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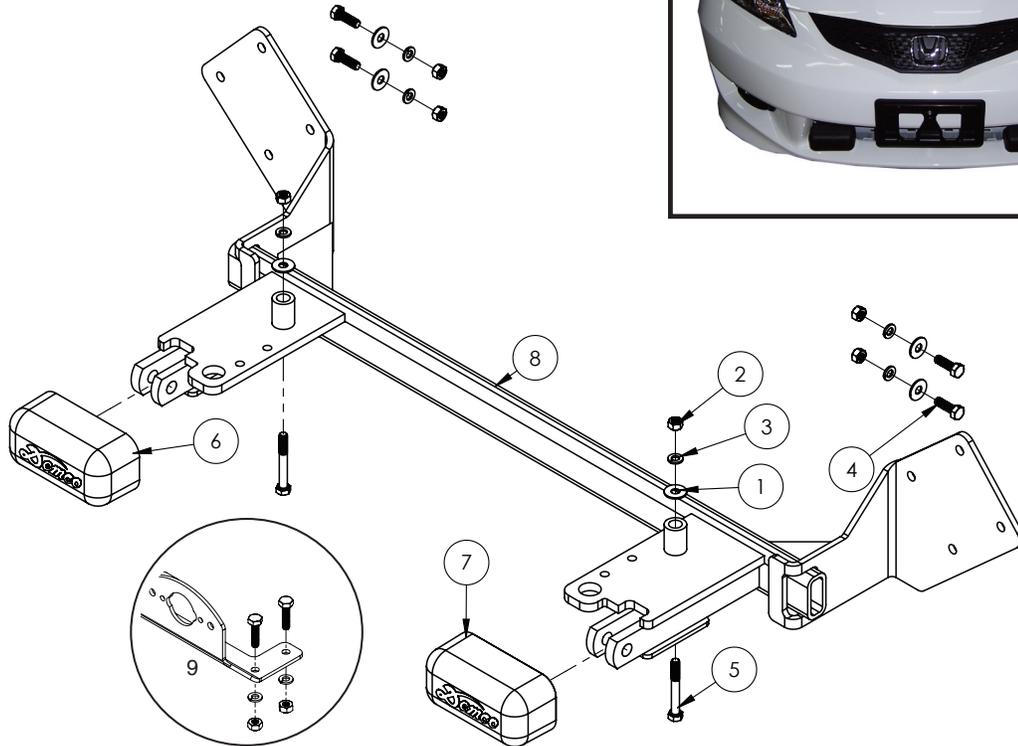


**BOLT TORQUE SPECIFICATIONS**

STANDARD BOLTS:			METRIC BOLTS:	
Size	Grade	Torque	Size	Torque
5/16"	5	20 ft/lbs.	8mm	22 ft/lbs.
3/8"	5	35 ft/lbs.	10mm	42 ft/lbs.
7/16"	5	56 ft/lbs.	12mm	70 ft/lbs.
1/2"	5	85 ft/lbs.	14mm	95 ft/lbs.

# BASEPLATE

Pin Height - 15 1/2"    Center - 25"



**9518236 PARTS LIST**



REF. NO.	PART NO.	QTY.	DESCRIPTION
1.	00004	6	5/16" Flat Washer
2.	00007	6	5/16" Hex Nut
3.	01997	6	5/16 Lock Washer
4.	02990	4	5/16" x 1" Hex bolt Gr. 5
5.	04221	2	5/16" x 2-1/2" Hex Bolt Gr. 5
6.	12979	1	Pull Ear Cover "A"
7.	12980	1	Pull Ear Cover "B"
8.	13306-35	1	Baseplate Crossmember
9.	5937	1	Plug Mount Kit
10.	13026	1	Loctite (not shown)

Please order replacement parts by **PART NO.** and **DESCRIPTION.**

ASSEMBLY  
OPERATION  
REPLACEMENT PARTS

**READ** complete manual *CAREFULLY*  
*BEFORE* attempting operation.

Doing Our Best to Provide You the Best

**WARNING: FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAN RESULT IN LOSS OF TOWING VEHICLE CONTROL, SEPARATION OF THE TOW BAR FROM THE TOWING VEHICLE, SEPARATION OF THE TOWED VEHICLE FROM THE TOW BAR, CAUSING SEVERE PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.**

## CAUTION

Safety is of utmost importance at all times. There are several items that must be checked each time before using and while using a tow bar. Before allowing anyone to hook up or operate a tow bar, be sure they have read and understand the proper operating procedure.

**DO NOT** use worn or damaged cables and/or pins.

Be sure the **SAFETY CABLES** are hooked, chassis to chassis, to both the towing and towed vehicles using the crisscross method.

Check clearance between vehicles in a turning situation.

Check base plate mounting bolts for tightness and frame for metal fatigue.

Do not load the towed vehicle with anything as you may exceed the towing capacity of the tow bar.

Keep fingers away from pivot points to prevent personal injury.

Be sure the steering components of the towed vehicle are properly aligned.

**NOTE:** This unit can be backed up in moderate increments. Any severe backwards cornering could result in damage to the Tow Bar and/or towed vehicle chassis.

**For automatic transmissions:** Consult your vehicle owners manual for towing suitability with the drive shaft connected. Otherwise, the towed vehicle will have to be equipped with a transmission pump or drive shaft disconnect.

Check to make sure that all lights are in proper working order.

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 **Caution: MotorHome® Magazine** left out any vehicles that have towing speed limits slower than 55 m.p.h., or distance limits of less than 200 miles. At a minimum, these vehicles require significant modification, such as the use of an aftermarket product, to make them towable. The availability of a **Demco Tow Bar Base Plate** does not imply that these vehicles can be modified or that there is an aftermarket product available. Refer to your vehicle owner's manual or consult your dealer to determine whether your vehicle can be modified to make it towable. Failure to observe this precaution could result in property damage or personal injury.



1. Open hood and remove 8 plastic push fasteners from top of grill.

## IMPORTANT INSTALLATION ITEMS

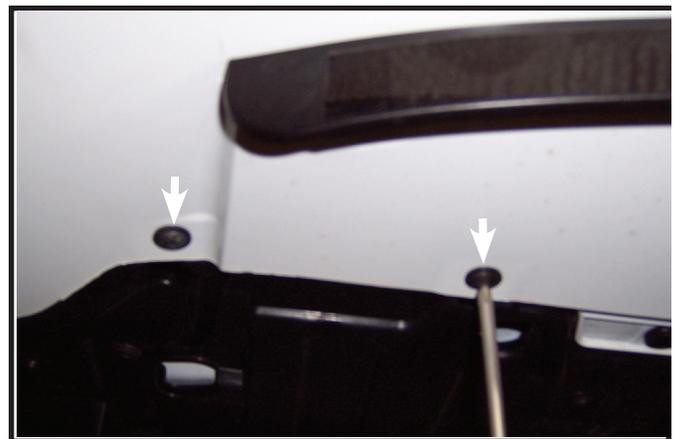
Demco products and accessories are intended to be installed by professional installers with experience, proper equipment and the ability to do modification work. Installers with these qualifications can be found in RV and Automotive Service Centers.

If the car to be towed has been in an accident, the chassis may be damaged in an area where the Base Plate attaches. It may no longer be suitable for towing. Extreme caution and careful examination are required in such a situation. It is also likely, even from a minor accident, that the hole alignment will be more difficult due to hole alignment problems.

Many Demco Base Plates are designed to use existing holes and hardware to mount the Base Plate to the towed vehicle. Even though the bolt is there, however, do not assume it is adequate for mounting the Base Plate. Manufacturers make many changes in hardware both within and between model years. Be sure the bolt is long enough to protrude past the nut a distance no less than 1/2 the diameter of the bolt, after the Base Plate is mounted. The threads should be in good condition. **We require that “LOCTITE® Blue” be used on all bolts.** If a new bolt is required, be sure it is SAE Grade 5 or Metric 8.8.

**NOTE: The dimensional variations between otherwise identical vehicles can be considerable. Some minor modifications may have to be made to ensure a proper fit.**

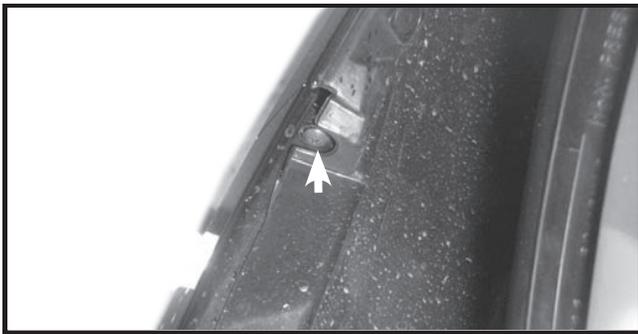
## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



2. Remove 2 screws on each side of the bottom of the fascia.



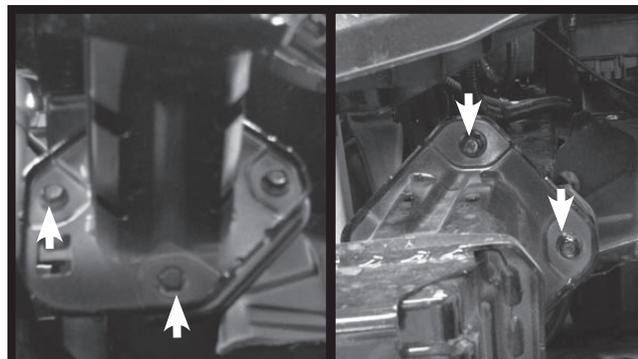
- Remove 3 plastic push fastener from the center and 2 from each end of the fascia.



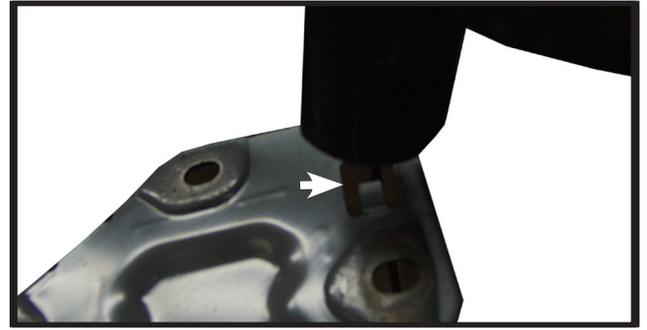
- Remove one phillips screw from each side of fascia just inside of wheel well.



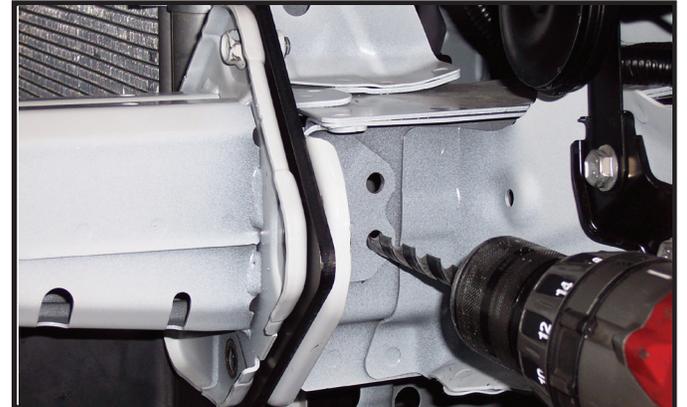
- Pull on the outer corner of the fascia outward and down to Remove Fascia. Push from inner fender under headlights. Unplug fog lights if equipped.



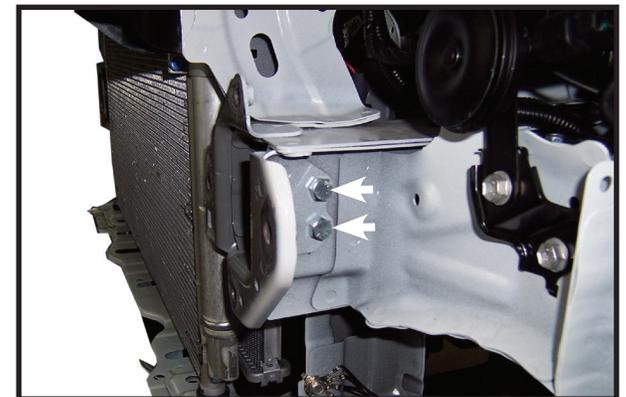
- Remove 4 bolts from each side of the bumper and remove bumper.



- Flatten the hanger tab on back of the bumper with a hammer or remove with pliers or sander.



- Drill out the two holes in the frame behind the bumper mount on each side. NOTE: Passengers side will need to be drilled at an angle to clear washer tank or temporarily move washer tank by removing two screws.



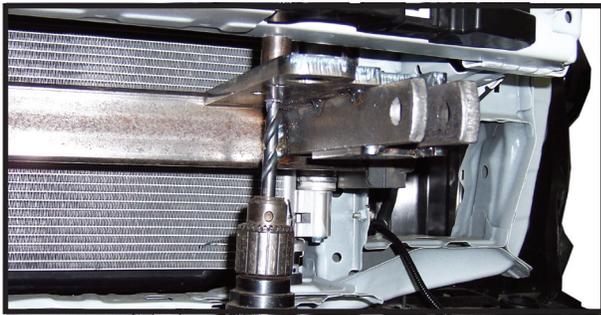
- Place two 5/16 x 1 bolts thru holes. On inside of frame place two 5/16" flat washers, two 5/16" lock washers and two 5/16" nuts. Use blue **LOCTITE** on bolts and tighten all bolts according to chart on front page.



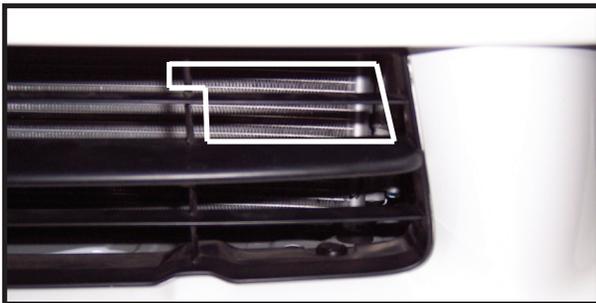
- Cut plastic as shown. Trim to fit as needed.



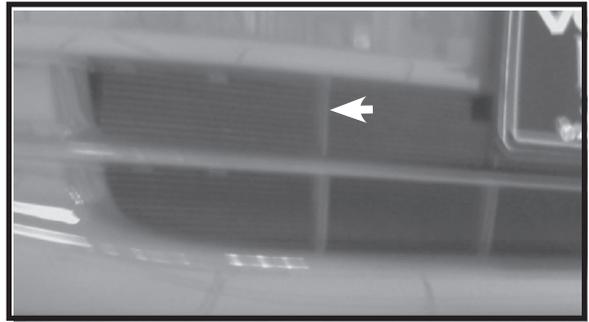
11. With an assistant install baseplate with bumper over top of baseplate onto vehicle re-using the eight bolts removed in step 6. Use blue **LOCTITE** on all bolts and tighten all bolts according to chart on front page.



12. Drill 5/16" hole on each side into bottom of bumper using baseplate as a template. Place 5/16" x 2-1/2" bolt thru each hole and place a 5/16" flat washer, 5/16 lock washer, and 5/16" nut Use blue **LOCTITE** on all bolts and tighten all bolts according to chart on front page.



13. For sport model trim lower grill as shown for pull ears to pass thru. Minor adjustments may be needed for desired fit.



- 13a. For base model cut grill bar shown for pull ears to pass thru. Minor trimming may be needed for desired fit.



14. Reinstall all hardware. If equipped with fog and/or side marker lights be sure to plug them back in.  
15. Plug mount (item #9) may be installed if desired in convenience holes on either chain anchor or as desired.  
**NOTE:** Excess material may be trimmed from bracket.

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