



The Highway Products Utility Deck is one of our **Best Choice** products. Follow our simple Installation Guide and you will be on the road in no time.

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# UTILITY DECK

PATENT PENDING

## INSTALLATION GUIDE



## Step 1

### PREPPING PICKUP FOR INSTALL

Prior to installing the Utility Deck, several steps will need to be completed.

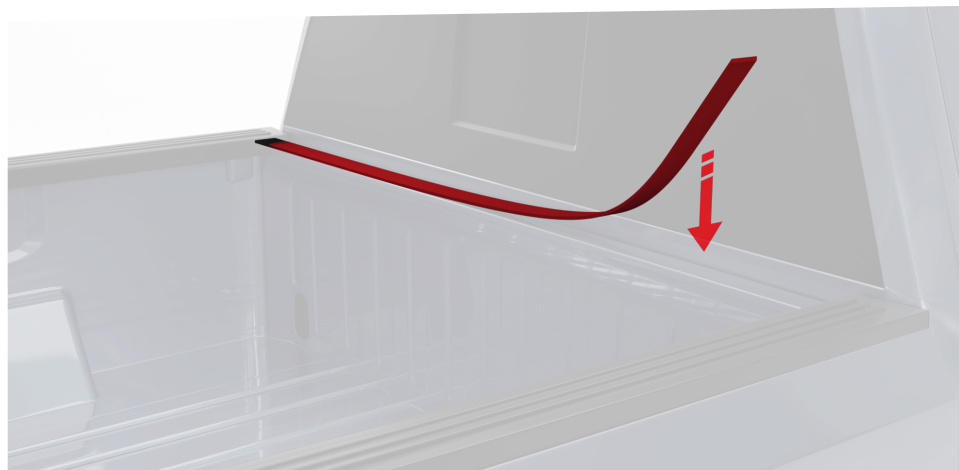
1A

Place the pickup tailgate in the down position. This will eliminate damage occurring to the factory pickup bed.



2A

Ensure top surfaces of the bed are clean from dirt and debris. **Take the supplied 2 inch foam**, measure the width of the front bulkhead of the bed. Trim the foam to fit and remove sticky backing, and position foam onto top surface of bulkhead. Make sure that the foam lay flat across the front bulkhead, this will aid in keeping water out.

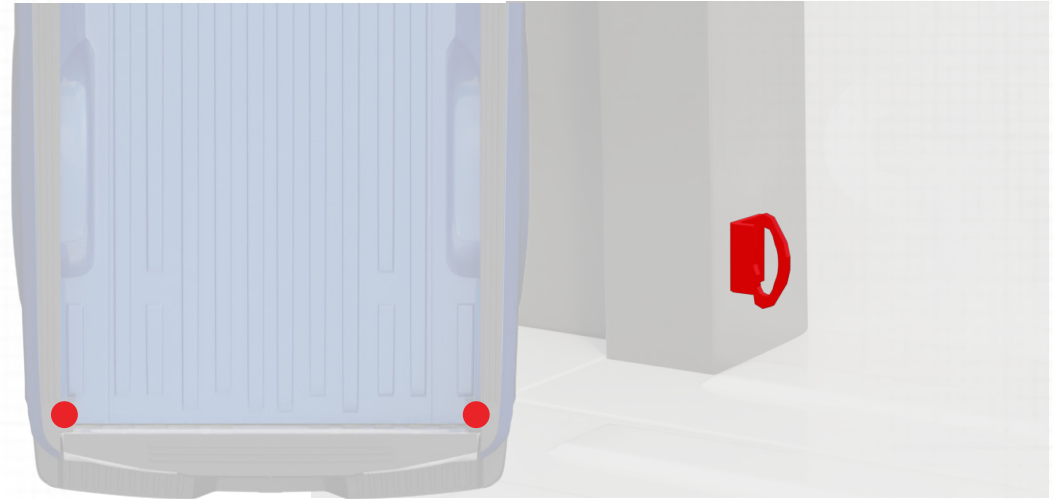


## Step 2

### INSTALL TWO HEAVY DUTY TIE-DOWNS IN THE REAR OF THE TRUCK BED (ONLY APPLIES TO FORD ALUMINIUM BODY PICKUPS)

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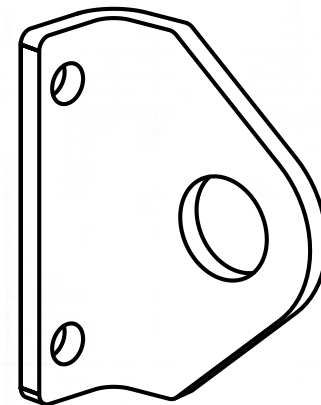
Remove the OEM tie-downs in the rear of the truck bed, make sure to keep the bolts. (Driver's side and Passenger side). Note, the two OEM tie-downs in the front of the truck bed do not need to be replaced.



Rear tie down bracket locations

2B

Use the OEM bolts to Install the two heavy-duty tie-downs provided.



Highway Products Heavy Duty Tie Down Bracket



### Step 3 LIFT AND MOVE UTILITY DECK

A forklift is required for the installation of the Utility Deck. It is recommended to place blocks of wood or other material on the forklift forks to prevent scratching the Utility Deck. Center the forklift forks directly underneath the deck to prevent tipping. Lift the Utility Deck off of the pallet to a safe height and place onto sawhorses or other suitable holding platform. The outside bottom of the utility deck needs to be accessible to continue the installation.



\* No wood shown

### APPLY FOAM TO UTILITY DECK

### Step 4

4A

Inspect the bottom side of Utility Deck to ensure it is clean. **Using the supplied 4 inch foam**, measure the bottom of the deck where it will sit on pickup bed rails, cut the foam to the correct length, remove the backing from one end of the foam and position onto the bottom side of the Utility Deck closest to the forward bed stop. Make sure the foam is straight for the full length of the deck.

4B

Measure the width of the Utility Deck at the front where it sits on the pickup's bulkhead. **Using the supplied 4 inch foam**, cut the foam to the correct measurement. Place the foam where it folds at a 90° and overlaps equally the front angle stop and the bottom of the utility deck.





## Step 5 PLACE & CENTER UTILITY DECK ON PICKUP

5A

Using a forklift, position the Utility Deck over the bed of the pickup. Inspect the bed to make sure no items will interfere with the installation. Lower the Utility Deck down into position slowly. Make sure the Utility Deck is not lowered onto the side mount angles that hang down. If the position of the Utility Deck needs to be adjusted, it can be done by hand after the Utility Deck is not supported by the forklift.

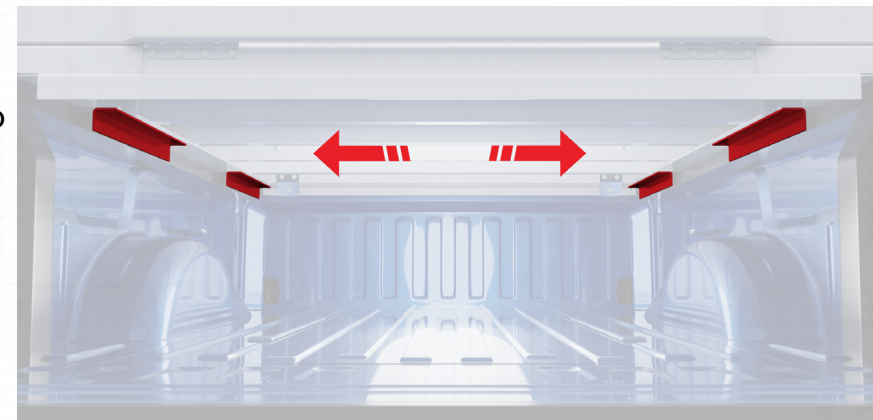
5B

Use a tape measure to center the Utility Deck side to side using the pickup bed rails as a guide. The positioning of the Utility Deck can be adjusted by simply sliding it on the pickup rails.



## Step 6 SET ANGLE MOUNTS

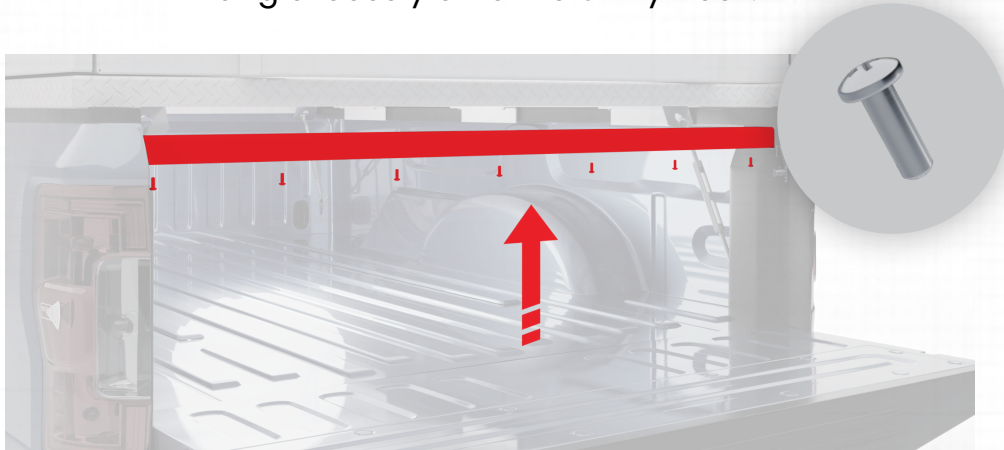
Once the Utility Deck has been centered on the pickup bed, two to four angle mounts underneath the deck will need to be set. Note, the mounts may need to be moved. This can be done by loosening the bolts that set the width and simply push them to the pickup bed rail. Be careful to not put too much pressure on the deck and make it move on the bed rails.



## Step 7 **INSTALL REAR MOUNT AND FOAM**

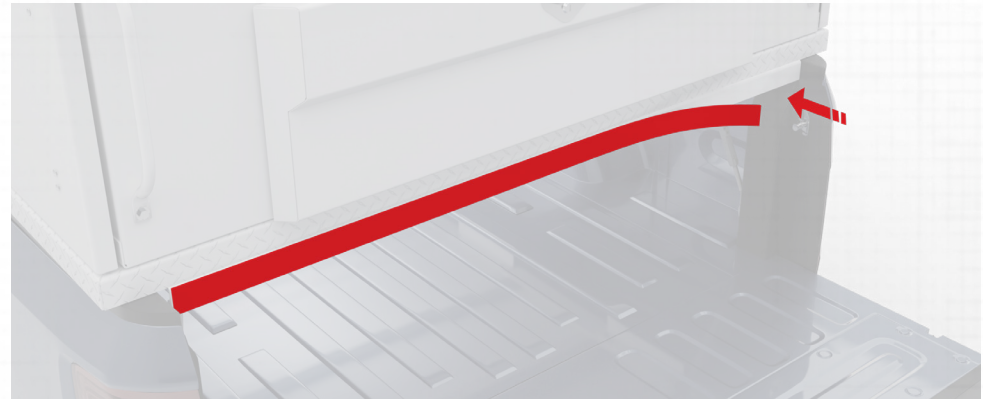
**7A**

**Locate the rear angle and mounting hardware from the Assembly Instructions Deck Kit** then install rear angle loosely onto the Utility Deck.



**7B**

Measure the width of the Utility Deck rear angle. Cut the supplied foam to the correct measurement. Remove sticky backing and place the foam into the rear angle to create a seal.



**7C**

The tailgate angle is slotted, allows adjustability. Once the sealed rear angle is positioned correctly to seal against the tailgate, tighten the bolts attaching it to the deck.



**7D**

Close the tailgate to ensure the foam seals against the tailgate.

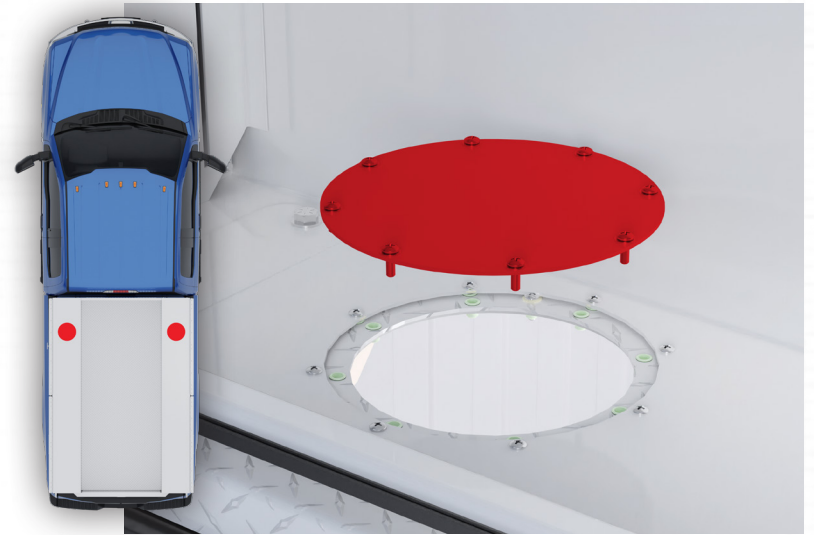




## Step 8 PLACE AND TIGHTEN TURNBUCKLES

8A

Locate the access panel inside each lower front box compartment. Remove the panel to gain access to the bed of the pickup. Attach one side of the turn buckle to the pickup's factory tie down point, which are generally located in the corners of the factory bed. If the truck's bed is not obstructed by any permanently mounted items, you can also crawl into the back of the truck to tighten the turnbuckles.



8B

Place other side of turnbuckle through the tie down bracket, then tighten bolts.

8C

Tighten the turnbuckles from the front to the back. Once all four of the turnbuckles have been tightened verify that the pickups tailgate still closes. If the tailgate doesn't close adjust the rear tailgate seal until it closes but still seals. Also verify that the Utility Deck is still centered on top of the pickup. Make any adjustments needed. Replace access panel cover.

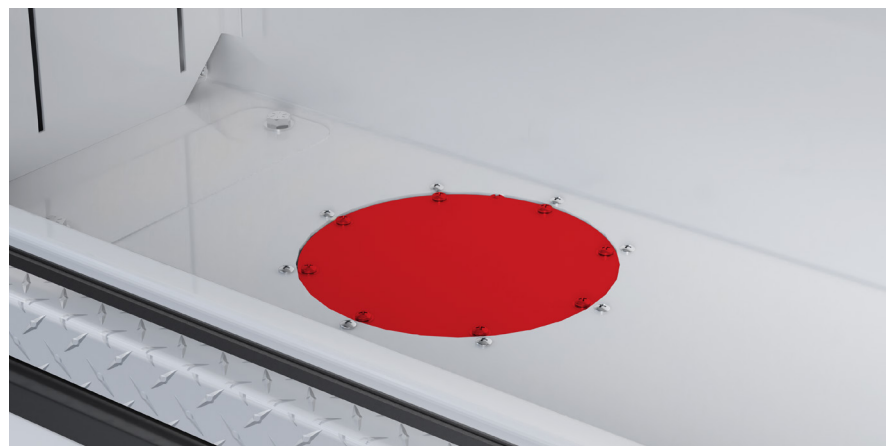
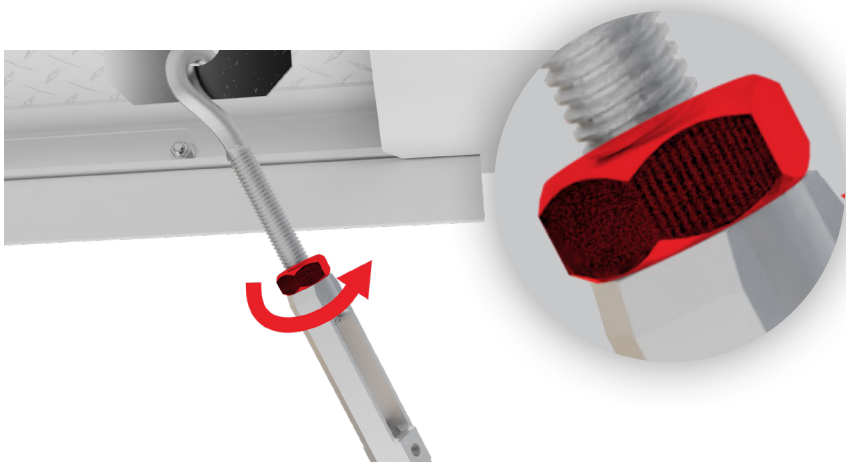




## Step 8 Cont.

8D

After all measurements have been verified and the tail gate closes tighten the locknut down on the turnbuckle. Reinstall the access panels in the box compartments using the hardware included.



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



Washing and caring for the utility deck is the same as caring for the pickup itself. **Never use any alcohol-based cleaners on the powder coat**, this can cause it to peel and/or fade. Waxing the powder coat can aid in helping water shed off.