

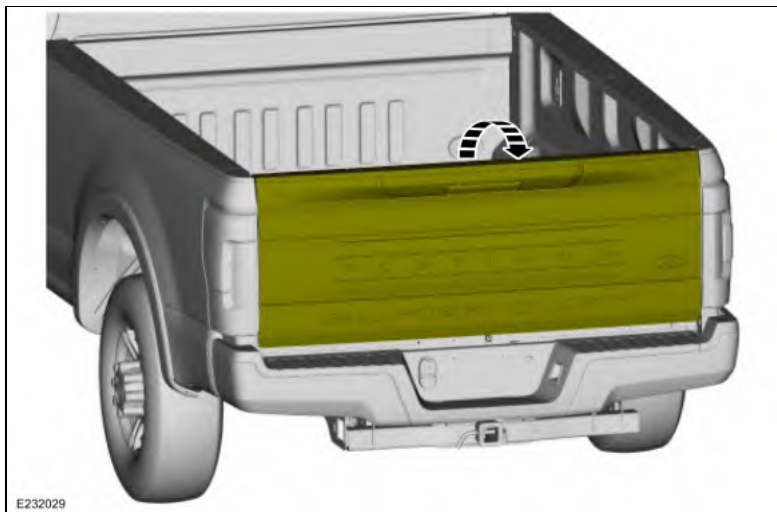
Tailgate Latch

Removal

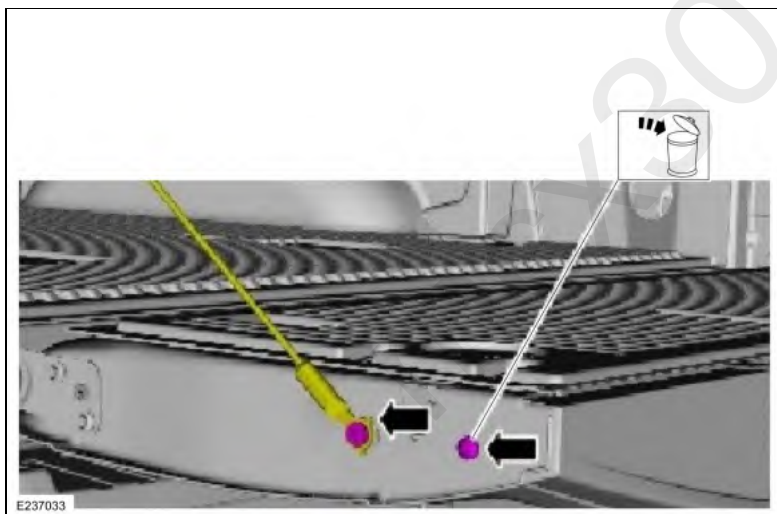
NOTE: LH shown, RH similar.

NOTE: Removal steps in this procedure may contain installation details.

1. Open the tailgate.



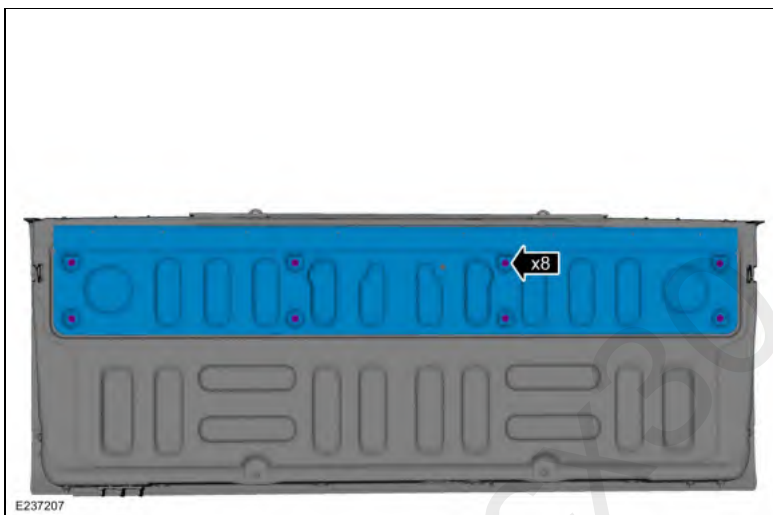
2. Remove the tailgate latch bolts and discard upper tailgate latch bolt.
Torque: 18 lb.ft (25 Nm)



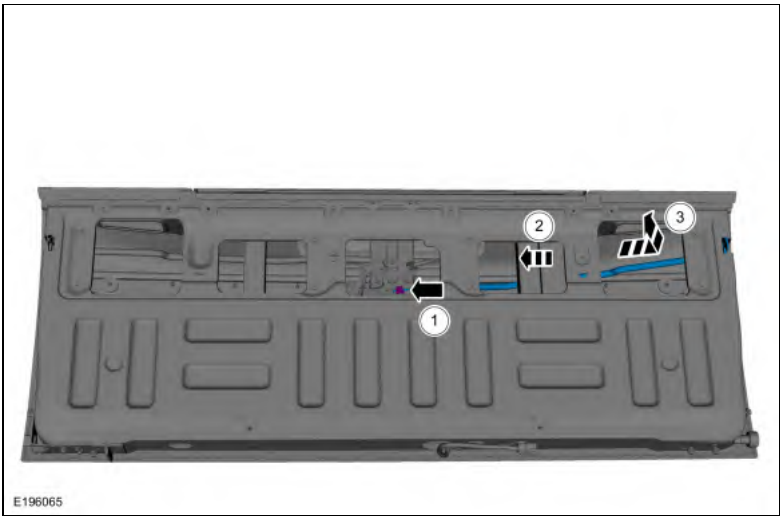
3. If equipped.
Remove the bedliner tailgate cover.
Torque: 28 lb.in (3.2 Nm)



4. Remove the tailgate access panel bolts and the tailgate access panel.
Torque: 28 lb.in (3.2 Nm)

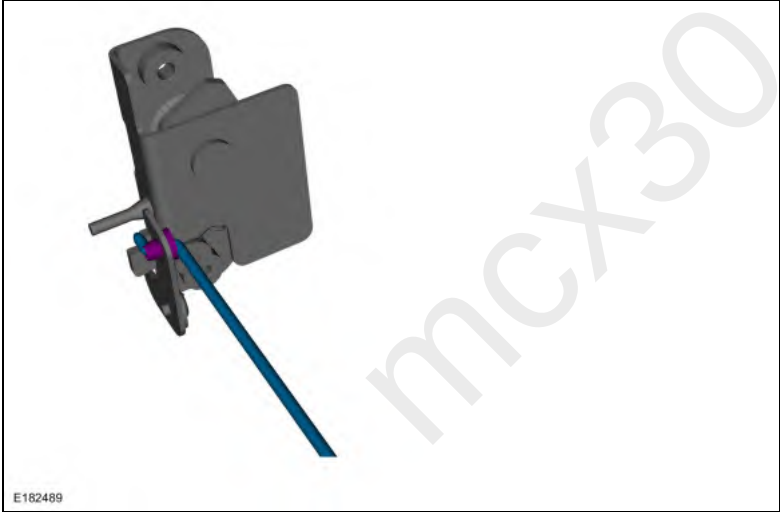


5. Remove the tailgate latch.
1. Disconnect the tailgate latch actuating rod from the tailgate latch control assembly.
 2. Position the latch assembly toward the tailgate latch control assembly.
 3. Remove the tailgate latch.



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

Remove the tailgate latch actuating rod.



Installation

- 1. To install, reverse the removal procedure.

