

OEM Tailgate Cover Removal

Step 1 Access the truck's existing tailgate protector: Drop the tailgate.

Step 2 Remove the Torx screws: Remove the eight (8) T-27 Torx screws.



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Step 3 Review the scope of work: Take a close look at the picture below. These push-in tabs will make you crazy.



A new Mopar cover with the infamous tabs in place.

Step 4 Remove the plastic OEM cover: The top of the cover is held down with 22 (count 'em, 22) of these push-in tab connectors. We could show you pictures of where we removed the tailgate panel for access to the tabs; where we measured the distance and location of the tabs; and where we tried to push/release the tabs.

However, we *cannot* show you pictures of us having any success at *professional* removal.

So, knowing that your existing cover is junk, just start at one end and give the cover a firm pull. Let the push-in tab connectors break off and fall where they may.

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Installation of the new Tailgate Protector

Step 1 Test fit: Test fit the tailgate protector to your truck's tailgate. Notice how the "wrap" of the cover keeps it nicely in place.

If your tailgate has a factory or aftermarket spray-in bedliner, you may have to trim the cover to ensure a flush fit.

Once you have the cover positioned correctly, you will want to mark the cover location with tape or a grease pencil to ensure that the cover is correctly centered for final install.



Step 2 3M tape: Clean the tailgate with soap and water. Next clean, scuff and re-clean the areas of the Splash Wham-o where the 3M double-sided tape will adhere to the plastic. Before installing the 3M double-sided tape, we recommend cleaning the plastic and the tailgate with the included alcohol prep wipes to help remove any oils or residue. The final preparation step is to apply a thin uniform coating of the supplied 3M tape primer (94) to the plastic bonding area and allow it to thoroughly dry before installing the cover on your tailgate. This usually takes about 5 minutes at room temperature.

We recommend installing the 3M double-sided tape along the outside of the tailgate (**Photo A**) and on 3 places on the inside of the tailgate (**Photo B**) shown in the images below.





Step 3 Pop the new tailgate protector in place: Remove the outer cover of the 3M double-sided tape and be careful not to get debris or moisture on the adhesive.

With the tailgate and the cover prepped and ready you will now want to install the cover by snapping it into place. Be sure to align your marks from earlier to make sure you have the cover in the correct location. Once the cover is installed it is difficult to remove. Apply pressure on the locations with the adhesive tape.

Now reattach the tailgate cover and install the eight (8) T27 Torx screws.

Once completed, the bond strength of the 3M double-sided tape will increase as the adhesive flows onto the surface. At room temperature the adhesive will reach 90% bond strength after 24 hours and 100% after 72 hours.

The completed installation looks OEM and will protect your truck's tailgate.

