

## OEM Tailgate Cover Removal

With this product you don't really need *installation* instructions, you need suggestions on how to remove the existing cover.

Here goes:

**Step 1) Access the truck's existing tailgate protector:** Drop the tailgate.

**Step 2) Remove the push pins:** Using a trim tool or screwdriver, remove the 6 plastic push pins that are on the top edge of the existing tailgate protector.



Remove the push pins.

**Step 3) Review the scope of work:** Take a close look at the picture below. These push-in tabs will make you crazy.



A new Mopar cover with the infamous tabs in place.

**Step 3) Remove the OEM cover:** The top of the cover is held down with 10 (count 'em, 10) of these push-in tab connectors. We could show you pictures of where we removed the tailgate panel for access to the tabs; where we measured the distance and location of the tabs; and where we tried to push/release the tabs.

However, we *cannot* show you pictures of us having any success at *professional* removal.

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So, knowing that your existing cover is junk, just start at one end and give the cover a firm pull. Let the push-in tab connectors break off and fall where they may.



This is the underside of the OEM tailgate cover. Notice only one tab remains unbroken.

### Installation of the new Tailgate Protector

**Step 1) Test fit:** Test fit the tailgate protector to your truck's tailgate. Notice how the "wrap" of the cover keeps it nicely in place.

If your tailgate has a factory or aftermarket spray-in bedliner, you may have to trim the cover to ensure a flush fit.



See how the cover does not fit flush due to the excess spray in the bed liner (at the left corner). The tailgate protector will have to be trimmed to fit (follow the white line).

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# Installation: Splash Wham-o Tailgate Protector

**Step 2) 3M tape (optional):** Use of 3M double-sided tape to attach the Splash Wham-o to the tailgate is optional. If you decide to use it, follow the instructions below for best results.

To prepare the mating surfaces for the 3M tape, first, clean the tailgate with soap and water. Next, clean the areas of the Splash Wham-o where the 3M double-sided tape will adhere to the plastic. Scuff that area of the Splash Wham-o and re-clean. Next, we strongly recommend cleaning the plastic and the tailgate with the included alcohol prep wipes to help remove any remaining oils or residue. The final preparation step is to apply a thin, uniform coating of the supplied 3M tape primer (94) to the plastic bonding area and allow it to thoroughly dry before installing the cover on your tailgate. This usually takes about 5 minutes at room temperature.

We suggest using the tape at the corners and the center by the tailgate handle. You can put the tape on the Splash Wham-o tailgate protector or put the tape on the tailgate.



3M tape (optional) applied to the tailgate.

**Step 3) Pop and pin the tailgate protector in place:** If you didn't use the tape, simply pop the tailgate protector over the tailgate and insert the 6 new push pins that are included in the kit.

If you are using the tape, carefully pull the leading edge of the cover over the lip of the tailgate and push it down. Then install the push pins.



The completed installation looks OEM and will protect your truck's tailgate.