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2012 Volkswagen Passat SEL Installation Instructions

Serial Number

Attachment Tab Height: 14-1/2"

Attachment Tab Width: 24"

Please read BOTH these Installation Instructions and the General Instructions prior to installing or operating 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 necessary to do "fit work". If needed, Blue Ox® Dealers can be found at www.blueox.com or by contacting our Customer Care Department at (402) 385-3051.
- 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 the hardware supplied in the hardware kit and existing hardware as specified in the installation instructions.

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

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



If the front of your vehicle looks different than this, please contact us at (402)385-3051.

Reference your vehicle owner's manual for manufacturer's towing specifications.

! 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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Removable Tabs: Use only with motorhome mount tow bars or the BX8833 or BX88151 adapters. Removable tabs with only one hole will not attach to car mount tow bars or other adapters. The Acclaim may only be used with removable tab baseplates that have 23" or greater spaced tabs. The Adventurer may only be used with baseplates that have 16" – 36" spaced removable tabs. The Ambassador may only be used with 24" spaced removable tabs.

Instruction Notes: The front fascia, front bumper, styrofoam bumper padding, headlights and temperature sensor are removed and reinstalled for the baseplate installation. Some drilling and trimming is required.

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 vehicle manufacturer's tolerances. These minor adjustments may include filing a hole slightly, bending electrical rods or bending end plates.

The BX8869 Tail Light Wiring Kit is recommended for this vehicle.



Drill a 1" hole to install the 3 wire
automotive socket.

NOTICE

- Handling of some cosmetic parts when installing this product may require the use of protective covers, rags, specialty tools, etc. to prevent damage.
- When using power drills be aware of the dangers of torque and drill bit length.
- Be sure that **ALL** electrical connections are plugged in properly and functioning before reinstalling the fascia.
- Do not use the towed vehicle for storing luggage, equipment, etc. This may cause you to exceed the towing capacity of the tow bar, baseplate and its accessories.
- Be sure to use Loctite® Red on all bolts before tightening. Tighten all bolts according to the torque chart provided.

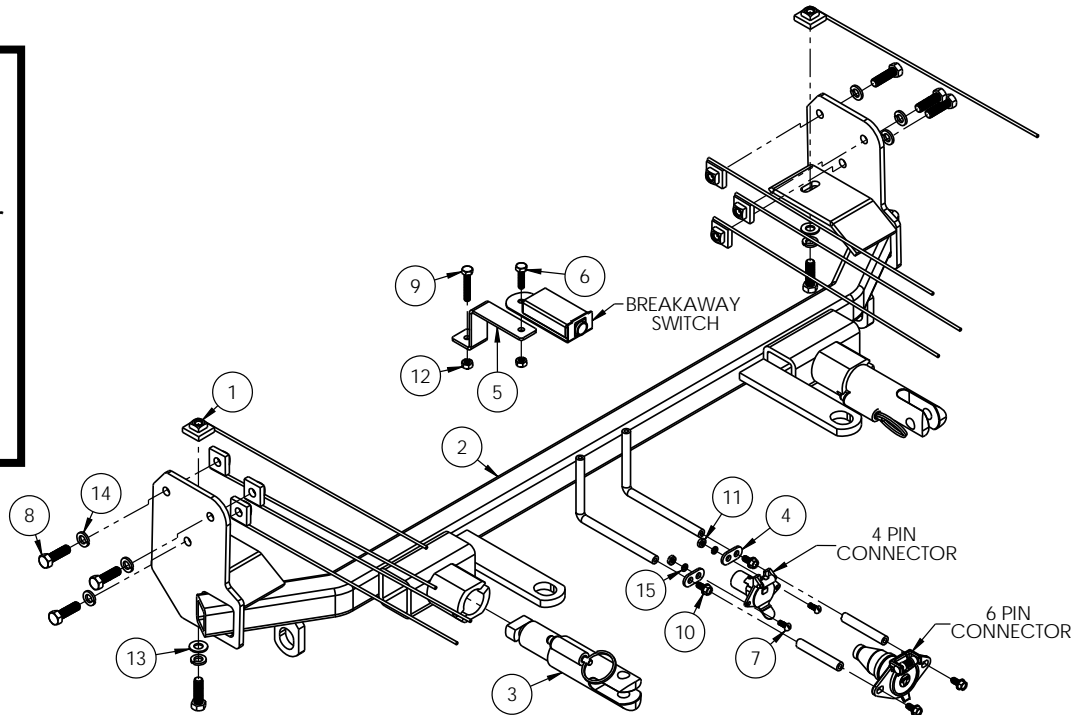
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Tools Required

Large Vise Grip
 Flat Screwdriver
 Utility Knife
 Phillips Screwdriver
 Torque Wrench
 Drill
 Tape Measure
 Loctite® RED
 13/32" Drill Bit
 9/32" Drill Bit
 25 Torx
 9/16" Wrench



Item No.	Part No.	Description	Qty.
1.....	61-5208	3/8"-16 Nut Plate with 14" Wire	8
2.....	61-7044	BX3833 Baseplate.....	1
3.....	62-3468	Attachment Tab.....	2
4.....	101-5822	4 Way Connector Adapter	2
5.....	102-7353	Breakaway Bracket	1
6.....	201-0071	1/4"-20 x 1" Hex Head Bolt, Grade 5, ZP	1
7.....	201-0192	#10-32 1/2" Slotted Round Head Screw.....	2
8.....	201-0368	3/8"-16 x 1-1/4" Hex Head Bolt, Grade 5, ZP	8
9.....	201-0448	1/4"-20 x 1-1/2" Hex Head Bolt, Grade 5, ZP	1
10.....	201-0553	1/4"-20 x 1/2" Hex Wshd Type F TCS Screw	2
11.....	202-0047	#10-32 Hex Nut	2
12.....	202-0102	1/4"-20 Hex Nylon Nut, ZP	2
13.....	203-0003	3/8" Flat Washer, ZP.....	2
14.....	203-0010	3/8" Lock Washer, ZP	8
15.....	203-0054	#10 Lock Washer.....	2
16.....	226-0046(not shown)	Class III Safety Cables	2
17.....	229-0359(not shown)	3/8" Quicklink, ZP	4
18.....	290-0437(not shown)	Black Cap Plug Receiver.....	1
19.....	293-1339(not provided)	Breakaway Switch	1
20.....	294-0805(not provided).....	4 Pin Connector.....	1
21.....	294-0902(not provided).....	6 Pin Connector.....	1

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1. Using a Torx 25 remove the three (3) screws that are located in the front area, underneath the hood. There is one (1) screw located on the outer edge of the driver side and two (2) on the passenger side. On the passenger side, one (1) is located on the outer edge and the other is located just to the left of the center of the vehicle.



2. Remove the three (3) screws in the front wheel well area using a Torx 25. Do this on **BOTH** sides of the vehicle.
3. Pull the wheel well liner back. Using a Torx 25 remove the screw that is located underneath. Do this on **BOTH** sides of the vehicle.



4. On the underside of the front fascia there are seven (7) screws that need to be removed using a Torx 25. There are three (3) on both the driver side and the passenger side, plus one (1) in the center of the vehicle.

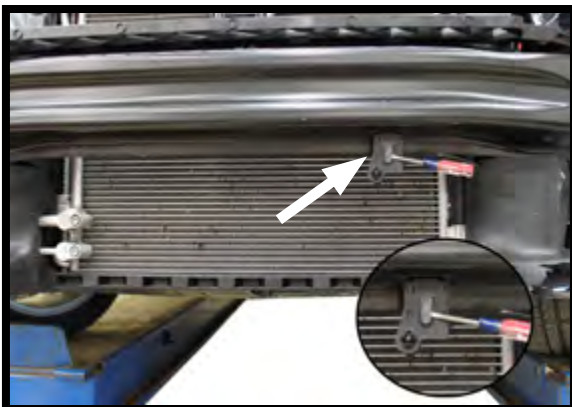
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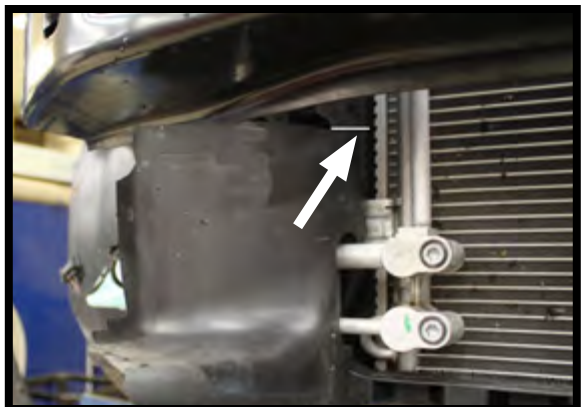
5. Gently, yet firmly, pull outward on the front fascia to remove. Next, remove headlights on **BOTH** sides of the vehicle.



6. Pull the styrofoam bumper padding off and place to the side for reinstallation after the baseplate is installed.



7. On the driver side, lift the tab up using a flat screwdriver and slide the temperature sensor off. Set aside for reinstallation later.



8. Cut straight across on the top of the plastic tab. After the cut has been made, lift up and remove the tab. Do this on **BOTH** sides.



9. Place the baseplate under the bumper centering the slot on the bottom of the baseplate with the existing hole in the bumper. Securely clamp the baseplate into position. Take extra care on the passenger side not to hit the lines. NOTE: If the horn is in the way, gently bend it outward.



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10. Verify the baseplate is level and install the 3/8"-16 x 1-1/4" hex head bolts, 3/8" lock washers and 3/8" flats washers on the bottom slot. Do this on **BOTH** sides of the vehicle.

11. Using a 13/32" drill bit and using the baseplate as a template, drill the three (3) sides holes. Do this on **BOTH** sides of the vehicle.

12. Reattach the temperature sensor and front bumper padding.



13. Hold the front fascia as close to the original state as possible and mark where the cutout for the convenience links, attachment tabs and breakaway switch, is so equipped, will be located.



14. You may place the breakaway bracket anywhere on the vehicle frame. Using a 9/32" drill bit, drill a hole into the frame.

Set the front fascia down and notch the grill to allow for proper clearance.

15. Reinstall front fascia.

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16. Attach the permanent baseplate safety cables to the provided convenience link on the baseplate. The photo above shows the recommended installation of the cables to frame of vehicle. Additional options may interfere with suggested mounting; in this case, secure the cables to a solid piece of the frame as described in the instructions included with the permanent baseplate safety cables. Be sure the safety cables do not rub against any hoses or moving parts. Do this on **BOTH** sides of the vehicle.

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