

Blue Ox BX1726

Blue Ox BX1726 Towing Hitch Mount Instruction Manual

Model: BX1726

1. INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

This manual provides essential instructions for the proper installation, operation, and maintenance of your Blue Ox BX1726 Towing Hitch Mount. The Blue Ox BX1726 is a vehicle-specific baseplate designed to provide secure attachment points for a Blue Ox tow bar, facilitating a solid and durable connection between your dinghy towed vehicle and your towing vehicle. It is engineered to integrate discreetly beneath the vehicle body.



Image 1.1: Blue Ox BX1726 Towing Hitch Mount Baseplate. This image displays the Blue Ox BX1726 Towing Hitch Mount baseplate. It is a black, robust metal structure designed to be installed on a vehicle's chassis, providing secure attachment points for a tow bar. The baseplate features a main horizontal bar with several vertical and angled brackets extending downwards, including two prominent U-shaped brackets with circular holes for pin connections, typically used for securing the tow bar.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Read and understand all instructions before installation and operation. Failure to follow these instructions could result in property damage, serious injury, or death.

- Always ensure all connections are secure and properly fastened before towing.
- Do not exceed the towing capacity of your vehicle, the tow bar, or the baseplate.
- Regularly inspect the baseplate and all towing components for wear, damage, or corrosion.
- Consult your vehicle's owner's manual for specific towing guidelines and restrictions.

- Professional installation is recommended for optimal safety and performance.

3. WHAT'S IN THE BOX

Verify that all components are present before beginning installation.

- Mounting Plate (Blue Ox BX1726 Baseplate)
- Bolt Bag (Contains all necessary fasteners for installation)

4. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

The Blue Ox BX1726 baseplate is designed for specific vehicle models. Refer to the detailed vehicle-specific installation instructions provided with your product for precise steps. The following are general guidelines.

1. **Prepare the Vehicle:** Park the vehicle on a level surface and engage the parking brake. Disconnect the battery. Depending on the vehicle, it may be necessary to remove the front fascia, grille, or other components to access the chassis frame.
2. **Position the Baseplate:** Carefully position the BX1726 baseplate against the vehicle's frame according to the vehicle-specific instructions. Ensure proper alignment with existing mounting points or designated drilling locations.
3. **Secure the Baseplate:** Use the bolts and hardware from the bolt bag to secure the baseplate to the vehicle frame. Tighten all fasteners to the torque specifications outlined in the vehicle-specific instructions. It is crucial to use a torque wrench to ensure correct tightness.
4. **Reassemble Vehicle Components:** Reinstall any vehicle components that were removed, such as the fascia or grille, ensuring they do not interfere with the baseplate or tow bar connection points.
5. **Final Inspection:** Perform a thorough inspection of the installed baseplate to ensure all bolts are tightened, and the baseplate is securely mounted without any obstructions or loose parts.

Note: This baseplate is designed to be hidden beneath the vehicle body, maintaining the aesthetic of your vehicle when not in use.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Once the BX1726 baseplate is securely installed, it provides the connection points for your Blue Ox tow bar.

1. **Connect the Tow Bar:** Align the arms of your Blue Ox tow bar with the attachment points on the BX1726 baseplate. Insert the appropriate pins to secure the tow bar to the baseplate. Ensure the pins are fully engaged and secured with safety clips or cotter pins.
2. **Safety Cables:** Always attach safety cables between the towing vehicle and the towed vehicle, crossing them under the tow bar. This provides a backup connection in case of tow bar separation.
3. **Lighting and Braking:** Connect all necessary electrical wiring for lighting and braking systems between the towing and towed vehicles. Test all lights (turn signals, brake lights, running lights) and the braking system before driving.
4. **Pre-Trip Inspection:** Before each trip, perform a comprehensive inspection of all towing components, including the baseplate, tow bar, safety cables, and electrical connections.

6. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and safe operation of your Blue Ox BX1726 Towing Hitch Mount.

- **Visual Inspection:** Periodically inspect the baseplate for any signs of rust, cracks, bends, or other damage. Pay close attention to weld points and attachment areas.
- **Fastener Check:** Regularly check all bolts and nuts for tightness. Vibrations during towing can cause fasteners to loosen over time. Re-torque to specifications if necessary.
- **Cleaning:** Keep the baseplate clean from dirt, road salt, and debris. Clean with mild soap and water, then dry thoroughly.
- **Corrosion Protection:** If any paint chips or scratches are observed, touch them up with rust-inhibiting paint to prevent corrosion.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your Blue Ox BX1726 baseplate, consider the following:

- **Loose Connections:** If the towed vehicle feels unstable or makes unusual noises, immediately pull over and check all tow bar and baseplate connections for tightness.
- **Visible Damage:** If you observe any cracks, bends, or severe corrosion on the baseplate, discontinue use immediately and contact Blue Ox customer support or a qualified technician for inspection and repair/replacement.
- **Difficulty Connecting Tow Bar:** Ensure the baseplate attachment points are clean and free of debris. Verify that the tow bar pins are correctly aligned and not bent.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

| Feature | Detail |
|--------------------------|---|
| Brand | Blue Ox |
| Model Number | BX1726 |
| Item Weight | 42 pounds (19.05 kg) |
| Product Dimensions | 46 x 14 x 12 inches (116.84 x 35.56 x 30.48 cm) |
| Manufacturer Part Number | BX1726 |
| ASIN | B01G98995S |
| Date First Available | May 27, 2016 |
| Country of Origin | United States |

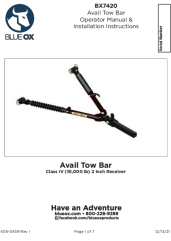
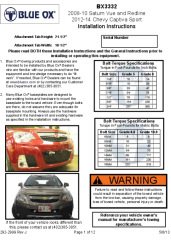


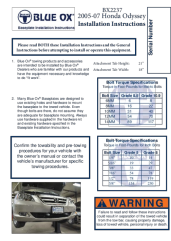
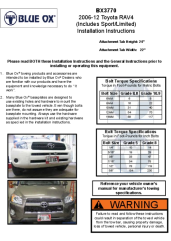
9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For specific warranty information regarding your Blue Ox BX1726 Towing Hitch Mount, please refer to the warranty documentation included with your purchase or visit the official Blue Ox website.

For technical assistance, installation questions, or to report any issues, please contact Blue Ox customer support directly.

- **Manufacturer:** Blue Ox
- **Website:** www.blueox.com (Example link, actual link may vary)
- **Contact Information:** Refer to the Blue Ox website for current contact details.

Related Documents - BX1726

| | |
|--|--|
|  <p>Blue Ox BX7420 Avail Tow Bar Operator Manual & Installation Instructions</p> <p>Avail Tow Bar Class IV 10,000 lb. tow capacity</p> <p>Have an Adventure 800-451-2525 www.blueox.com</p> <p>Page 1 of 7</p> | <p>Blue Ox BX7420 Avail Tow Bar: Operator Manual & Installation Guide</p> <p>Comprehensive operator manual and installation guide for the Blue Ox BX7420 Avail Tow Bar, a Class IV tow bar with a 10,000 lb towing capacity. Includes safety instructions, installation steps, maintenance, replacement parts, and warranty information.</p> |
|  <p>Blue Ox BX3332 2008-10 Saturn Vue and Redline 2012-14 Chevy Captiva Sport Installation Instructions</p> <p>Baseplate Installation Instructions</p> <p>WARNING</p> <p>Page 1 of 1</p> | <p>Blue Ox BX3332 Installation Instructions for Saturn Vue and Chevy Captiva Sport</p> <p>Detailed installation guide for the Blue Ox BX3332 baseplate, designed for 2008-2010 Saturn Vue/Redline and 2012-2014 Chevy Captiva Sport vehicles. Includes tools required, parts list, step-by-step instructions, and safety warnings.</p> |
|  <p>Blue Ox BX4330 Acclaim Tow Bar Operator Manual & Installation Instructions</p> <p>Acclaim Tow Bar Class III 10,000 lb. tow capacity</p> <p>Have an Adventure 800-451-2525 www.blueox.com</p> <p>Page 1 of 7</p> | <p>Blue Ox Acclaim Tow Bar BX4330 Operator Manual & Installation Instructions</p> <p>Comprehensive guide for the Blue Ox Acclaim Tow Bar (BX4330), covering installation, operation, maintenance, and safety guidelines for towing vehicles.</p> |
|  <p>Blue Ox BX7380 Alpha 2 Tow Bar Operator Manual & Installation Instructions</p> <p>Alpha 2 Tow Bar Class III 10,000 lb. tow capacity</p> <p>Have an Adventure 800-451-2525 www.blueox.com</p> <p>Page 1 of 7</p> | <p>Blue Ox BX7380 Alpha 2 Tow Bar Operator Manual & Installation Instructions</p> <p>Comprehensive operator manual and installation instructions for the Blue Ox BX7380 Alpha 2 Tow Bar, including general information, safety guidelines, installation steps, maintenance, replacement parts, and warranty details.</p> |
|  <p>Blue Ox BX2237 2005-07 Honda Odyssey Installation Instructions</p> <p>Baseplate Installation Instructions</p> <p>WARNING</p> <p>Page 1 of 1</p> | <p>Blue Ox BX2237 Baseplate Installation Instructions for 2005-2007 Honda Odyssey</p> <p>Detailed installation guide for the Blue Ox BX2237 baseplate, designed for 2005-2007 Honda Odyssey models. Includes parts list, tools required, torque specifications, and step-by-step instructions.</p> |
|  <p>Blue Ox BX3770 2006-12 Toyota RAV4 (including Sport and Limited) Installation Instructions</p> <p>Baseplate Installation Instructions</p> <p>WARNING</p> <p>Page 1 of 1</p> | <p>Blue Ox BX3770 Baseplate Installation Instructions for 2006-2012 Toyota RAV4</p> <p>Comprehensive installation guide for the Blue Ox BX3770 baseplate, designed for 2006-2012 Toyota RAV4 models (including Sport and Limited trims). Covers tools, parts, step-by-step instructions, torque specifications, and safety information.</p> |