

## Billet Tailgate Handle Instructions

### If installing new Tailgate Handle, Bucket and Pivot Bolt and Lever Arm

1. The assembly of all the new parts (Tailgate Handle, Bucket, Pivot Bolt, Lever Arm, Washers & Nut) can be completed on the bench.
2. If using the Tailgate Handle Pivot Bolt Washer Set from North East Classic Ford Parts place the thick washer on Pivot Bolt.
3. Then place the Pivot Bolt thru the top section of the Tailgate Bucket.
4. Then place the thin White Washer and the Wave Washer over the Pivot Bolt.
5. Align the slot in the Billet Tailgate Handle to be inline with the slotted section of the Pivot Bolt (see below image for orientation of the bolt). Place Nut onto Pivot Bolt and tighten.
6. Preload the Tailgate Latches on both sides of the Tailgate by placing screwdrivers or deep sockets into the Latches which will depress the springs.
7. Take Tailgate Handle/Bucket Assembly and place it near where it is to be bolted to the tailgate.
  - 7a. Install gasket on backside of Tailgate Handle/Bucket Assembly.
  - 7b. Install passenger side rod into the back section of the Pivot Bolt Lever Arm and place cotter pin into rod.
  - 7c. Install driver side rod into the front section of the Pivot Bolt Lever Arm and place cotter pin into rod.
8. Install Tailgate Handle/Bucket Assembly into Tailgate and install and tighten the 4 screws.
9. Remove the screwdrivers/sockets which were depressing the springs on the Tailgate Latches and test the movement of the Tailgate Handle.
10. Close Tailgate and test function. If the Handle appears to be loose/floppy then the Tailgate Latch Springs are not fully extending. Inspect the Latches and the Tailgate Latch Striker and make any necessary adjustments which can include modification to the Striker.



### If installing just the new Billet Tailgate Handle

1. Preload the Tailgate Latches on both sides of the Tailgate by placing screwdrivers or deep sockets into the Latches which will depress the springs.
2. Remove Nut that is holding the Tailgate Handle on the Pivot Bolt.
3. If using the Tailgate Handle Pivot Bolt Washer Set from North East Classic Ford Parts then place the thin White Washer and the Wave Washer over the Pivot Bolt.
4. Align the slot in the Billet Tailgate Handle to be inline with the slotted section of the Pivot Bolt. Place Nut onto Pivot Bolt and tighten.
5. Remove the screwdrivers/sockets which were depressing the springs on the Tailgate Latches and test the movement of the Tailgate Handle.
6. Close Tailgate and test function.