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INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

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TAILGATE

HANDLE RELOCATOR

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GMC SIERRA TRUCKS

1999-2006

VERY IMPORTANT ! Read and understand all directions and check the following parts list before starting installation.

Note: Cutting, Painting & Welding Are Necessary

Parts List					
1	Handle Relocator Plate	1	Filler Plate		
4	Phillips Washer Head Screws	1	Instruction sheet		

Tool List	
Drill Motor, 5/32" Drill Bit, 3/8" Ratchet, # 40 Torx Socket, Flat Blade Screwdriver, Phillips Screwdriver,	
Tape Measure, Saber Saw Or Die Grinder, Mig Welder	

1. Before beginning installation be sure to wear proper eye protection.
2. Remove the tailgate from the truck, this is achieved by opening the gate, lifting the limiting straps so the knee action goes up instead of down. Close the gate slightly and slide the larger opening in the limiting straps over the retaining pin.
3. At this point close the gate to about 85% of it's closed position. Caution: Be sure you have a good hold on the gate. The hinge on the passenger side of the vehicle has a slot so the gate will slide up and out in this position. Then move the gate away from the vehicle and out of the left hinge. Place the gate on a flat surface, with inside facing down.
4. Turn the gate up and remove the plastic insert from around the handle.(Item #2 Figure A). Unclip the connecting rods from the handle. (Do not remove the nylon clips (Item # 3) from the handle).
5. Remove the three #40 Torx head bolts (Item # 1 Figure A) from the back of the gate that hold the handle in place, lift the handle out of the stock location.
6. With a pencil or marking pen and a tape measure, mark a line across the top of the tailgate at 2 1/2" from the top edge, (Figure A) Now from each side, mark lines vertically at 26 3/8" from each end for the fleet side, Mark your second horizontal line at 5" down from the previously marked top line. These marks should locate in the center indented panel of the tailgate.
7. With a die grinder, or saber saw, cut the square pattern just marked, out of the inside surface of the tailgate. Caution: Use safety glasses. Be sure and file or trim sharp edge from the hole in the tailgate. When the pattern is cut out, the brace between the insides of the gate should still be intact.
8. Using the three # 40 Torx head bolts (Item #1 Figure A) attach the stock handle to the new handle relocating plate.
9. Place the relocater into the hole in the back of the tailgate. The top edge of the handle relocater plate should be approximately 1 1/2" from the top edge of the tailgate.
10. Adjust the plate so it is as straight as possible and drill the two outside holes using a 5/32" drill bit. Install the metal screws (Item #5) provided into these holes through the plate. (Do not install the remaining screws yet). Now drill the remaining holes thru the relocating plate into the tailgate.
11. Remove the 2 screws and remove the relocater plate.

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12. Now is the time to weld in filler plate into the recess on the outside of the tailgate. **Caution:** Use only a Mig welder (wire feed) for this process, any other type will distort the sheet metal badly. Before welding, all paint must be removed from the area to be welded.
13. Once the filler plate is welded in, flip the gate over and coat the back of the inside of the welded area with some sort of rust preventive coating, (paint, undercoat, etc.).
14. Remove the nylon clips from the handle, flip them over and snap them in from the opposite side. (Item #3 Figure C).
15. Place the relocater plate, with the handle bolted in place, into the access hole and reattach the connecting rods into the nylon clips on the handle. (Item #3 Figure B)
16. Position the relocater plate in the access hole and align the holes for the metal screws. Install around the handle into the relocater plate. (Item #5 Figure A).
17. Check the system to make sure it is working correctly. If so, install the plastic insert around the handle into the relocater plate. (Item #2 Figure A). To do this lift the handle and install the short tabs under the lip on the relocating plate. Make sure the plastic insert is in fully before snapping the other tabs in. If not the tabs may break off.
18. Re-install the tailgate onto the truck and do the bodywork to the gate as necessary.

