

PUTCO 2004-CURRENT FORD F-150 TAILGATE #90116 LIQUID SOLID BILLET 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 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

Safety Tools	
Eye Protection	
Special Tools	
Masking Tape	
Torque Wrench	
Installation Tools	
TORX DRIVER T30	
8MM SOCKET	
10MM SOCKET	
RATCHET	

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.

A. Pre-installation Preparation

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

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B. REMOVE FACTORY TAILGATE HANDLE

- ➔ **STEP 1:** Locate the ten (8) Torx head screws on the interior panel of the tailgate. (see fig. B-1)
- ➔ **STEP 2:** Remove the ten (8) Torx head screws using a T30 Torx head driver. Remove the access panel and set it to the side. You will now have access to the inside of the tailgate.
- ➔ **STEP 3:** Remove the two (2) 10mm retaining nuts from the studs of the factory tailgate handle using a 10 mm socket and ratchet. (see fig. B-2)
- ➔ **STEP 4:** Loosen green clips from handle connecting rods and remove connecting rods from handle assembly. (see fig. B-3)
- 🛑 **STEP 5:** Gently pry the factory tailgate handle loose from the tailgate opening. You are now ready to remove the lock tumbler from your factory tailgate handle.

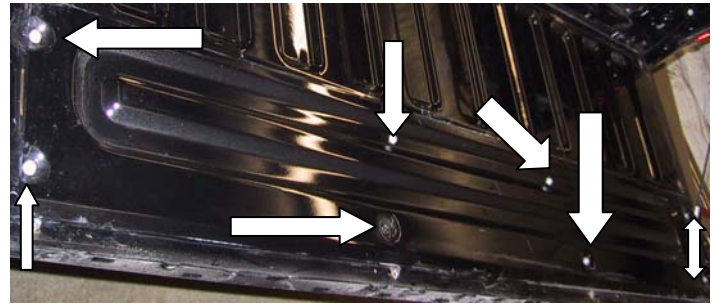


Fig. B-1

C. REMOVING LOCK FROM FACTORY HANDLE

- ➔ **Step 1:** Remove "C" from the connector arm of the lock tumbler. (see fig. C-1).
- ➔ **Step 2:** Remove Retaining pin from the base of the lock tumbler. (see fig. C-1).
- ➔ **Step 3:** Slide lock tumbler from the tailgate handle housing.
- ➔ **Step 4:** Insert and install the lock tumbler into the replacement handle, reversing steps C-3 through C-1.

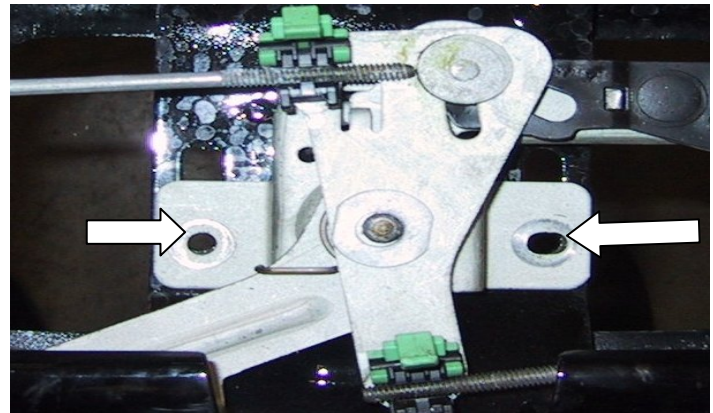


Fig. B-2

- 🛑 **Step 5:** You are now ready to install your Putco Liquid Solid Replacement Tailgate Handle.

D. INSTALLING REPLACEMENT HANDLE

- ➔ **Step 1:** Place tailgate handle through tailgate opening, making sure the studs on the back of the handle pass through the brackets slots on the inside of the tailgate.
- ➔ **Step 2:** Connect the connecting rods to the two (2) clips provided on the back of your replacement handle. (see fig B-3 for reference)
- ➔ **Step 3:** Secure the handle with the two (2) 8mm retaining nuts provided with the replacement handle:

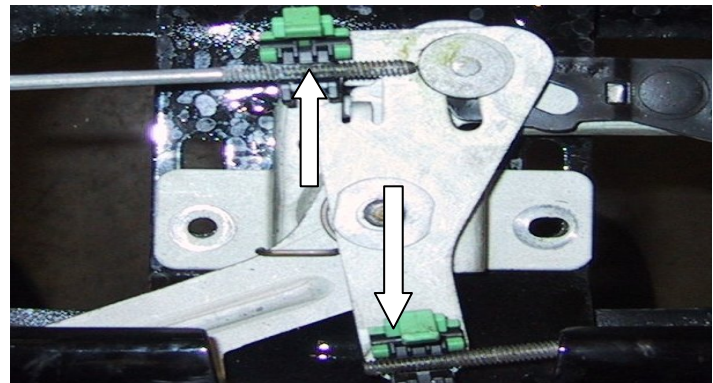


Fig. B-3

⚠️ **Caution: DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN BOLTS.**

- ➔ **Step 4:** Test tailgate handle for proper function. Making sure that you can open and secure the tailgate properly.
- ➔ **Step 5:** Replace access panel you removed in step B-2. Replace all 8 (8) Torx head screws using the T30 Torx driver.

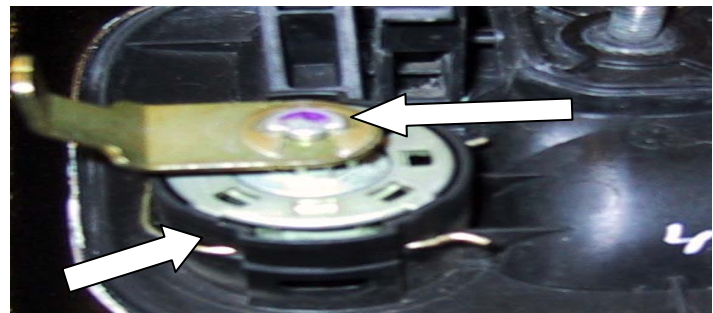


Fig. C-1

- 🛑 **Step 6:** Close Tailgate.