

PUTCO 1999-2006 CHEVY/GMC (TAILGATE) #90017

LIQUID SOLID REPLACEMENT TAILGATE HANDLE INSTRUCTION SHEET

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PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE INSTALLATION AND TO CHECK TO SEE THAT ALL PARTS ARE INCLUDED.

The installation of the replacement door handles are for persons with advanced auto-body skills and is recommended to have them professionally installed.

Kit Contents

Item #	Quantity Reqd.	Description
1	1	Tailgate handle assembly
2	1	Tailgate surround
3	2	Bolts
4	1	Z bracket
5	2	Washers



Safety Tools	
Eye Protection	
Special Tools	
Masking Tape	
Torque Wrench	
Installation Tools	
Flat Head Screw Driver	
13mm Socket or wrench	
Ratchet	
Phillips Screwdriver	

A. Pre-installation Preparation

- Step 1:** Verify kit contents.
- Step 2:** Remove protective wrapping from handle and place on a non-abrasive surface.
- Step 3:** Remove the tailgate handle from the box.

LIMITED WARRANTY

Putco guarantees it's Stainless Steel and Aluminum products against defects in workmanship and material for as long as you own your vehicle. Black products have a 90-day warranty on the painted surface. Any defects resulting from faulty material or workmanship will be warranted by Putco and repaired or replaced at our discretion. Putco assumes no extra labor costs. Damages caused by freight carriers, improper installation, misuse, collision, or neglect will not be warranted by Putco.

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B. REMOVING FACTORY TAILGATE HANDLE

- ➔ **STEP 1:** Locate the three (3) bolts on the inside of the tailgate. (figure 1-1)
- ➔ **STEP 2:** Remove the three bolts from the tailgate using a 13 mm socket or wrench. This will release the main portion of the handle. (figure 1-2)
- ➔ **STEP 3:** Carefully remove the surround from the outside of the tailgate using a flathead screw driver.
- ➔ **STEP 4:** Now that the surround has been removed you will be able to disconnect the connecting rods from the center pull assembly (fig- 1-3)
- 🛑 **Step 5:** Remove center handle assembly from opening in tailgate.

C: INSTALLATION OF REPLACEMENT HANDLE

- ➔ **STEP 1:** Insert Putco Liquid tailgate handle into opening in center of the tailgate. Loosely thread the top two mounting bolts to secure the handle into position.
- ➔ **STEP 2:** Connect the connecting rods to the plastic tabs on the inside of the tailgate handle. (figure 1-4 arrows)
- ➔ **STEP 3:** Gently pull the Tailgate center handle forward, on the back of the Putco liquid tailgate surround there is a Z shaped bracket, slide this bracket into position with the bottom hole on the center handle mounting plate. (figure 1-5)
- ➔ **STEP 4:** With the surround and handle in place re insert and tighten the three main bolts on the inside of the tailgate using a 13 mm socket or wrench. (see figure 1-1)
- ➔ **STEP 5:** Check to ensure proper function of the tail gate handle by opening and closing the tailgate several times.
- 🛑 **Step 6:** Close tailgate.

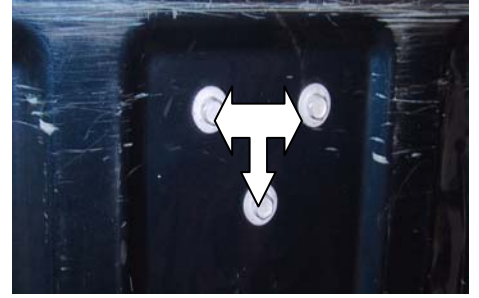


FIG 1-1



FIG 1-2

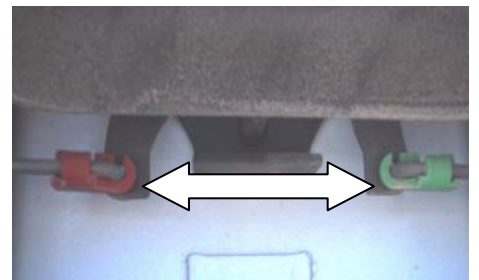


Fig 1-3



FIG 1-4



FIG 1-5