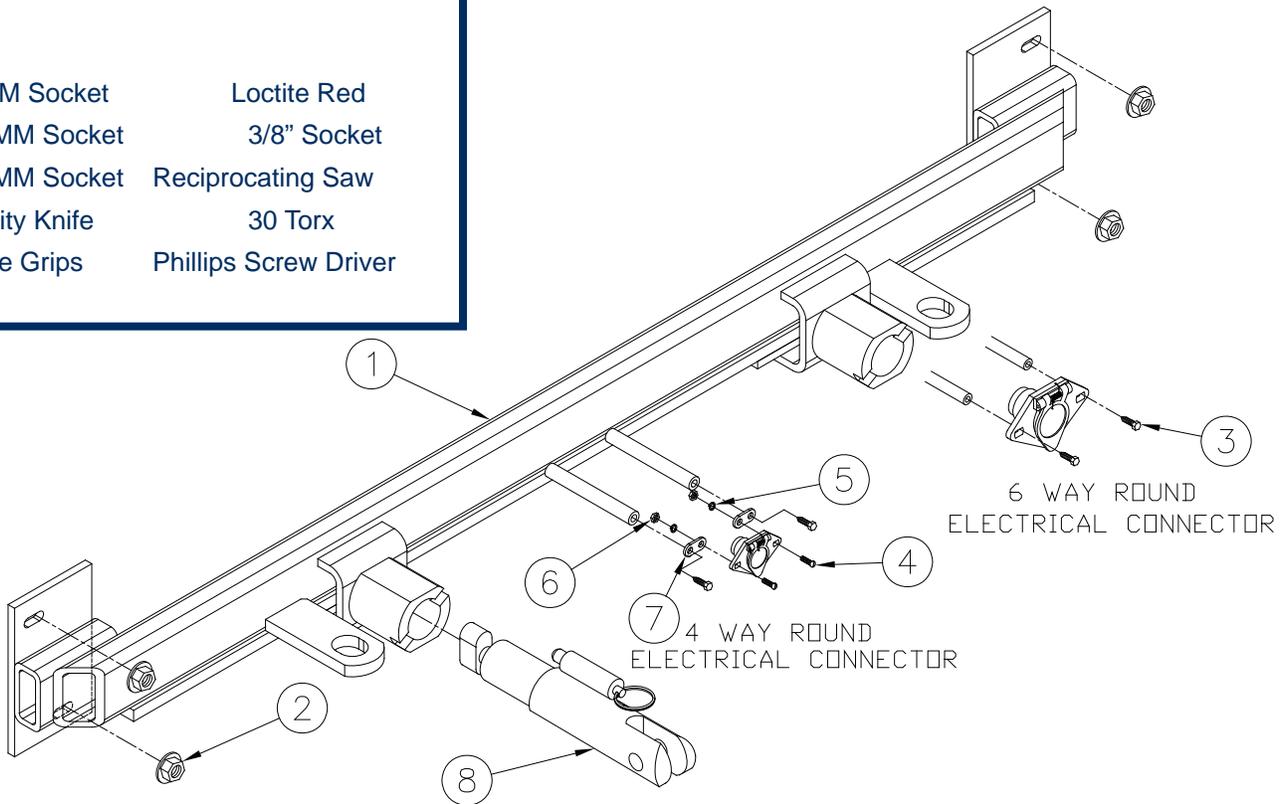
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### Parts List

Ref. No.	Qty.	Part #	Description
1	1	61-6132	Weldment, Base Plate, BX1303
2	4		Existing Metric Nuts
3	2	201-0553	1/4 x 1/2, Hex Wshd, Type F
4	2	201-0192	#10-32 x 1/2 Slot, Rd. Hd. Screw
5	2	203-0054	#10 Lock Washer
6	2	202-0047	#10-32 Hex Nut
7	2	101-5822	Adapter, 4 Way Connector
8	2	62-3468	Attachment Assembly, SF/SB (R)
	1	153-0107	Tubing, 3/8 ID x 5/8 OD x 4 Inch (Not Shown)
	2	226-0046	Baseplate Safety Cable, 36" CL III (Not Shown)
	4	229-0359	Quicklink, 3/8, ZP (Not Shown)
	2	290-0275	8 Inch Nylon Cable Tie, Blk (Not Shown)
	2	290-0437	Receiver, Cap Plug (Blk) (Not Shown)

### Tools Required

8MM Socket	Loctite Red
10MM Socket	3/8" Socket
13MM Socket	Reciprocating Saw
Utility Knife	30 Torx
Vise Grips	Phillips Screw Driver



### Important:

Use only genuine factory replacement parts on your baseplate. Do **NOT** substitute homemade or non-typical parts. If a bolt is lost or in need of replacement, for your safety and the preservation of your baseplate, be sure to use a replacement bolt of the same grade (In most cases it will be Grade 5, please reference the parts list above). Replacement parts may be ordered through your nearest Blue Ox® Dealer or Distributor.

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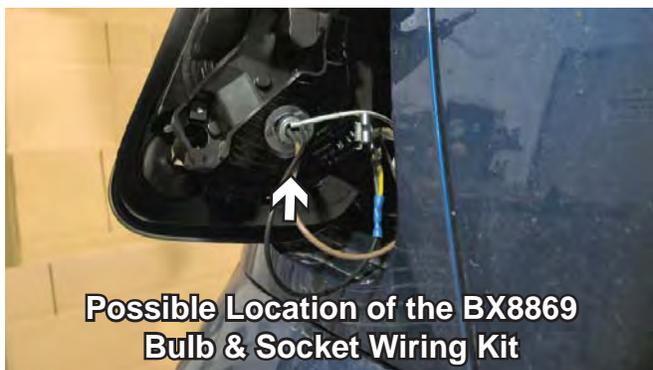
**Vehicle Weight:**

Motorhome mount tow bars are recommended for use with this baseplate. Due to the design of the removable tabs, the RangeFinderII, Adventurer, and Ambassador tow bars can not be used. The Acclaim tow bar may be used, but will not fold and store on the front of the vehicle. Adapters, except the BX8833 and BX88151, can not be used with this baseplate.

**Installation Notes:** The front fascia is removed for baseplate installation. There are no holes to drill. Some models will need to have the mesh in lower grill opening trimmed to allow baseplate to come through.

The dimensional variations between otherwise identical vehicles can be considerable. While the baseplate was designed for easy installation, it may be necessary to tailor the baseplate slightly to compensate for auto manufacturer's tolerances. These minor adjustments may include filing a hole slightly, bending electrical rods and/ or bending end plates.

The BX8869 Bulb and Socket Wiring Kit is recommended for the 2002-06 BMW Mini Cooper. The BX8848 4-Diode Wiring Kit is recommended for the 2007 BMW Mini Cooper convertible.



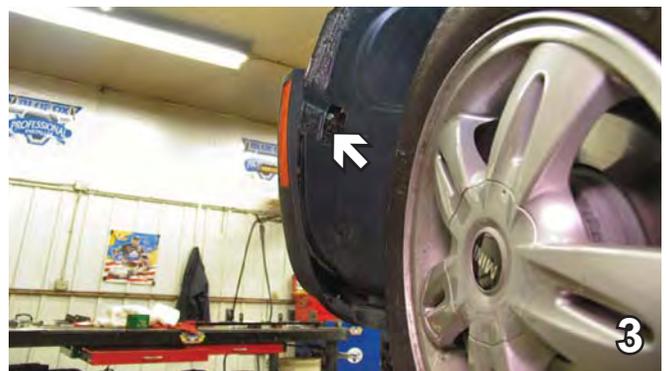
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1. Using the 30 Torx, remove the bolts from the top side of fascia. Remove the three metric bolts from the bottom side of fascia with the 10MM socket.



2. Just forward of front tire, on wheel well, are two phillips head push pins to remove, on both sides.



3. Locate opening in wheel well just forward of front tire, remove two metric bolts with the 8MM socket, on both sides.

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4. Remove the two phillips screws from the lower edge of front fascia, on both sides.



5. Remove three metric bolts from the lower edge of front fascia with the 10MM Socket. Release the four clips on the top edge of fascia, pull fascia forward, unplug all electrical connections and set fascia aside carefully.



6. Locate tow plate bracket on passenger's side of front bumper. Mark and remove lower gusset just below tow plate bracket with the reciprocating saw, as shown in photos above. This will open area to allow baseplate installation.



7. Remove the two metric hex nuts just below metal bumper with the 13MM socket, on both sides.

Using a good quality paint, spray cut edges of frame to prevent rusting.

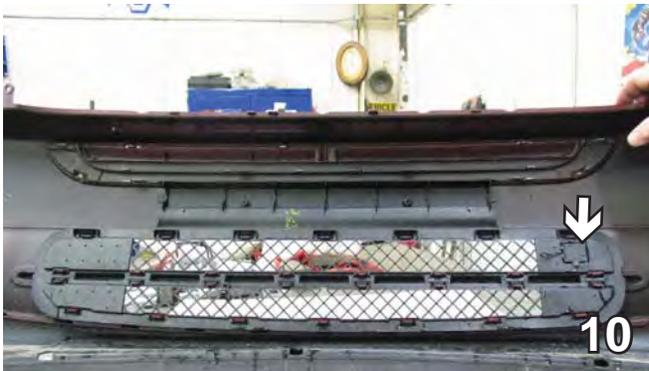
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8. Using the utility knife, make a cut one side of the length on blue 3/8" tubing, slide tubing onto driver's side upper coolant line, tighten zip ties and cut zip tie excess as shown in photo. This will protect coolant line from rubbing against the back of baseplate.



9. Align holes of baseplate with studs just below metal bumper and reinstall four metric hex nuts from step 7 (Driver's side shown in photo above). **Be sure and use loctite on all bolts before tightening. Tighten all bolts according to torque chart in the General Instruction sheet.**



10. Hold fascia as close to its original location as possible on the vehicle. Trim lower grill to allow receivers, convenience links and electrical rod to come through fascia (See the two lower photos of 2005 Models). Reinstall fascia. **Be sure all electrical components are plugged in properly.**

**NOTE: OPTIONAL LOWER GRILL REMOVAL;**

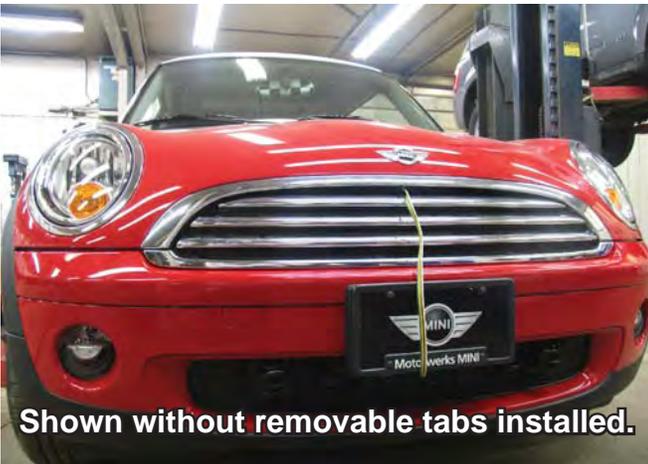
Set fascia face down on a soft surface to protect fascia front, release the grill clips (See photo to the right) and set lower grill aside (Lower grill will not be reinstalled). **Be sure all electrical components are plugged in properly.**

Be sure that **ALL** electrical connections are plugged in properly and functioning **BEFORE** installing the fascia.

**DEALER or INSTALLER:**  
Be certain the user receives the instruction sheets for their products.

11. The dimensional variations between otherwise identical cars can be considerable. While the baseplate was designed for easy installation, it may be necessary to tailor the baseplate slightly to compensate for auto manufacturers' tolerances. These minor adjustments may include filing a hole slightly, bending electrical rods, adding shims and/or bending endplates.
12. Install the tow bar and safety cables according to the instructions included in their packages.
13. Do **not** substitute other devices if the tow bar pin and clip are lost.

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**Shown without removable tabs installed.**



**Shown with removable tabs installed.**

If the baseplate is in an accident, it must be replaced. DO NOT use it again! An accident can cause unseen damage and using it again could result in more damage or serious injury. DO NOT use the baseplate if it is damaged or missing parts.

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