

# For Installation on Driver's Side Only

## Instruction Manual

Tailgate Assist  
Chevy Silverado 2007-Current  
GMC Sierra 2007-Current



Blind Nut Tool



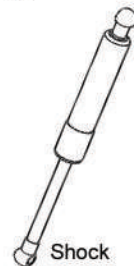
Blind Nut



Bottom Ball  
Mount Plate



Bolt



Shock



Top Ball  
Mount Plate

### Parts Included:

- 1 Thread Lock Tube
- 1 Shock
- 1 Top Ball Mount Plate
- 1 Bottom Ball Mount Plate
- 1 Blind Nut
- 1 Blind Nut/Nutset Tool
- 1 Mylar

### Tools Required:

- 10mm Wrench
- 13mm Wrench
- M4 Allen Wrench
- Tape Measure
- Pliers

**Note:** This tailgate assist is installed on the driver's side only.

Step 1: Adjust the nutsert tool so that there is 3/4" from the washer to the head of the bolt.



Step 2: Using an M5 Allen wrench and a 10mm wrench, install the blind nut in the opening by the tailgate pivot point. The nutsert should be tightened at least 9 360 degree turns. Mark one side of the nut and count the number of revolutions. After the 9 turns, if the blind nut can still be moved or rotated, continue tightening an additional 1 to 2 turns. Re-check the blind nut and repeat if needed.

Remove the nutsert tool when installation is complete.



**Warning:** Overtightening the nutsert can strip the threads, causing the nutsert to be nonfunctional



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Step 3: Apply the thread lock to the bolt threads. Install the bottom ball mount plate by placing the bolt through the hole in the plate into the nutsert. Tighten with an M4 Allen wrench and torque to 8ft-lbs.



Step 4: Remove the tailgate cable and use a 13mm wrench/socket to remove the cable bolt.



Step 7: A Mylar sheet has been included to help prevent components from rubbing against the truck bed and tailgate in the event that any part becomes loose. Using scissors, cut the mylar to the size needed. Apply the mylar to the truck bed and tailgate where the tailgate assist components will be in close proximity during opening and closing.

Step 5: Using the bolt removed in the previous step, attach the top ball mount plate using a 13mm wrench/socket.

Hold the plate in place vertically when tightening as it will rotate if it is not held.



Step 6: Re-attach the tailgate cable.



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Step 8: Install the larger part of the shock on top of the ball mount.



Install the narrow end of the shock on the bottom ball mount plate.



Periodically check the upper and lower mounting locations to ensure that parts have not loosened through repeated use. If either mounting location is found to be loose, re-tighten the hardware as needed.