

# PUTCO 2005 DODGE RAM TAILGATE #90234 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
2	2	8mm Retaining nuts







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

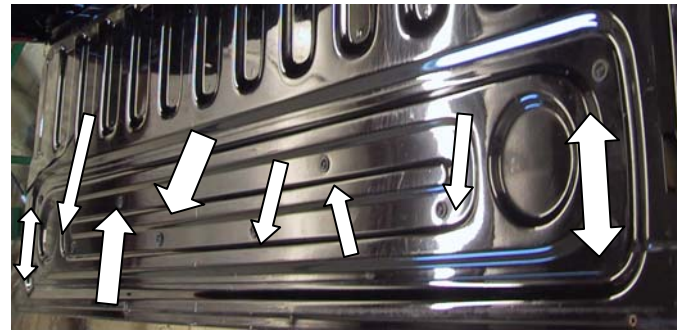
### A. Pre-installation Preparation

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

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## **B. Remove Factory Tailgate Handle**

-  **Step 1:** Locate the ten (10) Torx head screws on the interior panel of the tailgate. (Fig. B-1)
-  **Step 2:** Remove the ten (10) 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. (Fig. B-2)
-  **Step 3:** Remove the two (2) 10mm retaining nuts from the studs of the factory tailgate handle using a 10mm socket and ratchet (Fig. B-3)
-  **Step 4:** Gently pry the factory tailgate handle loose from the tailgate opening. You are now ready to install your Putco Liquid Solid Tailgate Handle.








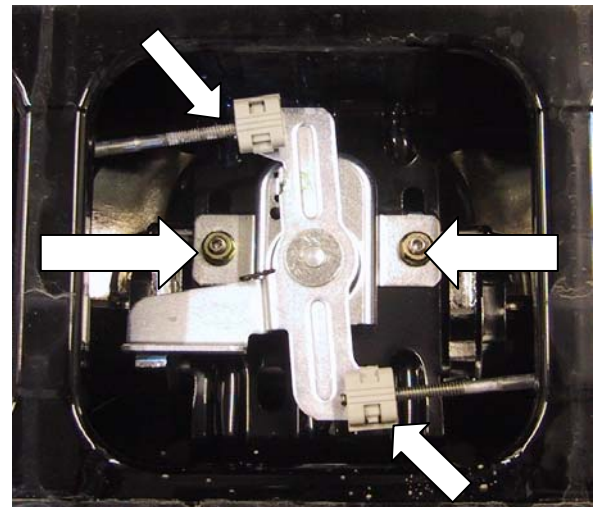
**FIG. B-1**



**FIG. B-2**

## **C. Installing Replacement Tailgate Handle**

-  **Step 1:** Place tailgate handle through the tailgate opening, making sure the studs on the back of the tailgate handle pass through the bracket slots on the inside of the tailgate. (Fig B-3)
-  **Step 2:** Secure the handle with two (2) 8mm retaining nuts provided with the replacement handle.  
**NOTE: When the handle is assembled it should look just like FIGURE B-3.**
- CAUTION: DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN BOLTS!**
-  **Step 3:** Test tailgate handle for proper function. Making sure that you can open and secure the tailgate properly.
-  **Step 4:** Replace the access panel you removed in step B-2. Replace all ten (10) Torx head screws, using a T30 Torx Head Driver.
-  **Step 5:** Close tailgate.



**FIG. B-3**

### **LIMITED WARRANTY**

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