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2003 FORD F-150 Super Cab OEM Service and Repair Workshop Manual

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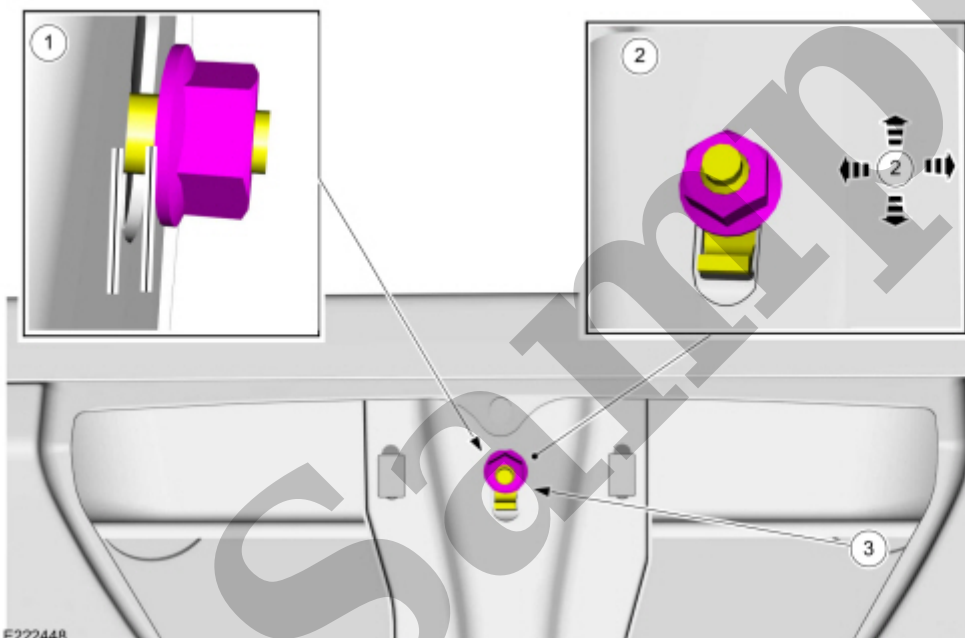
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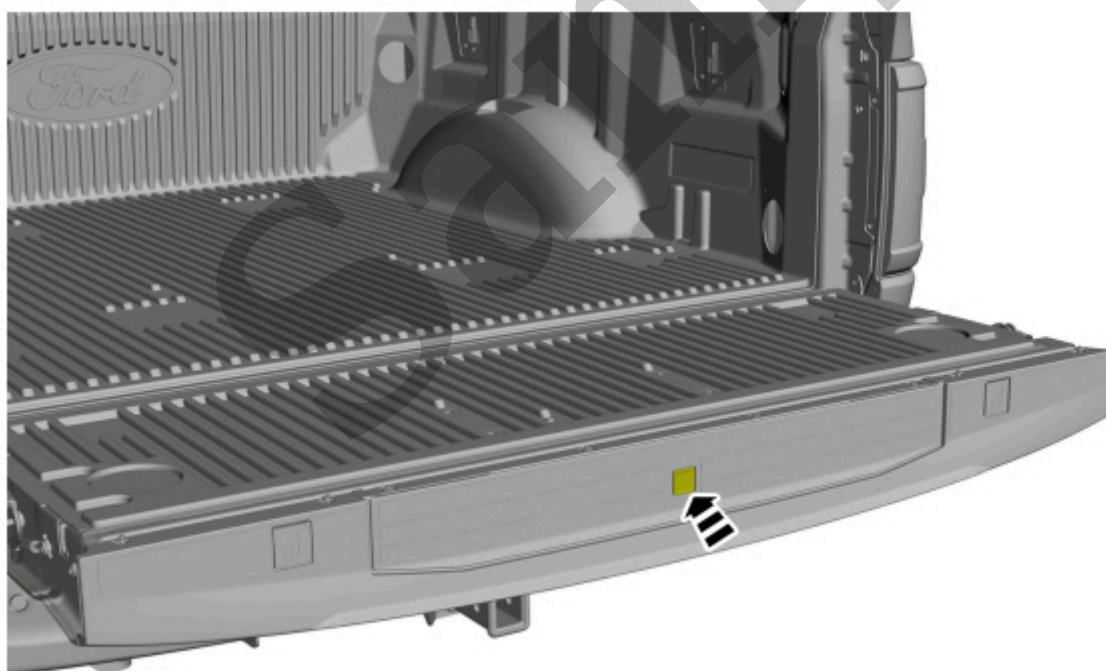
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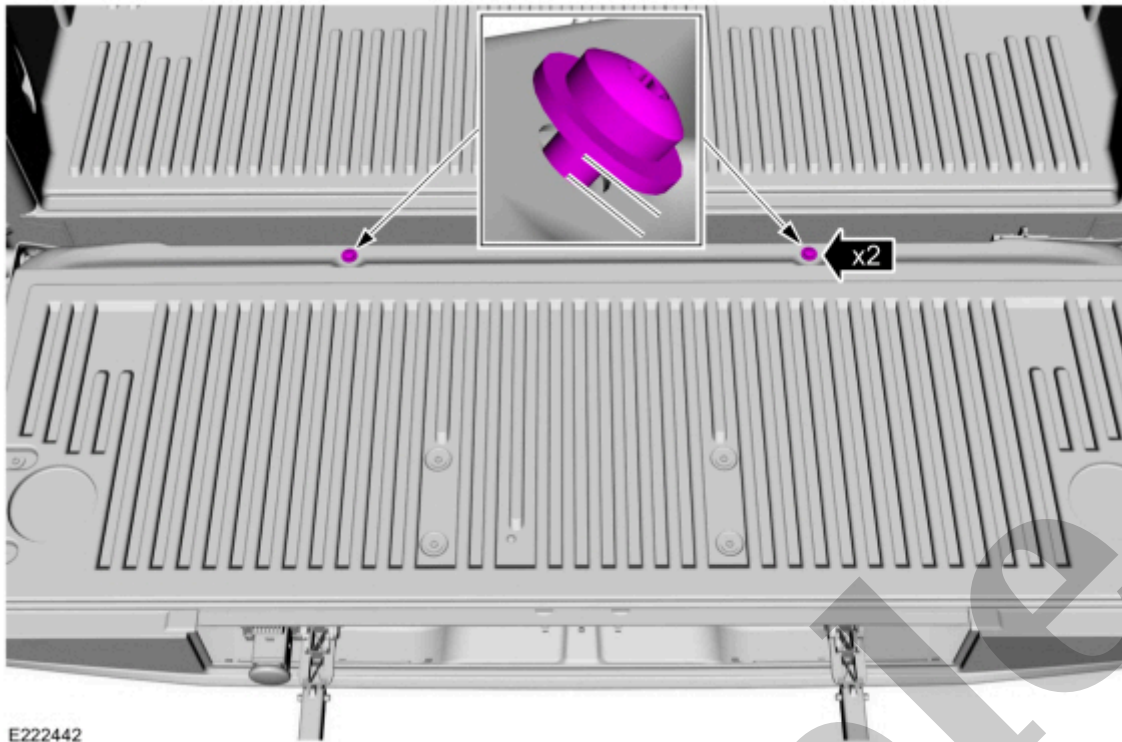
2. Push the tailgate step release button.



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3. Open the tailgate step approximately 8 in (203 mm) to 10 in (254 mm) from the closed position.



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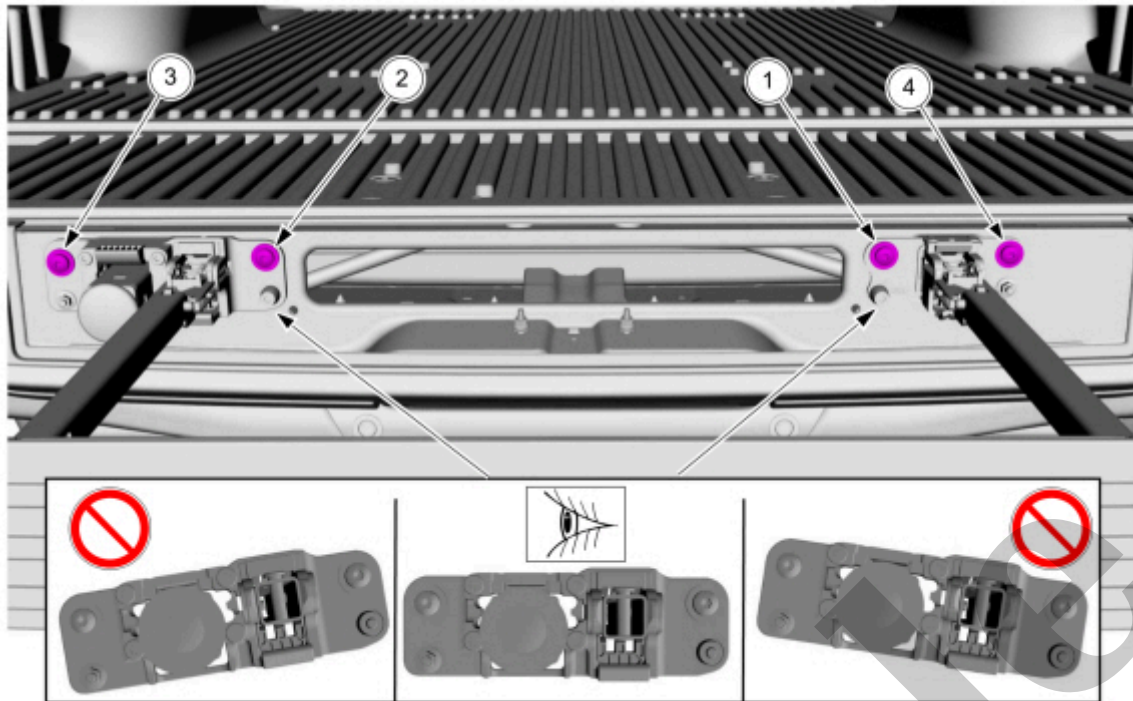
6. Cycle the tailgate step fully open and closed several time in its horizontal position without dropping the step to its final position ensuring the tailgate step fully latches in the closed position for each cycle. Finger tighten all fasteners before final tightening.

7. NOTE

The tailgate step assembly brackets should be held tightly against the tailgate face as the leg fasteners are tightened.

With the step approximately 2 in (51 mm) to 4 in (102 mm) from the closed state, tighten the tailgate step leg bolts in the following sequence:

1. **Torque** : 17 lb.ft (23 Nm)
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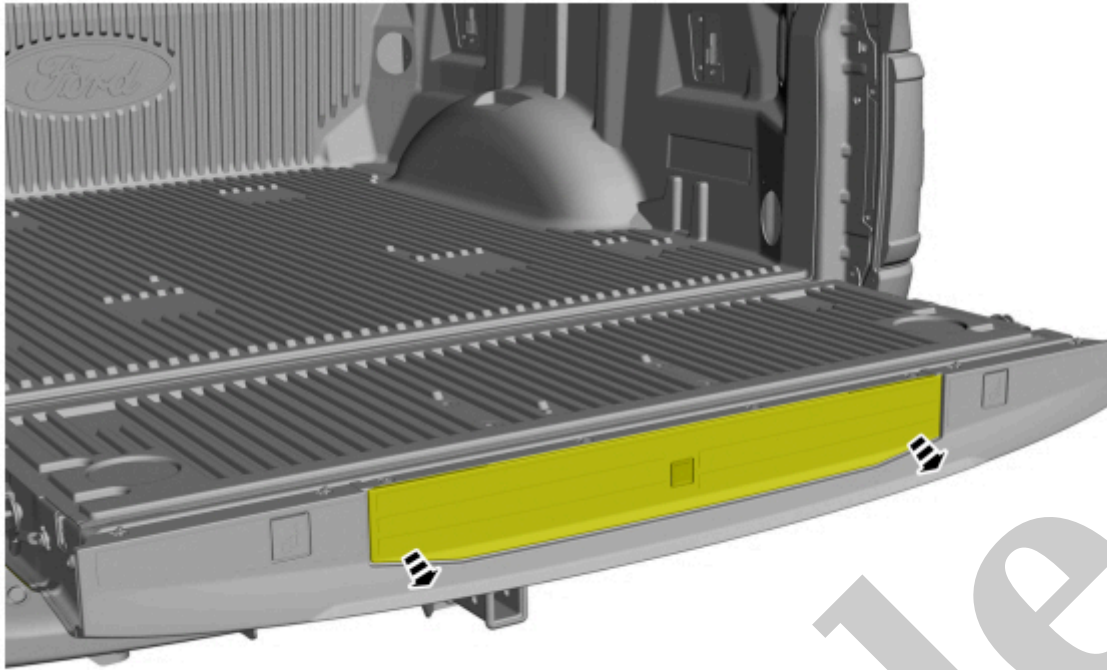
9. Cycle the tailgate step fully open and closed several times, ensuring the tailgate step fully latches in the closed position each cycle. If the tailgate step is still binding, repeat 2-8.

Adjustment

NOTE

LATCH STRIKER ADJUSTMENT

1. Lower the tailgate.



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4. Using a 12 inch straight edge, check the striker horizontal alignment.
 1. Place the straight edge along the edge of the striker.
 2. Measure and record the distance at both ends of the straight edge to a horizontal edge of the tailgate.
 3. Subtract the LH (left-hand) measurement from the RH (right-hand) measurement and record the difference.

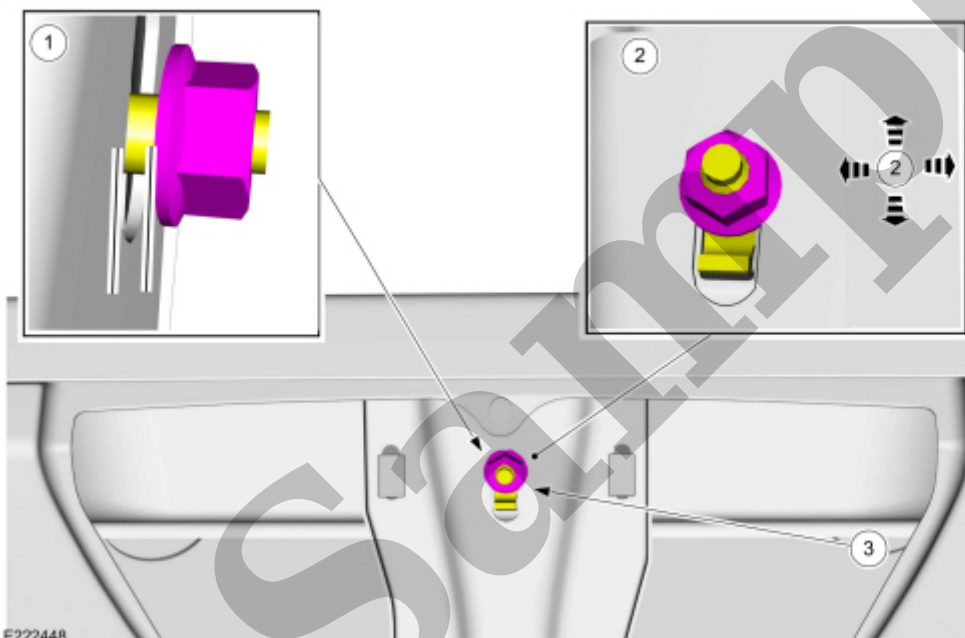
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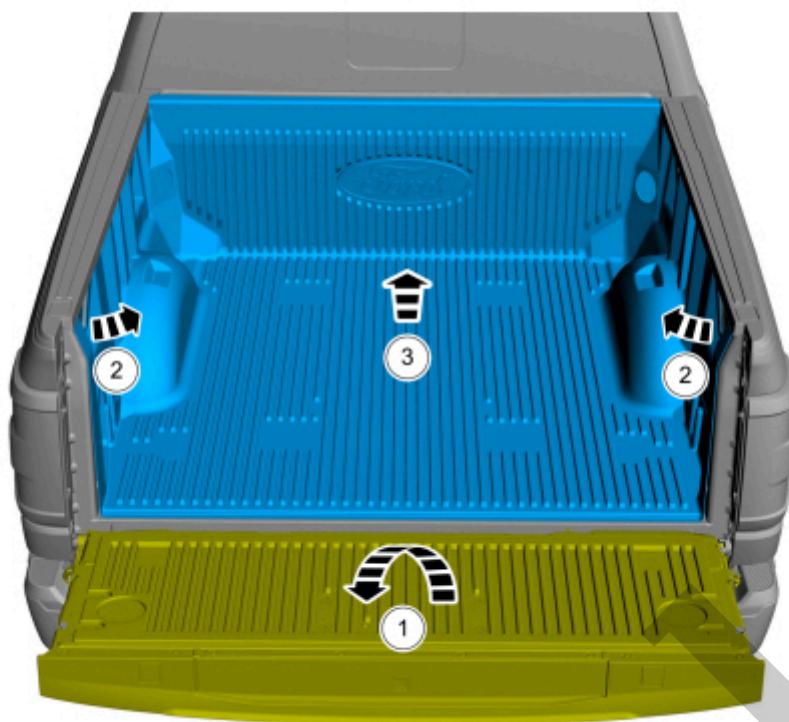
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2. With the vehicle in NEUTRAL, position it on a hoist.

Refer to: [Jacking and Lifting - Overview](#)(100-02 Jacking and Lifting, Description and Operation).

3. Remove the rear bumper.

Refer to: [Rear Bumper](#)(501-19 Bumpers, Removal and Installation).

4. If equipped,

Disconnect the rear camera electrical connector.

6. **NOTE**

5.5-foot styleside pickup bed shown, all other styleside similar.

NOTE

All 8-foot pickup beds will have 8 bolts; all others will have 6 bolts.

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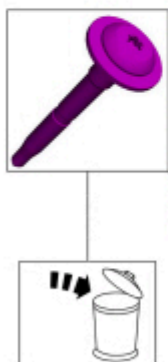
The pickup bed bolts are one-time-use only. Install new bolts whenever the bolts are removed.

NOTE

This step requires the aid of four technicians.

Remove and discard the pickup bed bolts. Remove the pickup bed.

Torque : 46 lb.ft (63 Nm)





Pickup Bed

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| <i>501-04 Pickup Bed and Platform Body</i> | <i>2022 F-150</i> |
| <i>Removal and Installation</i> | <i>Procedure revision date: 10/2/2020</i> |

Pickup Bed

Removal

NOTE

Removal steps in this procedure may contain installation details.

- 1. If equipped,
Remove the bed liner.
 - 1. Lower the tailgate.
 - 2. Pull the upper corners of the bed liner inward.
 - 3. Remove the bed liner.