

STREET SCENE EQUIPMENT, INC.

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INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

**** REQUIRES WELDING, BODYWORK, AND PAINTING ****

**** WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND A PROFESSIONAL WELDER ****

ALWAYS WEAR SAFETY GLASSES WHEN CUTTING OR GRINDING

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

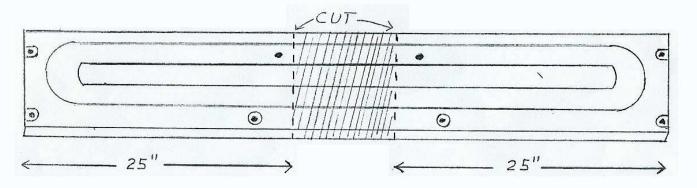
| PARTS LIST | | | |
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| 1 | Handle Relocator Front Plate | 1 | Instruction Sheet |
| 1 | Handle Retaining Plate | 1 | Street Scene Decal |
| 1 | Filler Plate | 6 | Phillips Washer Head Screws |

TOOL LIST

Drill Motor, 1/8" Drill Bit, 3/8" Ratchet, # 30 Torx Socket, Flat Blade Screwdriver, Phillips Screwdriver Tape Measure, Saber Saw or Die Grinder With Cut-Off Wheel. Mig Welder

- **1.** Before beginning installation be sure to wear 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 tailgate to about 80 % 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 up.
- **4.** Remove the access panel across the inside of tailgate by removing the eight # 30 Torx screws retaining it.
- **5.** Refer to the illustration below and mark the panel and cut as shown. Disgard center section. Save the two outside pieces for step 13.

950-61150 CUTTING INSPECTION COVER ILLUSTRATION I



- **6.** Detach the connecting rods from the handle by fliping the green locking tabs on the nylon clips. Detach the rod supports from tailgate (Black Plastic). NOTE: Location of rods in locking tabs.
- **7.** Remove the two 10 MM head nuts securing the release handle to tailgate. Remove the inside portion latch from the inside and the hand release from the outside.
- **8.** Insert the release handle into the large relocator plate alligning pins on handle to holes on plate. Place the retaining plate over studs on handle. Stack the inside mechanism on plate. Install nuts and tighten. Set aside for step 13.

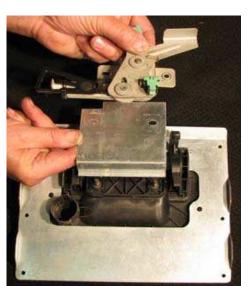
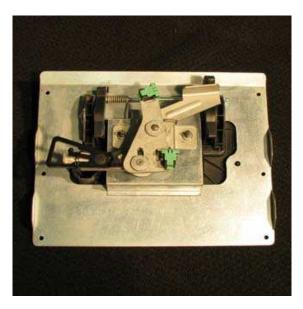
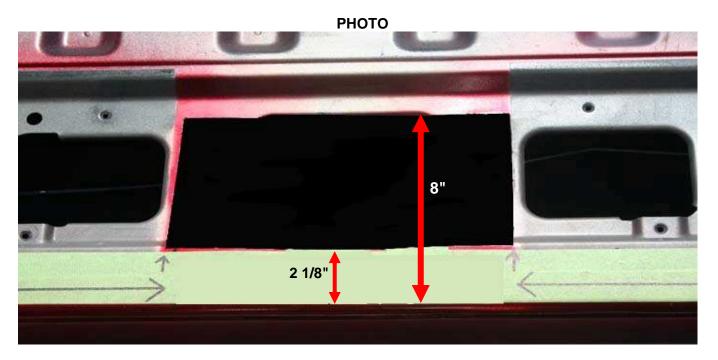


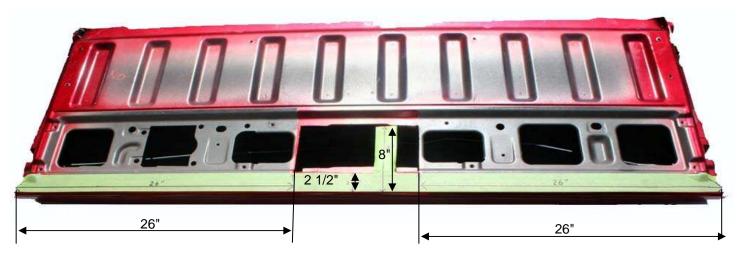
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9. Mark the tailgate for cutting. Measure 26" in from each side and mark. Measure down from the top 2 1/2" and mark. Measure down again from top 8" and mark. (5 1/2" from previous mark).
See photo below. Double check your measurements before cutting. Once you are sure cut out metal as shown including the inner brace.



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- **10.** With a die grinder or saber saw, cut the square pattern marked. Use safety glasses. Be sure and file ot trim sharp edges from the hole in the tailgate.
- 11. Now is the time to weld in the filler plate into the recess on the outside of tailgate CAUTION: Use only a mig welder (Wire Feed) for this process, any other type will distort the sheet metal badly. Weld and cool as you go. DO NOT apply a continous bead. We highly recommend using a professional welder. Before welding all paint must be removed from the area to be welded.
- **12.** Once the filler plate is welded in flip the tailgate over and coat the back of the inside of the welded area with some sort of rust preventive coating. (Paint, Undercoat, Etc.)
- 13. Bolt the acess panels (removed in step four) back on tailgate. Set the relocator plate and handle assemble on to tailgate. Slide the top side in first and set down. Adjust relocator plate so that it is centered in tailgate. Drill 1/8" holes through the holes in relocator and into tailgate. Lift handle and relocator plate assemble up and connect the rods in the same position as removed in step 6. Using the screws provided attach relocator to tailgate.
- 14. Activate the latches on each end by sliding a screwdriver blade into the latch. Pull the release handle and make sure the latches are releasing.
 DO NOT INSTALL TAILGATE BEFORE CHECKING RELEASE OPERATION. If the latches do not release, remove relocator and re-adjust the connecting rods. RE-check DO NOT install tailgate on
- 15. Re-install the tailgate onto the truck and do the body work and paint.

truck until you are sure of this.