



BX3804 Installation Instructions
1975-80 Rabbit
1980 Rabbit Pickup
1980-87 Rabbit Convertible/Cabriolet
1975-77 Scirocco

Depending on the model of the vehicle, installation of this baseplate requires removing the two vertical strips located on the back of the bumper, the bumper itself, and the tie down brackets.

1. Read the General Instruction Sheet included with this baseplate.
2. Check to be certain the two pairs of bolts up inside the front of the car which mount the bumper bracket/shock absorber units to the frame are tight. These are located one behind the other on the same side of the fabricated steel metal frame tubes.

Models up to 1983

1. Remove or saw off the two vertical metal strips which are located on the back of the bumper toward the center. These are secured with a phillips head screw on the bottom and a hook at the top on early models and are welded on later ones. These strips will not be reinstalled.
2. Remove the two bolts (one each side) which mount the bumper to the bumper bracket. These may be accessed through the large hole on the bottom of each end of the bumper. A 19mm socket is required. It will also be necessary to use an open end or crescent wrench at the top to keep the lock nut from turning. (See Sketch)
3. With another person to assist you, carefully slide the bumper off and hold it below the bumper brackets. Be careful not to break the wires which go to the parking lights or lose the steel tubes which go inside the brackets.
4. Slide the baseplate into the bumper such that the bumper mounting tabs are inside the baseplate mounting brackets and the two pairs of tow bar attachments are pointing forward.
5. Put the steel tubes back in place inside the bumper bracket and slide the bumper back in place while holding the tubes in position.
6. Align the holes of the baseplate, bumper tabs, and bumper bracket and bolt them together with the 12mm x 85mm bolt, provided with the tow bar. Some patience may be required getting the nut started in the close clearance. Tighten the nuts securely using an open end wrench to hold the lock nut from turning

Models 1983 and later

1. Remove the four nuts (two on each side) which hold the bumper bracket to the bumper. (See sketch)
2. Slide the bumper off the bumper brackets.
3. Remove the two bolts (One each side) which mount the bumper brackets to the shock absorber units. Be sure not to lose the steel tubes which go inside the shock absorber units.
4. On some models a stamped metal "Tie Down" bracket is welded to the bumper supports. This bracket must be cut off to clear the baseplate.
5. Install the baseplate such that the baseplate mounting brackets are on the outside of (above and below) the bumper brackets and the two pairs of tow bar attachments are pointing forward and down.
6. Making sure the steel tubes are in place, install the 12mm x 85mm bolts up through the baseplate, bumper bracket and shock absorber brackets and secure with lock nuts only to the point that the bumper brackets can still swivel but will stay in place when turned.
7. Hold the bumper in place and turn the bumper brackets line up with it.

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8. Remove the bumper and securely tighten the two 12mm nut.
9. Replace the bumper and secure with the four nuts previously removed.
10. 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 a hole slightly to allow a bolt to clear.
11. Install the tow bar and safety cables according to the instructions included in their packages.
12. Do not substitute other devices if the pin and clip are lost.
13. DEALER OR INSTALLER: BE CERTAIN THE USER RECEIVES THE INSTRUCTION SHEET.

Special Instructions - 1980 Rabbit

1. The 1980 Rabbit has a small "L" shaped tab welded between the lower back edge of the bumper mounting plate. This tab must be removed to allow the baseplate to be mounted.

Parts List

Ref. No.	Qty.	Part No.	Description
1	1	61-3481	Baseplate, BX3804
2	2	201-0435	12mm-1.5 x 85mm Hex Head Bolt

