

ALUMINUM TAILGATE INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHEVROLET/GMC TRUCK APPLICATIONS USING PART #15240 & #15260

- Before beginning tailgate installation, first check the carton you have received to make sure it is not damaged. If there is visible damage, refer to the “DAMAGED” label on the carton for instructions. Next, verify that the carton label reflects the correct part number/application listing for your vehicle and further verify that you have the correct part by referencing the part label located on the bottom of the tail gate.
- To begin installation, detach the support cables from the factory tailgate (leaving them attached to the truck bed). Remove the tailgate from the truck bed by positioning the tailgate approximately half open (about 45 degrees) and gently pulling it away from the vehicle.
- All applications using part #15260 and certain applications using part #15240 do not have the optional “Easy-Lift” feature. If your truck is not equipped with the optional “Easy Lift” tailgate feature, locate the driver’s side hinge bushing housing on your tailgate (see photos 2/2a/2b below). Note that inside of the bushing housing are two bushings. You will need to remove the inner bushing before installing your tailgate. Use a pair of needle nose pliers or small screwdriver to remove bushing. Leave inner white bushing in place (photo 2b). Once this inner bushing is removed, install your Husky Liners tailgate and attach the original Chevrolet/GMC tailgate support cables to the lower most bolt on each side.
- Install your new Husky Liners tailgate in the same manner the factory tailgate was removed. Once installed, attach the original Chevrolet/GMC tailgate support cables to the lower most bolt on each side of your Husky Liners tailgate.
- Locate the Husky Liners provided tubing in your shipping carton. This tubing will be installed over the flange area of the factory striker pins. Before installing the tubing, wet it thoroughly. This will allow it to more easily stretch over the ends of the striker pins (see Figure 1 below).
- Finally, adjust the striker pins up/down/forward/backwards as needed to provide for a smooth and complete latch operation (loosen/tighten with a Torx® wrench) and align the tailgate with the end of the pickup box.
- **CARE AND USE:** Your Husky Liners aluminum tailgate is **Bright Coat Finished** for years of good looks. Maintain it as you would the painted areas of your truck (wash and wax). **DO NOT** use abrasive polishes or chrome cleaners.

FIGURE 1. SLIDE PROVIDED RUBBER BUSHING OVER STRIKER PINS.

