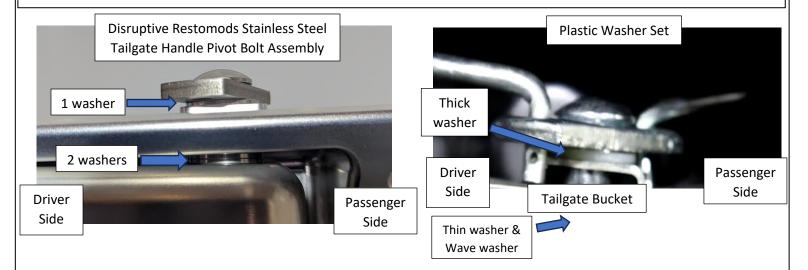


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## **Billet Tailgate Handle and Pivot Bolt Instructions**

## 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 Stainless Steel Tailgate Handle Pivot Bolt Assembly (DR-FA-EX-TBS1) from Disruptive Restomods place Pivot Lever Arm onto Pivot Bolt and place 1 washer under the Disruptive Stainless Pivot Lever Arm. If using a plastic washer set (we don't recommend as the Pivot Bolt does not seat in the Tailgate handle correctly (see below)) then place the thick washer under Pivot Lever Arm.
- 3. Then place the Pivot Bolt (with the Pivot Lever Arm and Washer) thru the top section of the Tailgate Bucket.
- 4. If using the Disruptive Stainless Steel Tailgate Handle Pivot Assembly then place 2 washers onto the Stainless Pivot Bolt. If using the plastic washer set 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 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.



## If installing just the new Billet Tailgate Handle

We recommend replacing the Tailgate Handle Pivot Bolt Assembly with our Stainless Steel Tailgate Handle Pivot Bolt Assembly (DR-FA-EX-TBS1) as the Pivot Bolt currently sold in the market that uses the plastic washers does not allow ours or any other Tailgate Handle (stock or aftermarket) to seat correctly onto the bolt.

- 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. Follow the assembly instructions above.
- 4. Close Tailgate and test function.