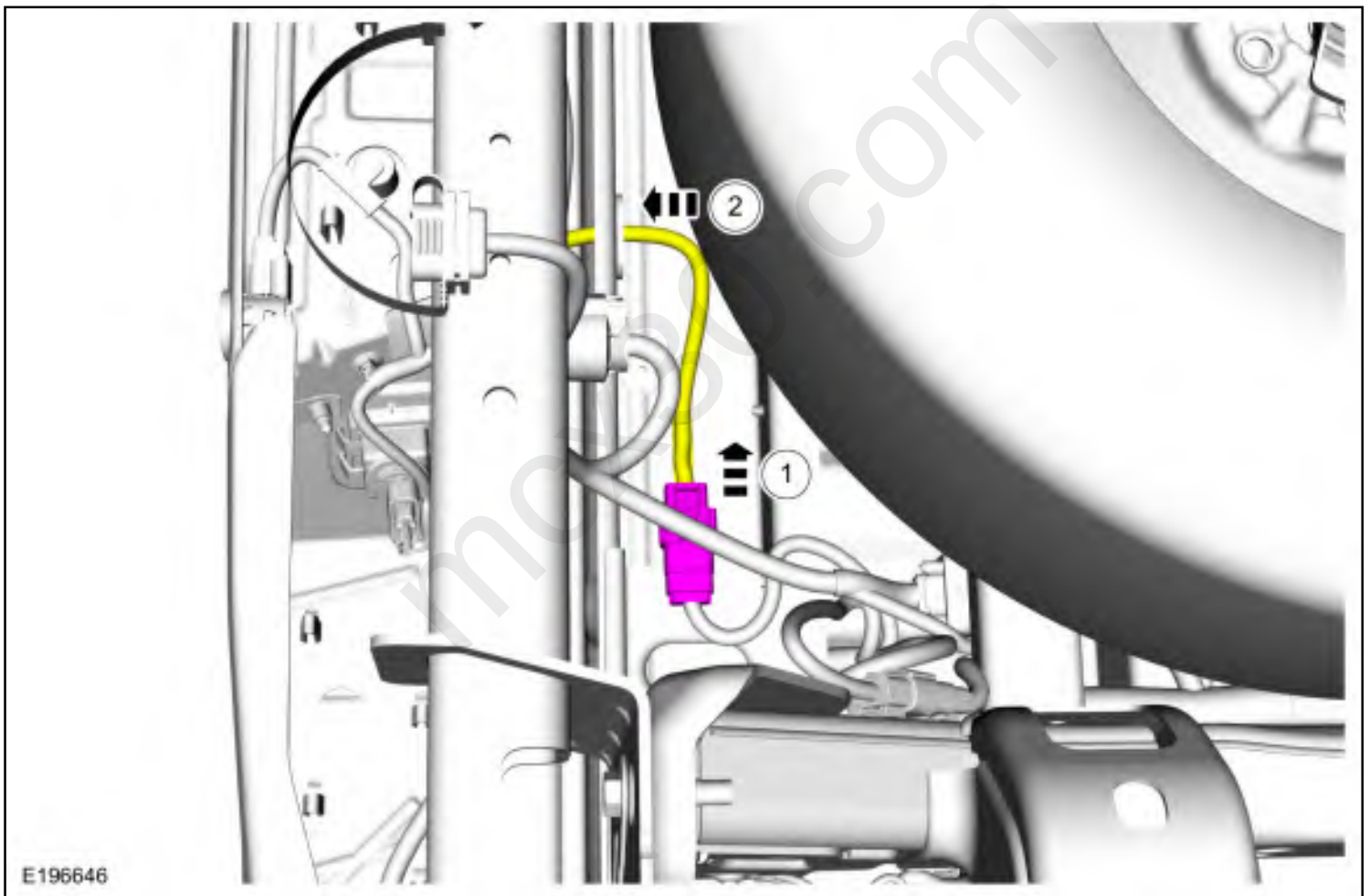


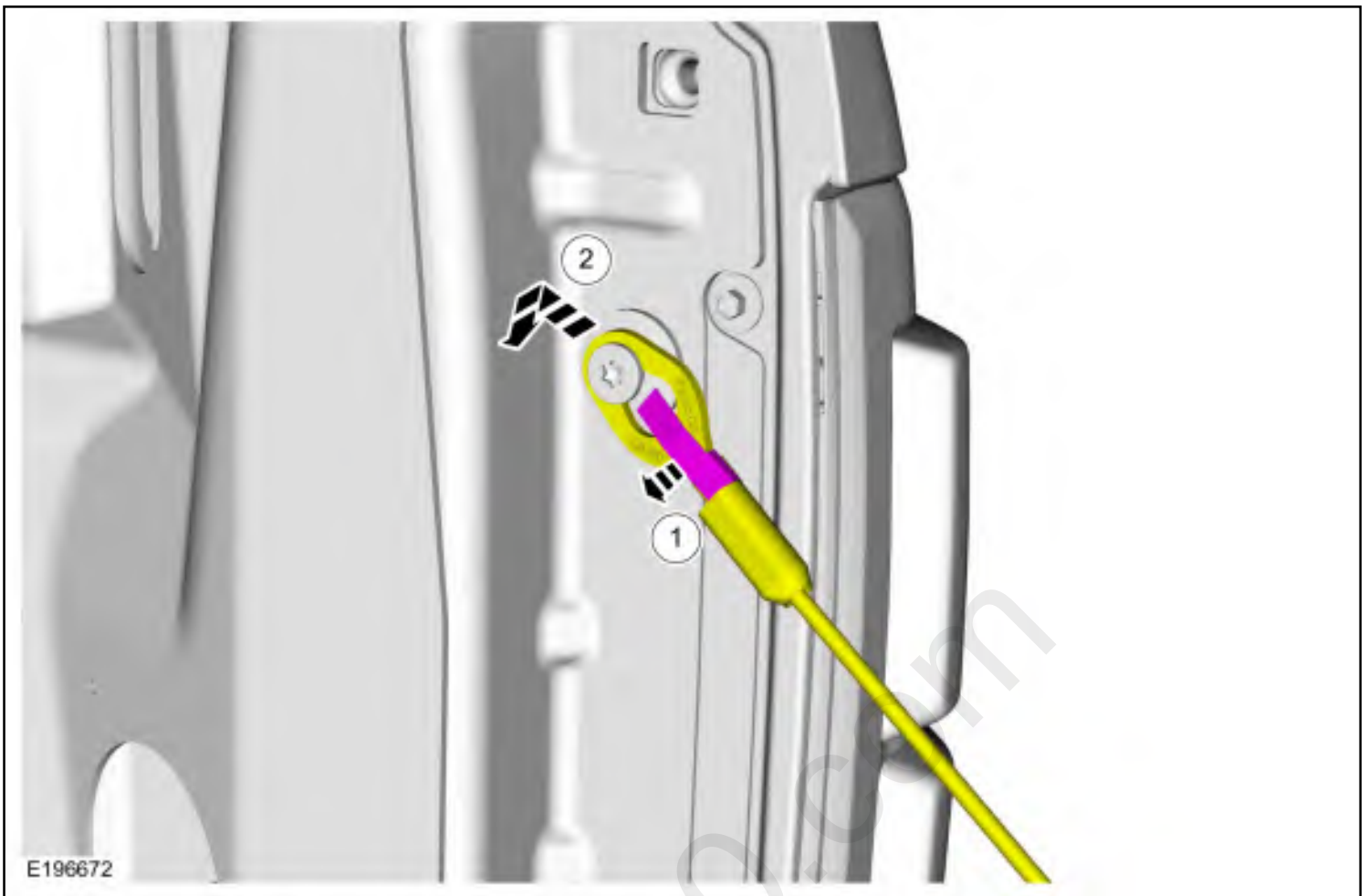
Tailgate Torsion Rod

Removal

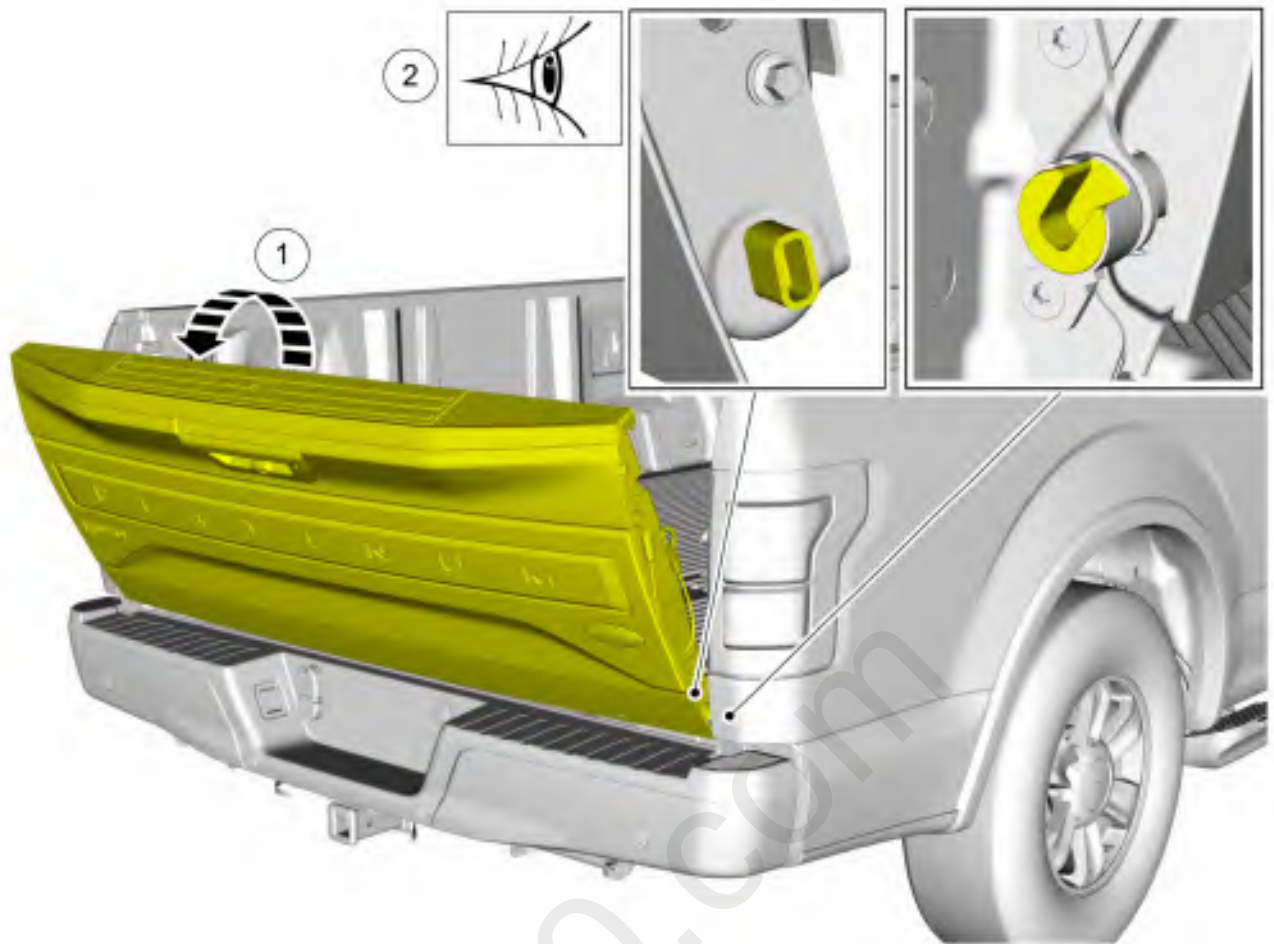
1. If equipped, disconnect the rear view camera \ tailgate release wiring harness connector from the main harness.
2. Slide the harness through the box crossmember.



2. Partially open and support the tailgate.
 1. On both sides. Release the tailgate support cable safety clip.
 2. On both sides. Disconnect the tailgate support cable from the anchor post.

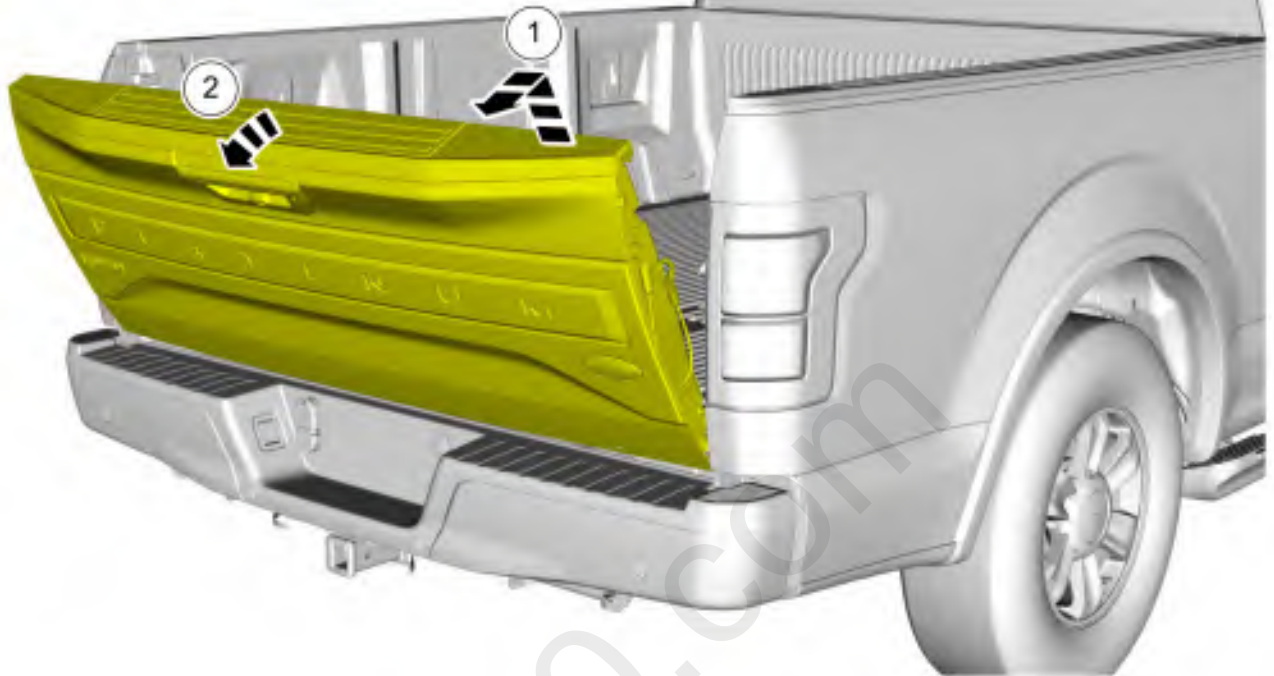


1. Move the tailgate to approximately 45 degrees from vertical.
2. Align the RH pivot to align with the opening in the hinge.



Vehicles with tailgate step

4. Remove the tailgate.
 1. Lift the RH side of the tailgate up and out.
 2. Rotate the tailgate approximately 10 degree from close and remove it from the vehicle.

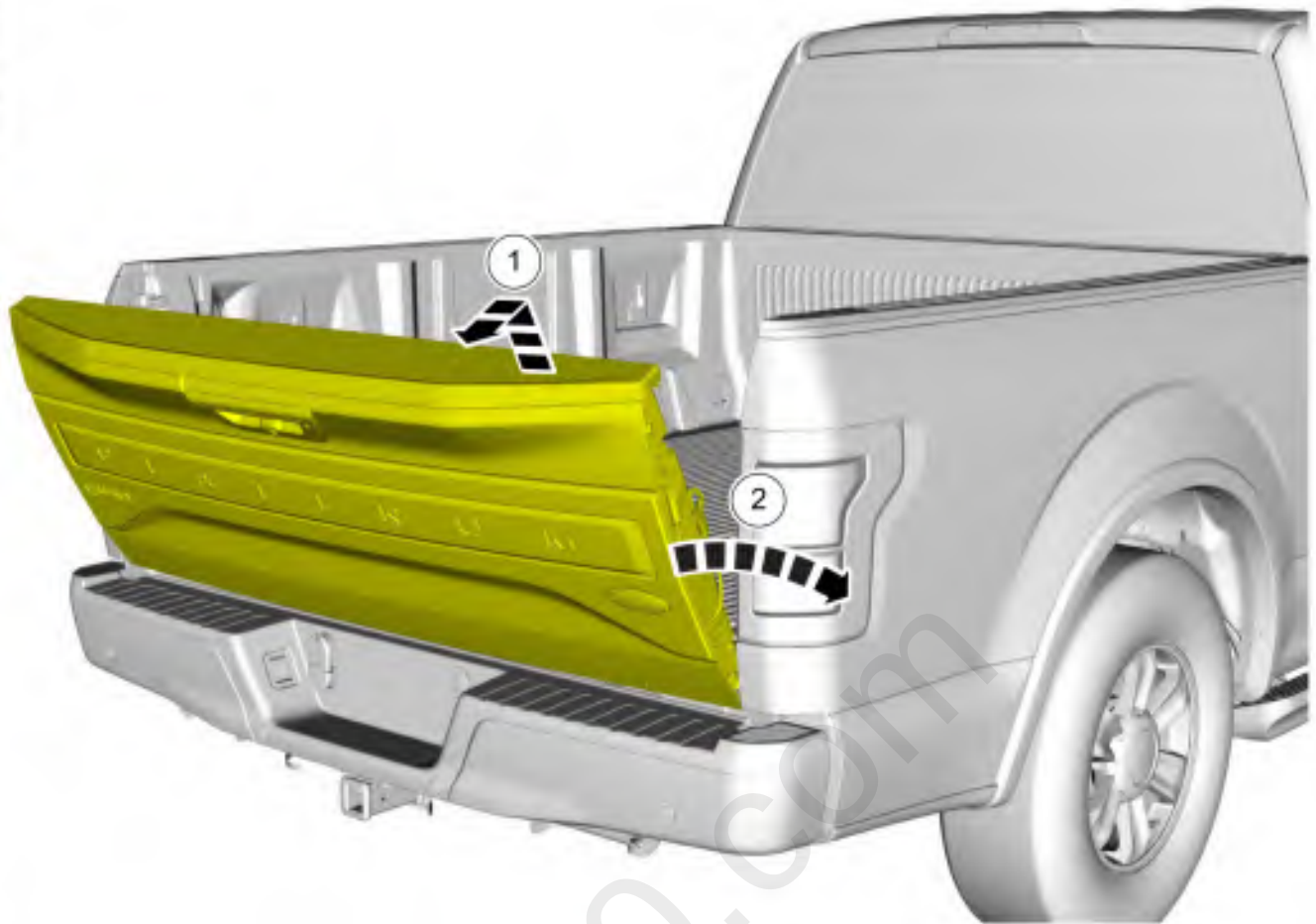


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Vehicles without tailgate step

5. Remove the tailgate.
 1. Lift the RH side of the tailgate up and out.
 2. Pull the RH side of the tailgate to the right and remove it from the vehicle.



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All vehicles

6. **NOTE:** Place the tailgate on a non-scratch surface.

NOTE: The LH tailgate hinge is partially removed for clarity.

Loosen the tailgate torsion rod clamp block bolts 2-3 turns.



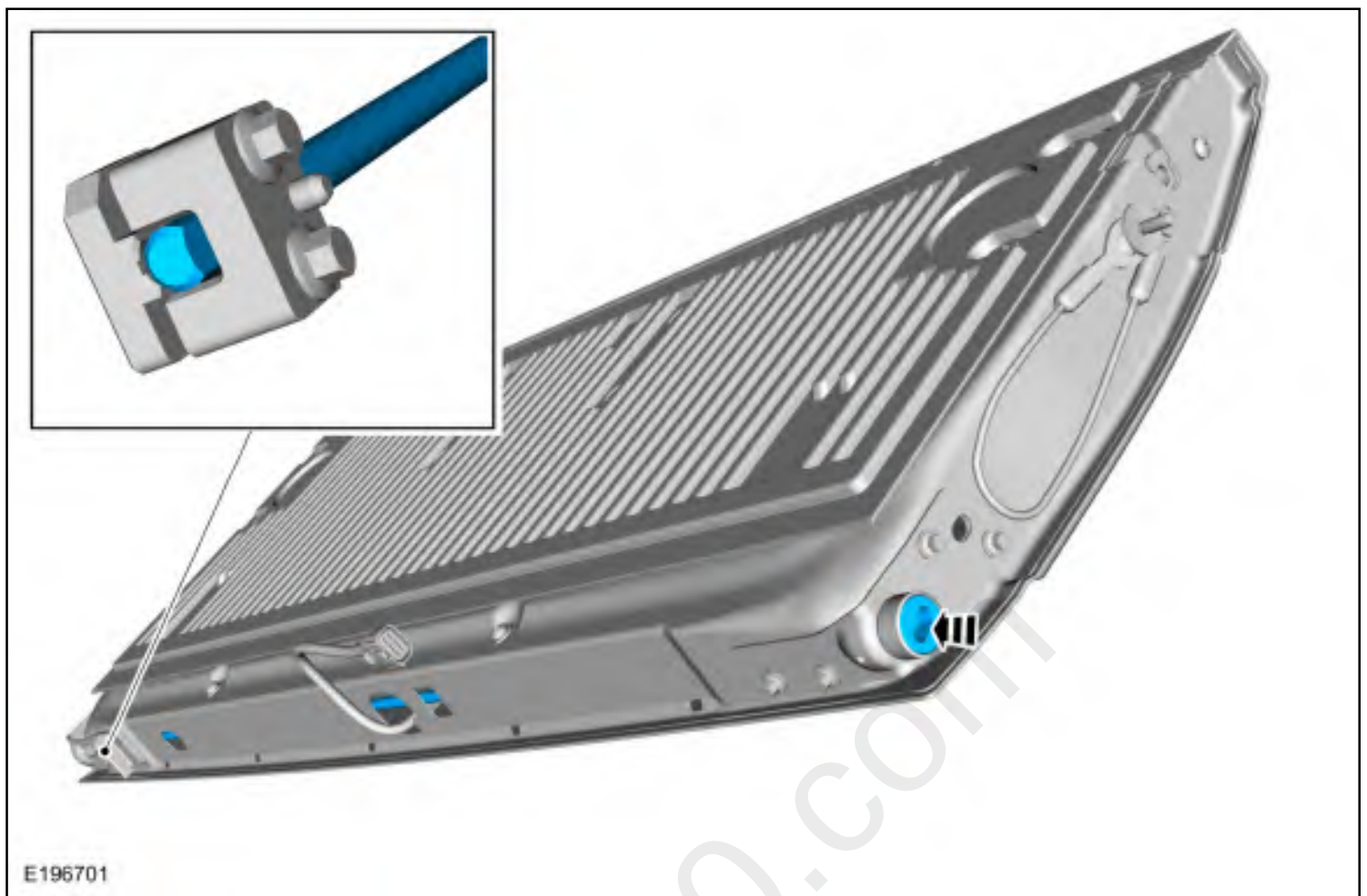
7. Remove the tailgate torsion rod.



Installation

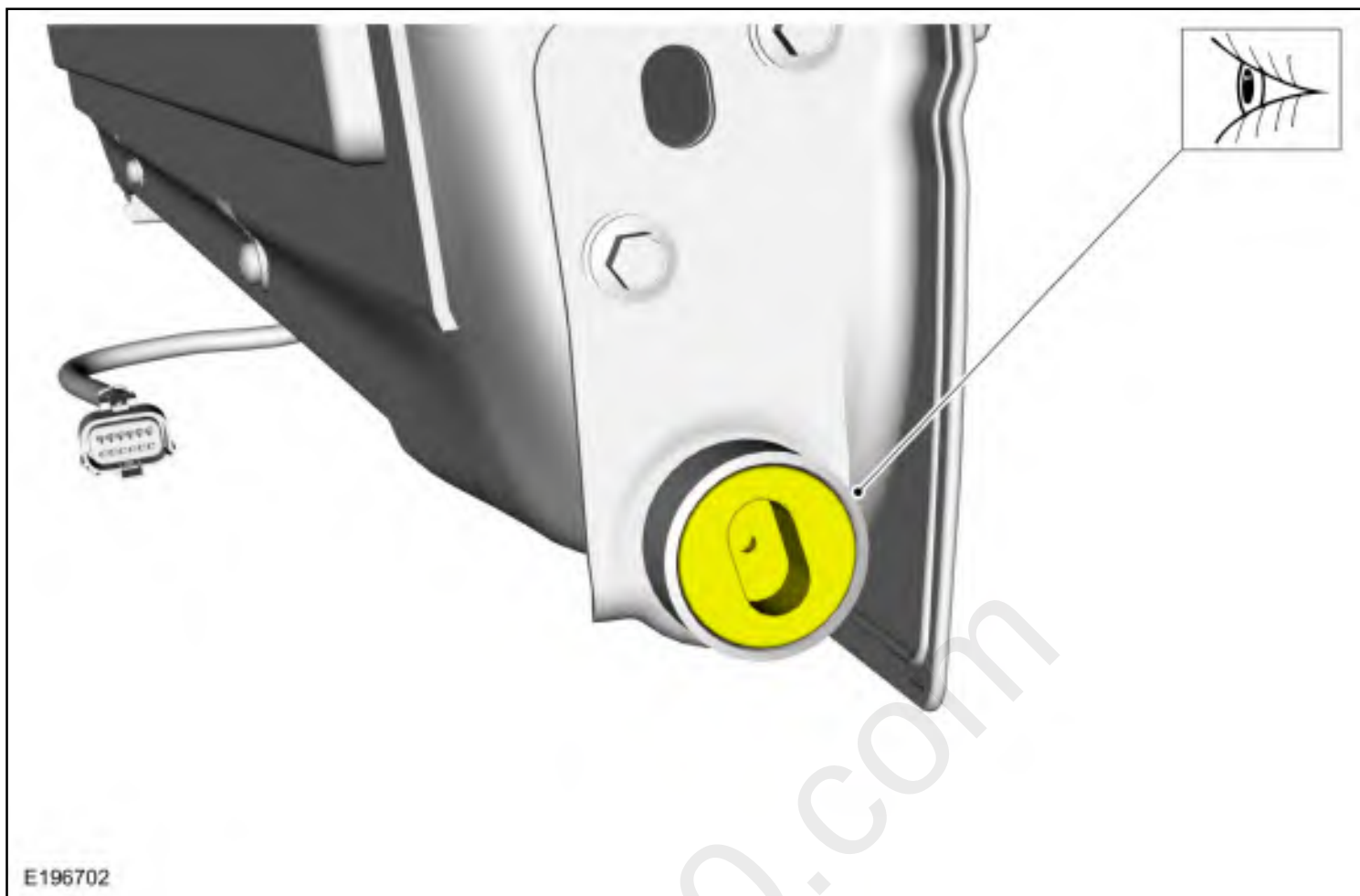
1. **NOTE:** *The flat on the tailgate torsion rod must face the bolt head side of the tailgate torsion rod clamp block.*

Install a new tailgate torsion rod through the LH pivot. Guide the rod into the clamp block.



2. **NOTE:** *The tailgate torsion rod must be installed with the same orientation as shown.*

Position the torsion rod so that the end bottoms out and is flush with the LH pivot and is at approximately 10 degrees off center.

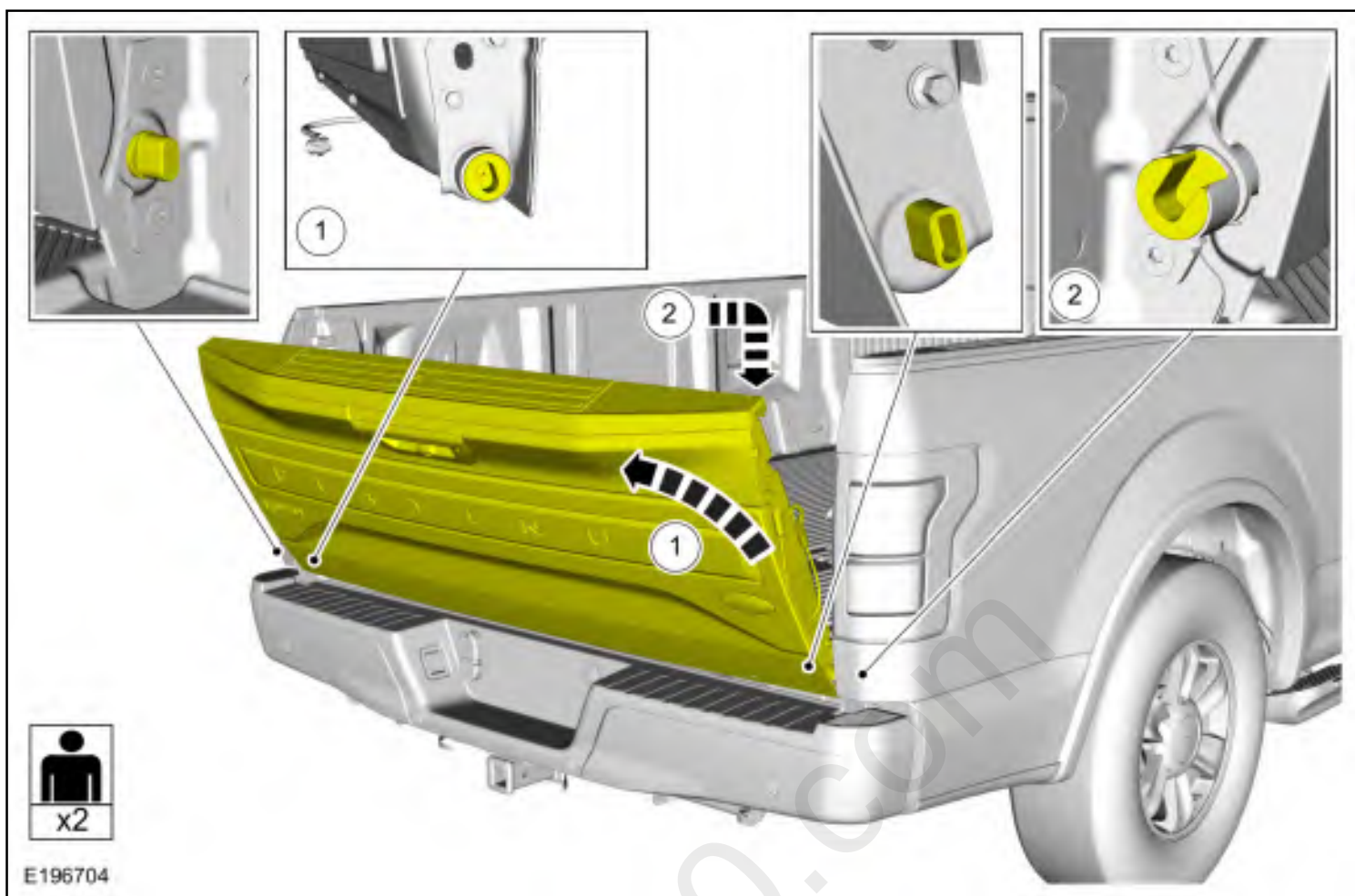


3. Tighten the clamp block bolts.
Torque: 106 lb.in (12 Nm)

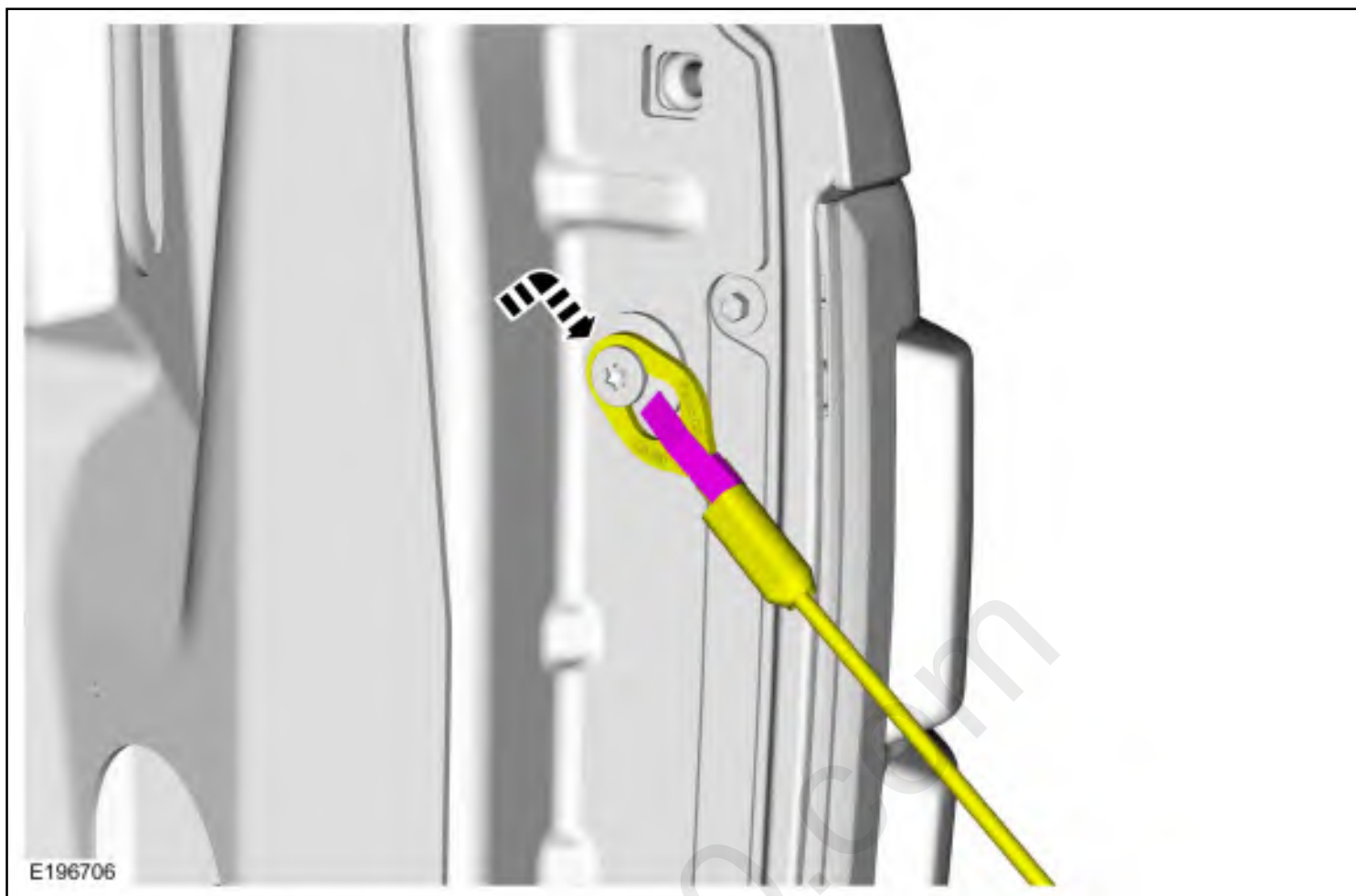


4. Install the tailgate.

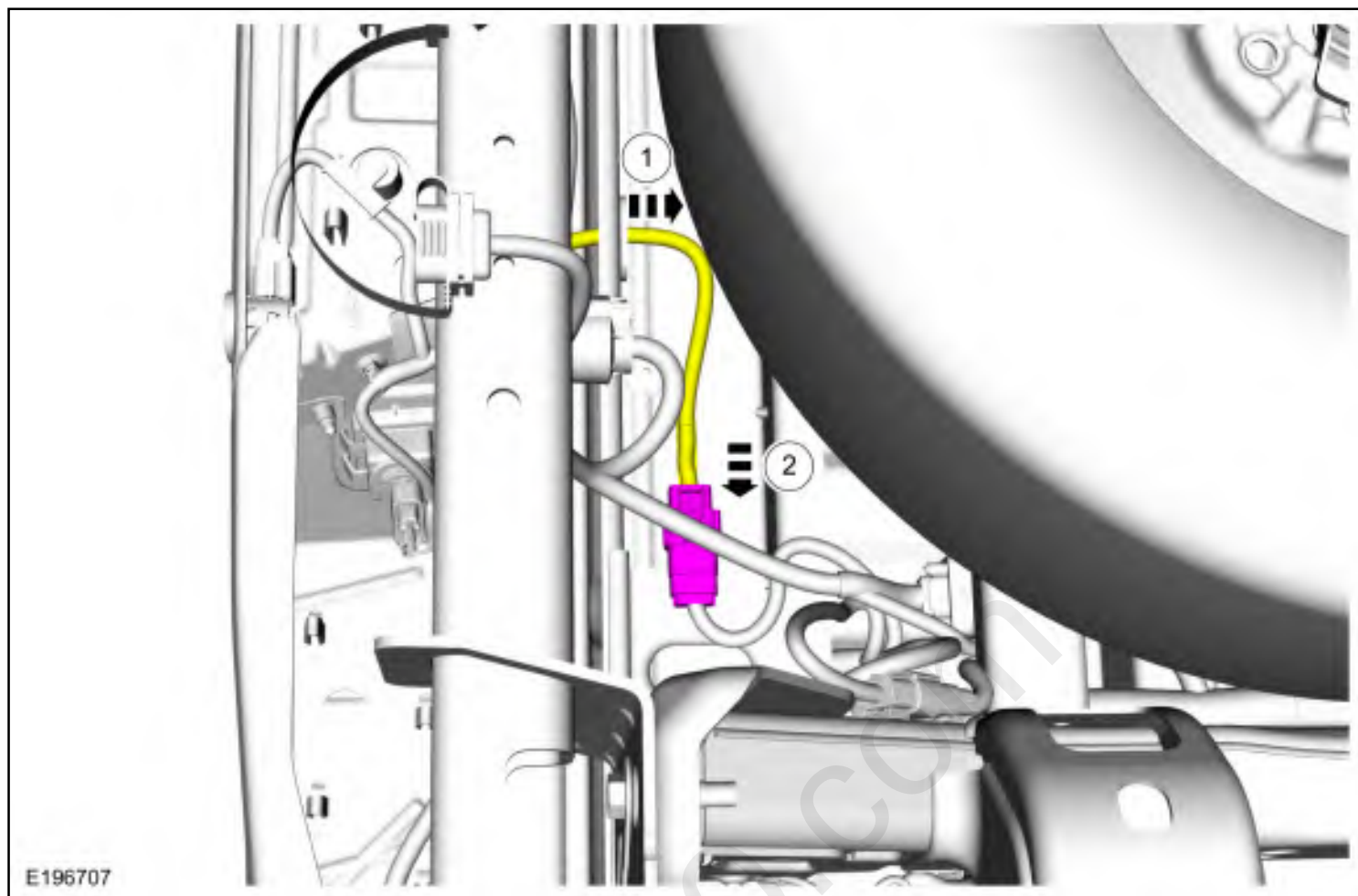
1. Position the tailgate so the LH tailgate pivot is close to the LH hinge and the tailgate is approximately 10 degrees from vertical. Keep the RH tailgate pivot close to the RH hinge, then slide the tailgate left to engage the LH pivot on the LH hinge.
2. Position the tailgate so that it is approximately 41 degrees from vertical. Push the RH pivot onto the hinge.



5. On both sides. Connect the tailgate support cable to the anchor post. Close the tailgate.



1. Slide the harness through the box crossmember.
2. If equipped, Connect the rear view camera \ tailgate release wiring harness connector to the main harness.



7. If equipped, calibrate the rear view camera.

Refer to: Parking Aid (413-13 Parking Aid - Vehicles With: Parking Aid Camera) .