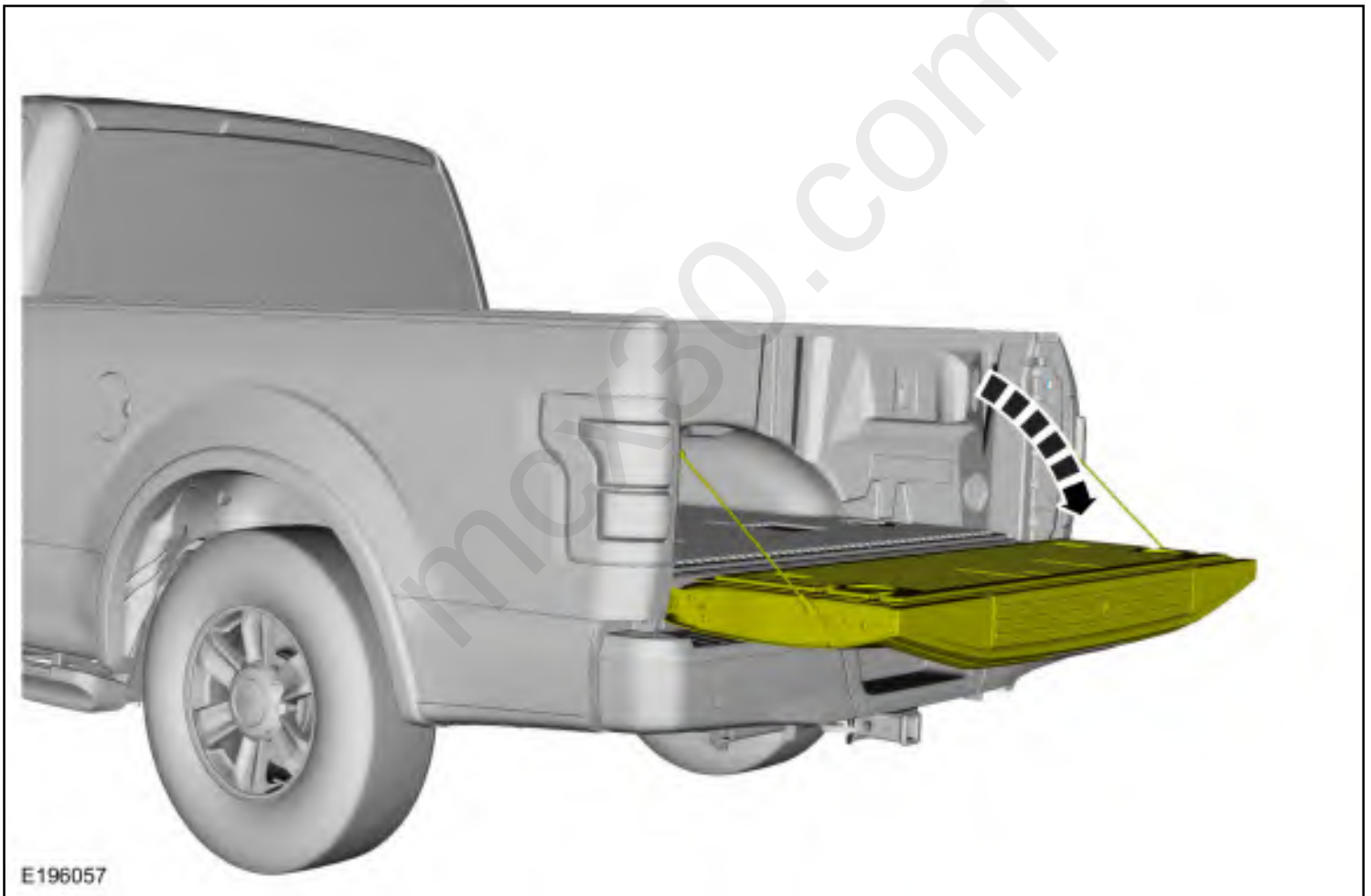


Tailgate Latch Control Assembly

Removal

All vehicles

1. Open the tailgate.



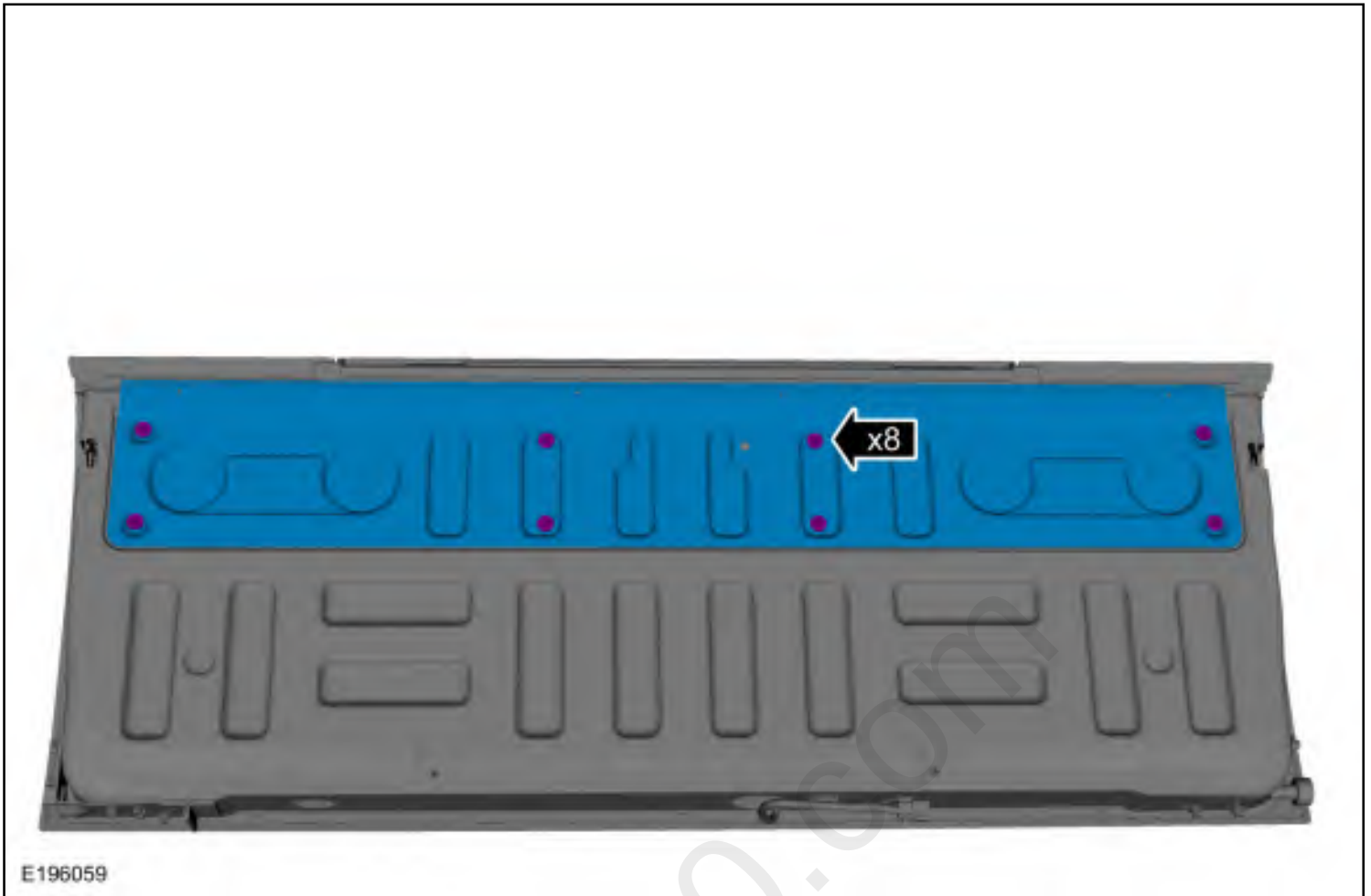
2. If equipped, remove the bedliner tailgate cover.
Torque: 28 lb.in (3.2 Nm)



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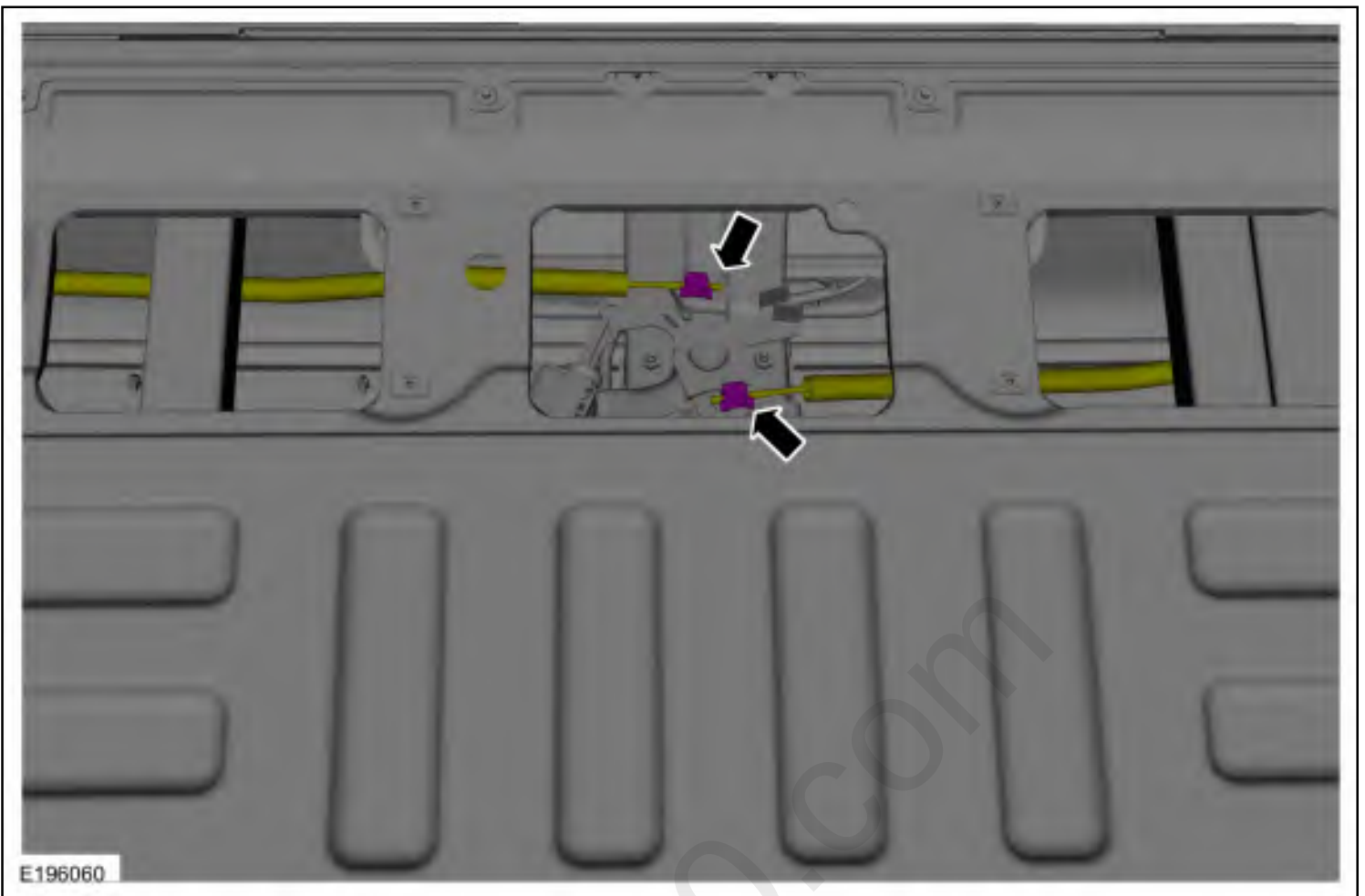


3. Remove the tailgate access cover.
Torque: 28 lb.in (3.2 Nm)

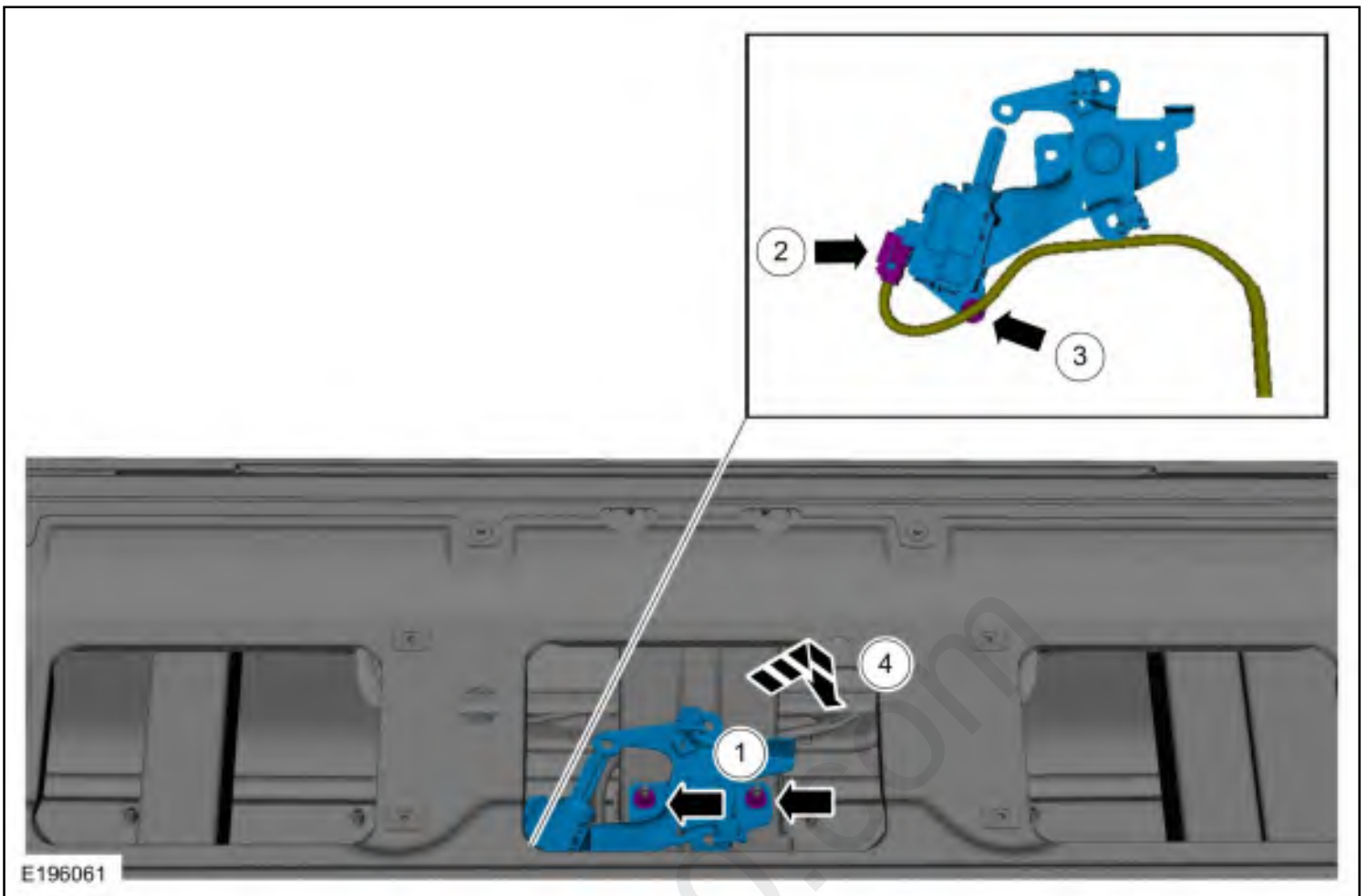


Vehicles without mechanical tailgate handle

4. Disconnect the tailgate latch actuating rods.

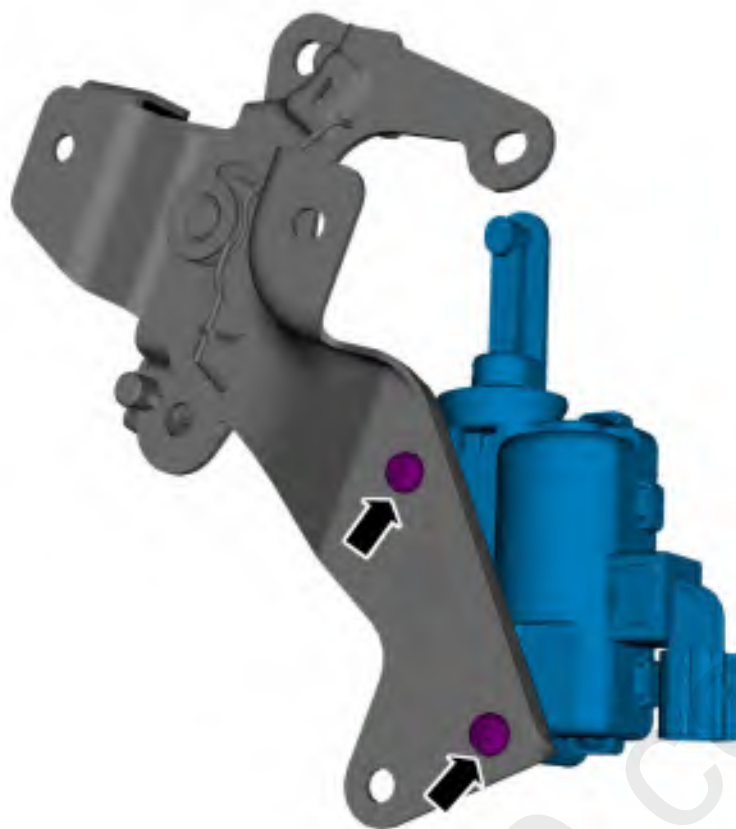


5. Remove the tailgate latch control assembly.
 1. Remove the tailgate latch control assembly nuts.
Torque: 80 lb.in (9 Nm)
 2. Disconnect the tailgate latch actuator electrical connector.
 3. Disconnect the tailgate latch actuator harness routing clip.
 4. Remove the tailgate latch control assembly.

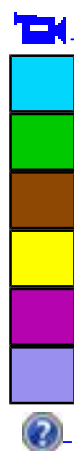


6. **NOTE:** *This step is only necessary when installing a new component.*

Remove the tailgate latch actuator.



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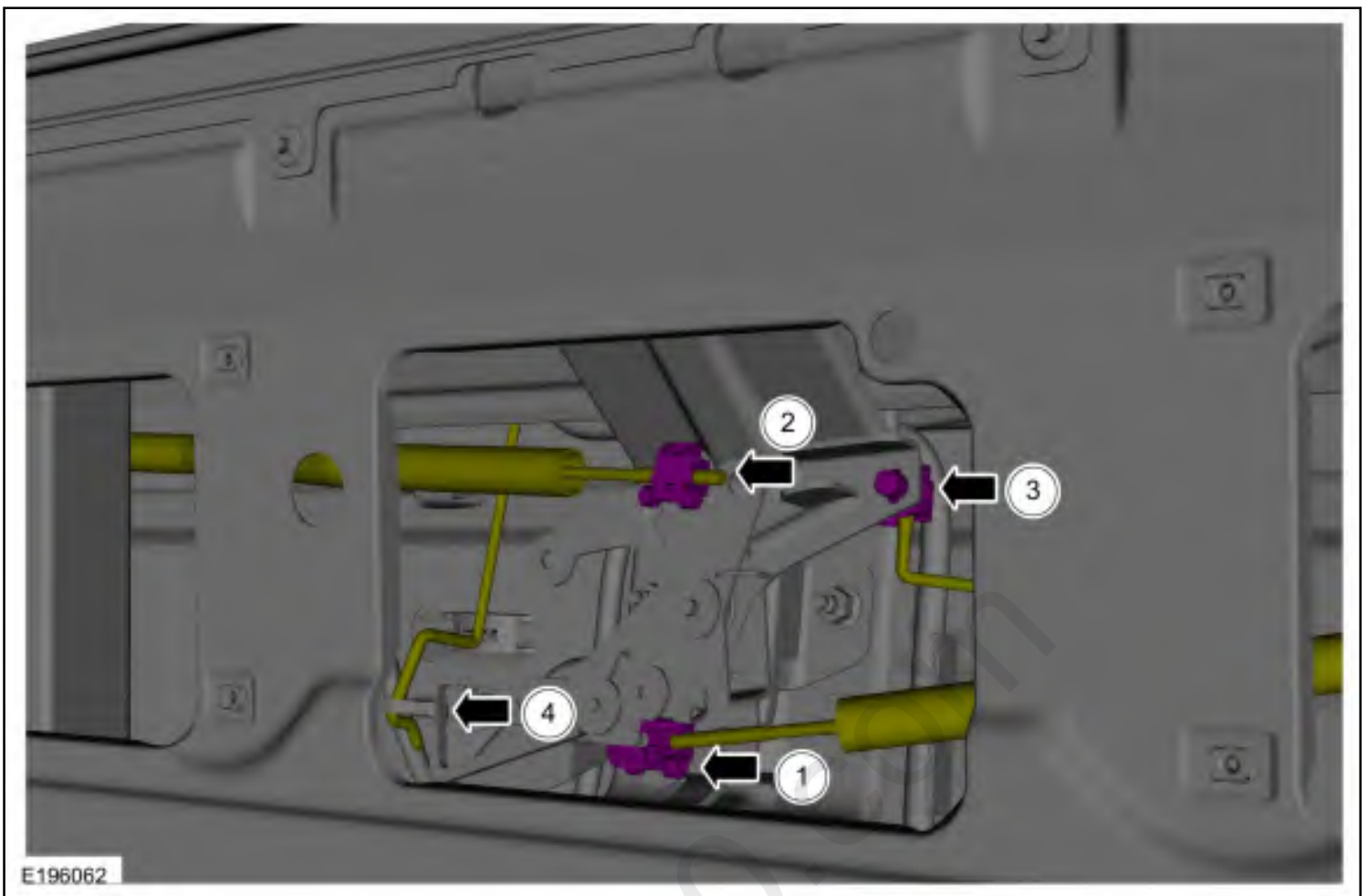


Vehicles with mechanical tailgate handle

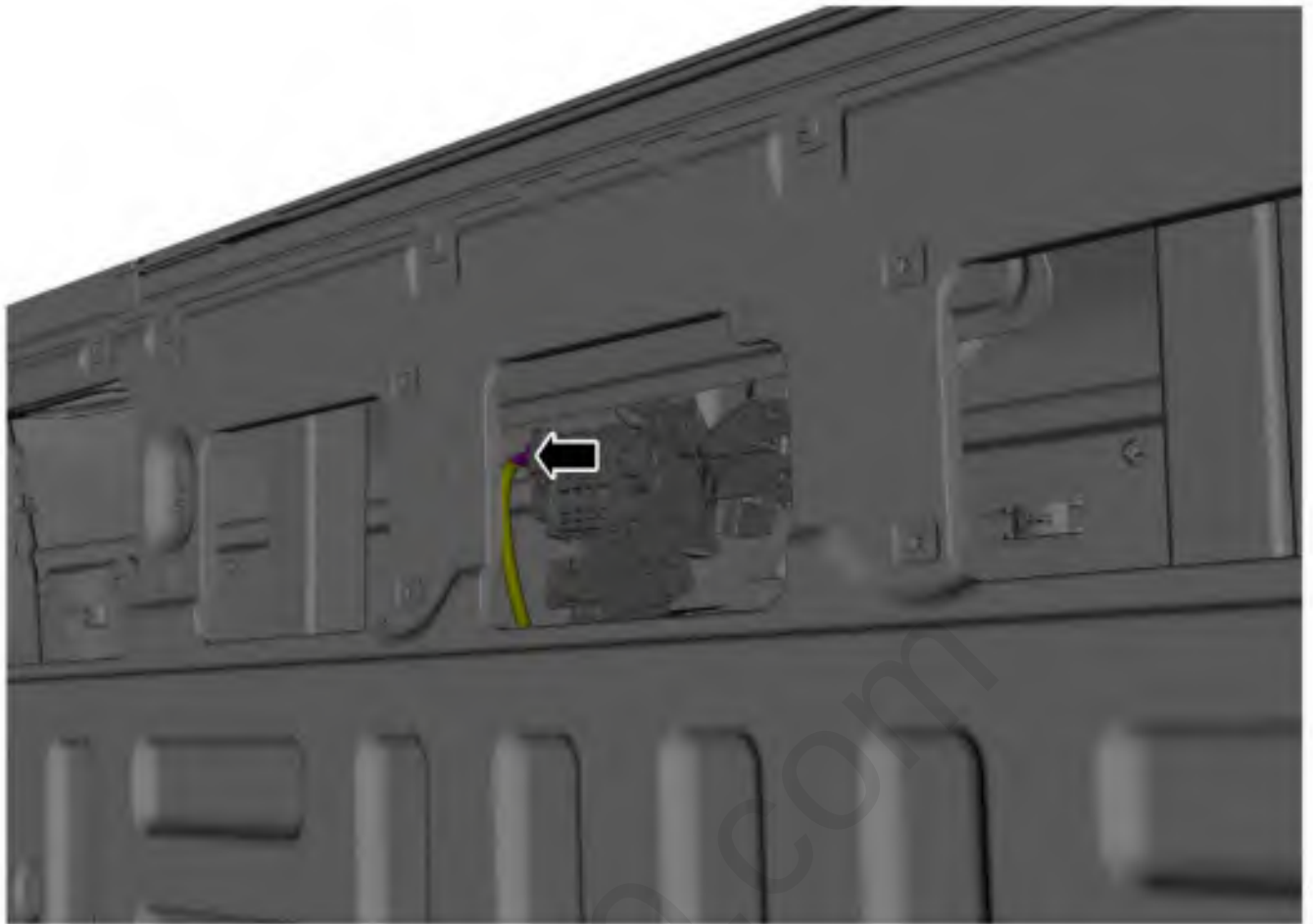
7. **NOTE:** *Complete manual tailgate latch shown, others similar.*

Disconnect the tailgate latch actuating rods.

1. Disconnect the left tailgate latch actuating rod.
2. Disconnect the right tailgate latch actuating rod.
3. Disconnect the tailgate handle to control assembly actuating rod.
4. If equipped, disconnect the tailgate lock to control assembly actuating rod.

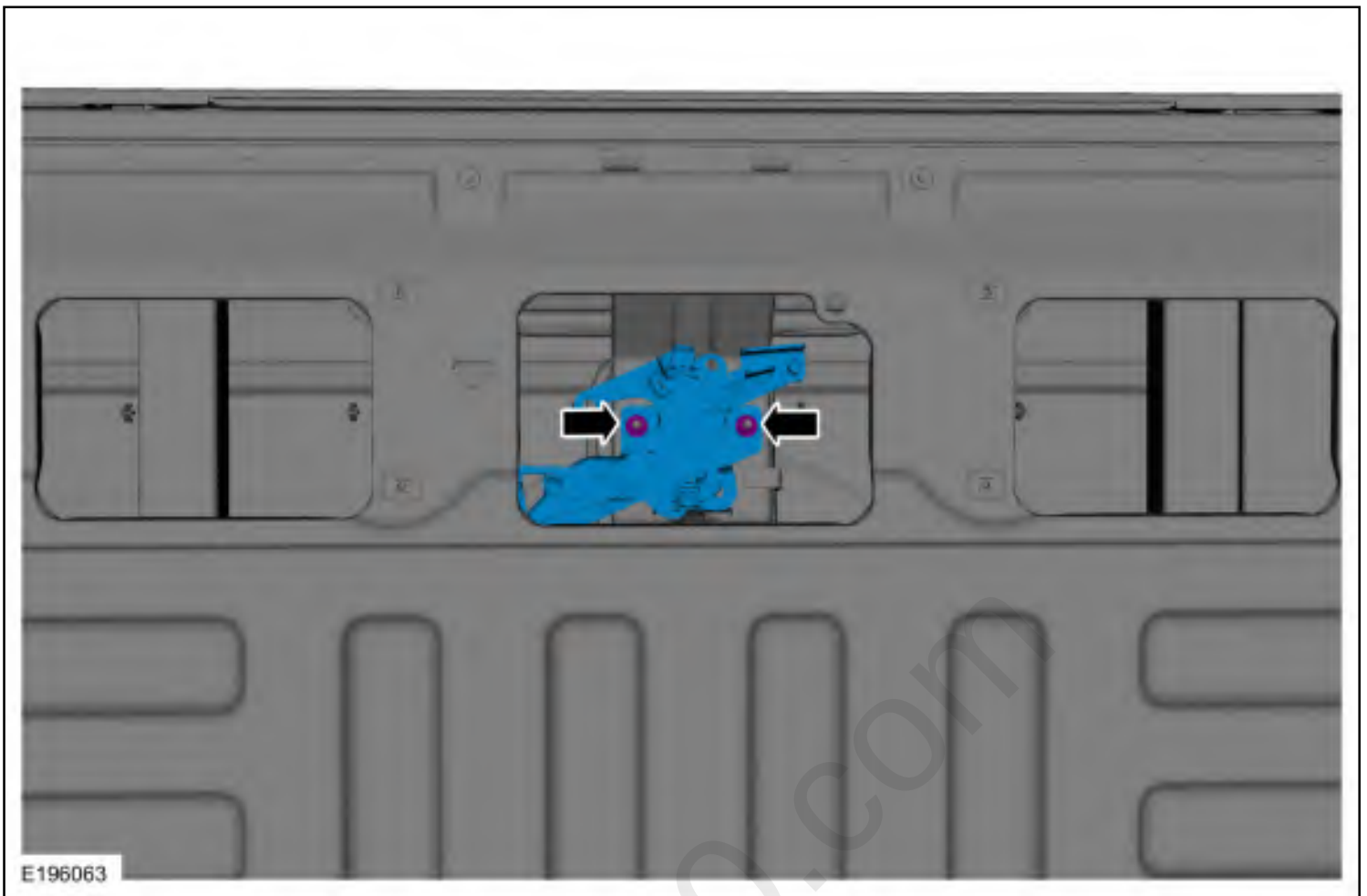


8. If equipped, disconnect the tailgate lock actuator electrical connector.
Torque: 80 lb.in (9 Nm)



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9. Remove the nuts and the tailgate latch control assembly.
Torque: 80 lb.in (9 Nm)



Installation

1. To install, reverse the removal procedure.

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