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Tailgate saver installation guide

First measure from the top tip of the tailgate to a reference point on the tailgate hinge tube. I measured 18-1/16" from tip to edge of tube on a sound tailgate if that helps, write this measurement down, This will be what you use to properly position the new tailgate bottom up and down: _____

Measure the overall width from edge of pivot tube to pivot tube, write this down: _____

Cut the bottom off along the outside edge right where the curl starts (see pictures)

Remove the spot welds on the inside and remove the bottom (see pictures)

Use a grinder or flap wheel to clean the metal along the straight flange. I used weld through primer that seemed to work good and will keep out the rust in the future. If there is rust through along the straight edge, just cut it out and replace the metal, grind and move on.

Pre-fit the tailgate saver along the bottom, the ends might need to be ground back a touch to fit along the edges

Prepare the tubes to be inserted into the new tailgate saver. Stand the saver so the drilled holes are pointing up, so it's easy to weld. Clamp the flange shut to add pressure to the tubes. Insert the tubes and use a screwdriver or punch to bring up the tubes towards the rosette weld holes (see picture). Now use the measurement that you recorded to set the overall width. Rosette weld the tubes in place. Grind down the welds and use flap disc to smooth out (see picture)

You are now ready to install the tailgate saver. Using clamps to sandwich along the straight edge that you have prepared, use the measurement to set the bottom exactly as the original.

At this point you can stitch weld, spot weld or drill holes evenly spaced about 2" apart and rosette weld the saver on. Make sure you have it clamped tight close to your welds to make it as tight as you can make it.

Grind down the welds, prime and paint

Enjoy your new tailgate!!

