

### BX1824 Installation Instructions 1998-00 Nissan Frontier (4WD/ 4 and 6 Cylinder)

The baseplate mounts to the top of the frame and frame brackets. The attachment tabs will extend through the grill opening four inches. A plastic molded guard located directly behind the bumper is permanently removed. Six 3/8 inch holes need to be drilled for installation.

- Remove the bolt that holds the rod support to the outside ends of the bumper. Remove the push pins from the bottom of the bumper. Locate the bolt above the rods that hold the outside edges of the bumper to the frame (in front of the tires and above the rubber cushion). Facing the bumper and looking through the grill are bolts fastening the bumper to the outside brackets and to each frame. Reach inside the grill opening and remove these bolts. Remove the bolts holding the plastic guard to the bumper. Be careful the bumper does not fall.
- 2. Notice the two existing holes on top of each frame, place the baseplate (Item 1) on the frame. Line up the top front hole to the existing holes. Mark and drill 3/8 inch holes for the remaining holes on each side of the baseplate. See Diagram 1.

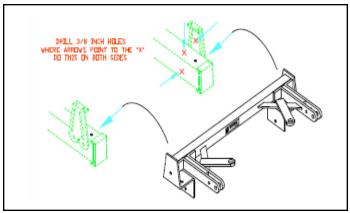


Diagram 1

- Inside the frame is a piece of metal obstructing the top back holes. Use a screw driver and push the metal back so a bolt can be inserted. On the front of each frame is a piece of metal. Pry open a large enough gap so the wire nuts (Item 2) can be inserted. See Diagram 2.
- Bolt the baseplate to the frame. Use Loctite on each bolt. Tighten bolts once they have all been started. NOTE: Use spacers (Item 6) two on one side and three on the other for 2000 models.

- 5. Replace the bumper. Note: The plastic piece removed in Step 3 is not replaced. Be sure to give the piece to the owner.
- 6. Install the tow bar and safety cables according to the instructions included in their packages.

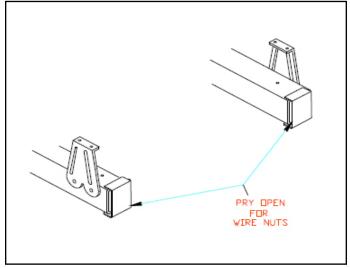


Diagram 2

- 7. Do not substitute other devices if the tow bar pins or clips are lost.
- 8. DEALER OR INSTALLER: BE CERTAIN THE USER RECEIVES THE INSTRUCTION SHEET.



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## **Tools Required**

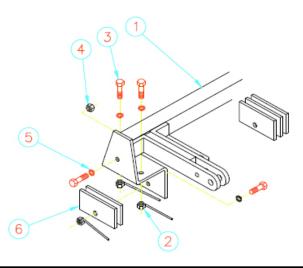
10MM Wrench	10MM Socket	12MM Wrench	12MM Socket
Phillips Screw Driver	Small Pry Bar	3/8 Drill Bit	Loctite Blue or Red

## Parts List

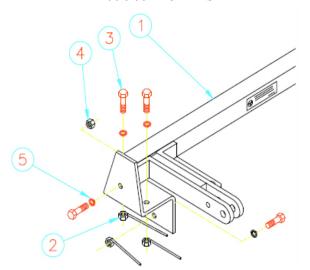
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1	1	61-5380	
2	6	61-4902	
3	8	201-0368	
4	2	202-0003	
5	8	203-0010	
6	5	102-5890	
7	2	201-0444	



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# **General Information**

- Ensure that your product(s) are registered online at www.blueox.com. It is crucial to register your product(s) so that you may be alerted of product offerings, updates, upgrades, maintenance and safety bulletins, and/ or recalls.
- 2. It is the owner's responsibility to inspect all towing equipment for cracked welds, missing or worn parts and loose bolts before each towing trip. Be sure to use Loctite<sup>®</sup> Red on all bolts and tighten to the recommended specifications.
- 3. It is the owner's responsibility to hook up all towing equipment per manufacturer's instructions/ recommendations.
- 4. Remove the attachment tabs when not in use (if applicable).

# Notice To Baseplate Installer

- 1. It is YOUR responsibility to watch for:
  - Oil cooler and air conditioner lines
  - Electrical wires and hoses
  - Missing parts or attaching points on the frame

\*\* If the baseplate is improperly installed and is against a wire or hose, it could cause fluid leaks or electrical shorts some time after the actual baseplate installation.

### Permanent Baseplate Safety Cable Installation

Permanent baseplate safety cables are strongly recommended when towing a vehicle with a tow bar. The principle function of the permanent baseplate safety cables is to prevent the towed vehicle from breaking loose in the event the connection between the frame of the towed vehicle and the baseplate fails or becomes disconnected. The cables must be connected from the baseplate to the frame rail or cross member of the vehicle's frame. The illustrations below show the possible arrangements recommended by Blue Ox®. Each permanent baseplate safety cable must have an adequate weight rating for the towing system. The weight rating of the two (2) cables together will not qualify.

#### Do not mount the permanent baseplate safety cables against wires, hoses or brake lines.

These permanent baseplate safety cables should remain installed as long as the baseplate is installed on the vehicle. Permanent baseplate safety cables are to be used in conjunction with, and NOT a replacement for legally required safety cables attaching the towed vehicle to the towing vehicle.

