

RIDER TAILGATE LOWERING LINKS INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Caution:** Before installing **Tailgate Lowering Links** or **Bumper Relocation Brackets** make sure that your tailgate support cables are in good shape and are equal in length. If they are not, replace them both. The top surface of the open tailgate should be covered with a non-skid material to prevent slipping.
2. Open tailgate to a partially open position and support on hip or have someone help support it.
3. Remove the detachable cable end of **one** tailgate cable from the stud on the upper bed side (**Figure 1**).
4. Install the female end of a **Tailgate Lowering Link** on the stud that the detachable end of the tailgate cable was removed from (**Figure 2**).
5. Attach the detachable end of the tailgate cable to the stud on the **Tailgate Lowering Link** (**Figures 3a & 3b**).
6. Repeat steps 3 through 5 for the other tailgate cable. **Caution:** Slowly lower tailgate while checking to make sure that the tailgate does not contact the bumper when the tailgate is supported by the tailgate cables and the **Tailgate Lowering Links**. There should be a minimum of 1/8" (**Figure 4**) clearance between the tailgate and the bumper. For applications where there is not adequate clearance, you may be able to lower the height of the bumper by the loosening the bumper bolts, lowering the bumper and re-tightening the bolts. Always use safety straps when loading or unloading using loading ramps.

Figure 1



Figure 2

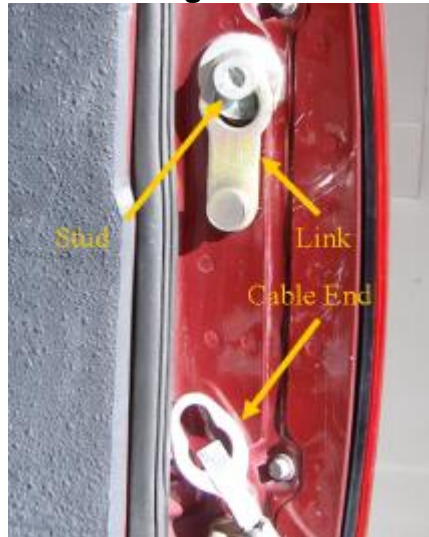


Figure 3a (Ford)

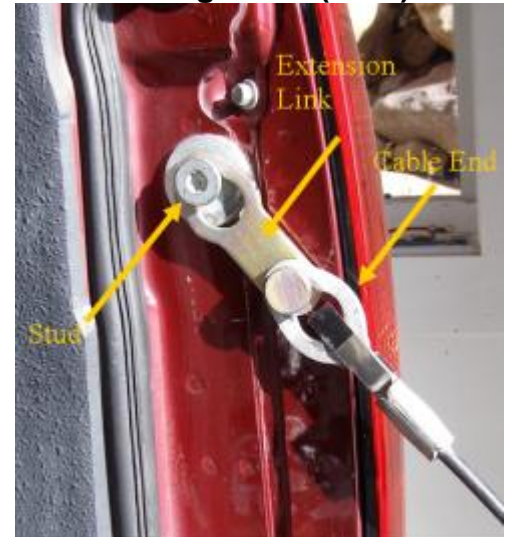


Figure 3b (GM)

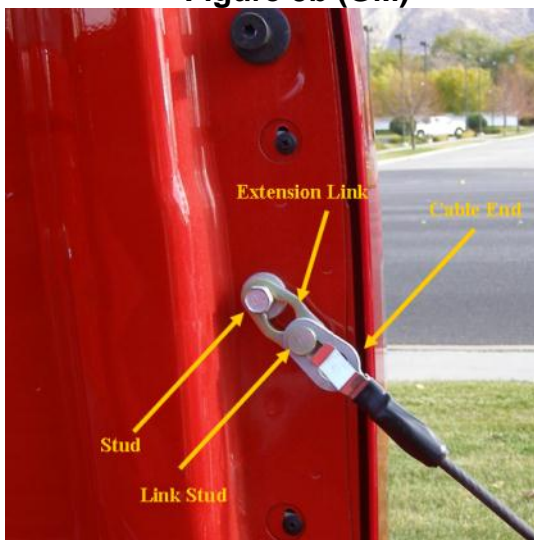


Figure 4

