

Tailgate Release Handle

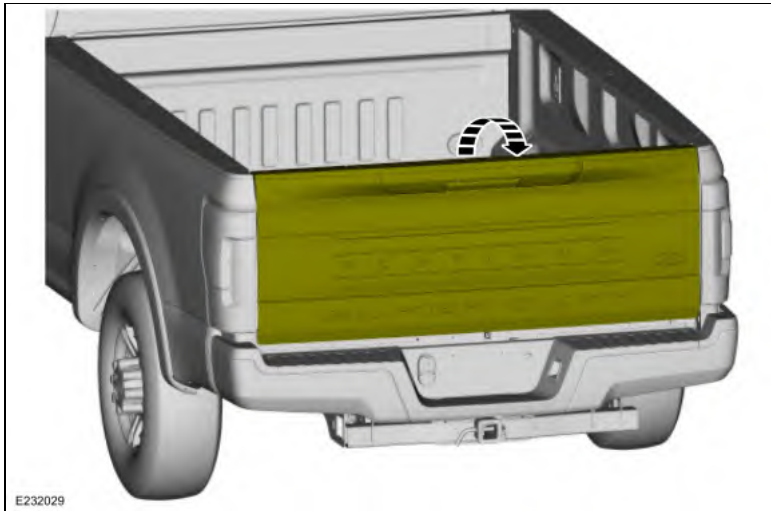
Removal

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

NOTE: Vehicles built on or before 07/08/2016, replace the tailgate moulding when replacing the tailgate handle.

All vehicles

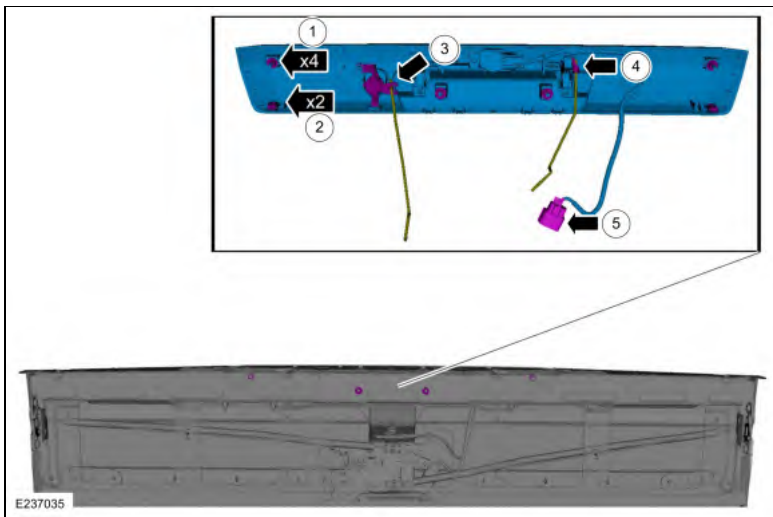
1. Open the tailgate.



2. Remove the tailgate moulding.
Refer to: Tailgate Moulding (501-08 Exterior Trim and Oramentation, Removal and Installation).

Vehicles with mechanical tailgate handle

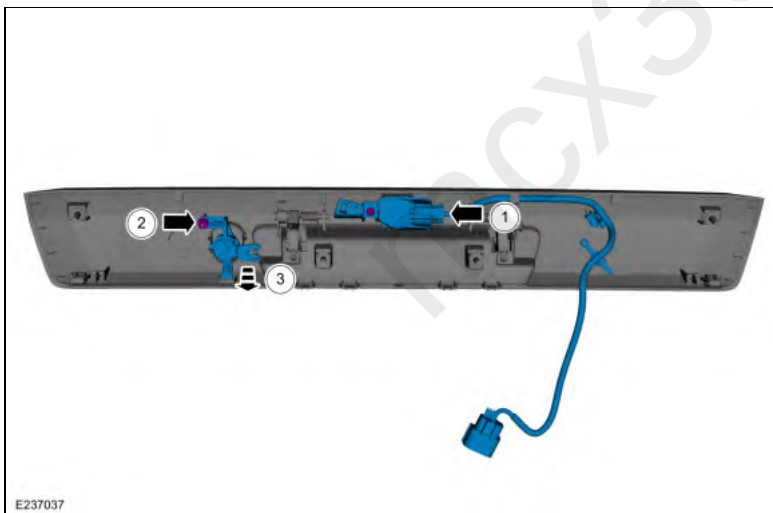
3. Remove the tailgate release handle.
 1. Remove the tailgate release handle nuts.
Torque: 62 lb.in (7 Nm)
 2. Release the tailgate release handle retaining clips.
 3. If equipped.
Disconnect the tailgate lock cylinder rod.
 4. Disconnect the tailgate release handle to tailgate control assembly rod.
 5. **NOTE:** *Electrical connector type shown, coax cable style similar.*
If equipped.
Disconnect the rear camera electrical connector and remove the tailgate release handle .



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

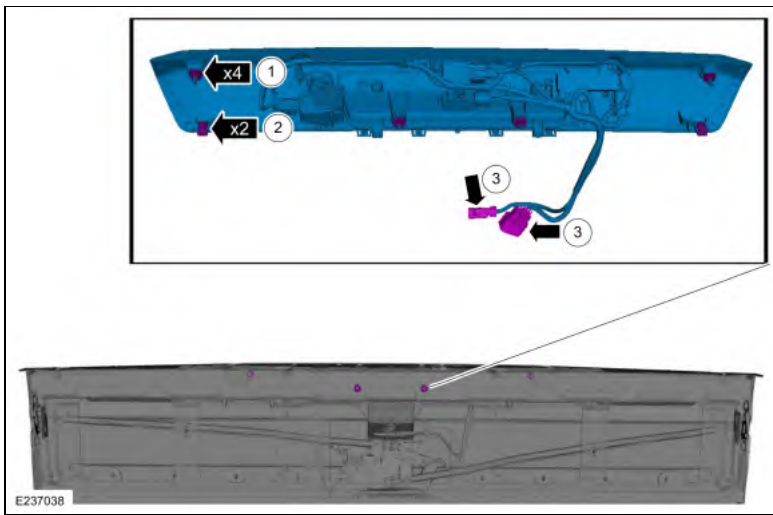
Transfer components as necessary.

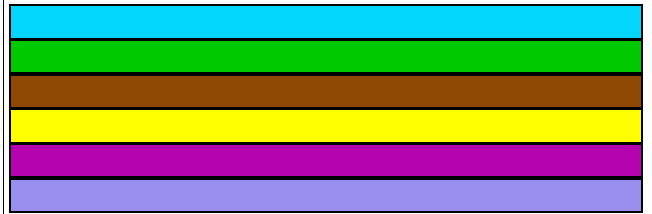
1. If equipped.
Remove the rear camera and bracket.
2. Remove the tailgate lock cylinder nut.
Torque: 28 lb.in (3.2 Nm)
3. Remove the tailgate lock cylinder.



Vehicles without mechanical tailgate handle

5. Remove the tailgate release handle.
 1. Remove the tailgate release handle nuts.
Torque: 62 lb.in (7 Nm)
 2. Release the tailgate release handle retaining clips.
 3. Disconnect the tailgate release handle electrical connector(s) and remove the tailgate release handle.

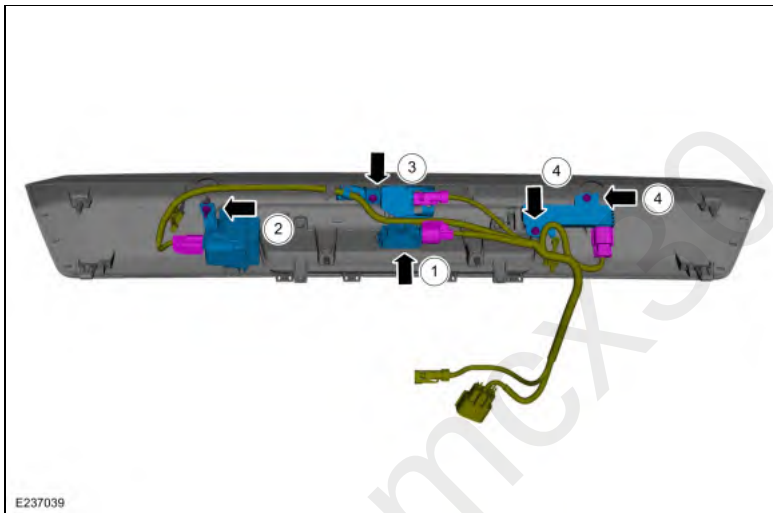


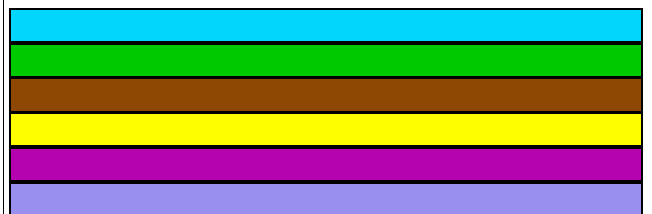


6. **NOTE:** This step is only necessary when installing a new component.

Transfer components as necessary.

1. Remove the tailgate release switch.
2. If equipped.
Remove the tailgate light.
3. If equipped.
Remove the rear camera and bracket.
4. If equipped.
Remove the keyless entry rear antenna.





Installation

1. To install, reverse the removal procedure.
2. If equipped with 360 degree view camera, align the rear camera.
Refer to: 360 Degree View Camera Alignment (413-13B Parking Aid - Vehicles With: Parking Aid Camera, General Procedures).