



**BX2165 Installation Instructions**  
**2003-06 Mercury Grand Marquis**  
**2003-06 Lincoln Town Car**

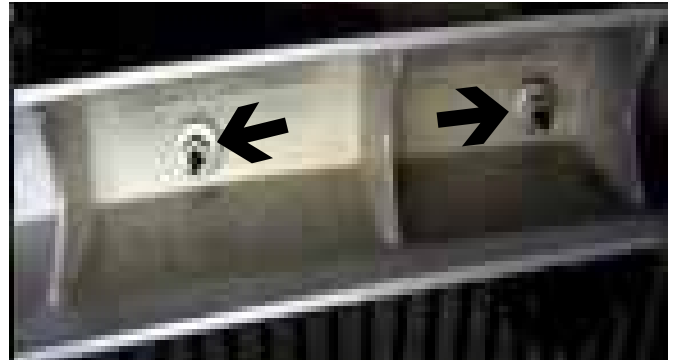
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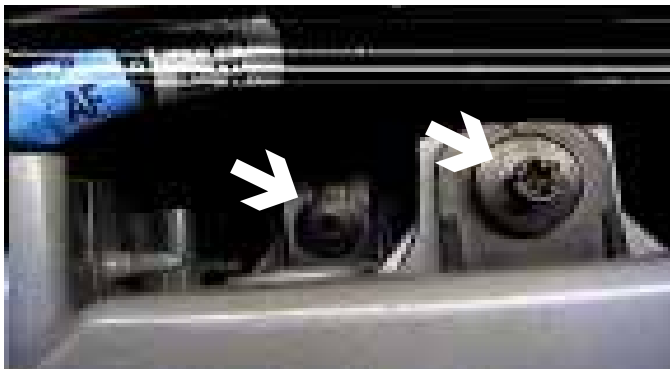
Drilling is necessary. No trimming of the fascia is needed. The BX8869 is available for this vehicle. Attachment tabs are 24 inches center to center and a height of 11 1/2 inches. **Be sure to use loctite on all bolts before tightening. Tighten all bolts according to torque chart in general instruction sheet.**



1. Unscrew 3 pins from black plastic on the top edge of fascia, lift up and set aside.



2. Remove the six hex nuts on the back top edge of the fascia with 11MM socket. Pull the front chrome grill forward and set aside.



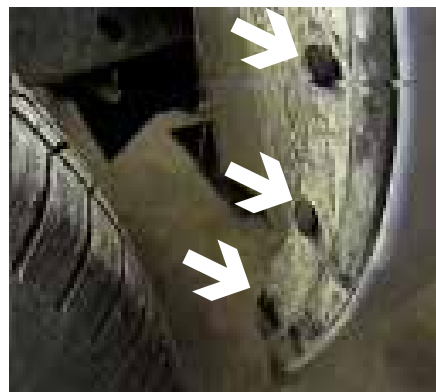
3. Just behind the head light assemblies are three metric bolts to remove using an 8MM socket, both sides. Pull assemblies forward and set aside, both sides.



4. Remove two metric hex nuts from both blinker assemblies, located just behind head light area, using the 11MM socket, pull to the side, unplug and set aside.



5. Using the 5MM & 8MM sockets, remove the two hex head screws from blinker opening on each side.



6. Remove the three Christmas tree pins just forward of front tire, both sides.



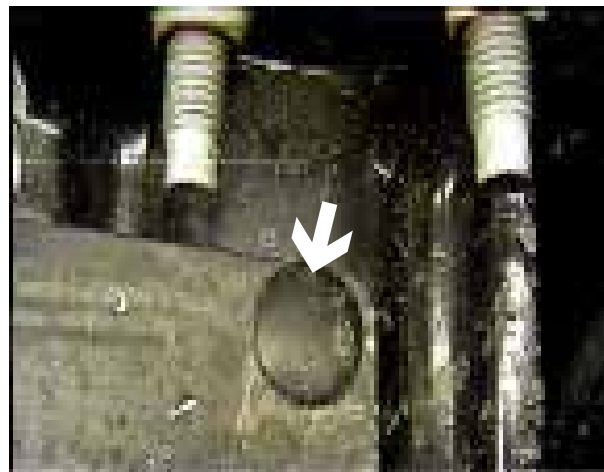
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7. Remove the eight screws with washers on the underside of bumper fascia with an 8MM socket.



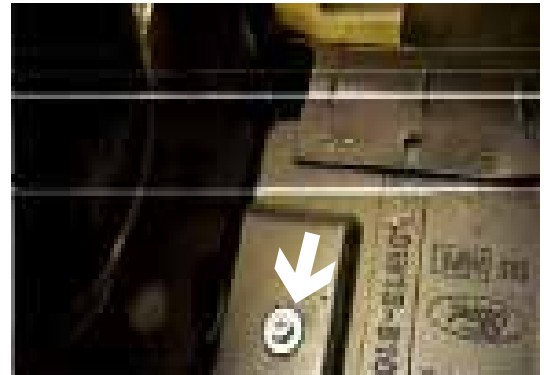
9. Using the 8MM socket, remove the metric screw from the lower side of air dam on both sides.



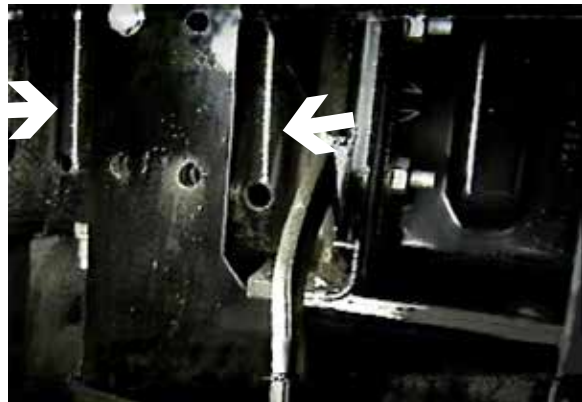
11. Remove the Christmas tree push pin from air dam on both sides and set aside. Air dam will be trimmed and reinstalled later.



8. Using a 10MM socket, remove the screw from the lower black panel located forward of front tires and below air dam, both sides.



10. Just behind metal bumper, remove one metric screw on air dam with a 7MM socket, both sides.



12. Using two people, slide the baseplate up on to the frame, aligning the two outside end plates go in between the two dimples on the out board side of frame.



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**13.** Slide a 3/8 spacer in between the frame and baseplate on both sides, then clamp the baseplate securely. Using the baseplate as a template, drill one 13/32" hole on each side, see photo in step 12. Install and tighten, one 3/8-16 x 1 1/2 hex bolt, lock washer and wire nutplate, on each side. Hold fascia in place to make sure baseplate is level and attachment points come through fascia openings, see photo below. Make adjustments as needed. Then drill the rest of the 13/32" holes on each side. Finish bolting the baseplate to the car frame. **Be sure to use loctite on all bolts before tightening. Tighten all bolts according to torque chart in General Instruction Sheet.**

**14.** Trimming of air dam is needed before reinstalling. Then reinstall air dam, lower panel (forward of front tires), fascia, blinker and head light assemblies, chrome grill insert and upper fascia black plastic.

**15.** The dimensional variations between otherwise identical cars can be considerable. While the location and size of the holes in the baseplate were designed to allow for easy installation, it may be necessary to file a hole slightly to allow a bolt to clear.

**16.** Install the tow bar and safety cables according to the instructions included in their packages.

**17.** Do **not** substitute other devices if the tow bar pin and clip are lost.

**18. DEALER OR INSTALLER: BE CERTAIN THE USER RECEIVES THE INSTRUCTION SHEET.**





## Tools Required

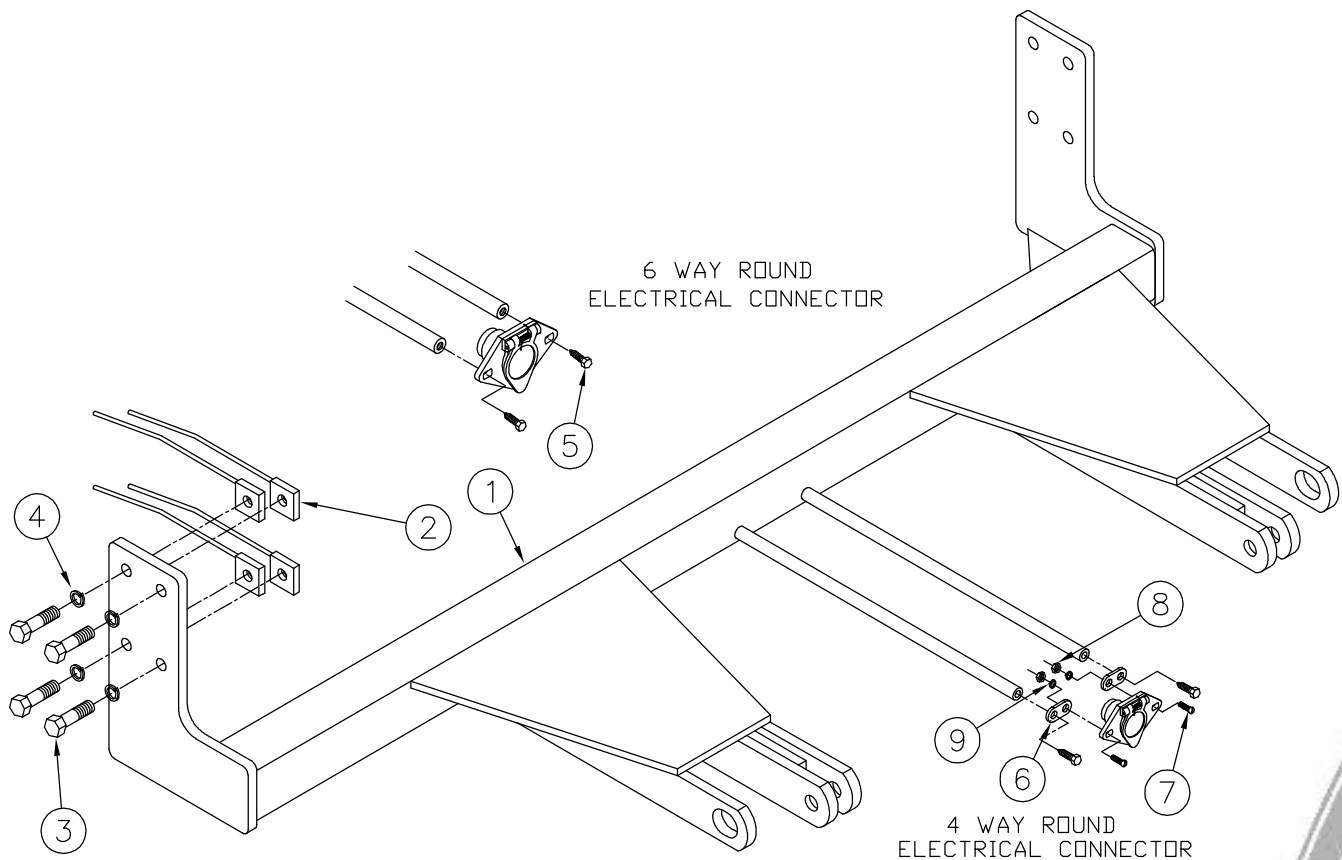
5MM Socket  
10MM Socket  
Loctite Red

7MM Socket  
11MM Socket  
13/32" Drill Bit

8MM Socket  
9/16 Socket  
Vise Grips

## Parts List

Ref. No.	Qty.	Part No.	Description
1	1	61-5901	Weldment, Base Plate, BX2165
2	8	61-5208	Weldment, Nutplate
3	8	201-0440	3/8-16 x 1 1/2 Hex Bolt, Grd.5, ZP
4	8	203-0010	3/8 Lock washer, ZP
5	2	201-0979	#12-14 x 1" Self Drilling Screw, ZP
6	2	101-5822	Adapter, 4-way Connector
7	2	201-0192	#10-32 x 1/2 Slot, Rd. Hd Screw
8	2	202-0047	#10-32 Hex Nut, ZP
9	2	203-0054	#10 Lock Washer, ZP
	2	226-0049	Baseplate Safety Cable, 36" CL IV (Not Shown)
	4	229-0512	Quicklink, 1/2, ZP (Not Shown)



**IMPORTANT:** Use only genuine factory replacement parts on your Base Plate. Do not substitute homemade or nontypical parts. If a bolt is lost or in need of replacement, for your safety and the preservation of your Base Plate, be sure to use a replacement bolt of the same grade (Usually Grade 5, refer to parts list). Repair parts may be ordered through your nearest **Blue Ox** dealer or distributor.

# General Information

1. Ensure that your product(s) are registered online at [www.blueox.com](http://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® 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

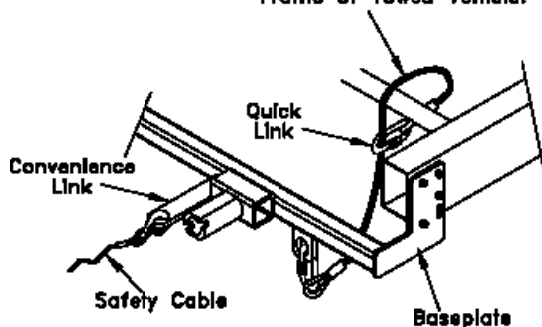
Permanent baseplate safety cables are strongly recommended when towing a vehicle with a tow bar. The principle function of the permanent baseplate safety cables is to prevent the towed vehicle from breaking loose in the event the connection between the frame of the towed vehicle and the baseplate fails 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.

### OPTION #1

Permanent Baseplate Safety Cables to Cross Member or Frame of Towed Vehicle.



### OPTION #2

Permanent Baseplate Safety Cables to Cross Member or Frame of Towed Vehicle.

