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HEAVY-DUTY TAILGATE HINGES

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Tools Needed:

• Stock Hinge Removal: 13mm Socket and T-50 Torx bit

 Hinge Installation: 13mm socket (deep well socket or extension) and 5mm Allen wrench

STEP 1

Remove spare tire.

STEP 2

Remove plastic covers from each factory hinge.



STEP 3

Remove hardware from existing top hinge and remove hinge, this will require a T-50 torx bit.



STEP 4 (Optional)

See note below for recommended touch-up scenarios.

STEP5

Replace with new hinge and hardware provided; use small amount of anti-seize on bolts when installing them to allow for easy installation.



STEP 6

Use serrated lock washers with bolts for attaching hinge to tailgate.

STEPF

Repeat process with bottom hinge.

STEP 8

After installation, adjust the hinges to allow the tailgate to latch properly and rest on the factory support below the latch, then tighten all bolts.

NOTE: The hinge includes a grease zerk, we recommend greasing the hinges on initial installation and thereafter greasing the hinges whenever the chassis or other body mounts are greased.

The factory paints Jeeps after they are assembled, and this can result in a thinner application of paint in some areas that are hard for the paint robots to reach. Also, it isn't uncommon for water to seep between the factory hinge and the tailgate or body tub, which can lead to some corrosion. If corrosion or thin paint is present after you remove your factory hinges, we recommend touching up the affected area and any areas of thinner paint coverage with appropriate touch-up paint or using the included 2" black vinyl squares, or black automotive tape, to cover areas that may potentially show through, before installing the heavy-duty hinges.

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