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OPERATION  
REPLACEMENT PARTS



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**BOLT TORQUE SPECIFICATIONS**

**STANDARD BOLTS:**

Size	Grade	Torque
5/16"	5	20 ft/lbs.
3/8"	5	35 ft/lbs.
7/16"	5	56 ft/lbs.
1/2"	5	85 ft/lbs.

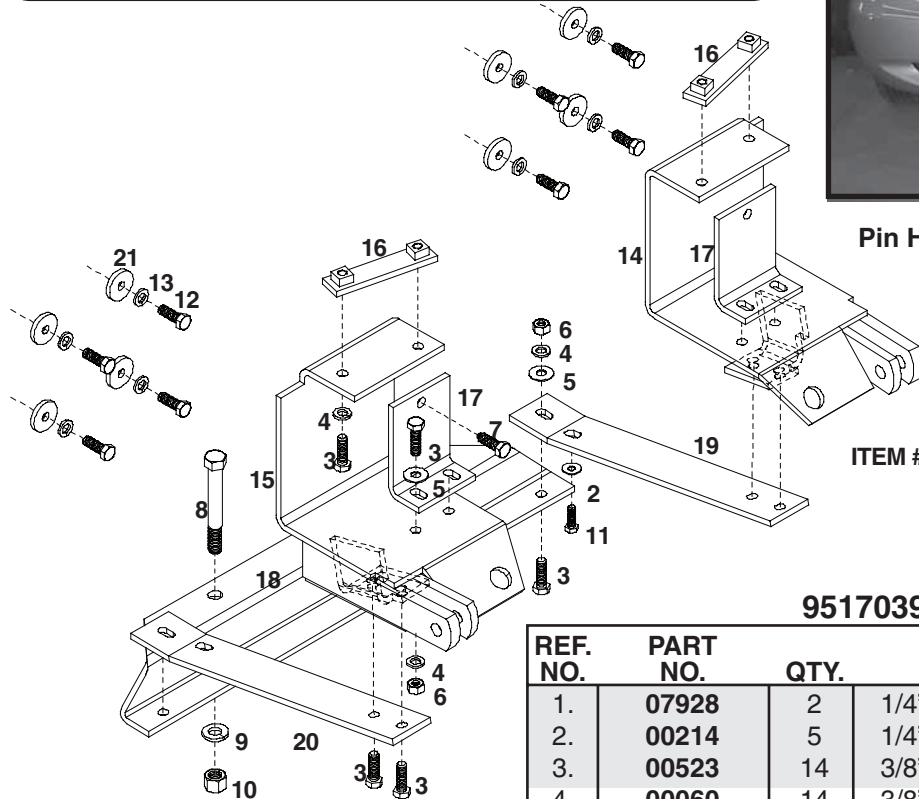
**METRIC BOLTS:**

Size	Torque
8mm	22 ft/lbs.
10mm	42 ft/lbs.
12mm	70 ft/lbs.
14mm	95 ft/lbs.

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



Pin Height - 14" Pin Centers - 23-1/2"



ITEM #1 IS NOT SHOWN

**9517039 PARTS LIST**

REF. NO.	PART NO.	QTY.	DESCRIPTION
1.	07928	2	1/4" x 1-1/2" Pan Hd. Sheet Mtl. Screw
2.	00214	5	1/4" Flatwasher
3.	00523	14	3/8"-16UNC x 1-1/4" Hex Bolt Gr.5
4.	00060	14	3/8" Lockwasher
5.	00059	6	3/8" Flatwasher
6.	00061	10	3/8"-16UNC Hex Nut
7.	07594	2	3/8" x 1" Thread Cutting Bolt
8.	01896	2	1/2"-13UNC x 4" Hex Head Bolt Gr.5
9.	00084	2	1/2" Lockwasher
10.	00083	2	1/2"-13UNC Hex Nut
11.	07927	3	6mm x 1.000 x 30mm Hex Bolt Gr.8.8
12.	07479	8	8mm x 1.250 x 25mm Hex Bolt Gr.8.8
13.	07286	8	8mm Lockwasher
14.	07895-35	1	Left Pull Ear Pod
15.	07896-35	1	Right Pull Ear Pod
16.	07897-35	2	Nut Strip
17.	07898-35	2	Bumper Bracket
18.	07899-35	1	Sub-Frame Mount '97-'98 (Shown)
18.	10322-35	1	Sub-Frame Mount '99
19.	07900-35	1	Left Stabilizer Brace
20.	07901-35	1	Right Stabilizer Brace
21.	07902-95	8	Heavy Frame Washer (1-1/4"OD)
22.	12329	1	Loctite (not shown)

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**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.

**The information on towability of vehicles is reprinted with permission of MotorHome® Magazine, and is believed to be reliable. However, Demco does not warrant the information to be correct. Always consult your towed vehicle owner's manual and follow towing instructions. Each year, MotorHome® Magazine, compiles a list of vehicles that can be towed four-down behind a motorhome with no modifications required. This guide contains only those vehicles that have been approved by their manufacturers for towing. This list is enclosed with this manual.**

**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.

## 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

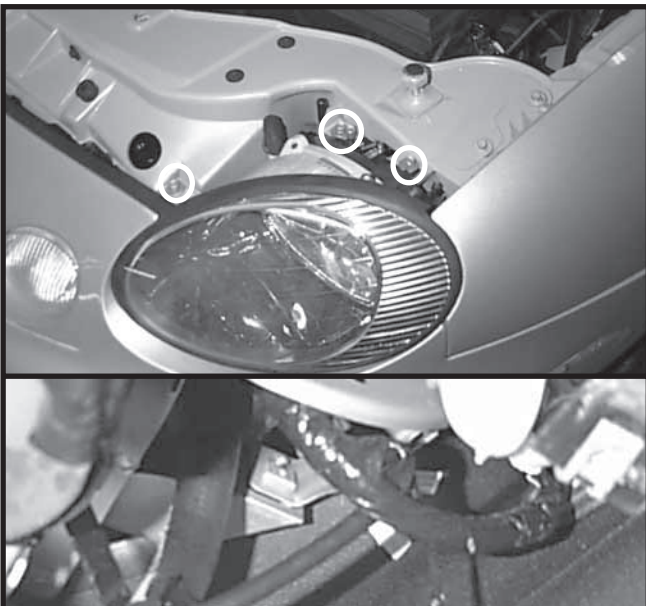
1996-1999 Ford Taurus  
1996-1999 Mercury Sable



1. Remove lower splash panel.



2. Remove inner fender to fascia screw. Do this on each side.



3. Remove lower headlight pod bolt (from each side), located approximately 6 inches above horn bracket. Remove three top headlight bolts and loosen long headlight bolt. Unplug and remove headlite.

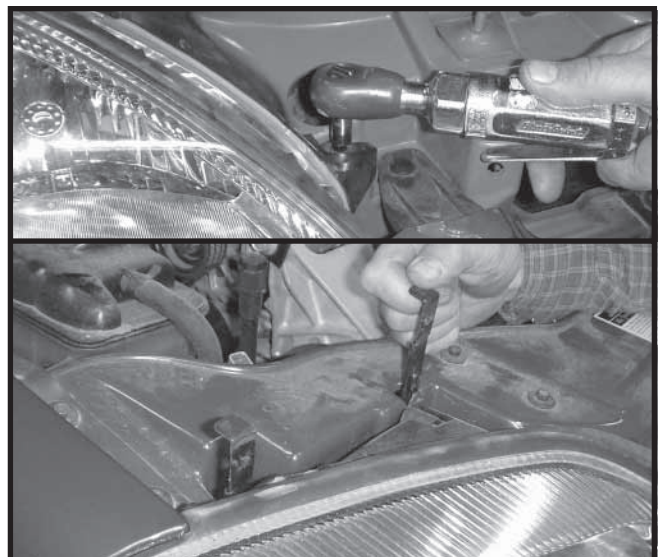
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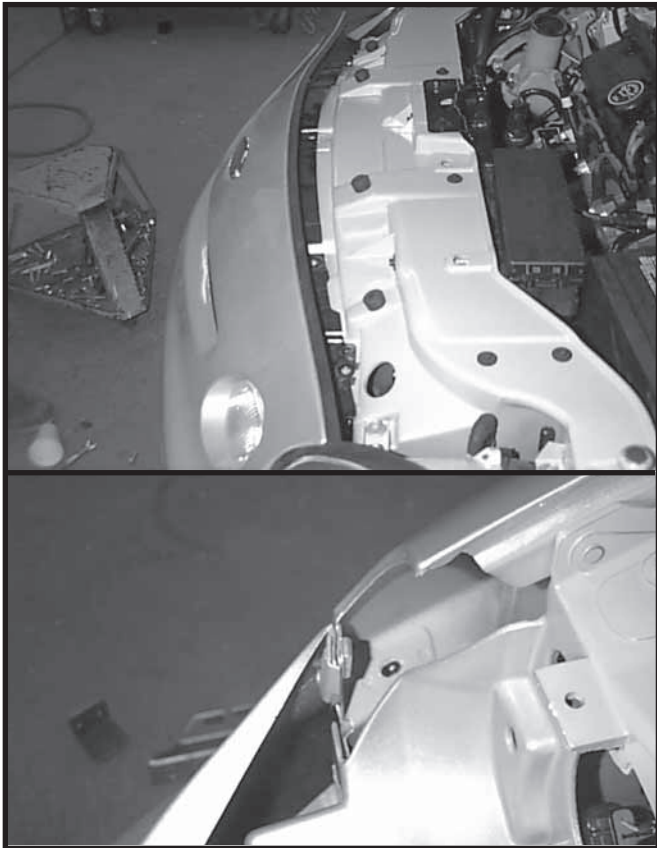
2. Remove inner fender to fascia screw. Pull inner fender back or remove completely to gain access to one bolt, fender to fascia. Do this on each side.



3. Remove headlights, one bolt in front and two L-shaped fasteners in back, pull these straight up. Pull headlight out and unplug wiring.



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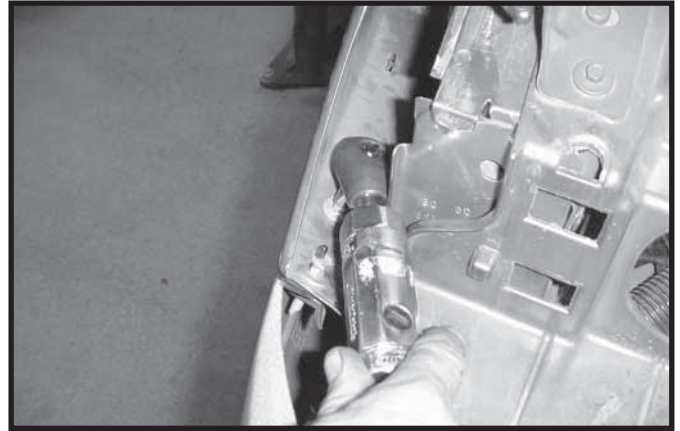


4. Remove front nosecone assembly (five bolts across the front, two by each headlight outer edge, and one on each side by wheelwell).

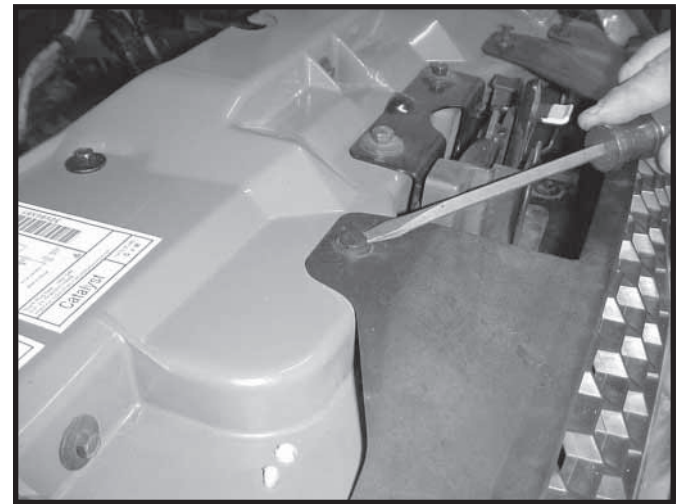


5. Pull front fascia out on each side by wheelwell, and lift up on metal edge across the front. Pull forward and unplug turn signal lites, and side marker lites.

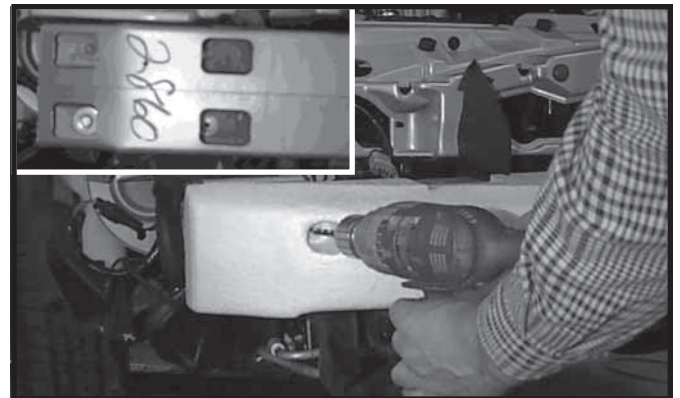
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4. Remove two more bolts, fender to fascia, by headlight openings.

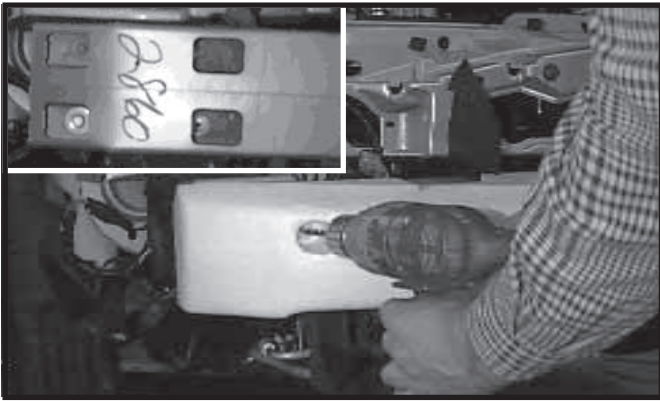


5. Remove grill, four plastic push fasteners, lift up and out. Remove two plastic push fasteners from top of fascia and remove fascia.

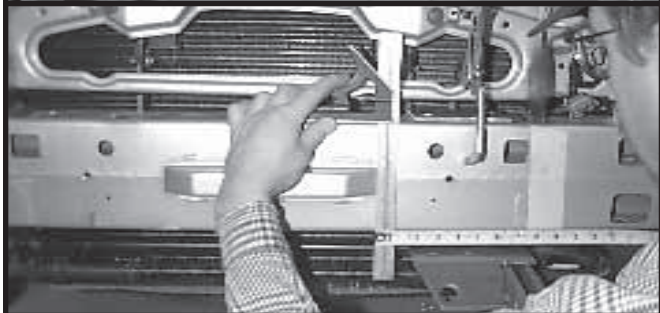
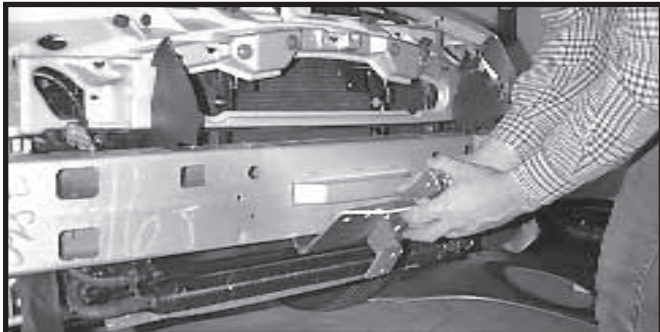


6. Remove front bumper styrofoam by drilling out pop-rivets, and set aside. One at a time replace all eight bumper bolts with eight heavy washers, and 8mm bolts and lockwashers.

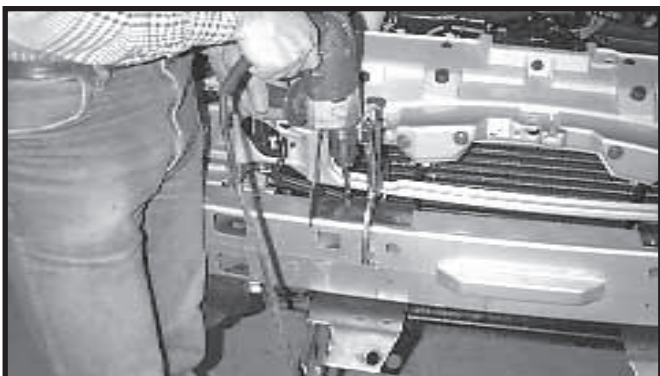
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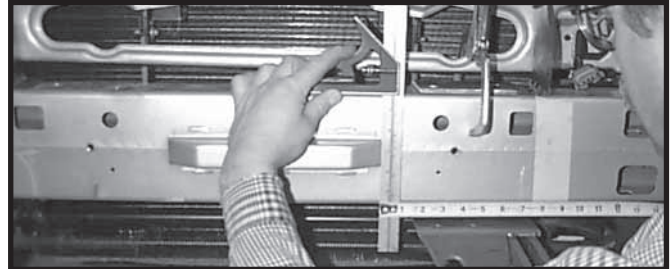
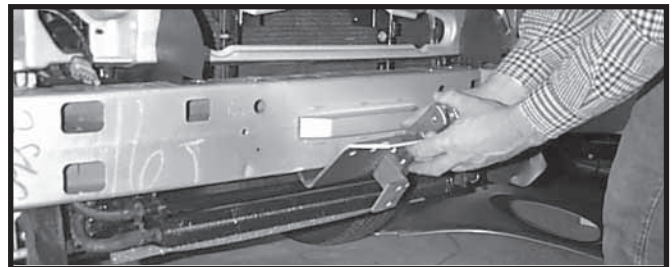


7. Slide each pull ear pod starting from center of bumper out and measure approximately 1-13/16" from edge of center bumper channel to edge of pull ear pod. Pull ears have to measure 24" center to center. Clamp in place with "C" clamp.

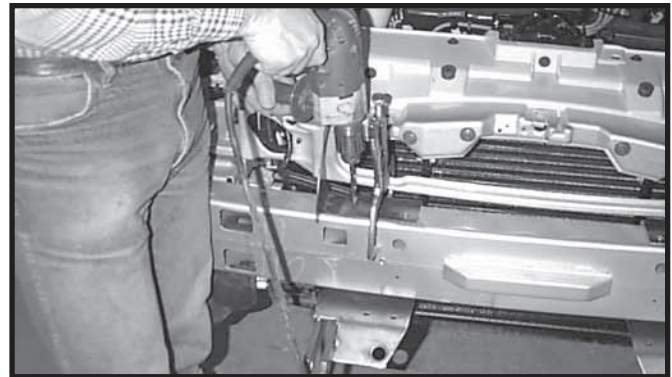


8. Drill two 13/32" holes thru top of bumper on each pull ear pod, using pod as template.

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7. Slide each pull ear pod starting from center of bumper out and measure approximately 1-9/16" from edge of center bumper channel to edge of pull ear pod. Pull ears have to measure 23-1/2" center to center. Clamp in place with "C" clamp.



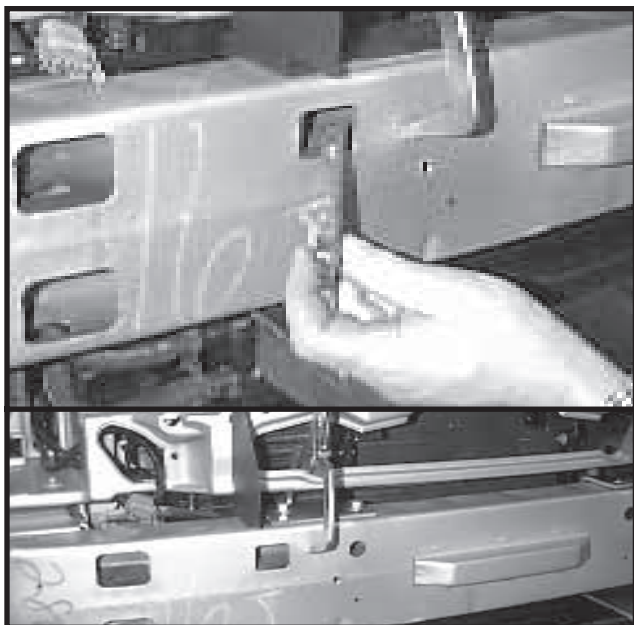
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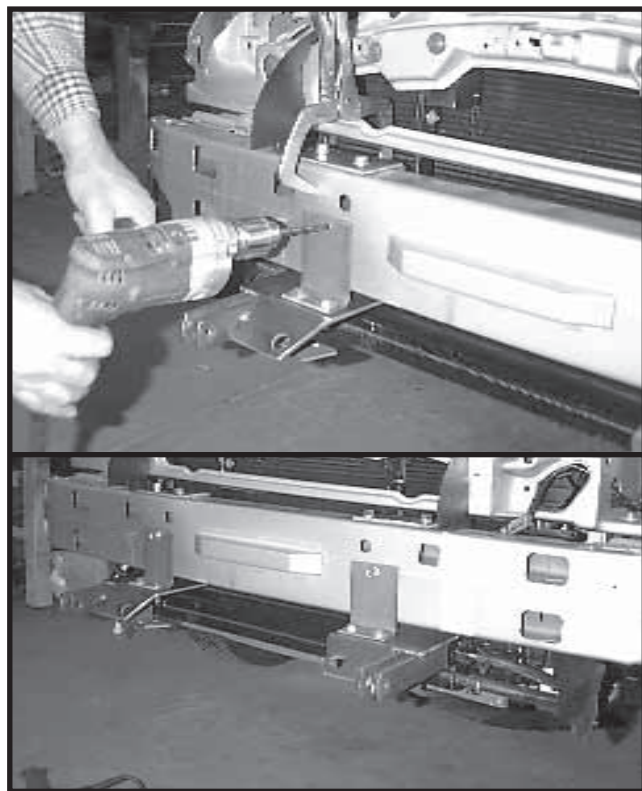
9. Slide nut plate thru bumper hole and fasten with 3/8" x 1-1/4" bolts, and lockwashers.



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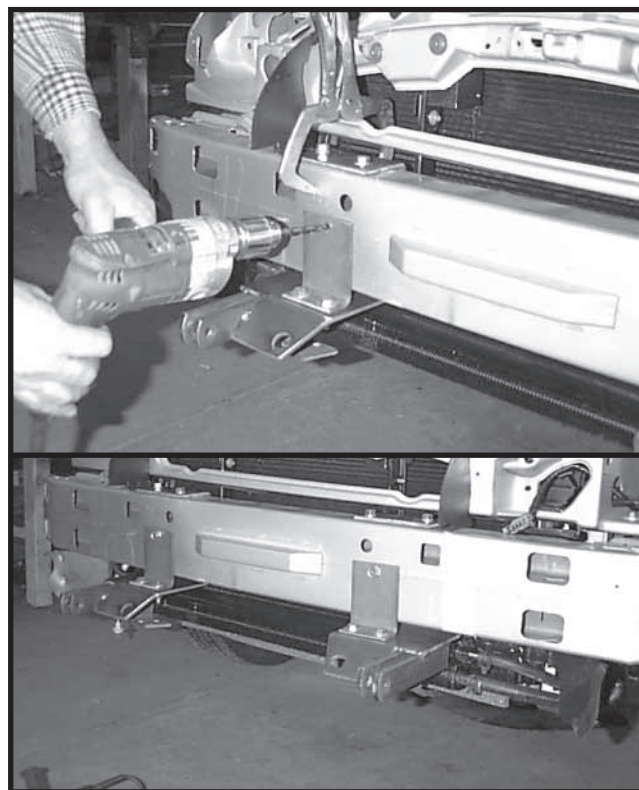


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10. Fasten angle bracket, with 3/8" x 1-1/4" bolts, flatwashers, and lockwashers to pod and loosely tighten. Drill 5/16" hole in center of bumper using angle bracket as template. Attach here with 3/8" self threading bolt. Tighten all previously installed bolts for pods at this time.

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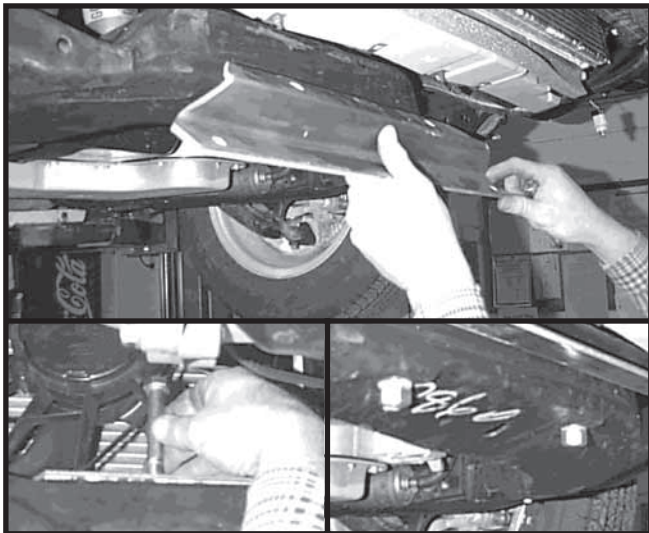


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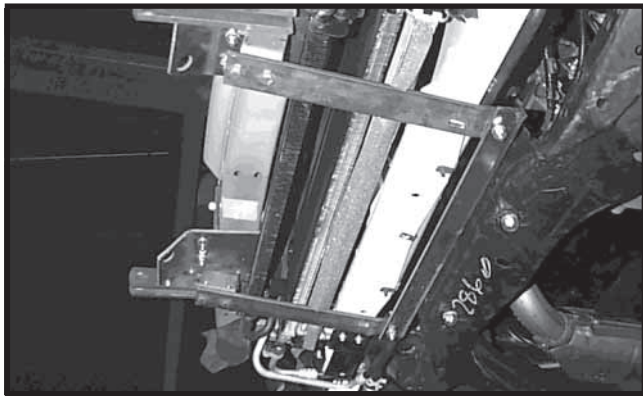


11. Attach narrow subframe mount with 1/2" x 4" bolts, lockwashers, and nuts on bottom side.

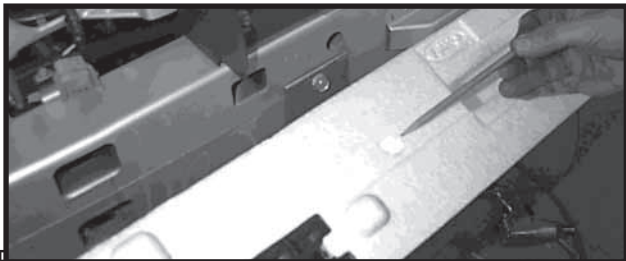
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11. Attach subframe mount ('99 model uses narrow mount) with 1/2" x 4" bolts, lockwashers, and nuts on bottom side.

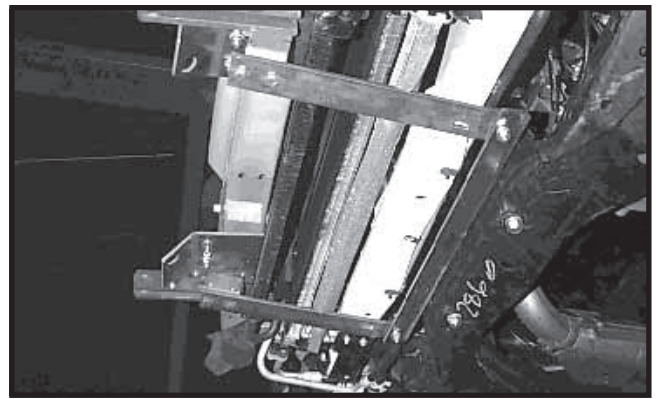


12. Attach 1/4" x 2" brace with two 3/8" x 1-1/4" bolts, lockwashers, and nuts on each side and one 3/8" x 1-1/4" bolt, lockwasher, flatwashers and hex nut on each side in back to subframe mount. Braces are left and right, second slot is for pass thru bolt clearance into fiberglass housing for lower splash panel.

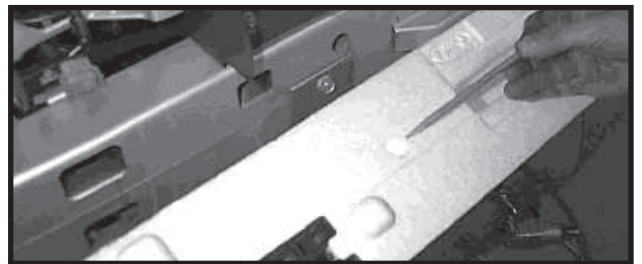


13. Push styrofoam against two bolt heads and cut out styrofoam for bolt head clearance. Attach styrofoam with two 1/4" x 1-1/2" sheetmetal screws and 1/4" flatwashers.
14. Reassemble front fascia and headlights.
15. Reinstall lower splash panel and replace three bolts, in the rear of the panel, with three longer included bolts.

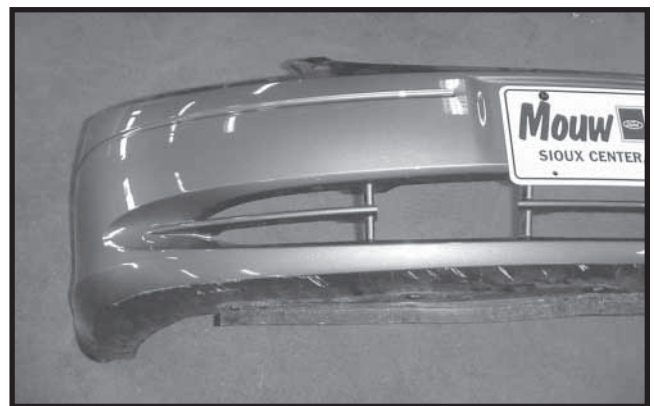
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14. Cut grill bar out according to picture. Reassemble front fascia and headlights.
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# DEMCO PRODUCTS ORIGINAL PURCHASERS LIMITED WARRANTY

## 1. Extent and Duration of this Warranty:

Your Demco product has a Lifetime Limited warranty to be free from defects in materials and workmanship under normal use and service from date of purchase by the original (first) retail owner, or until it is resold or transferred by the original owner. Any part of the Demco product found in the judgment of the manufacturer to be defective in materials or workmanship will be repaired or replaced at the manufacturer's option without charge for parts or labor to the original owner.

## 2. Manufacturer and Warrantor:

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## 3. Repair or Replacement Procedure:

If your Demco product develops a defect during the warranty period, promptly notify Dethmers Manufacturing Co. customer service department. Until such notice is received, Warrantor will not be responsible for any repair or replacement.

Upon receipt of notice from you, Warrantor will have a choice of options in replacing any part it determines to be defective:

- a) Warrantor may require you at your own expense to deliver or ship the part to its factory or authorized dealer. Any defective part will be repaired or replaced and returned to you free of charge. Any part returned to Warrantor and found not to be defective will be returned to you freight collect with an explanation.
- b) Warrantor may elect to ship a new part to its dealer to be exchanged free of charge for the defective part returned by you to the dealer.
- c) Warrantor may elect to ship or deliver a replacement part to your address.

## 4. Limitations on Warranty Coverage:

Coverage under this warranty will be valid only if the customer warranty card is returned by the original purchaser within 30 days of purchase.

Coverage under this warranty will be effective only when a copy of the original invoice, showing the date and location of purchase, accompanies any claim for warranty. This warranty is limited to the original owner and is **NON TRANSFERABLE** to a second party.

Warrantor has no liability whatsoever and this warranty is null and void if any Demco product has been misassembled or subjected to neglect, negligence, misuse, accident or operated in any way contrary to the operating and maintenance instructions as specified in the Demco Owner's Manual for that model.

This warranty does not cover any product that has been altered or modified so as to affect its operation, performance or durability, or that has been modified to change the intended use of the product.

In addition, the warranty does not extend to repairs made necessary by normal use of parts, accessories or other equipment which in the judgment of Warrantor, are either incompatible with the Demco product, or affect its operation, performance or durability.

This warranty does not cover:

- 1) normal wear and tear
- 2) road film or gravel damage to paint
- 3) paint
- 4) rust damage

Warrantor has a policy of continuous product improvement. We reserve the right to change or improve the design of any Demco product, including but not limited to state of the art changes, without assuming any obligation to modify any product previously manufactured.

Warrantor assumes no responsibility to the owner for loss of use of the product, loss of time, inconvenience or other damage consequential or otherwise, including, but not limited to expense for gasoline, expense of transporting the product to the dealer and expense of returning the product, mechanic's travel time, telephone or telegram charges, road service/towing charges, rental of another product during the time warranty repairs are being performed, travel, lodging, loss or damage to personal property or loss of revenue or earnings.

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## 7. Purchaser's Rights:

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## 8. Exclusive Warranty:

This is the only express warranty made by Dethmers Manufacturing Co. on your Demco product and no agent, employee, or other person is allowed to change or add to this warranty.





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