

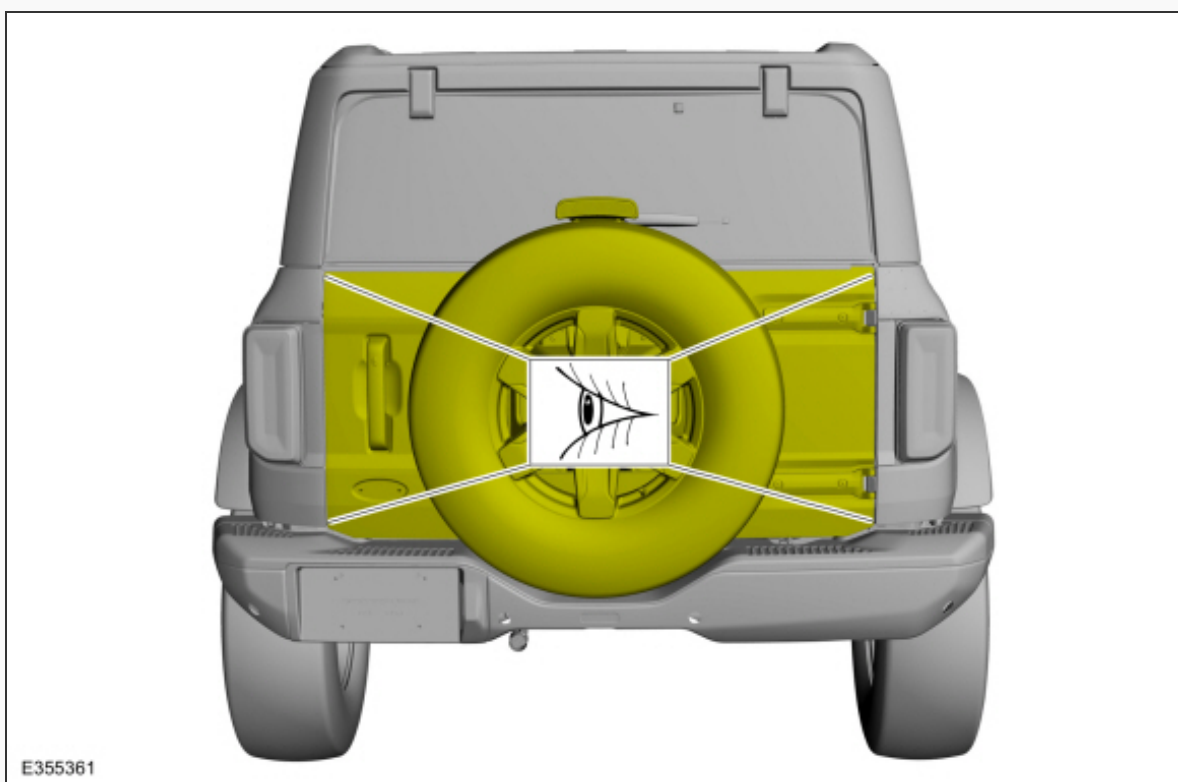


# Tailgate Alignment

## Inspection

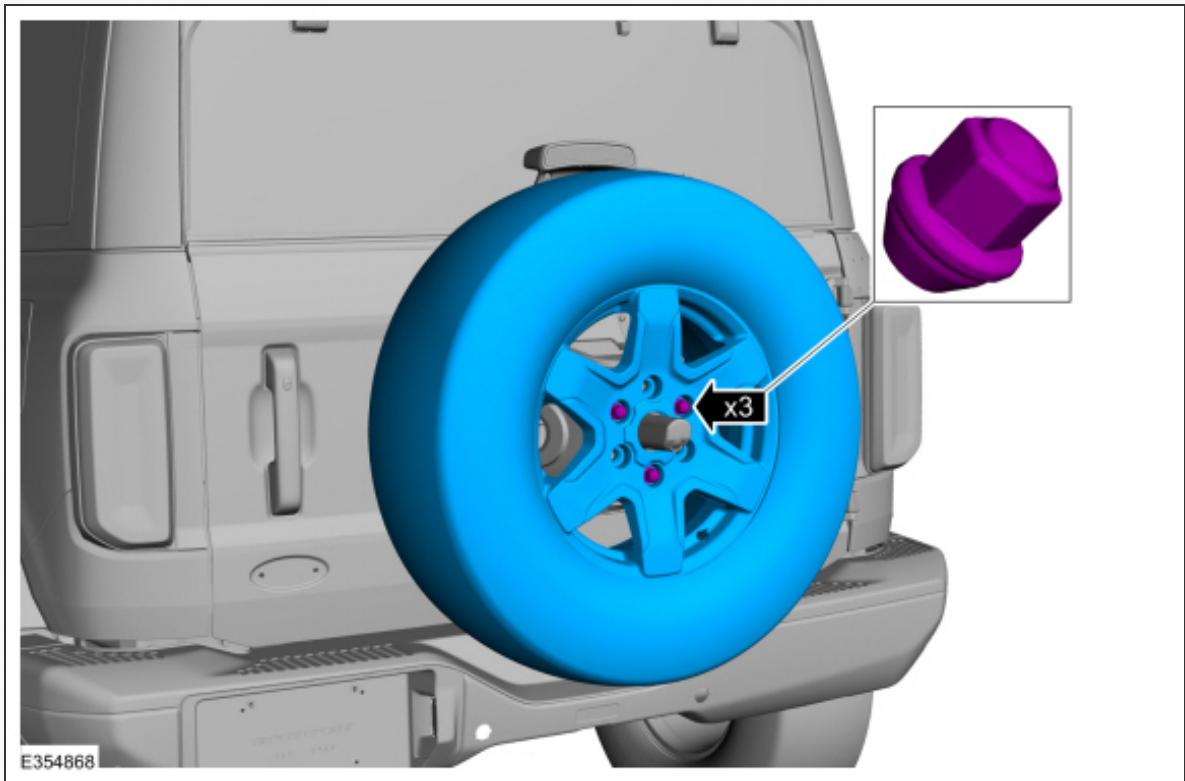
**NOTE:** Removal steps in this procedure may contain installation details.

1. Check tailgate-to-body dimensions.

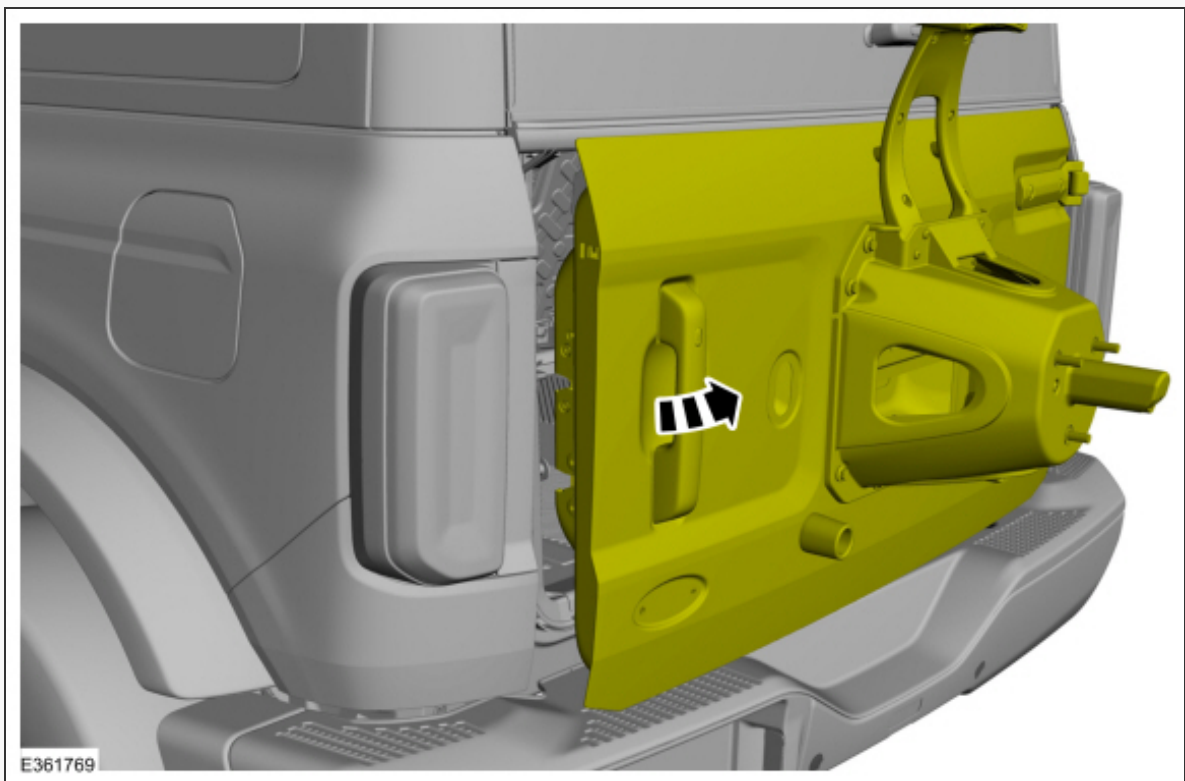


## All alignments

1. Remove the nuts and the spares wheel.  
*Torque:* 41 lb.ft (55 Nm)

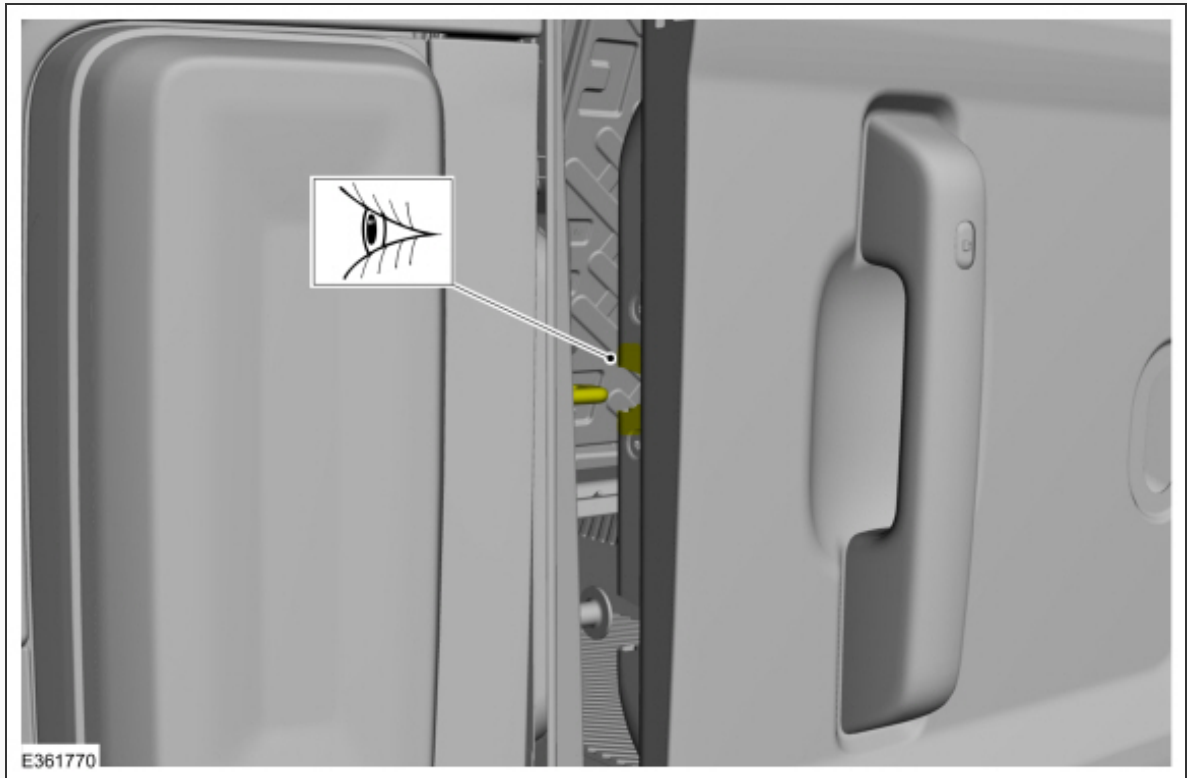


2. Open the tailgate about 5 to 10 degrees.



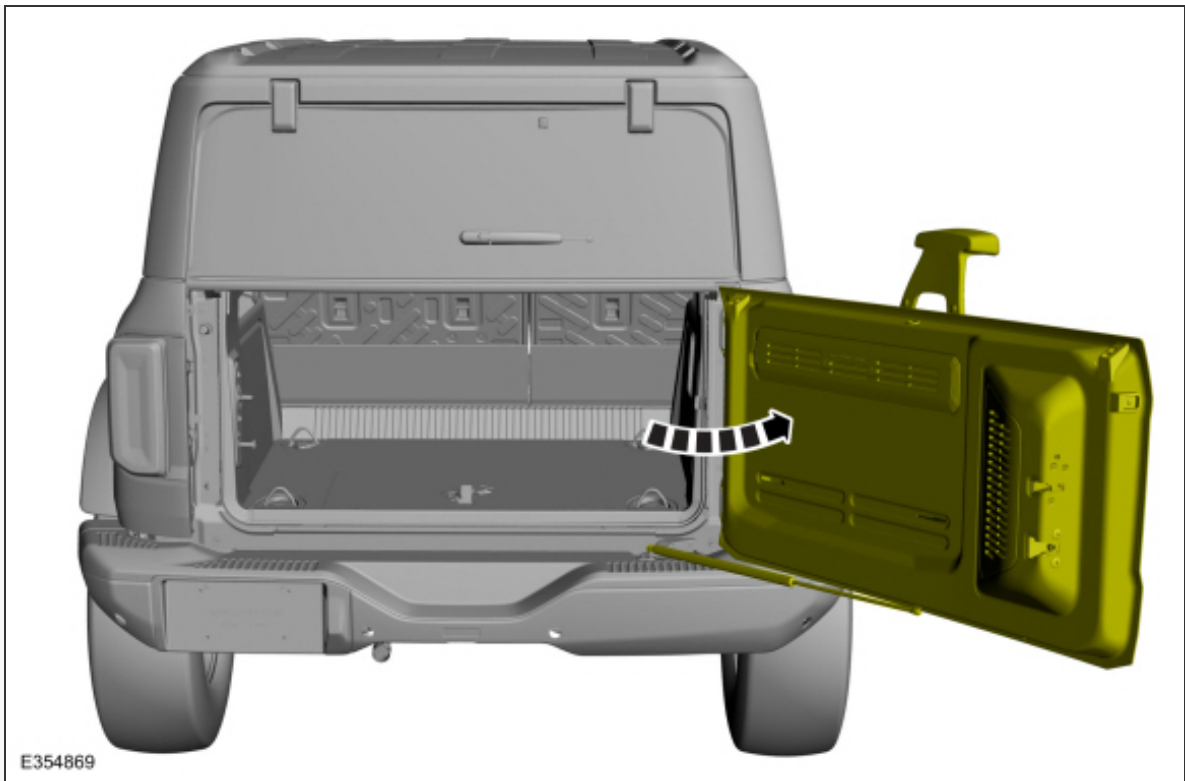
3. Note down the movement in tailgate due to spare wheel removal. Noted movement

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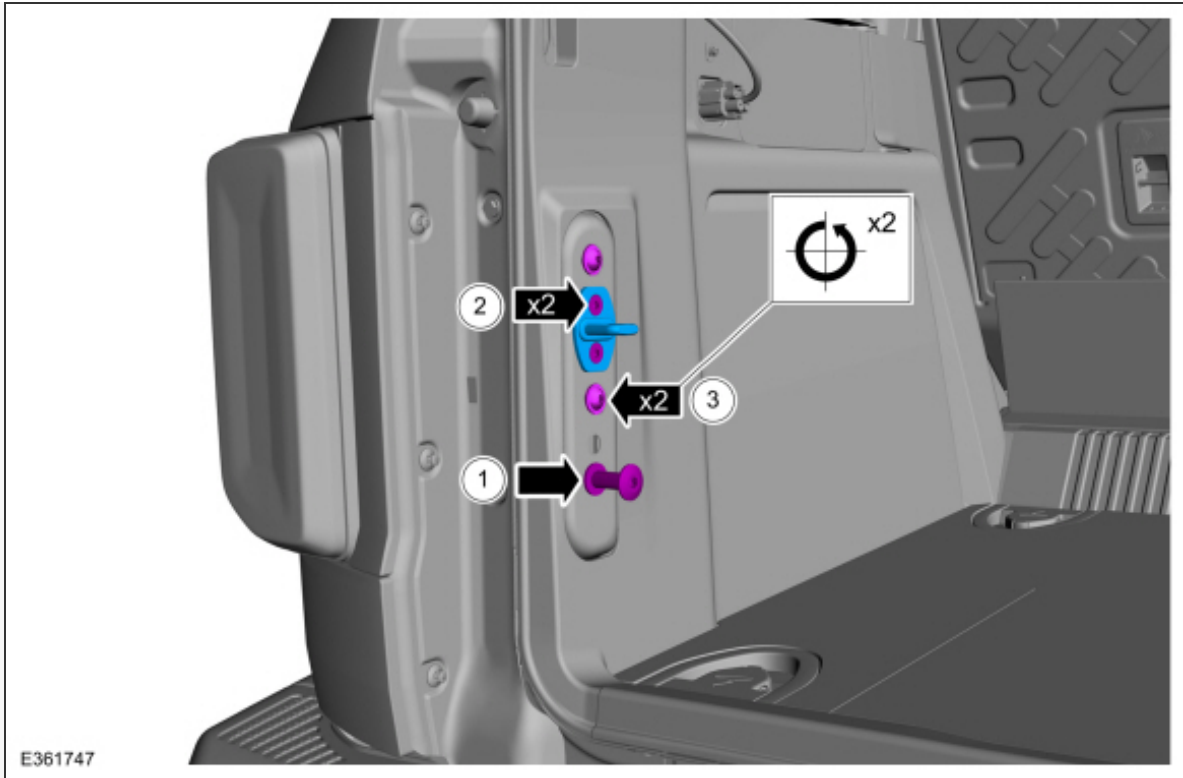


#### Tailgate left and right, up and down alignment

4. Remove the RH rear lamp assembly.  
Refer to: [Rear Lamp Assembly](#) (417-01 Exterior Lighting, Removal and Installation).
5. Open the tailgate.



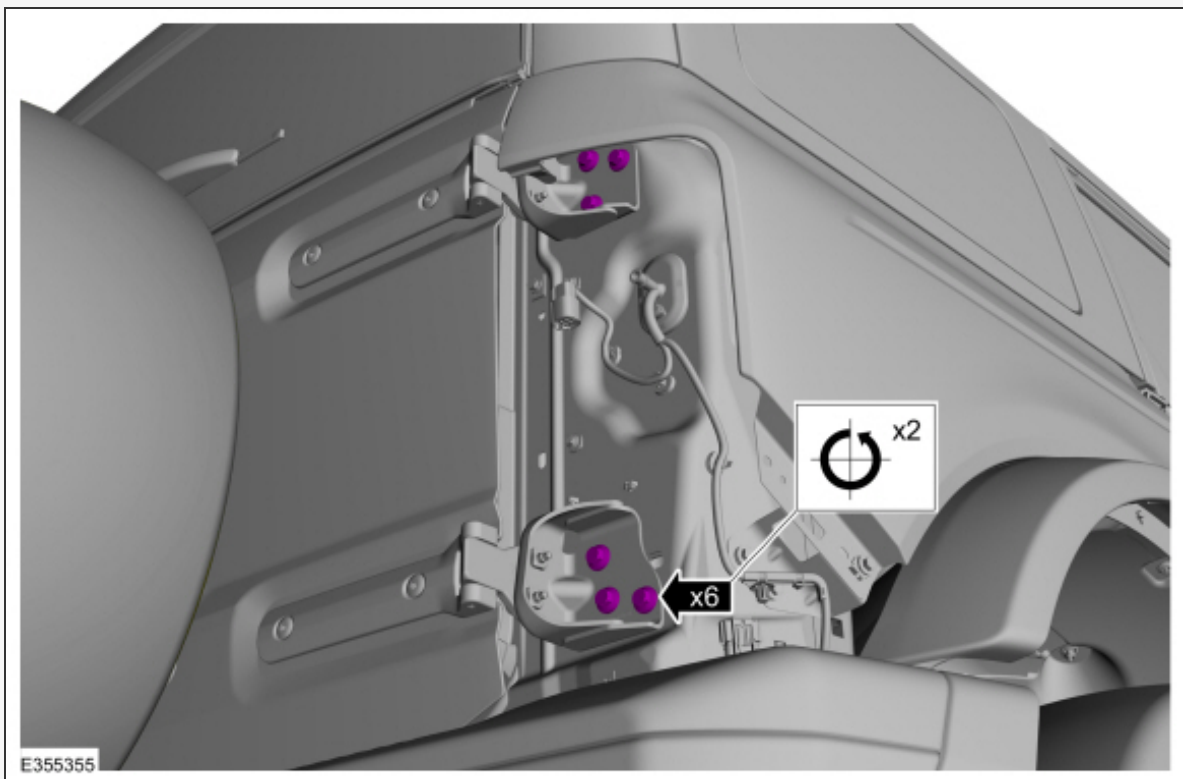
6.
  1. Remove the bump stop.
  2. Remove the bolts and the striker.
  3. Loosen the bolts.  
Loosen:  
: 2 turn(s)



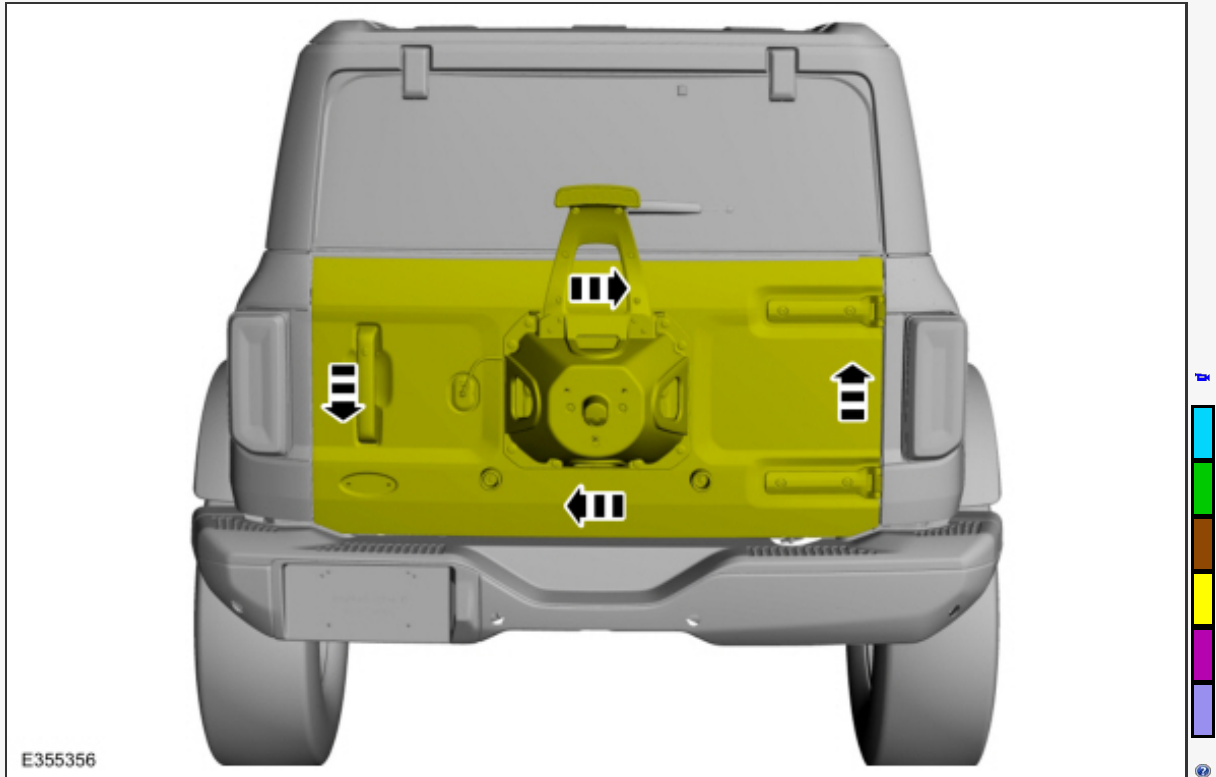
7. Loosen the bolts.

Loosen:

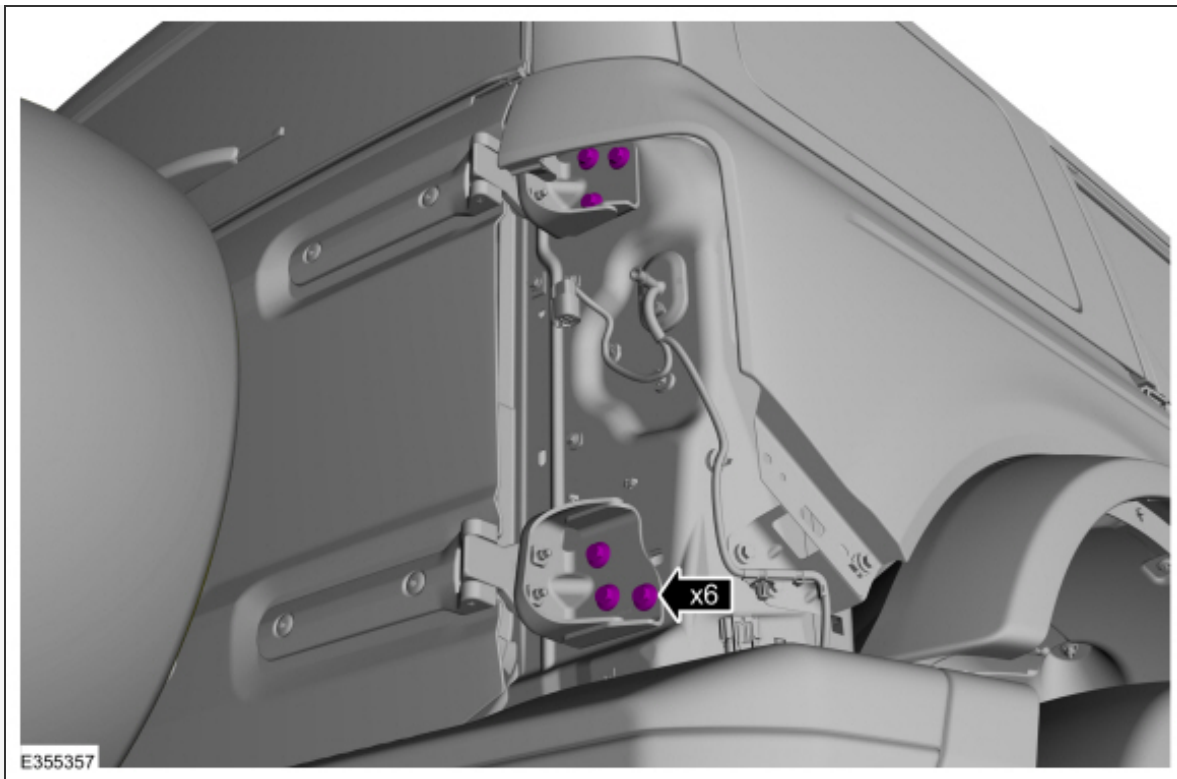
: 2 turn(s)



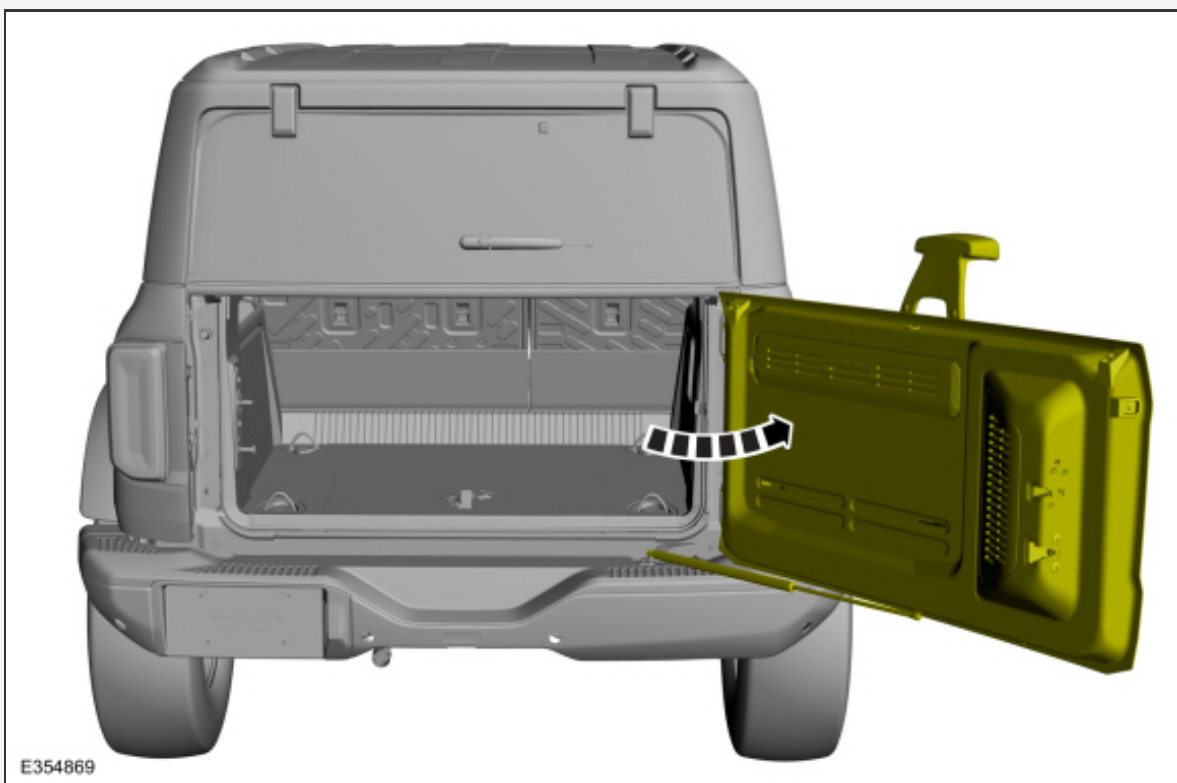
8. Adjust the tailgate as required.



9. Tighten the bolts.  
*Torque: 30 lb.ft (40 Nm)*



10. Open the tailgate.

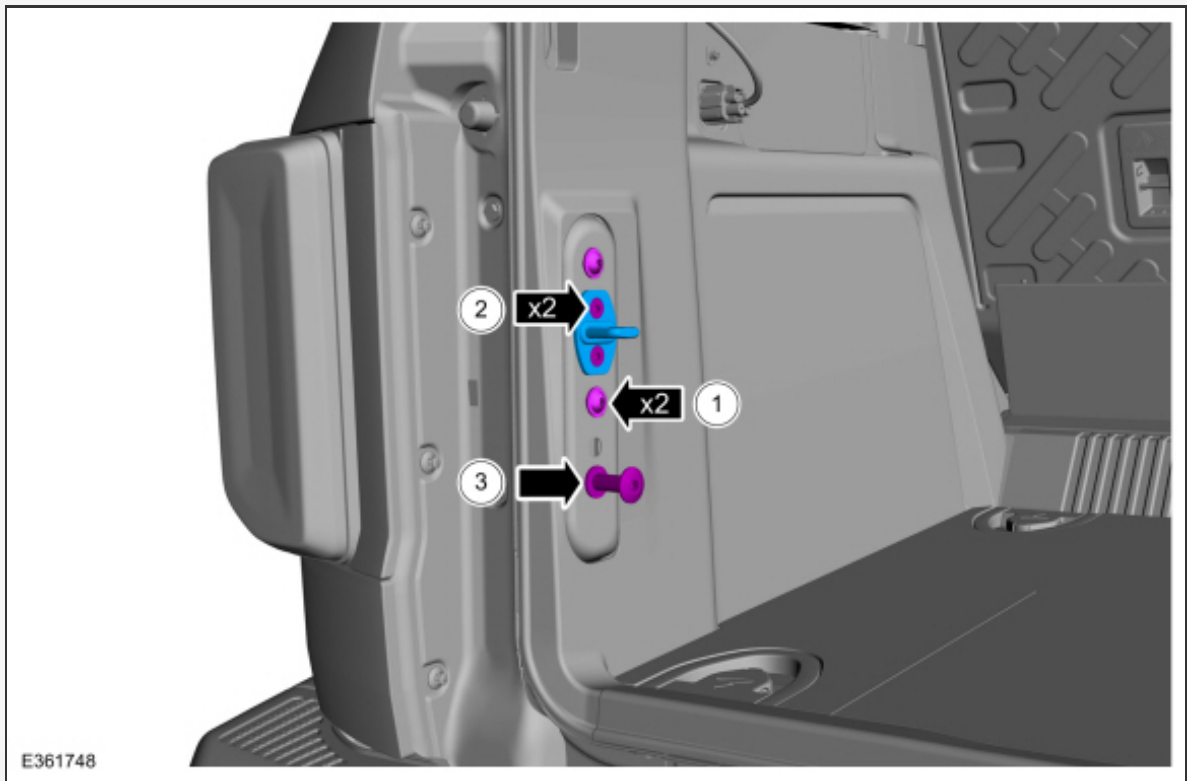


11. 1. Tighten the bolts.

*Torque: 17 lb.ft (23 Nm)*

2. Install the striker and the bolts.  
*Torque: 18 lb.ft (25 Nm)*

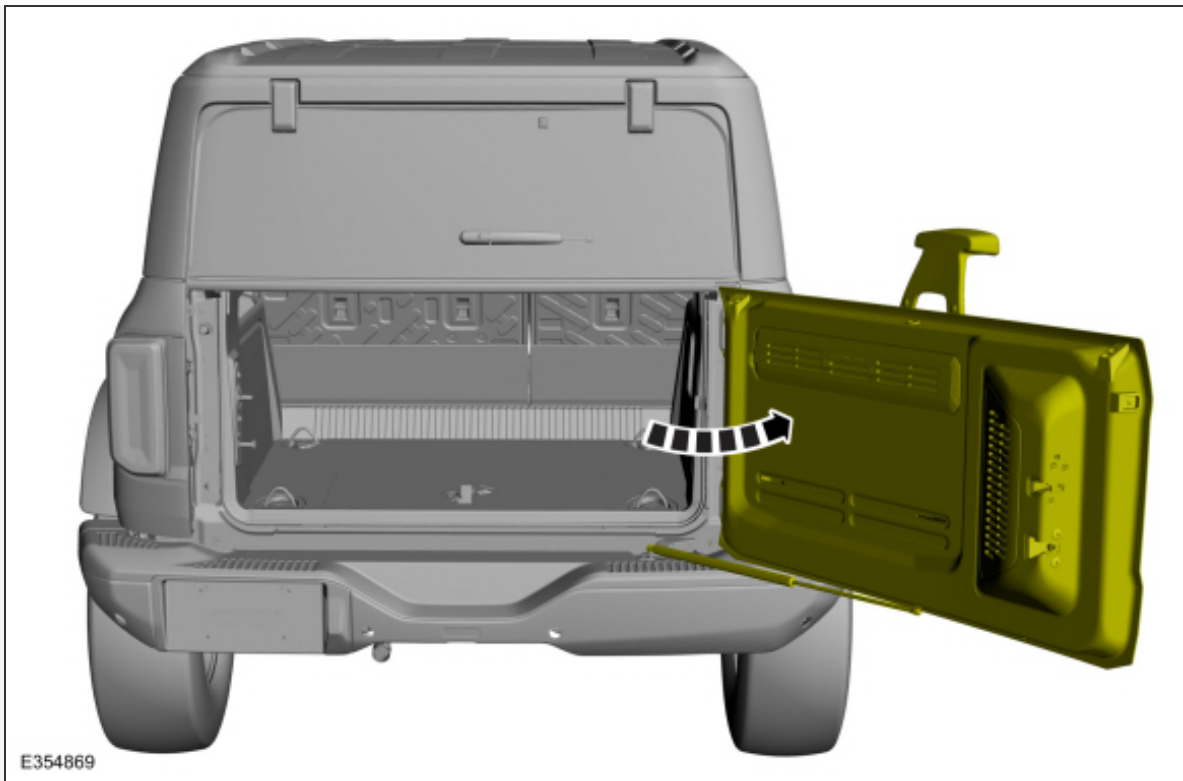
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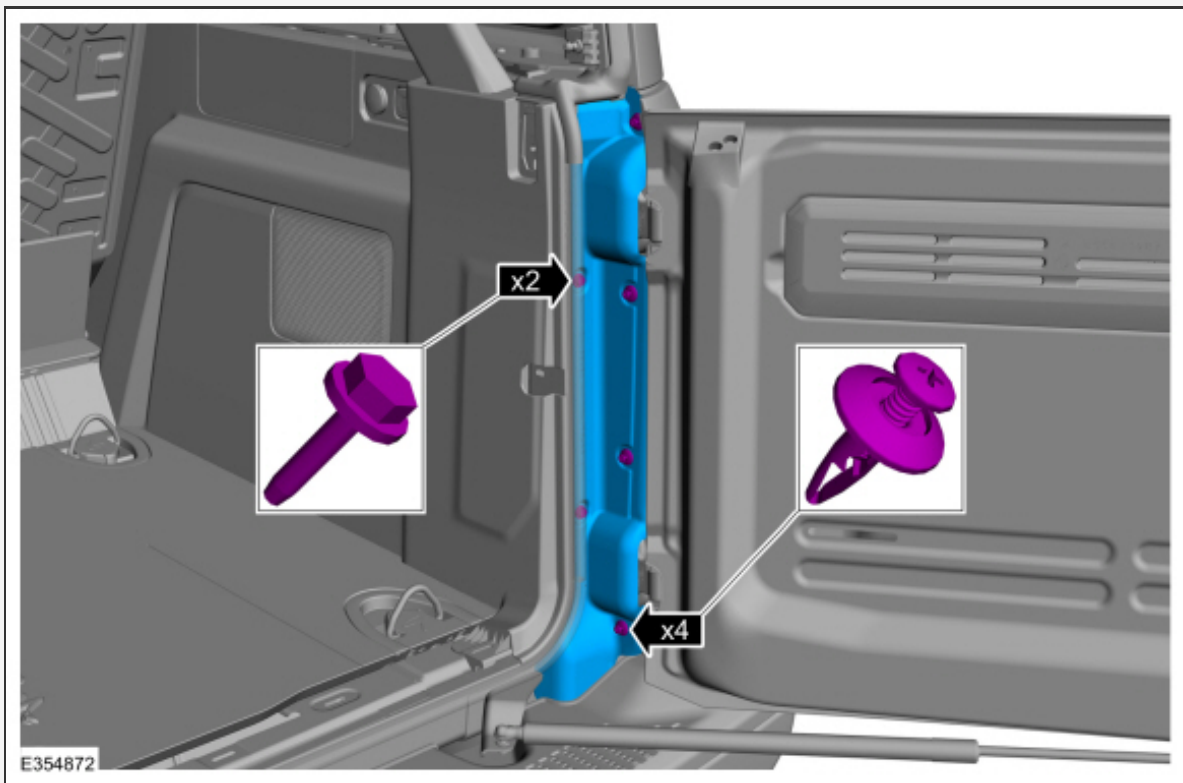
12. Install the RH rear lamp assembly.  
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### **Tailgate in and out alignment - on hinge side**

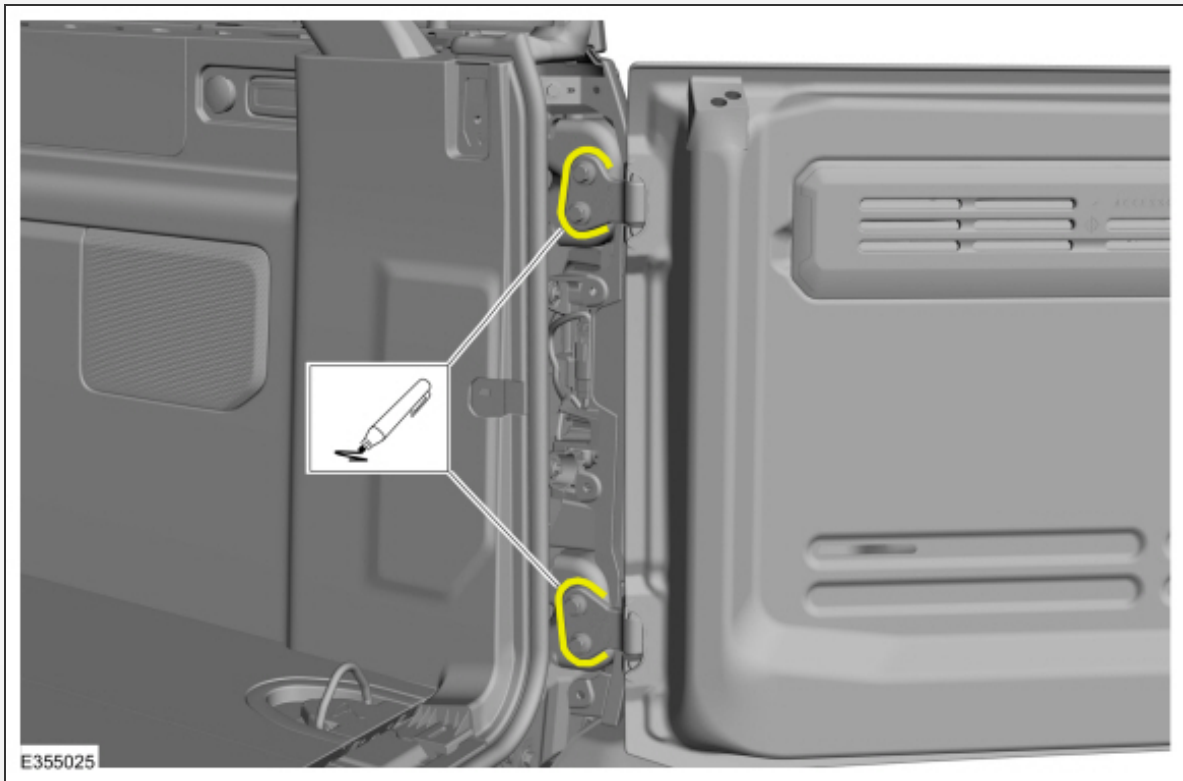
13. Open the tailgate.



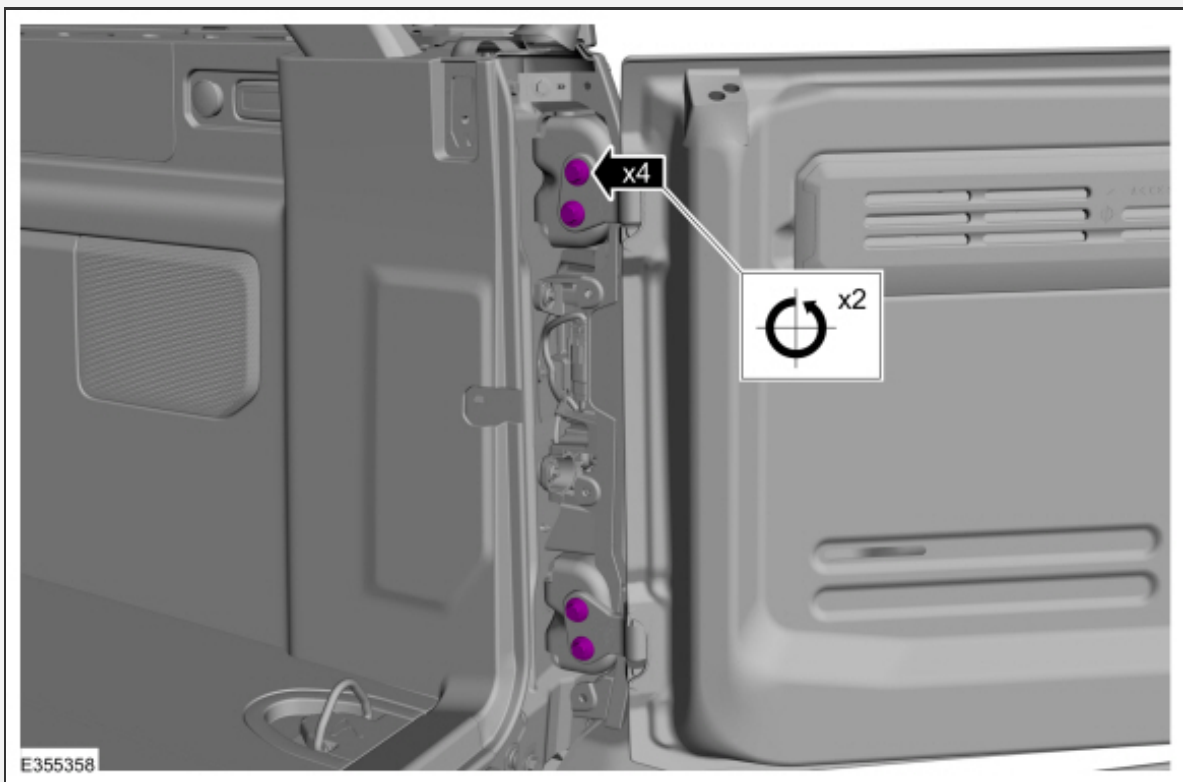
14. Remove the fasteners and the tailgate hinge cover.



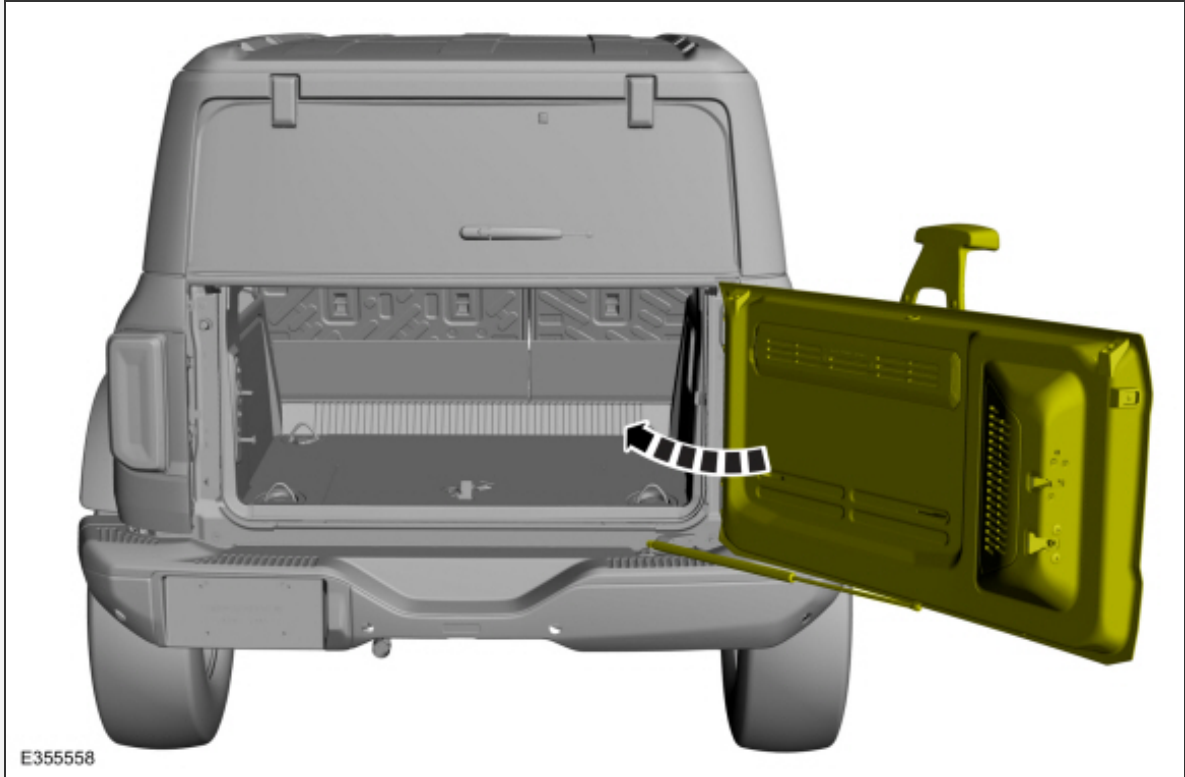
15. Mark the location of the tailgate hinge to aid in installation.



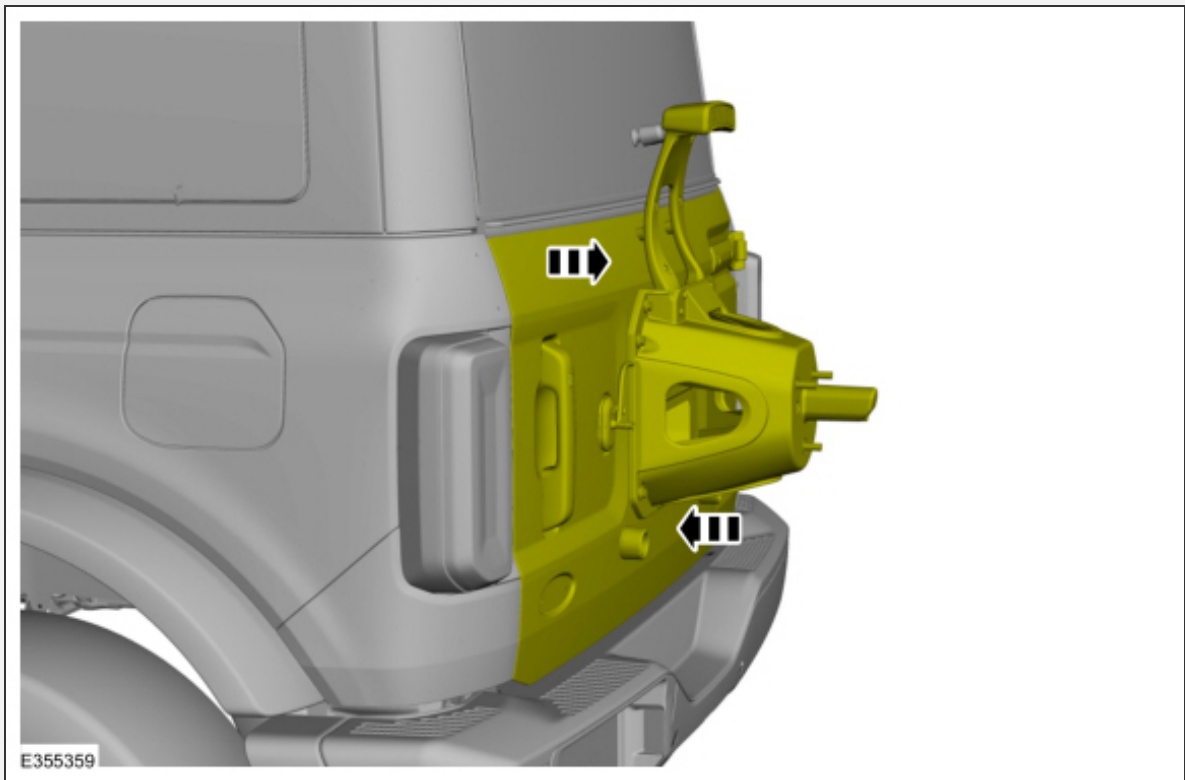
16. Loosen the bolts.  
Loosen:  
: 2 turn(s)



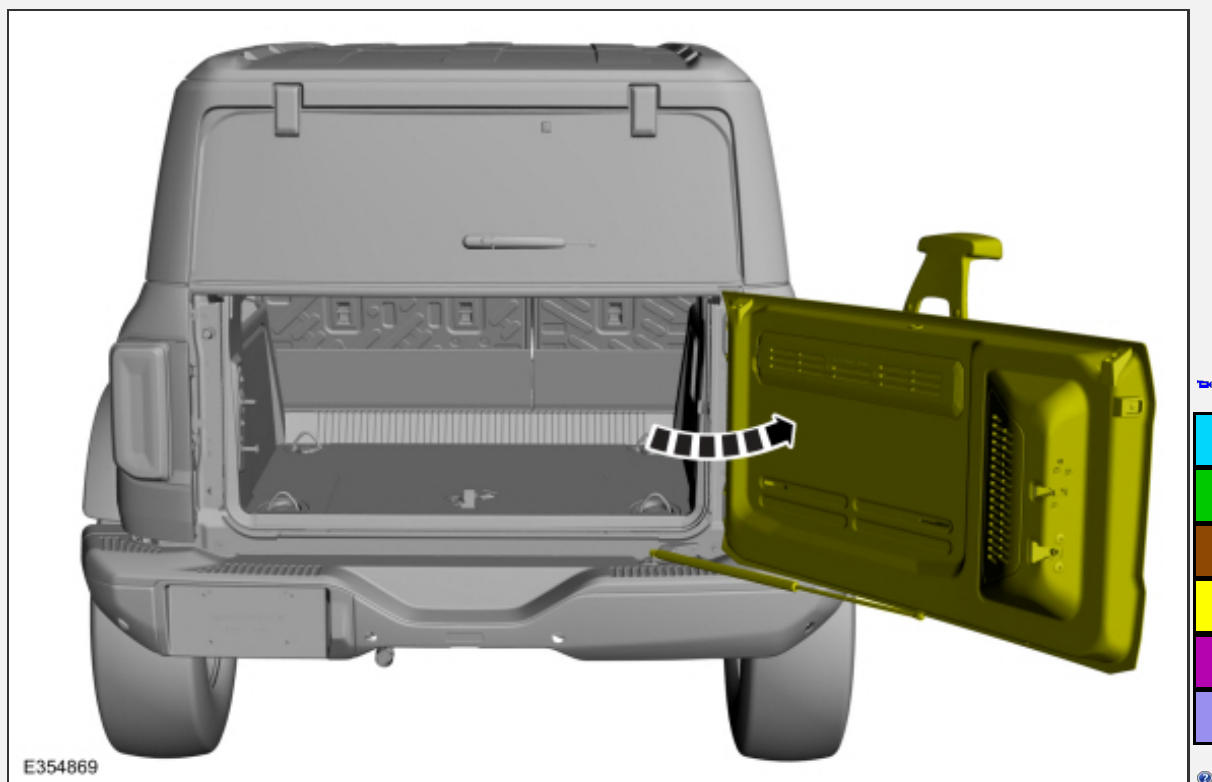
17. Close the tailgate.



18. Adjust the tailgate as required.



19. Open the tailgate.

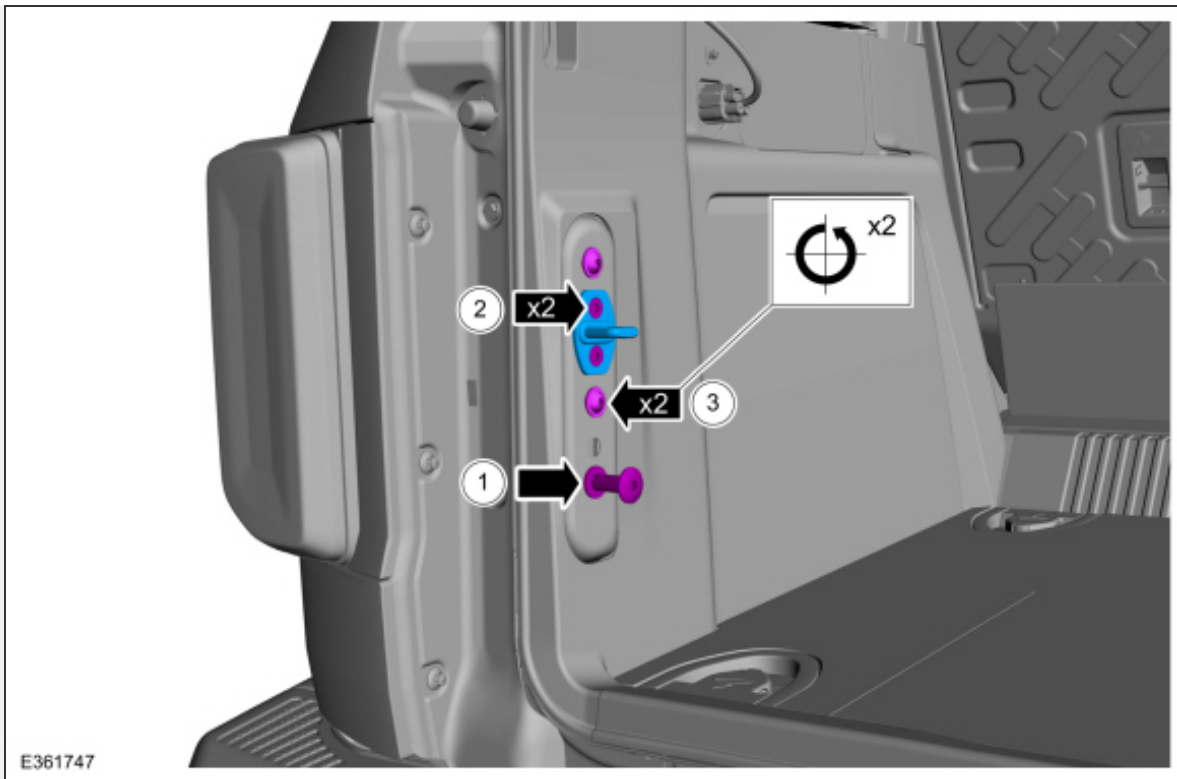


20. Tighten the bolts.  
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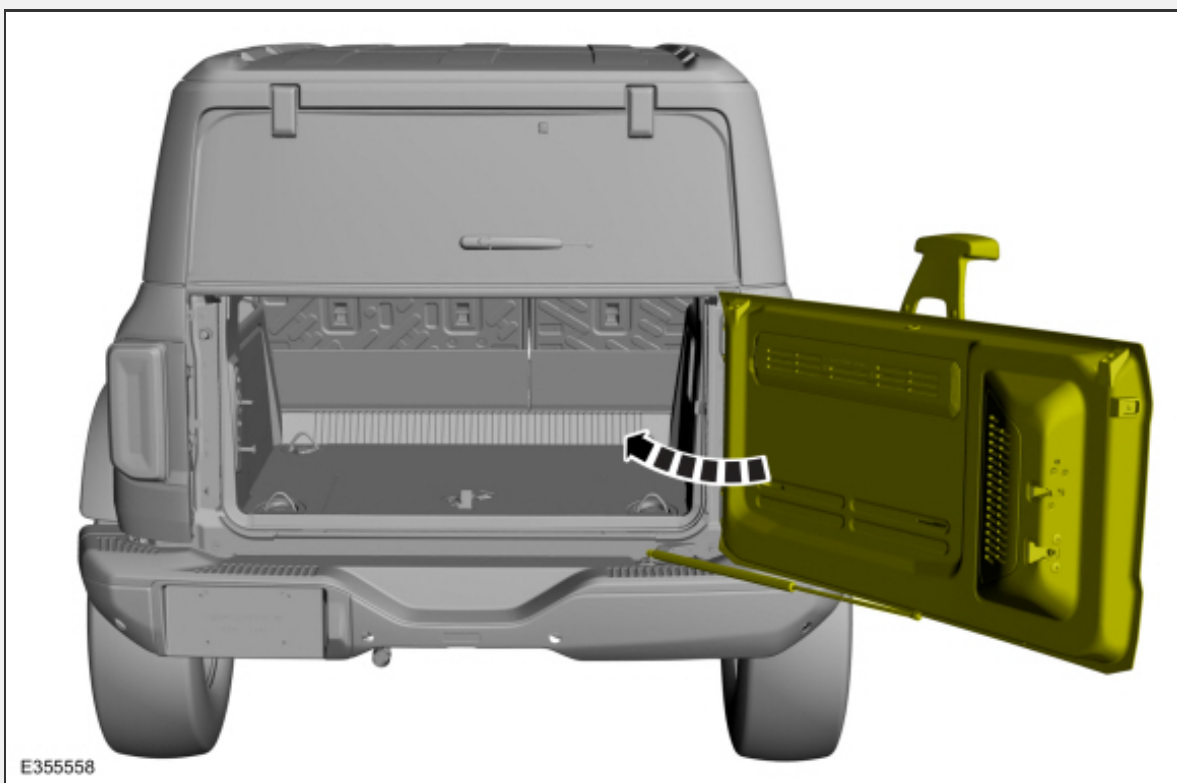


### Tailgate in and out alignment - on latch side

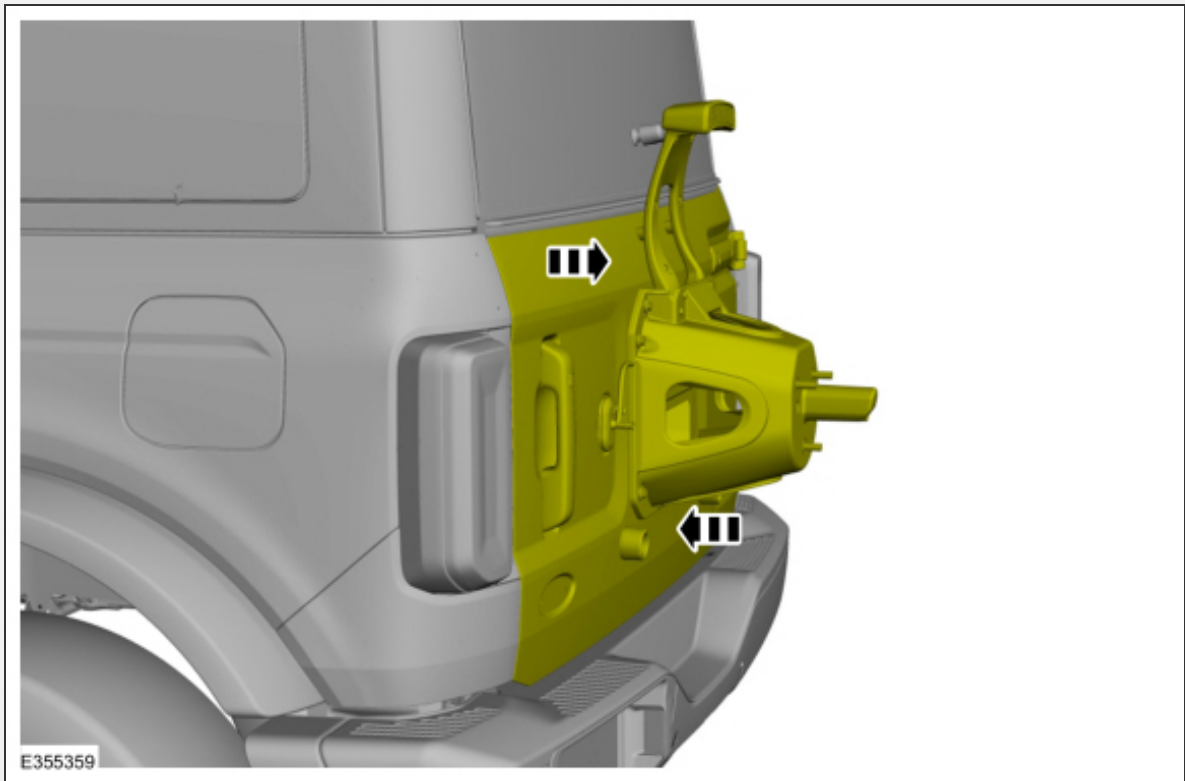
21.
  1. Remove the bump stop.
  2. Remove the bolts and the striker.
  3. Loosen the bolts.  
Loosen:  
: 2 turn(s)



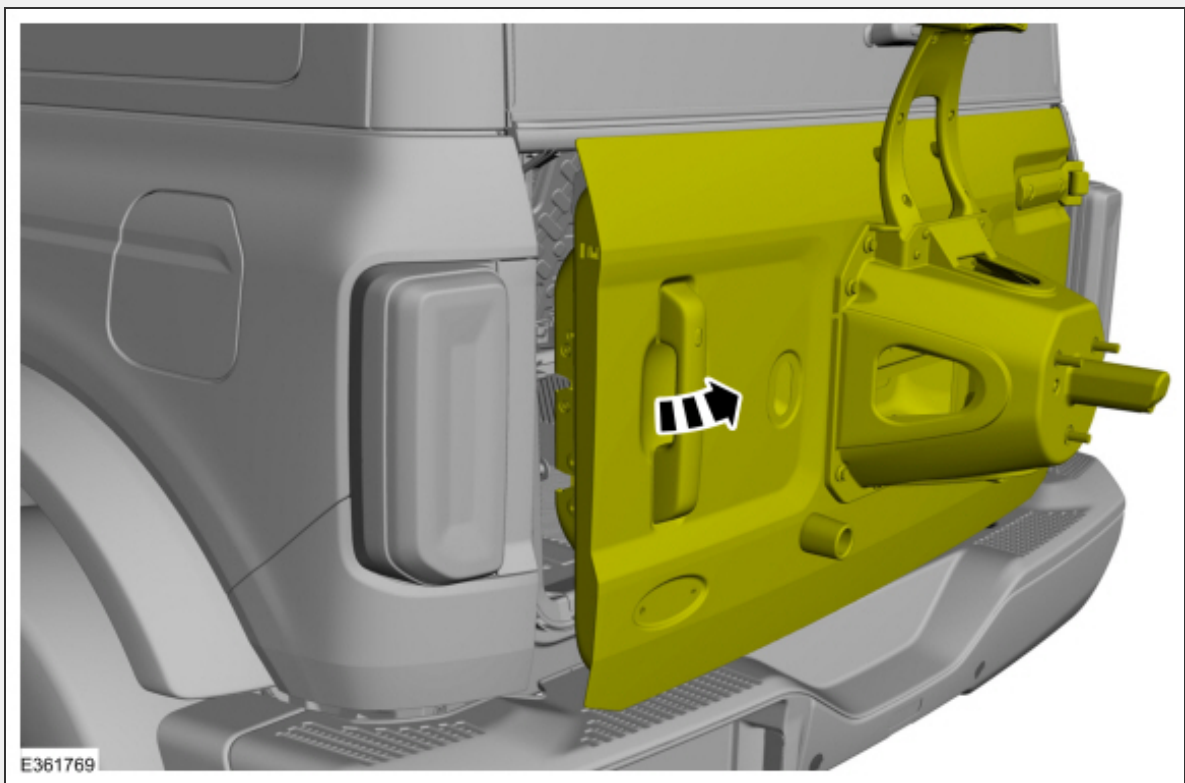
22. Close the tailgate.



23. Adjust the tailgate as required.

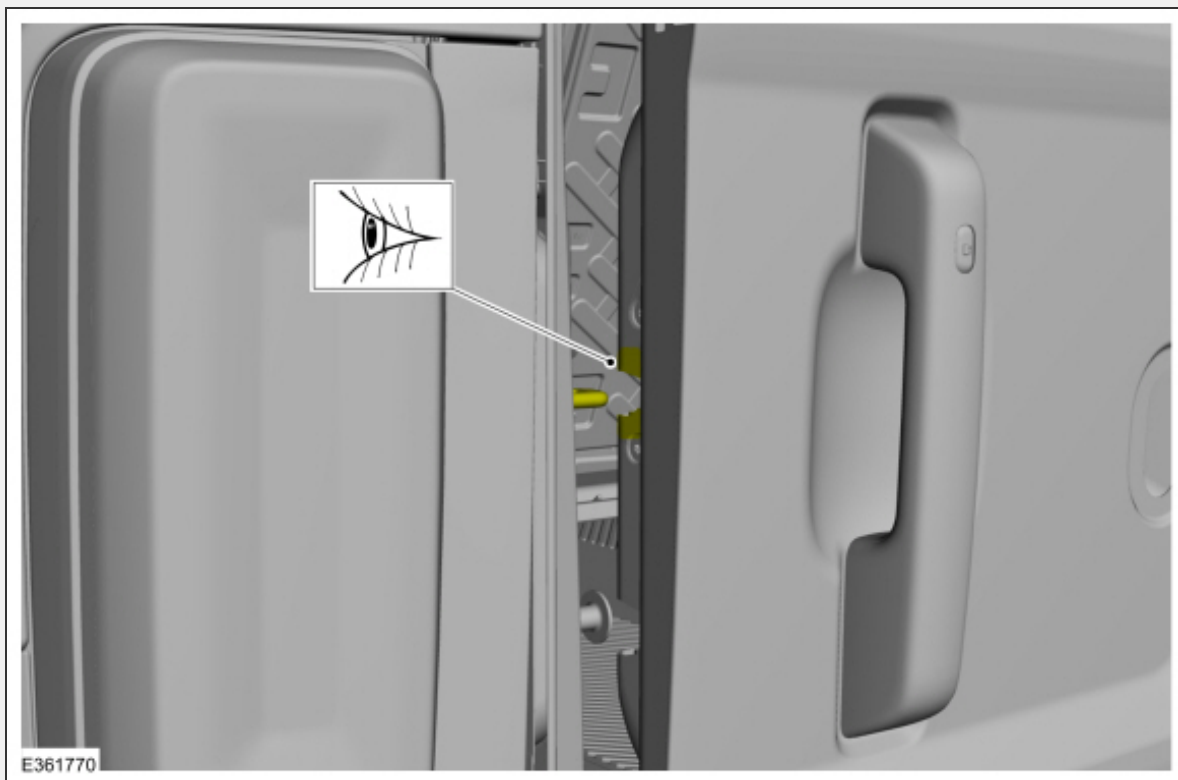


24. Open the tailgate about 5 to 10 degrees.

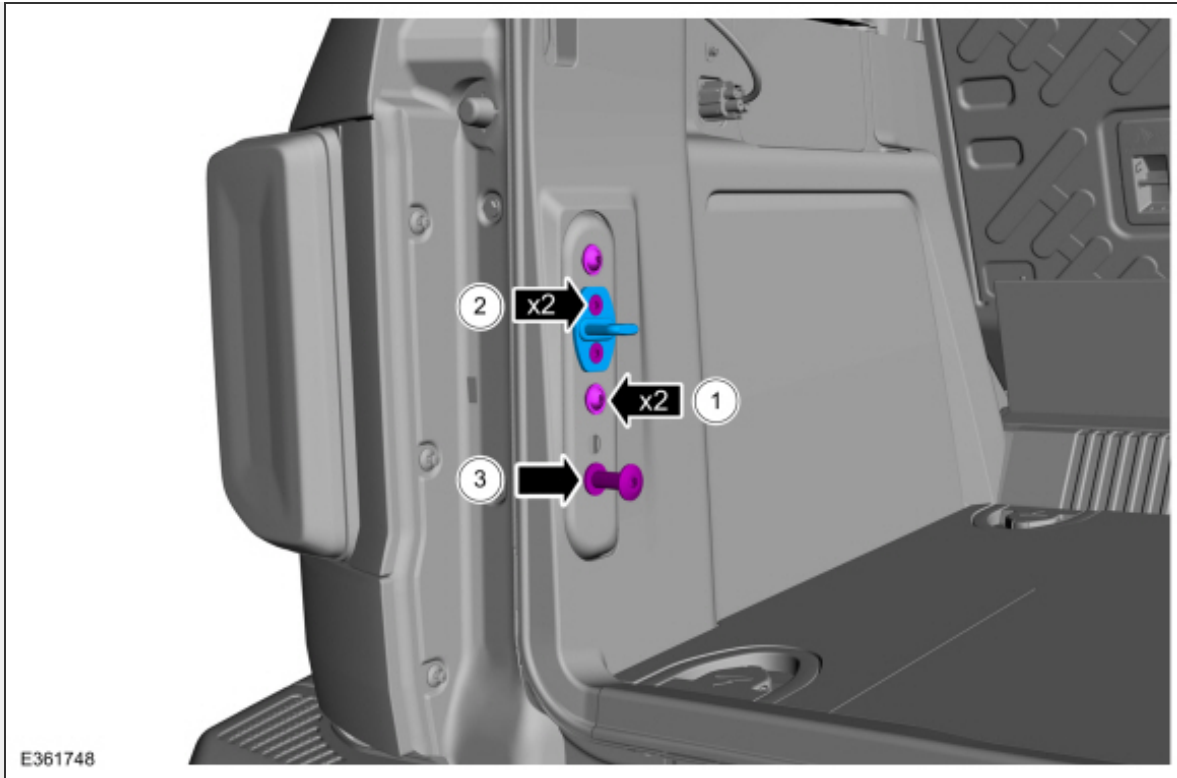


25. Note down the movement in tailgate due to spare wheel removal. Noted movement

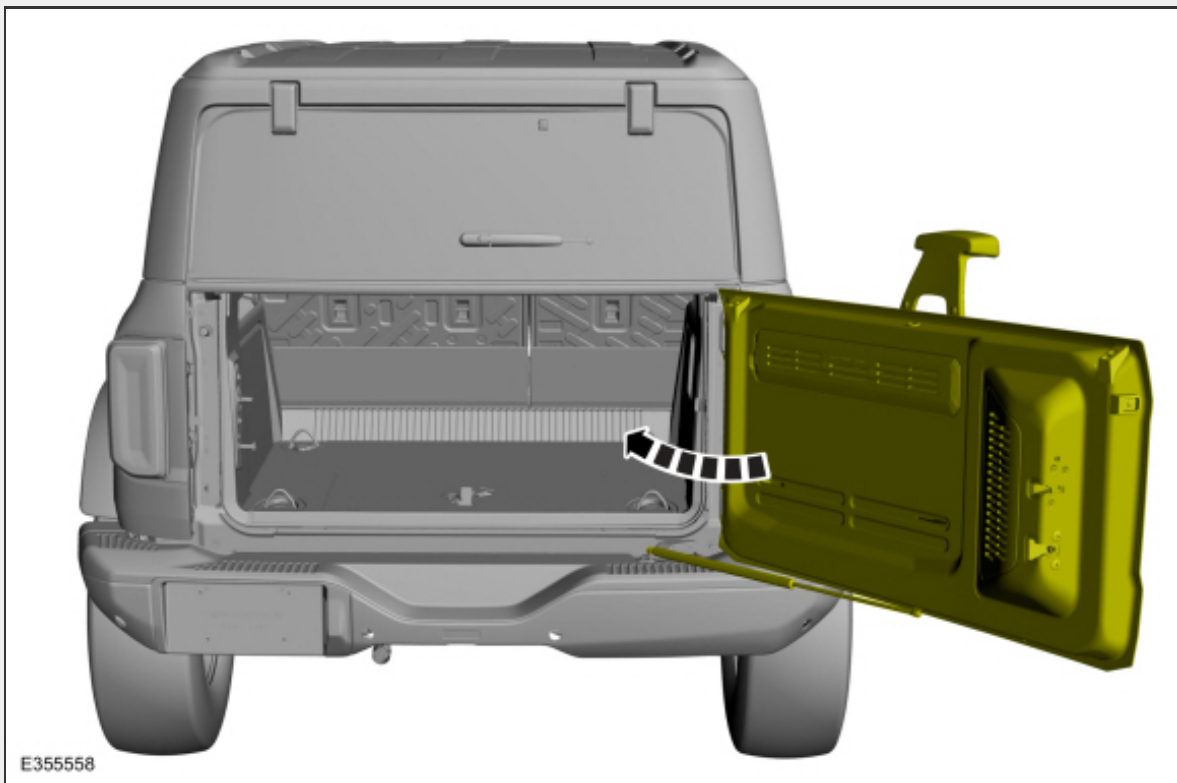
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26.
  1. Tighten the bolts.  
*Torque: 17 lb.ft (23 Nm)*
  2. Install the striker and the bolts.  
*Torque: 18 lb.ft (25 Nm)*
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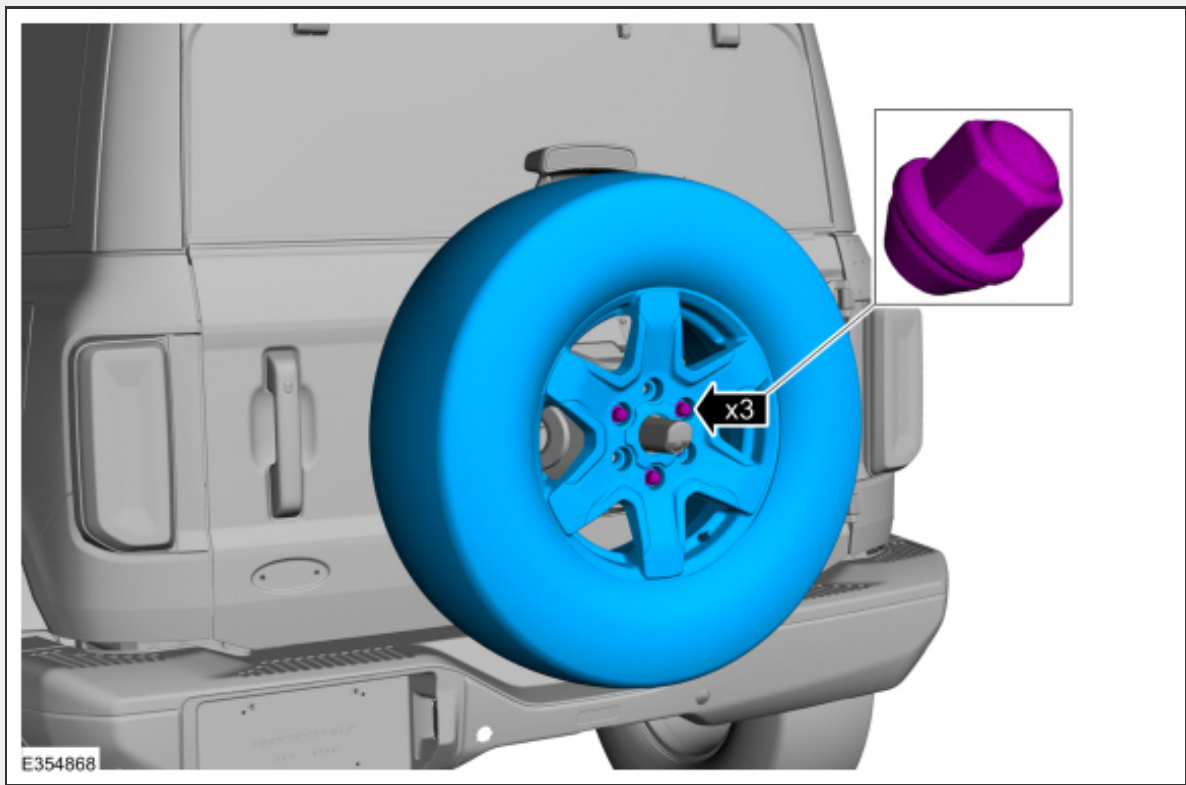
27. Close the tailgate.



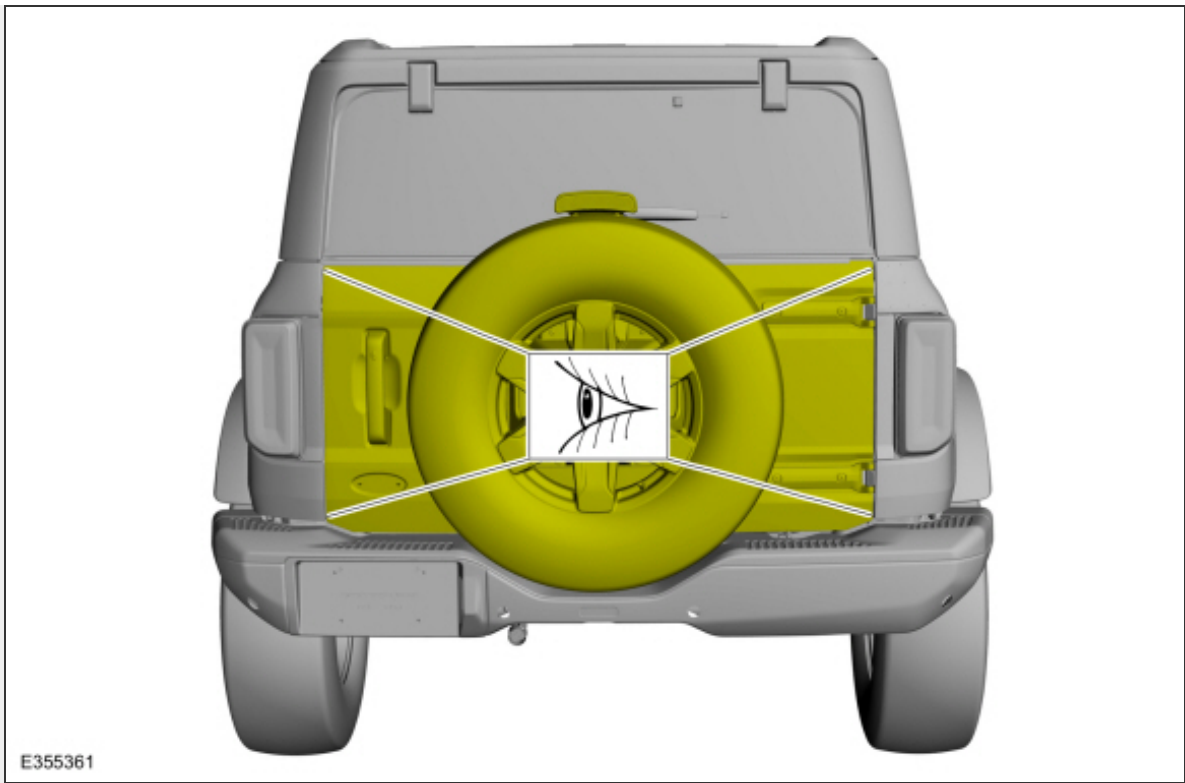
All alignments

28. Install the spare wheel and the nuts.

*Torque: 41 lb.ft (55 Nm)*



29. Inspect the body-to-tailgate door dimensions.



30. Install the positioned aside and removed components.