Thank you for purchasing,

The original Silent 'Gate as seen in Classic Truck Magazine & Hot Rod.

1954-1987 Chevy / GMC Truck stepside tailgate hinge trunnion - The Ultimate upgrade for your truck (4 Piece set) Stainless steel/Delrin. "Patent pending"

For installation this replaces your original tailgate hinge Trunnion. The re-manufactured tailgates might measure a little different and might need special attention while fitting. Remove old hinge trunnions, and tailgate. Some Anti-seize have been applied to the trunnions, BUT you must applied more to your bolts even if it's the original mounting hardware or new stainless steel replacements hardware.

<u>Urgent DON'T</u> even try the bolts until you apply Anti-seize to the bolts.

1. Before installing the female delrin bearing on your tailgate, be sure your tailgate is free of dirt and paint debris. Install the female delrin bearing on each side of the tailgate lining up the flat edges front to back as seen in the picture. You may need to tap in place very lightly with a hammer. You could sand the edges to make it fit better, it should slid in but tight but not so tight that the hole squeezes smaller. The stainless-steel pin should move freely. The Delrin piece should line up flush or just below flush to the edges of the tailgate. Please note; if it is not flush, remove it and sand the backside (with no bevel). You can sand it using a grinder or sandpaper.





2. After both delrin pockets are installed on you tailgate. Not to tight just to prevent spinning of the Delrin in the tailgate. Flat edges on each side, installed where it fit best, prevents it from spinning **As the pictures show to the left.



- **3.** Install new stainless-steel pin (pivot point) on one side on the bed. Using the small screwdriver in the grove on the pin trunnion to prevent spinning while tightening properly.
- 4. Slip the other pin into the other side of the tailgate and holding it in place. You will need to grab it with the bolt/threads while installing the tailgate. Have someone hold the tailgate in place it will make it an easier installation. Again, Using the small screwdriver in the grove on the pin/trunnion to prevent spinning while tightening properly. **As the picture shows to the left

Any past damage to the tailgate or bed mounting area could alter the installation ease and would require additional attention and alterations to fit properly.

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