

Thank you for purchasing,

**The original Silent 'Gate as seen in Classic Truck Magazine & Hot Rod.
1981-1987 Chevy / GMC Truck Fleetside NON-Removable Tailgate trunnion - The
Ultimate Trunnion hinge kit (4 Piece Set) Stainless Steel/Delrin
"Patent pending"**

Remove the tailgate, then removing the old trunnion bracket on each side of the tailgate. Before installing the new stainless-steel trunnion. Inspect the tailgate female flanges where the trunnions are to be installed. Ensure that it is clean, or all debris is removed, paint buildup, dirt and heavy rust before installing the delrin bearing. After it is clean and ready for installation, size it up. There might be adjustments you need to make so it will fit properly. Any past damage to the tailgate or mounting area could alter the installation ease and would require additional attention and alterations. Every tailgate has a history and is different in their own way. You have to make it fit the best way you know how.

Please Note: For installing non-removable kit. You might need to remove the hinge assembly on the passenger side.



This way you can install the right-side trunnion on the tailgate and slide it down the inner bed slot down to the bolt holes. Ensure you have someone help you hold the tailgate so you can start the bolts with your hand.



Check to ensure proper installation. By test fitting the female delrin bearing on both sides. If it goes in tight it will be very difficult to remove the tailgate. You could sand the edges of the Delrin bearing (black parts) to make it fit. Install left side trunnion hinge first on the bed and don't tighten all the way. Install the tailgate by slipping it into the tailgate pocket/bucket. Have someone hold the tailgate with you. Install right side (passenger side) on the tailgate with the trunnion, slide it down the inner bed slot down to the bolt holes and hand start the bolts. Loosely tighten the bolts just enough to adjust and close the tailgate. Once it closes you can adjust the tailgate you can tighten the lower bolts. After

the lower bolts are tight you can open the tailgate and tighten the upper bolts. While the tailgate is open reinstall the hinge bracket assembly. You should be good to go! Check You Tube there is a video on how to install them.

For questions, Please let me know at tmdenis@tdtrunniondesign.com.

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Installation <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5QkyHgoJ3FM&t=448s>