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INSTALLATION GUIDE

TAILGATE THEFT PROTECTOR

2005-2015 TOYOTA TACOMA · 2ND GEN · ALL TRIMS



INSTALLED
PASSENGER-SIDE TAILGATE HINGE

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

- Holds the tailgate in place to help prevent quick drop-and-lift-off removal.
- Two supplied security bolts that slow and deter removal.
- Laser-cut 304 stainless, uncoated by design.
- Bolt-on at the factory bolt locations — no drilling, no cutting.

ALSO WORTH KNOWING

Older Tacomas generally left the factory without a tailgate lock. This one keeps the tailgate working the way it always did, factory handle included.

INSTALL TIME

5-10 MIN

TOOLS

10 MM SOCKET + RATCHET · INCLUDED BIT

DIFFICULTY

EASY

DRILLING

NONE

NEED A HAND?

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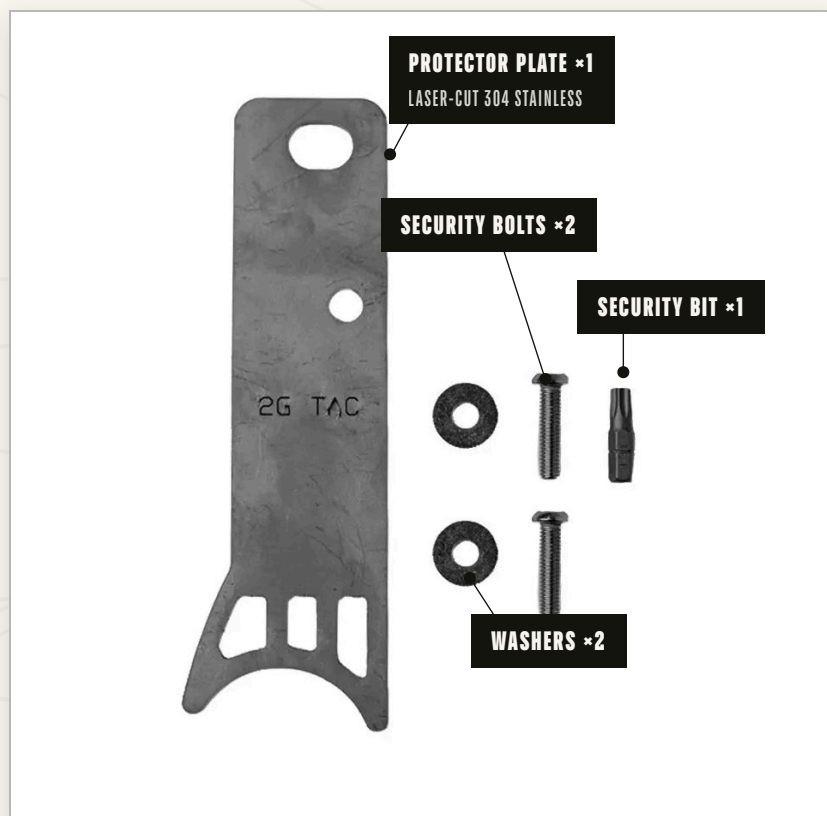
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PARTS, TOOLS, FITMENT

THE KIT



Photos show the current production part.

GOOD TO KNOW

- **Uncoated 304 stainless on purpose.** No paint or powder coat to chip, scratch or peel.
- **No drilling, no cutting.** It bolts on at the factory bolt locations, so nothing is permanent.
- **Your tailgate keeps working normally.** It opens, closes and latches as it did, and the factory handle works as it did.

TOOLS YOU SUPPLY



10 MM SOCKET AND RATCHET

To remove the two factory bolts.



A 1/4" BIT DRIVER OR RATCHET

Anything that holds the included security bit.

FITMENT AT A GLANCE

VEHICLE

2005-2015 Toyota Tacoma
All trims · 2nd Gen

DOES NOT FIT

2016 and newer Tacoma

MOUNTS TO

The passenger-side tailgate hinge, at the factory bolt locations

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. A tailgate support cable runs across the work area — leave it alone.

TWO BOLTS COME OUT

PASSENGER SIDE

1 LOCATE THE TWO FACTORY BOLTS

With the tailgate down, look at the flat rear-facing jamb at the end of the passenger-side bedside, right below the yellow caution label and just inboard of the taillight. **The two factory bolts sit one above the other on that flat face.** Leave the latch striker and the tailgate support-cable anchor above them alone.



SHOWN INSTALLED – THE TWO SECURITY BOLTS SIT IN THE FACTORY BOLT LOCATIONS

2 REMOVE BOTH BOLTS

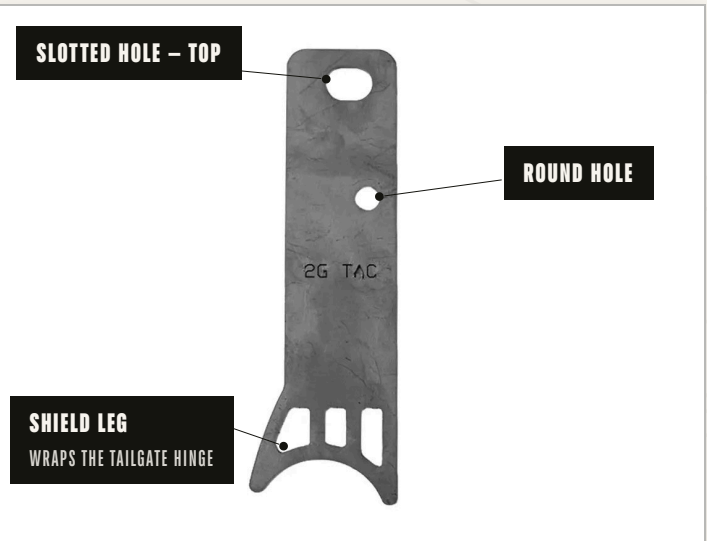
10 MM SOCKET

Back both factory bolts out with a 10 mm socket and ratchet. **Set them aside and keep them with your truck.**

3 SET THE PROTECTOR IN PLACE

ORIENT IT BY SHAPE

Hold the tall flat flange – the one with the slotted hole above a round hole – flat against the jamb so both holes line up with the empty factory holes. Let the slotted shield leg wrap down over the tailgate hinge.



FLANGE FLAT ON THE JAMB, SHIELD LEG OVER THE HINGE

BOLT IT DOWN

SUPPLIED BOLTS · INCLUDED BIT

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INSTALL BOTH SECURITY BOLTS

Place one supplied washer on each supplied security bolt, beneath the bolt head. Start both bolts through the protector by hand into the factory holes, then tighten them 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.



BOTH BOLTS SEATED, WASHER UNDER EACH HEAD, PLATE FLAT ON THE JAMB



FINISHED INSTALL

THAT'S IT

YOU'RE DONE

CHECK YOUR WORK

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

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

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