

# GM & Ford Tailgate Hinge/Trunnion Installation Instructions

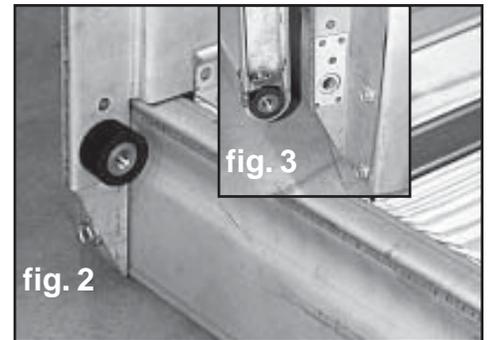
## 41-53 GM Stepside:

Install one hinge to the passenger bed side rear stake pocket with two 5/16" hex head bolts, one lock washer, and one nut. The upper bolt threads into a nut welded inside the stake pocket. Leave loose for now. Fit the tailgate onto this hinge. Place the second hinge into the opposite end of the tailgate. Bolt this hinge to the driver side rear stake pocket. See figure 1.



## 54-87 GM Stepside:

Bolt the tailgate hinge trunnion to lower driver rear stake pocket with bolt supplied with trunnion. See figure 2. Place passenger tailgate hinge trunnion into pivot area on tailgate end. See figure 3. Mount tailgate onto driver trunnion. Align passenger trunnion with hole in passenger stake pocket. Install hinge trunnion bolt. Both trunnion mounting holes in the stake pockets are elongated to permit adjustment of the tailgate for proper alignment.



## 51-72 Ford Flareside:

Remove 1/4"-20 x 2-3/4" bolts securing the rear cross sill to the rear stake pockets. These bolts also hold the tailgate hinges in place. Install one tailgate hinge onto the left rear stake pocket. Use the bolt just removed from the lower hole and 1/4"-20 x 5/8" bolt for the upper hole. See Figure 4. This upper bolt will thread into a nut welded inside the stake pocket. Do not tighten these bolts yet.



Install the right side hinge into the tailgate end. Place the tailgate onto the left hinge while bolting the right hinge to the right rear stake pocket. See figure 5. Use the same hardware on the right side including the 1/4" -20 x 5/8" hex bolt and the 1/4" -20 x 2-3/4" hex bolt, lock washer, and nut on the lower hole. Check that the tailgate does not bind when opening and closing it. Tighten all four bolts.



**PLEASE NOTE:** \*These are **suggestions only**. Please refer to the specific instructions for each year series in the Bed Assembly Instructions for more detailed information.