

### Tailgate Handle Installation Instructions

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**Please read all instructions before installation and to check to see that all parts are included.**

KIT CONTENTS:	
Description	Pieces
Manual Handle	2
Electric Handle	1
Pull Handle	1

#### Tools Required:

- Rubbing Alcohol
- Clean Towel

### Handle Installation

1. Clean and dry the vehicle thoroughly.
2. The vehicle surface temperature must be a minimum of 15°C (60°F).
3. Apply rubbing alcohol to the clean towel and wipe down the entire boxed area shown in Figure 1 on the tailgate. **(Handle may differ from below depending on vehicle model)**



4. If your vehicle has an Electric handle, your kit will have a 1-piece tailgate handle cover. If your vehicle has a Manual lift handle (Figure 4), your kit will come with a tailgate handle cover and a separate lift handle cover. As shown in Figure 2, remove the 3M tape from back of the tailgate handle cover. (Handle cover may differ from below depending on vehicle.)



**Figure 2**

5. Align the tailgate handle cover over the existing plastic handle surround. **IMPORTANT: Do not to allow the adhesive surface of the panels to touch the vehicle prior to being in the correct location.** Ensure the camera hole in the handle cover is sitting flat around the camera. If there is a gap, the handle cover is not sitting properly and will not properly adhere. When aligned, press and hold in position for 30 seconds to ensure proper adhesion. See Figure 3 for proper alignment. (Electric handle shown)



6. If your vehicle has a Manual lift handle, install the outer bezel first (see Steps 4 & 5). Check the clearance of the lift handle cover (Figure 4) before removing the 3M tape. Once verified, remove the 3M tape. Align the lift handle cover over the existing plastic lift handle. **IMPORTANT: Do not to allow the adhesive surface of the panels to touch the vehicle prior to being in the correct location.** When aligned, press and hold in position for 30 seconds to ensure proper adhesion.
7. Determine if you have a backup camera. If the camera is present, discard the camera cover. If the camera is not present, install the lift handle cover and the camera cover shown in Figure 4 (F150 only).

