



# Guardian™ XL MANUAL AND INSTRUCTIONS

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## What You'll Need

Sockets and Wrench  
General Hand tools

## IMPORTANT NOTICE!

The Guardian is designed to help reduce the damage to the vehicle while being towed. Although the Guardian will significantly reduce the amount of vehicle damage, the Guardian will not eliminate all damage. *Correspondingly, ROADMASTER expressly disallows any and all claims related to rock chips, dings, scratches or any other damage incurred to the towed vehicle.*

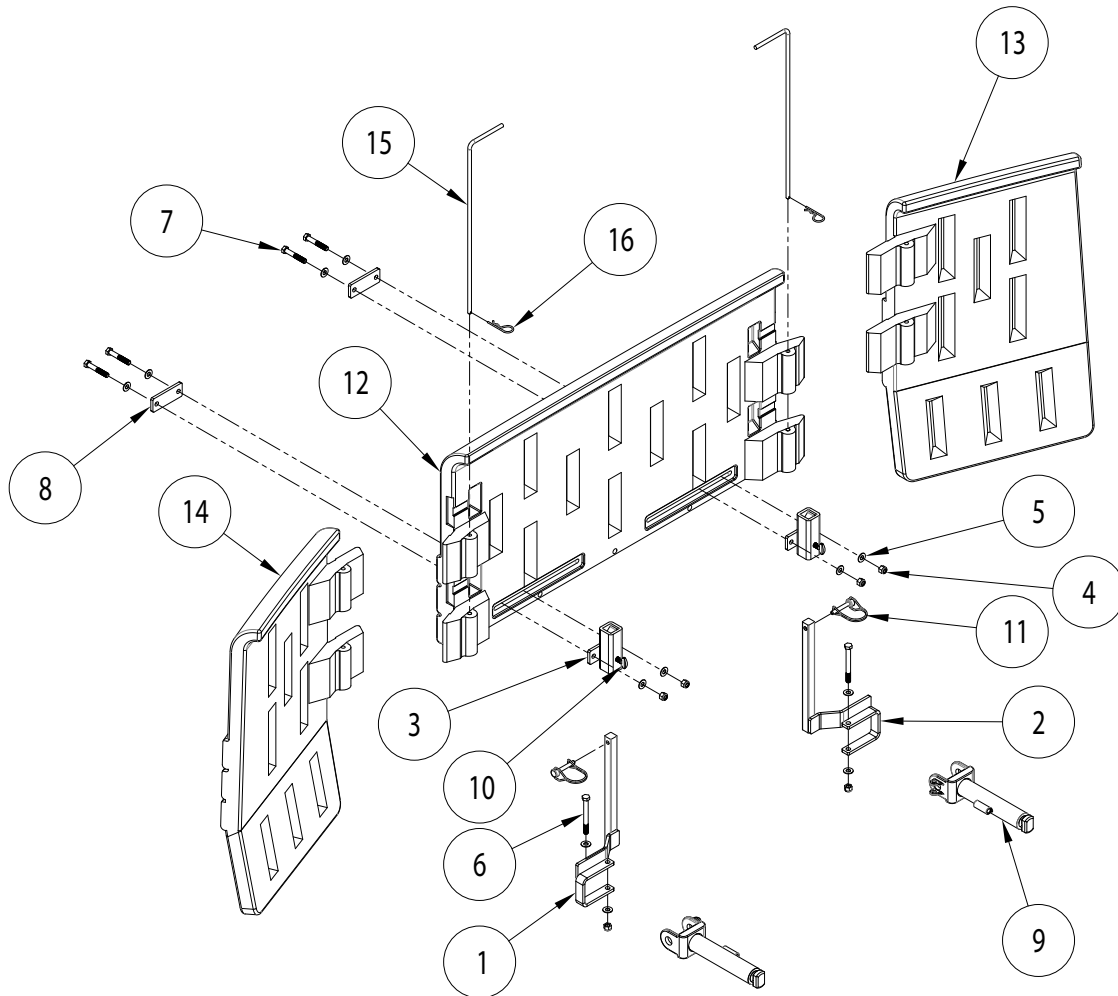


Fig. A

### Thank you for choosing the Guardian XL!

Before you begin installation, we recommend laying out all the kit components in order. This simple step not only helps you visualize how each piece works together but also ensures you have everything you need for a seamless setup. If you discover any missing components, don't hesitate to reach out to us so we can assist you right away!

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ITEM	QTY.	DESCRIPTION	PART
1	1	POST CLAMP - DS	C003828
2	1	POST CLAMP - PS	C003829
3	2	POST RECEIVER	C003830
4	6	3/8" LOCK NUT	350255-00
5	12	3/8" SAE FLAT WASHER	350304-50
6	2	3/8" X 3 1/2" BOLT	350065-00
7	4	3/8-16 x 2 1/4" BOLT	350060-00
8	2	MOUNTING PLATE	A006745
9	2	BASEPLATE ARM - NOT INCLUDED	C002383B
10	2	THUMB SCREW	357246-00
11	2	5/16" SAFETY PIN	356997-00
12	1	GUARDIAN CENTER PANEL	A006049
13	1	GUARDIAN PS PANEL	A006050
14	1	GUARDIAN DS PANEL	A006051
15	2	GUARDIAN ROD	B001721
16	2	1/8" R-CLIP	357030-00



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## IMPORTANT NOTICE!

All illustrations and specifications contained herein are based on the latest information available at the time of publication approval.

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE!

### Safety Definitions

These instructions contain information that is very important to know and understand. This information is provided for **safety** and to **prevent equipment problems**. To help recognize this information, observe the following symbols:



**WARNING** indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in property damage, serious personal injury, or even death.



**CAUTION** indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in property damage, or minor or moderate personal injury.

## CAUTION

**CAUTION** used without the safety alert symbol indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in property damage.

### NOTE

*Refers to important information and is placed in italic type. It is recommended that you take special notice of these items.*

## BOLT TORQUE REQUIREMENTS

Note: The torque values represented below are intended as general guidelines. Torque requirements for specific applications may vary. Roadmaster does not warrant this information to be accurate for all applications and disclaims all liability for any claims or damages which may result from its use.

### STANDARD BOLTS

Thread Size	Grade	Torque
5/16-18	5	13 ft./lb.
3/8-16	5	23 ft./lb.
7/16-14	5	37 ft./lb.
1/2-13	5	57 ft./lb.
5/8-11	5	112 ft./lb.

### METRIC BOLTS

Thread Size	Grade	Torque
6mm-1.0	8.8	6 ft./lb.
8mm-1.0	8.8	18 ft./lb.
8mm-1.25	8.8	16 ft./lb.
10mm-1.25	8.8	36 ft./lb.
10mm-1.5	8.8	31 ft./lb.

### METRIC BOLTS

Thread Size	Grade	Torque
12mm-1.25	8.8	64 ft./lb.
12mm-1.5	8.8	60 ft./lb.
12mm-1.75	8.8	55 ft./lb.
14mm-2.0	8.8	88 ft./lb.

## SAVE THIS MANUAL!

Save this manual for future reference. It contains important sections relative to safety, use, maintenance, parts replacement and other information. Therefore, make sure this manual is always with you when you're towing. You may download or print a copy of the most current manual at [www.roadmasterinc.com](http://www.roadmasterinc.com) (under 'Resources').



## ⚠️ WARNING

Read all instructions before installing the product. Failure to understand how to install the product could result in property damage, personal injury or even death.



## Installation:

1. Confirm that all hardware is included before starting the installation process. The Guardian XL only fits Roadmaster

## CAUTION

Do not install the Guardian if the vehicle owner's manual prohibits the use of a vertical towing shield of this type. In this instance use a horizontal shield such as the Tow Defender.

baseplates that are between 19 1/2" and 33 1/2" centered from the baseplate arms.

2. Remove the baseplate arms from the receivers.

3. Attach a post clamp to each arm using the provided hardware (Fig.B). Use a 3/8 x 3 1/2" bolt and washer through the post, capping it off with a washer and nut. Torque the bolts to proper rating (NOTE: See page 2 for torque ratings). Once the clamp and arm are combined, the baseplate arms will be side-specific.

4. Reinsert the baseplate arms, with attached posts, into the side specific to them. Ensure the arms with post are correctly positioned with the posts pointed upward and with assembly facing towards from the license plate (Fig.B, Inset).

5. Insert two bolts with flat washers through each mounting plate and through the front of one of the center panel's channel (Fig.C).

6. On the back of the center panel, attach the post receiver to the mounting plate. Secure each receiver with a washer, then a nylock nut, leaving the bolts loose for now (Fig.D).

## CAUTION

The Guardian must not be closer than one inch from the bumper or any other part of the vehicle's body, or permanent damage to the towed vehicle's finish, as well as other consequential, non-warranty damage will occur.

7. Repeat steps 5 and 6 for the other side.

8. Align the post receivers and center panel with the posts on the baseplate arms, adjust the position of the post receivers along the channels as needed. When adjusted correctly, the center panel should freely slide up and down.

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Fig.B

NOTE: Post colored red to show separation.



Fig.C

Channel



Fig.D

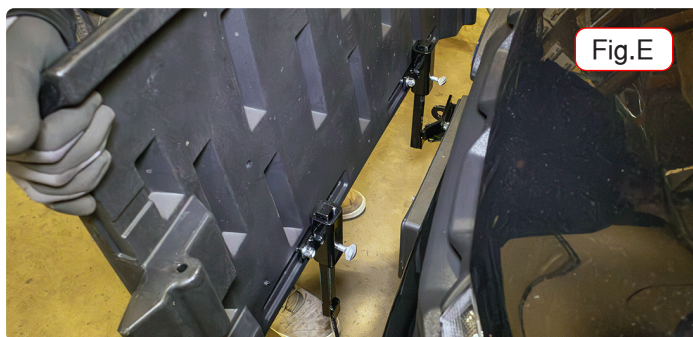


Fig.E



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bolts, securing the mounting plates to center panel hardware (Fig.E, Prior Page).

9. Use the provided safety pins to secure the Guardian to the posts. Failure to do so can result in the Guardian XL coming off during transit (Fig.F).

10. Use the thumb screws to adjust the height of the center panel position for maximum protection of the vehicle. The Guardian XL should not hang too low as it may hit road debris. Tighten the thumbscrews once the proper height is found.



Fig.F

## CAUTION

**If the thumb screws are not tightened, the Guardian may vibrate loose during towing, which can cause property damage, personal injury or even death.**

11. Attach the side panels to the center panel and secure them in place using one of the Guardian rods. Use an R-clip to secure the rod in place (Fig.G).

12. The vehicle may now be towed. Connect your towbar to the baseplate arms as normal. Do NOT drive the vehicle while the Guardian XL is installed, please remove the Guardian and stow away when not in use.



Fig.G

## WARNING

**Be certain that the baseplate arms are locked into the baseplate, according to the instructions, before towing. Incorrect assembly will cause the towing system to fail – the towed vehicle will separate from the motorhome.**

## CAUTION

**Do not drive the towed vehicle with the Guardian in place. The engine will overheat, which can cause severe damage to the engine.**

## CAUTION

**Keep the Guardian away from direct heat sources, such as exhaust systems or furnace vents – the plastic will melt.**

### To store the Guardian...

Remove the side panels, rotate them 180 degrees, and reattach them behind the center panel.

*Note: The optional Stowaway (part number 4000-10) or the Stowaway with rear RV access (part number 4000-40) will store the Guardian on the back of the motorhome.*

### To connect the Guardian...

1. Slide post receivers onto the baseplate post arms, set at the proper height, then tighten the thumb screws. Install the safety pins through posts.
2. Align both of the side panel tabs to the center panel, and install the connecting rods. Secure with R-clips.
3. To disconnect, simply do this in reverse.

### To clean the Guardian...

1. To remove bugs or road dirt, clean with Voom™ RV (part number 9911) and a light scrub. Rinse with water.
2. Roadmaster recommends using a silicone spray (part number 747) to coat the guardian. This will provide a slick surface for easier removal of bugs, tar, and other road debris.
3. Wire brushes, acids, flame or heat will damage the Guardian. Solvents will damage the Guardian logo.