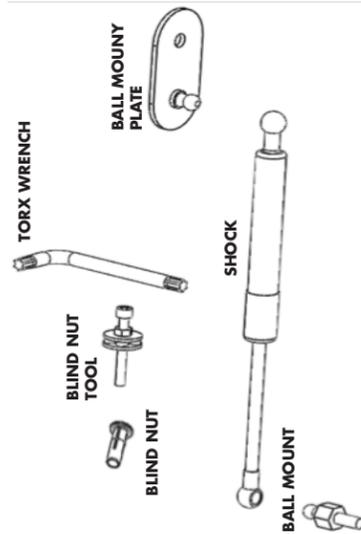


**PARTS INCLUDED**



**PARTS LIST**

SHOCK	1
BALL MOUNT PLATE	1
BLIND NUT TOOL	1
BALL MOUNT	1
BLIND NUT/NUTSERT	1
TORX WRENCH	1
MYLAR	1

**TOOLS REQUIRED:**

- T-50 TORX
- M6 ALLEN WRENCH
- 16MM WRENCH
- 13MM WRENCH
- TAPE MEASURE
- 16MM DEEPWELL SOCKET

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- 8MM WRENCH
- 1MM WRENCH

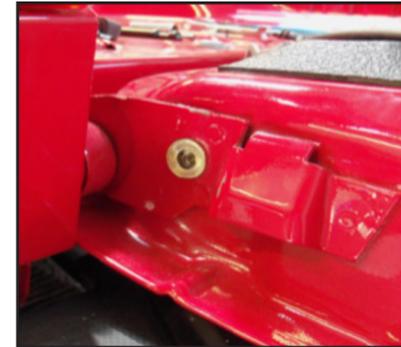
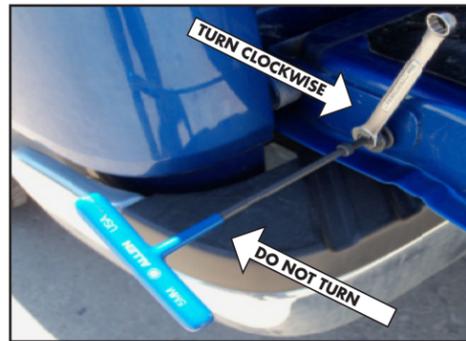
**STEP 1**

**\* NOTE: THIS PRODUCT CAN ONLY BE INSTALLED ON THE DRIVER'S SIDE.**

Using a M6 Allen wrench and a 13mm wrench, install the blind nut in the opening by the tailgate pivot point. The nutsert should be tightened at least nine 360 degree turns. Mark one side of the nut and count the number of revolutions to insure the correct number of turns. After the nine turns, if the blind nut can still be moved or rotates, continue tightening an additional 1 - 2 turns. Re-check blind nut, repeat as needed.

Remove the nutsert tool when installation is complete.

**WARNING: Overtightening the nutsert can strip the threads and cause the nutsert to be unusable.**



**STEP 2**

Remove the nutsert tool when installation is complete. nutsert using a 16mm wrench/socket. Torque to 12 ft-lbs with 16mm deepwell socket.



Using a torque wrench to install the ball mount will also insure that the blind nut has been completely installed.

**STEP 3**

Remove the tailgate cable from the bolt.



Use a T50 torx socket or the wrench provided to remove the cable bolt.



Install the bolt back through the hole in the ball mount into the vehicle.



Tighten the bolt with the T50.

**STEP 4**

Using a 8mm wrench/socket, remove the 2 bolts holding the taillight in place.



There will still be 2 clips holding the tail light in place. pull the tail light towards the rear of the vehicle to remove it.



Inside the taillight opening, use an 11mm socket to remove the 2 nuts holding the rubber block in place.



After removing the rubber block reinstall the taillight.



**WARNING: If the rubber block is not removed, it will interfere with the shock.**

**STEP 5**

A Mylar sheet has been provided to help prevent components from rubbing against the truck bed and tailgate in the event that any part becomes loose. Using scissors, cut the mylar to the size needed. Apply the mylar to the truck bed and tailgate where tailgate assist components will be in close proximity during opening/closing. The red lines show the area where the mylar has been installed.



The vehicle shown is an example of how the mylar can be installed. Your vehicle may differ from the vehicle shown.

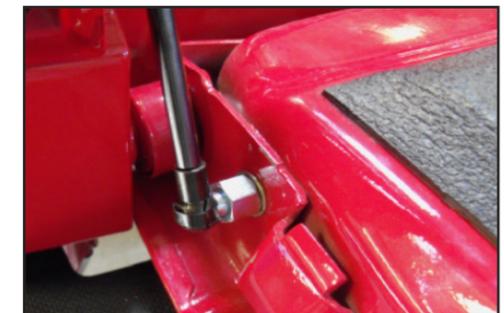


**STEP 6**

Install the cable back onto the cable bolt, and the larger part of the shock on the ball mount plate.



Install the narrow end of the shock on the ball mount.



Periodically check the upper and lower mounting locations to insure that parts have not loosened through repeated use. If either mounting location is found to be loose, re-tighten the hardware as needed.

## FAQ's

### Can the Tailgate Assist be installed on the passenger's side?

No. The unit will not work on the passenger side of the truck bed. Installing the tailgate assist on the passenger side can cause the tailgate to come off the truck.

### Are there installation videos?

Yes. All installation videos can be viewed at: [www.deezee.com/tailgateassist](http://www.deezee.com/tailgateassist)

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