



BX2216 Installation Instructions 1995-97 Honda Accord V6

Utilization of Blue Ox baseplates with any tow bar not approved by Automatic Equipment Mfg. Company invalidates the limited warranty.

Installation of this baseplate requires removing the plastic belly pan and the tie down brackets. The belly pan will need to be notched and a small amount of trimming on the air dam may be necessary.

1. Read the General Instruction Sheet included with this baseplate.
2. The baseplate mounts to the front underside of the car using ten bolts; five on each side of the car.
3. Remove the plastic belly pan from the front underside of the car. It is held on with seven bolts (10mm socket). Save parts for later installation.
4. Remove both of the tie-down brackets. Each is attached with three hex head bolts (14mm socket). The tie-down brackets and bolts will not be re-used.
5. Place a jack under the left to right horizontal engine mount cross beam, near the center, for support. Remove only two of the hex head bolts, both on the same side, which attach the cross beam to the chassis (17mm socket). Inspect and save for re-use.
6. **Loosely**, install a Mount on the same side as Step #5. Apply Loctite and start the two cross beam bolts that were just removed. Apply Loctite to three of the 10mm x 35mm bolts and start them through the mount and into the holes exposed in Step #4. Be sure to include a 10mm lock and flat washer. DO NOT FULLY TIGHTEN YET.
7. Repeat Steps #5 and #6 on the other side.
8. The dimensional variations between otherwise identical cars can be considerable. While the location and size of the holes in the baseplate were designed to facilitate easy installation, it may be necessary to file or drill a hole slightly to allow a bolt to clear.
9. Attach the baseplate to the Left and Right Mounts, using the 1/2-13 hardware provided. Do Not Fully Tighten Yet.
10. Tighten the four (2/side) engine cross beam bolts first. Tighten completely.
11. Tighten the six (3/side) 10mm bolts with a 17mm socket and then use a 3/4" wrench and socket to tighten the four bolts in the baseplate.
12. Remove the jack and then fit and notch the belly pan using a utility knife, and re-install on the car. A very small amount of trimming may be necessary on the air dam that runs along the bottom of the bumper.
13. Included in the manual package is a dash decal for your car to remind you how to set up the transmission to tow. Place the decal on the dash of your Honda or on the tow bar or anywhere it will remind you to make sure your transmission will be properly shifted before you tow. Detailed instructions appear later in this instruction sheet.
14. Install the tow bar and safety cables according to the instructions included in their packages.
15. Do not substitute other devices if the pin and clip are lost.
16. **DEALER OR INSTALLER: BE CERTAIN THE USER RECEIVES THE INSTRUCTION SHEET.**

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Tools Required

10mm Socket
3/4" Socket
Jack

14mm Socket
3/4" Wrench
Utility Knife

17mm Socket
Loctite Blue

Parts List

Ref No.	Qty.	Part No.	Description
1	1	61-4663	Weldment, Baseplate, BX2216
2	1	61-4664	Weldment, Mount, DS, BX2216
3	1	61-4665	Weldment, Mount, PS, BX2216
4	4	201-0051	1/2-13 x 1 1/2 Hex Bolt, Grade 5
5	6	201-0423	10mm-1.25 x 35mm Hex Bolt, Grade 8.8
6	4	203-0012	1/2 Lock Washer
7	4	202-0005	1/2-13 Hex Nut
8	6	203-0104	10mm Lock Washer
9	6	203-0103	10mm Flat Washer
10	1	292-2127	(Not Shown) Decal, Honda Transmission Set-up
E	4		Existing Bolt

1989 & Newer Honda Automatics

All Honda and Acura automatic transmission vehicles, any model, any year, can be towed without special pumps or drive shaft disconnects. Please note however that Honda and Acura automatic transmissions for 1989 & newer were modified so they cannot be shifted rapidly from reverse to drive. Rapid shifting from reverse to drive can damage any automatic transmission.

Honda advises that the modification leaves a portion of the automatic transmission in reverse when it is only shifted from reverse to neutral. This partial neutral condition cannot be detected by revving the engine, because the car will not move even though a portion of the transmission is still in reverse. If the car is towed on all four wheels in this false-neutral condition, the automatic transmission will be damaged.

To make sure that the automatic transmission is completely in neutral, it must be shifted to drive and then to neutral before turning the engine off and towing the car on all four wheels. In other words, a 1989 and newer model Honda or Acura car equipped with an automatic transmission can be towed on all four wheels without damaging the transmission, if the transmission lever is shifted from the drive position to the neutral position before the engine is turned off. If the transmission lever is shifted from the reverse position to the neutral position, the automatic transmission will be damaged when the car is towed on all four wheels.

