



Installation Instructions BX2151 Ford Escort SE 1998-99

Serial No.

The front bumper fascia and the lower rock guards need to be removed for installation of this baseplate. The inner grill molding may need to be trimmed.

1. Open the hood and remove the hex head bolts that are on each end of the colored fascia. Remove the Phillips head plastic pin.
2. Remove the screws that are just forward of the front tires holding the bumper fascia and fender well molding together (both sides).
3. Pull the molding out to get to a hex head bolt fastening the fenders and the bumper fascia. Forward of these bolts are two more (vertically positioned). On the bottom of the fascia by the fender well molding is a bolt which needs to be removed also. Do this for both sides. Pull the bumper molding off. If the vehicle has fog lights disconnect the electrical wiring before pulling off the bumper fascia.
4. Extending down from the frame are tow hooks. Surrounding each tow hook are plastic guards held to the frame by hex head bolts. Remove each plastic piece and set aside for the baseplate installation.
5. Hold the baseplate up so the side plates are positioned on the outside of the tow hooks. **NOTE:** Do not bolt the baseplate to the bottom slotted hole, use the upper two holes on the tow hooks. Insert the 7/16" bolts with flat and lock washers through the baseplate and the tow hooks, apply Loctite to each bolt and thread a 7/16" nut to each bolt. Torque each nut according to the chart in the General Instruction sheet.
6. Replace the bottom rock guards and the bumper fascia to their original position. Connect electrical if necessary.
7. Do not substitute other devices if the tow bar pin and clip are lost.
8. DEALER OR INSTALLER: BE CERTAIN THE USER RECEIVES THE INSTRUCTION SHEET.



Figure 1

Automatic

Tools Required

10MM Wrench
5/8" Wrench

8MM Wrench
Phillips Screw Driver

Loctite Blue
5/8" Socket

Parts List

Ref. No.	Qty.	Part No.	Description
1	1	61-5455	Weldment, Baseplate BX2151
2	4	203-0004	7/16 Flat Washer
3	4	201-0416	7/16-14 x 1 1/2 Hex Bolt, Grade 5
4	4	203-0011	7/16 Lock Washer
5	4	202-0004	7/16-14 Hex Nut, ZP
6	2	201-0979	#12-14 x 1" Self Drilling Screw, ZP
7	2	202-0047	#10-32 Hex Nut
8	2	203-0054	#10 Lock Washer
9	2	201-0192	#10-32 x 1/2 Slot, Round Head Screw
10	2	101-5822	Adapter, 4 Way Connector

