# FULL WIDTH TOW FLAP SPECIAL BRACKET AND HEAT SHIELD INSTRUCTIONS



# 2021-ON CHEVY TAHOE/SUBURBAN & GMC YUKON

Read and follow these special instructions along with the standard instructions carefully before installing or using this tow flap.

**NOTICE TO INSTALLER:** Even if familiar with product, read special instructions prior to installation as improvements may be made without notice. Always handle components with care. When done, these instructions must be given to the consumer.

**NOTICE TO CONSUMER:** Before using this product, read special instructions. Save these special instructions for future reference.

### **PREPARATION**

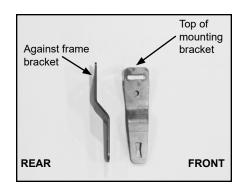
#### **TOOLS NEEDED**

- · Rachet with 9/16" socket
- · Protective eyewear
- · Flathead screwdriver optional
- 15 mm socket optional

▲ CAUTION: Over tightening hardware may damage components or truck.

## 1: INSTALLING MOUNTING BRACKETS

A. Ensure proper orientation of mounting brackets. Top of mounting bracket should be against frame bracket on vehicle with mounting bracket slanting towards front of vehicle.

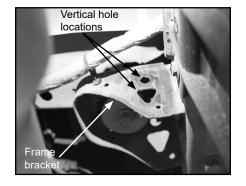


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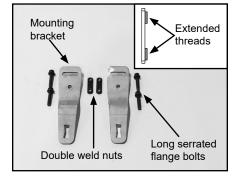
Perform one of the following to install mounting brackets:

#### **VERTICAL HOLE ORIENTATION**

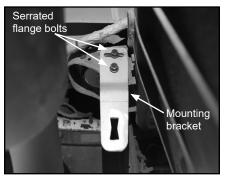
A. Locate vertical holes in frame bracket.



IMPORTANT: Ensure extended threads on double weld nut face away from serrated flange bolt.



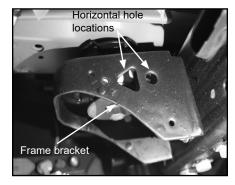
- B. Insert serrated flange bolts through mounting bracket, then hold mounting bracket up. Insert serrated flange bolts through frame bracket, then thread into double weld nut. Do not fully tighten.
- C. Repeat for opposite side.
- D. For remaining tow flap installation, refer to standard instructions.



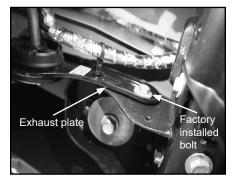
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#### HORIZONTAL HOLE ORIENTATION

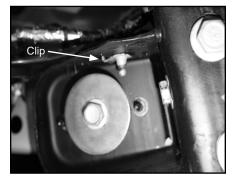
A. Locate horizontal holes in frame bracket.

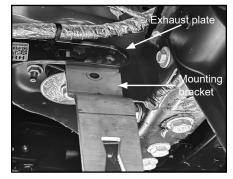


**NOTE:** Some models will have factory installed exhaust plates, bolts and clips. Turn bolt out and remove clip with flathead screwdriver. Factory bolts will be replaced by new bolts. Installer should return factory bolts and clips to owner.



IMPORTANT: If vehicle is equipped with exhaust plate, lift exhaust plate and insert mounting bracket behind exhaust plate.

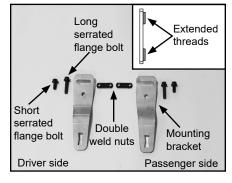




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IMPORTANT: Ensure short serrated flange bolt is on the outside of mounting bracket slot and long serrated flange bolt is on the inside of mounting bracket slot.

IMPORTANT: Ensure extended threads on double weld nut face away from serrated flange bolt.



**NOTE:** If vehicle is equipped with exhaust plate, bolts will go through exhaust plate, mounting bracket and frame bracket, secured by double weld nut.

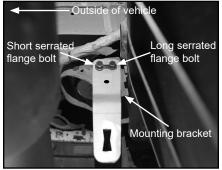
B. Insert short serrated flange bolt into mounting bracket slot, then ensuring short serrated flange bolt is in outer hole in frame bracket thread into double weld nut. Do not fully tighten.

C. Insert long serrated flange bolt into mounting bracket slot, then ensuring long serrated flange bolt is in inner hole in frame bracket thread into double weld nut. Do not fully tighten.

**NOTE:** Serrated flange bolts will be fully tightened during tow flap installation.

D. Repeat for opposite side.

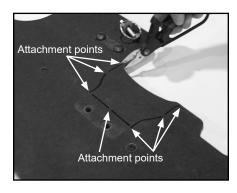
E. For remaining tow flap installation, refer to standard instructions.



## 2: REMOVING EXHAUST CUTOUT

Some models require cutting out exhaust cutouts. If OEM exhaust interferes with tow flap, remove exhaust cutouts.

A. Cut all attachment points of perforated exhaust cutout, then remove exhaust cutout.



### 3: INSTALLING HEAT SHIELD

**NOTE:** Heat shield kit only applies to certain models.

A. Insert (2) weld nuts into stabilizing bar, then insert (2) Allen button head bolts through heat shield and tow flap. Thread Allen button head bolts into weld nuts in stabilizing bar.

**NOTE:** Stabilizing bar may need to be removed from tow flap if already assembled.

B. For remaining tow flap installation, refer to standard instructions.

