



TAILGATE EASYLIFT™



INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Installs in 20-30 minutes. Follow these easy steps:

NOTE: Check to make sure your truck does not already have some type of tailgate assisting device installed. Some 2004 and newer trucks have factory installed torsion bars. If you have made aftermarket modifications to your truck, check to make sure they won't interfere with installation.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN YOU'LL NEED...

- Tape Measure
- Power Drill and 3/8-inch drill bit
- Pen or Pencil
- Eye protection
- An Assistant
- Truck owner's Manual (optional)
- The Tailgate EasyLift

TO ASSURE PROPER ASSEMBLY CAREFULLY READ AND FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS PRECISELY!

Tailgate EasyLift is designed to fit the following pickup trucks:

Make	Model
Chevy	All full size models 1989 - present
GMC	All full size models 1989 - present
Dodge	All full size models 1994 - present
Ford	All full size models 1984 - present <small>*Except SuperCrew</small>
Nissan Titan	2004 - present
Toyota Tundra	2004 - present

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Note: If your truck is not listed or if you have questions, call before attempting assembly.

STEP 1 LOCATE AND DRILL HOLE "A"

Lower the tailgate.

Chevy, GMC, Dodge 1500 (year 1994-2001), Dodge 2500 (year 1994-2002) Trucks: Measure 2 3/4" above the top of the left tailgate pivot post, where the tailgate mounts (Figure 1).

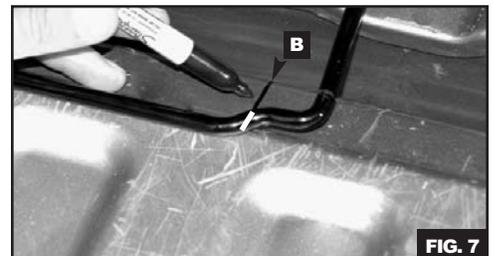
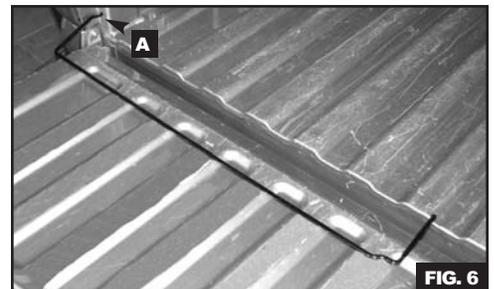
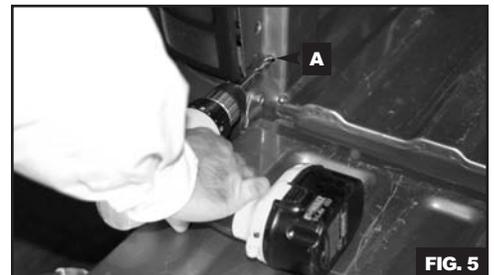
Ford, Dodge 1500 (year 2002-present), Dodge 2500 (year 2003-present), Nissan and Toyota Trucks: Measure 3 3/4" above the top of the left tailgate pivot post, where the tailgate mounts (Figure 1).

Carry this line over to point A (shown by the dotted line, Figure 2). Mark hole A to the far left side of the truck end panel. On some early model Chevy and GMC trucks, the fit will be tight. Locate hole A to the far left side, in the gap between the pivot post and the truck end panel (Figure 3). On some late model Fords, the far left side has several tapered ridges. Stay to the right of the ridges, so end A will lay flat against the truck end pane (Figure 4).

Drill Hole A, using a 3/8" drill bit (Figure 5). To prevent eye injury from flying metal shavings, be sure to wear proper eye protection.

STEP 2 LOCATE AND MARK LOCATION FOR HOLE "B"

Lay your Tailgate EasyLift on top of your tailgate. End A should be placed in hole A (Figure 6). Mark the line for hole B directly above the white line on End B of the Tailgate EasyLift (Figure 7).



STEP 3 REMOVE TAILGATE AND DRILL HOLE "B"

Remove your tailgate.

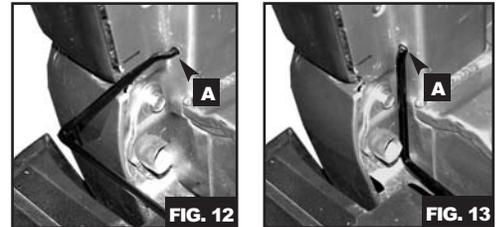
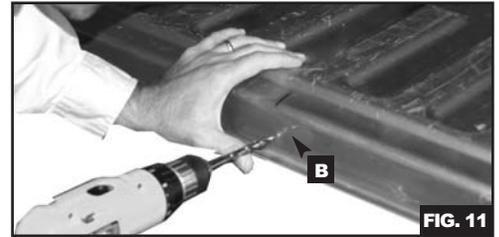
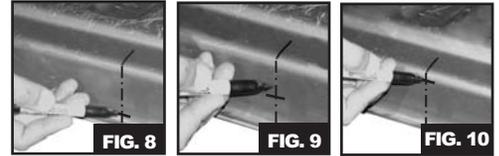
WARNING: Your tailgate is heavy. Do not attempt without the assistance of a friend. For safety purposes, consult your owner's manual for tailgate removal instructions.

Nissan, Toyota, all Stepside Trucks: Mark hole B close to the bottom side of the underside of the tailgate (Figure 8).

Chevy & GMC Trucks: Years 1989-1999, mark hole B close to the bottom side of the underside of the tailgate (Figure 8). Years 2000-present, mark hole B in the center of the underside of the tailgate (Figure 9).

Ford & Dodge Trucks: Mark hole B close to the top side of the underside of the tailgate (Figure 10).

Drill hole B in the tailgate, using a 3/8" drill bit (Figure 11). To prevent eye injury from flying metal shavings, be sure to wear proper eye protection.



STEP 4 INSTALLING TAILGATE EASYLIFT™ TO TRUCK BED

Insert end A of the Tailgate EasyLift into hole A (Figure 12). Only insert end A as far as the painted yellow line.

End A has been engineered so that it should be inserted into hole A at an angle, then rotated behind the pivot post so that it lies flat against the back end of the pickup bed (Figure 13). Press firmly against bar to get behind the pivot post.

STEP 5 INSTALLING TAILGATE EASYLIFT™ TO TAILGATE

WARNING: For safety purposes, the assistance of a friend(s) is needed for this step. Do not attempt this step on your own. If the tailgate is too heavy for one person to easily hold, two assistants may be required.

5a) *Assistant(s):* Hold the truck tailgate as shown in Figure 14 and carefully lower it onto end B of the Tailgate EasyLift.

You: Slip end B of the Tailgate EasyLift up into hole B.

5b) *Assistant(s):* Rotate the tailgate clockwise about its center as shown in Figure 15, and slip it past the first bend in the Tailgate EasyLift until it reaches the painted white line. Do not go past the third bend.

5c) Rotate the tailgate back to its normal position (Figure 16), and reinstall it following the owner's manual instructions.

If you prefer to protect the drilled holes from the weather elements, add touch-up paint or a clear coat finish to the exposed surfaces of the hole.

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