



PART CR4405

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INSTALLATION GUIDE

TAILGATE THEFT PROTECTOR

2016-2023 TOYOTA TACOMA · 3RD GEN · ALL TRIMS



Helps deter tailgate theft by shielding access to the passenger-side hinge and adding two supplied tamper-resistant security bolts.

- Helps deter tailgate removal by shielding access to the hinge.
- Two security bolts instead of one.
- Laser-cut 304 stainless, uncoated by design.

ALSO WORTH KNOWING

A lock secures the latch. This secures the hinge. Many owners run both.

INSTALL TIME

5-10 MIN

TOOLS

10 MM SOCKET + SUPPLIED BIT

DIFFICULTY

EASY

DRILLING

NONE



**WATCH THE
INSTALL VIDEO**

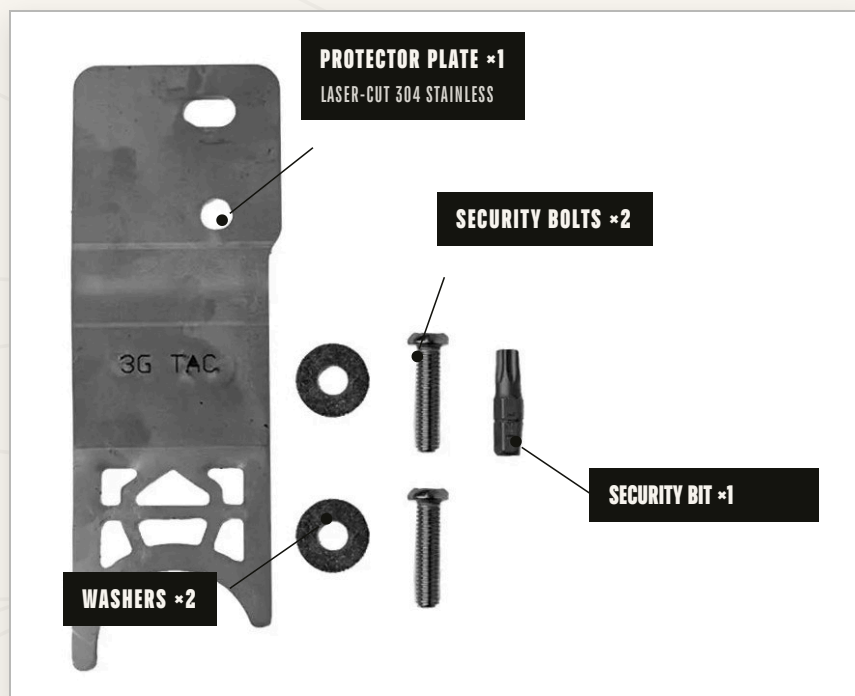
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PARTS, TOOLS, FITMENT

THE KIT



TOOLS YOU SUPPLY



3/8" RATCHET + 10 MM SOCKET

To remove the two factory bolts.



1/4" BIT DRIVER FOR THE SUPPLIED BIT

A bit driver that accepts the included security bit.

ABOUT THE PHOTOS

Photos show a protector with the CR logo cutout. The plate shape and mounting holes identify its orientation. The ratchet, socket and bit driver are customer-supplied tools.

GOOD TO KNOW

- **Fits 2016–2023 Toyota Tacoma (3rd Gen), all trims** — TRD Sport, TRD Off-Road, SR5 and TRD Pro. It is a different part from the 2024+ version.
- **100% bolt-on.** It uses factory hinge points — no drilling and no permanent changes.
- **Uncoated 304 stainless on purpose.** No paint or powder coat to chip or peel.
- **Your tailgate keeps working normally.** It opens, closes and latches the way it did before.

BEFORE YOU TOUCH A BOLT

Park on level ground and drop the tailgate. The whole install happens from the passenger side with the tailgate down. The chrome latch striker and the tailgate support-cable anchor sit right above the work area — leave both alone.

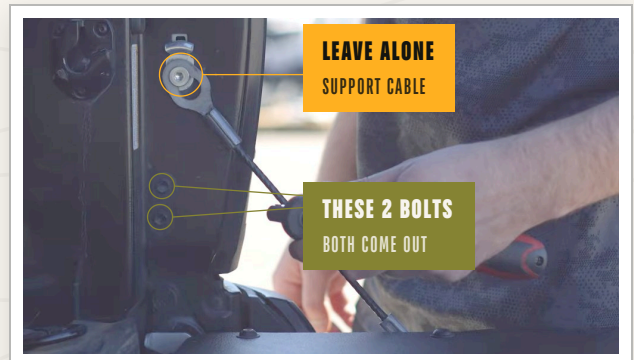
FIVE TO TEN MINUTES

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PASSENGER SIDE

LOCATE THE TWO MOUNTING BOLTS

With the tailgate down, look at the rear-facing jamb at the end of the passenger-side bedside panel. The two mounting bolts sit in a vertical pair in recessed pockets on the flat face. **Leave the chrome latch striker and the support-cable anchor above them alone.**



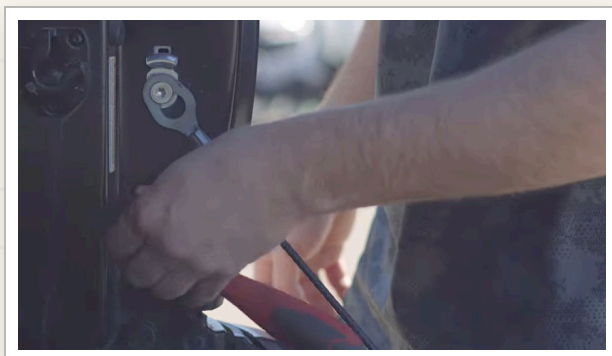
BLACK 2016-2023 TACOMA, PASSENGER SIDE, TAILGATE DOWN

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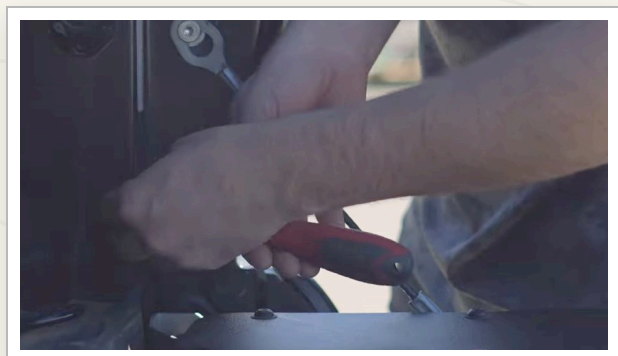
10 MM SOCKET

REMOVE BOTH FACTORY BOLTS

Back both factory bolts out with a 10 mm socket on your 3/8" ratchet. Keep them with your truck. **Video clarification:** remove only the two factory bolts used to mount the protector. The video's reference to three bolts is incorrect.



A – RATCHET ON THE MOUNTING BOLTS



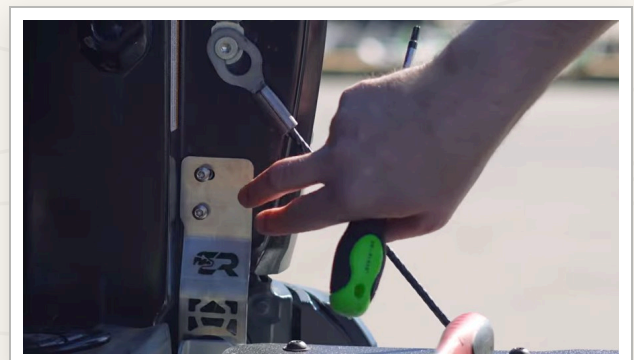
B – SAME ANGLE, RATCHET IN PROFILE

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ORIENT IT BY SHAPE

SET THE PROTECTOR IN PLACE

The plate has two flanges. Hold the flat one – the flange with a slotted hole above a round hole – against the panel so the two holes line up, and let the cutout flange wrap down around the tailgate hinge.



FLAT FLANGE ON THE PANEL, CUTOUT FLANGE OVER THE HINGE

SNUG THEM DOWN

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ONE SUPPLIED WASHER ON EACH

START BOTH BOLTS BY HAND

Install one supplied washer on each supplied security bolt, then start both bolts through the plate by hand. Turn them until the protector pulls in flat against the panel.



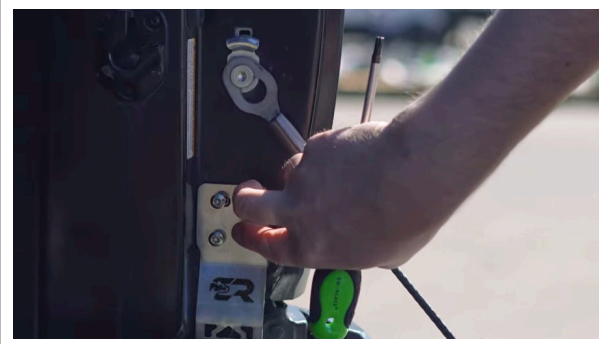
BOTH SECURITY BOLTS THROUGH THE FLAT FLANGE

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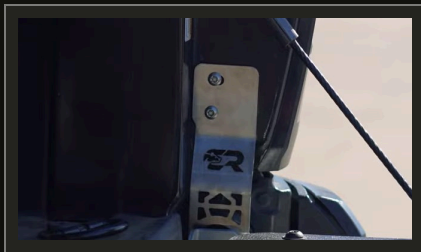
INCLUDED SECURITY BIT

TIGHTEN BOTH BOLTS

Tighten both supplied security bolts with the included security bit until the plate sits flat and does not move. **Do not over-tighten.** If the hardware will not seat the way it should, stop and email support before you force it.



INCLUDED SECURITY BIT ON EACH BOLT



FINISHED INSTALL

THAT'S IT

YOU'RE DONE

CHECK YOUR WORK

- Plate sits flat against the panel, no gap.
- Both bolts seated, and the plate does not move when you pull on it.
- Tailgate opens, closes and latches normally.

Keep the included security bit safe — it takes the plate back off.

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