

Tailgate

Replacement/Adjustment

1. Remove the screws and detach the clips, then remove the tailgate trim panel.
2. Pull the wire harness out of the tailgate and disconnect the washer hose.
NOTE: Before pulling out the wire harness, tie a string to the end of it so you can pull it back in when the tailgate is reinstalled.
3. Turn and pull off the retainer clips, then remove the tailgate support struts.
NOTE: Let an assistant hold the tailgate when removing the struts.
4. Remove the tailgate by removing the tailgate mounting bolts.
NOTE: Take care not to damage the roof panel.

If necessary:

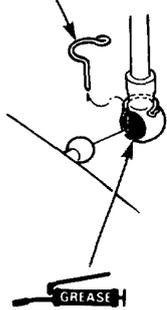
- Lower the rear of the headliner just enough to gain access to the hinge mounting nuts, then remove the hinge by removing the hinge mounting nuts.

TAILGATE EDGE CUSHION

Turn as necessary, to make the tailgate fit flush with the body at rear and side.

PIVOT BOLT
8 × 1.25 mm
25 N·m (2.5 kg-m,
18 lb-ft)

RETAINER CLIP



TAILGATE SUPPORT STRUT

UPPER TRIM

SIDE TRIM

TAILGATE TRIM PANEL

GROMMET

WASHER HOSE

TAILGATE MOUNTING BOLTS
6 × 1.0 mm
10 N·m (1.0 kg-m, 7 lb-ft)

MOUNTING SCREW CLIP

◀ : Clip Locations

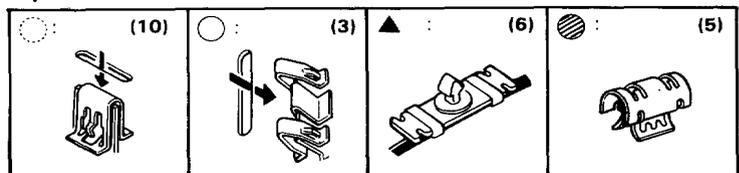
HINGE

Apply the sealant

HINGE MOUNTING NUTS

8 × 1.25 mm
22 N·m (2.2 kg-m,
16 lb-ft)

Clip Locations:



5. Installation sequence is essentially the reverse order of removal. However, observe the following:
 - Before tightening the mounting bolts, adjust the tailgate fit and striker (page 14-57).
 - Use care when pulling the wire harness back in to avoid damaging the body.
 - Coat the inside and outside of the grommet with sealant.