

# Installation of t-tracks: Easy or Not

#### **TOOLS REQUIRED**

- Drill
- 1/16" drill bit
- 5/32" drill bit

### **EASY TO DO RIGHT:**

Read **AND FOLLOW** the instructions provided below

#### **REALLY EASY TO DO WRONG:**

There are five **SUPER EASY** ways to screw up. RESULT: You WRECK your deck

- #3 Phillips screwdriver (Caution: You'll most likely strip out the screws if you use a #2 screwdriver. Yes, we've done that...)
- **STEP 1 ·** Place the track in the slot on the deck as shown below (left). The tracks can be oriented to either the tailgate end or the cabside end of the deck, but make sure each track hole is over a deck dimple (those dimples correspond to the steel tubes, see below, right)

**EASY MISTAKE # 1:** The track can be placed on the tailgate end or the cabside end of the deck. If you orient the tracks incorrectly, all the track holes will not match all the steel tubes (marked by dimples) you are drilling into. Make sure the pre-drilled holes (on the track) are ALL over the dimples. And whatever you do, **DO NOT DRILL ANY HOLES YET!** 



THE STEEL TUBES
WE'RE AIMING FOR
(underside of the deck)

EASY MISTAKE # 2: Drill
through both sides of steel
tubes. ONLY drill through
the top of steel tube







## Installation of t-tracks (continued)

**STEP 2** · Center the track end slots over **BOTH** the end dimples as best you can. You'll need to slightly shift the track to get it as centered as possible



**(E # 3:** DO NOT START DRILLING YET!

**STEP 3** • After you've checked to make sure you're lined up properly, fore & aft:

a) Drill a starter hole in each **END DIMPLE ONLY** using a 1/16" bit

#### **EASY MISTAKE # 4:** DO NOT drill interior holes yet; only the end holes

- b) With the track in place, drill a 5/32" hole on each end, **CENTERED** as best you can over the dimples
- c) Screw ends of each track in place with pan head screws (not countersunk) and washers with #3 Phillips screwdriver







**STEP 4**  $\cdot$  If you've gotten to this point following the directions, it should be a cake walk



- a) Drill interior starter holes using a 1/16" bit
- b) Drill your 5/32" holes
- c) Install remaining countersunk screws

**NOTE:** Even if you've been careful, some track holes won't be perfectly centered over the interior dimples. That's OK, you're still mounting into the steel tubes





**EASY MISTAKE # 5:** Using a #2 Phillips screwdriver

