



the X-2000 Factor

A custom tonneau cover can dramatically alter the appearance of your Chevy truck. This Gaylord's lid features their Speedbumps and has a matching paint job.



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Installing a Gaylord's X-2000 tonneau cover

Trying to protect the items in your bed is one thing, but how about improving the appearance of your truck at the same time? That's what a tonneau cover can do for your Chevy Silverado, especially if it is a hard fiberglass tonneau that can be painted to match your truck's color scheme. Hard tonneaus also offer improved security and most are water-tight, providing great protection to your cargo against the elements.



1. The installation kit comes with two clamps, H-hinges and all of the necessary hardware to install the H-2000 lid.



2. Only a few tools are needed to install a tonneau such as this one. We used a 13mm socket and open end wrench, Phillips screwdriver and a small flat-head screwdriver.



3. The clamps and side brace were attached to the hinge brackets. They will clamp against the underside of the bed rails.



4. Two tonneau brackets attach to the H-hinge and will bolt up to the studs that will protrude from the underside of the tonneau.



5. The H-hinge slides on a track on the bracket and is held securely in place with a single knob.



6. A total of three clamps are used to secure the brace to the bed rails. These are mounted loosely so that the brace can be properly adjusted.

The attraction to hard tonneaus is the smooth lines they create on the bed of any pickup truck. It is the choice of many truck enthusiasts who want to add a custom appearance to their vehicles. One of the popular brands of hard tonneau covers is Gaylord's in Santa Fe Springs, California. Gaylord's has had a good idea of what custom truck owners are looking for and they have come out with some innovative styles and hinge systems that have proven to set the standards with people looking to use their tonneau as a customizing unit, as well as bed protection.

The Chevy Silverado is one of their most popular lids, and we were able to observe how to install one of their X-2000 lids on a Silverado HD pickup. The X-2000 lids feature an X-designed hinge that makes it easy to remove the tonneau when necessary and spreads the weight of the tonneau across the hinge. This dramatically improves the life of the hinge and also makes installation easy.

The hinge system is self contained and does not require any drilling to the bed sides. The hinge is mounted to an extruded

aluminum bracket that clamps onto the underside of the bed rails and features a lateral support to keep the bracket from twisting inward when the tonneau is opened or closed.

The installation process involves loosely clamping on the hinge bracket to the bed rails. Then the X-hinge is slid into place and the tonneau is placed squarely on the bed. From underneath, the studs from the tonneau are installed onto the X-hinge, making sure to take the appropriate measurements that ensure the brackets are



7. The H-2000 lid for this Chevy Silverado installation uses the Speedbumps and was already painted with matching purple flames.



8. Once the braces are in place, the tonneau is lifted and placed flush over the bed.



9. With the tonneau on the bed, a measurement is taken from the front of the bed to the center of the forward tonneau bracket. This ensures that both sides are on squarely.



10. The tonneau is removed and the braces are slid forward or back to ensure that both sides are exactly the same distance from the front of the bed. Then the clamps can be bolted tightly to the bed rails.



11. Once the clamps are on, the H-hinge is reattached to the brace. It simply slides into its track.



12. Here you can see the single knob that holds the hinge in place. To remove the tonneau, simply remove the knobs on each side and slide the tonneau out from the brace.

installed at equal distances from the head of the bed on both sides.

Once the hinge is attached to the tonneau, it can be lifted open and the gas struts are attached to both sides. With everything perfectly aligned, the bolts are tightened and the installation is completed.

In this installation, the truck used a set of Gaylord's Speedbumps that offer additional storage space that can be accessed from the top of the tonneau. They also add a custom appearance and this tonneau was painted

to match the truck's paint scheme along with a set of matching flames. The total installation time was about 45-minutes, including the time spent measuring and ensuring the tonneau sat properly square on the bed. The only tools that were required is a single 13-mm socket and open end wrench, a Phillips screwdriver and a small standard screwdriver to pop open the locks on the gas struts to install them.





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13. This is what the brace and H-hinge looks like when it is properly bolted to the bed rails.



14. The gas struts are then attached to the H-hinge. The lock must be removed and then reattached once the struts are in place.



15. The struts are left loose until the tonneau is reinstalled onto the bed.



16. With the tonneau back on the bed, it is finally bolted onto the H-hinge from underneath.



17. With some help the struts are attached to the underside of the tonneau.



18. Two brackets are already attached to the underside of the tonneau and the struts simply snap on. The locks are then pushed into place to prevent them from popping out.



19. You can see how simple the system is and how well it works at distributing the weight of the tonneau across the hinge.



20. The finished installation looks great and dramatically adds a custom appearance to this Silverado.

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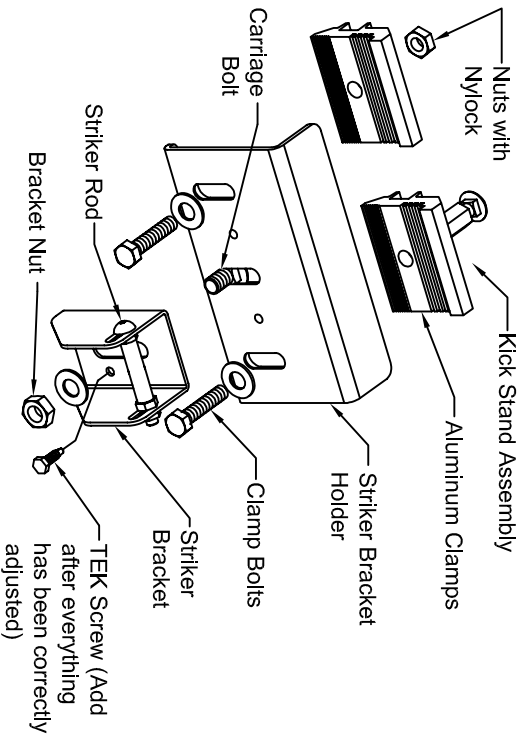


Fig. 1 - Striker Bracket Assembly Details

NOTE: The parts in the Striker Bracket Kit are packaged differently from the illustration on this sheet. Please reassemble the parts to match Figure 1.

Striker Bracket Assembly Instructions

Your new Gaylord's Ltd comes with a Single Keyed Lock that uses a special Striker Bracket Assembly. The Rotary Latches that hook onto the Striker Rod are already installed in your lid.

- Mount and adjust the Striker Bracket Assembly so that it engages the Rotary Latches. There are 3 types of adjustments that you will perform.
1. The entire Striker Bracket Holder Assembly can be moved forward or backwards.
 2. The Striker Bracket will move up or down with a single mounting Nut.
 3. The Striker Rod can be adjusted to move right and left.

After you have everything adjusted make sure all the bolts and nuts are tightened. For additional robustness use one of the supplied TEK screws to hold the Striker Bracket even more securely to the Striker Bracket Holder (Fig. 1) and also adjust the Kick Stand Bolt to provide additional support of the Striker Bracket Assembly (Fig. 3)

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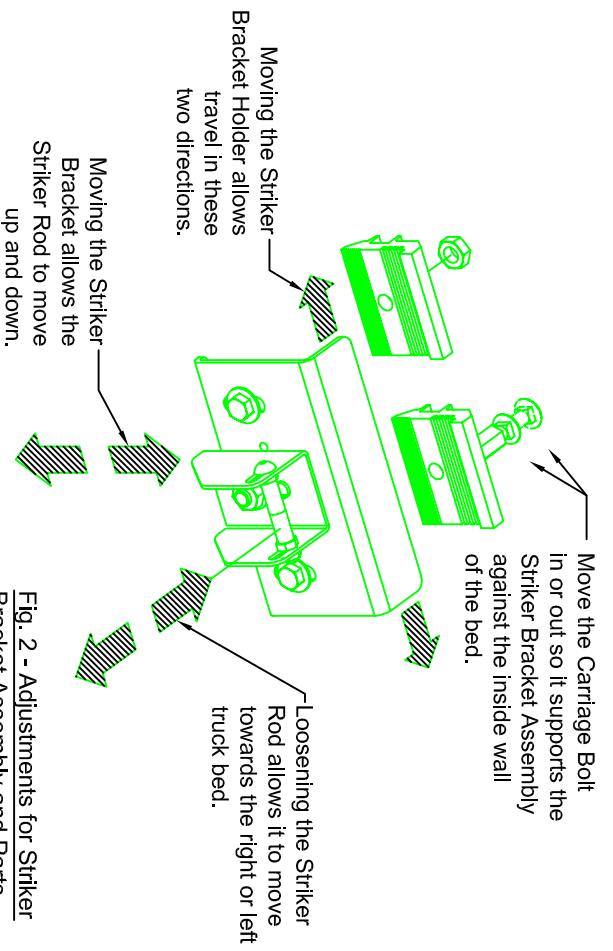


Fig. 2 - Adjustments for Striker Bracket Assembly and Parts

IMPORTANT INSTALLATION NOTE:
Lock the Lift Finger up during the installation by tightening the Nut that holds it in place. Release it after the installation is completed.

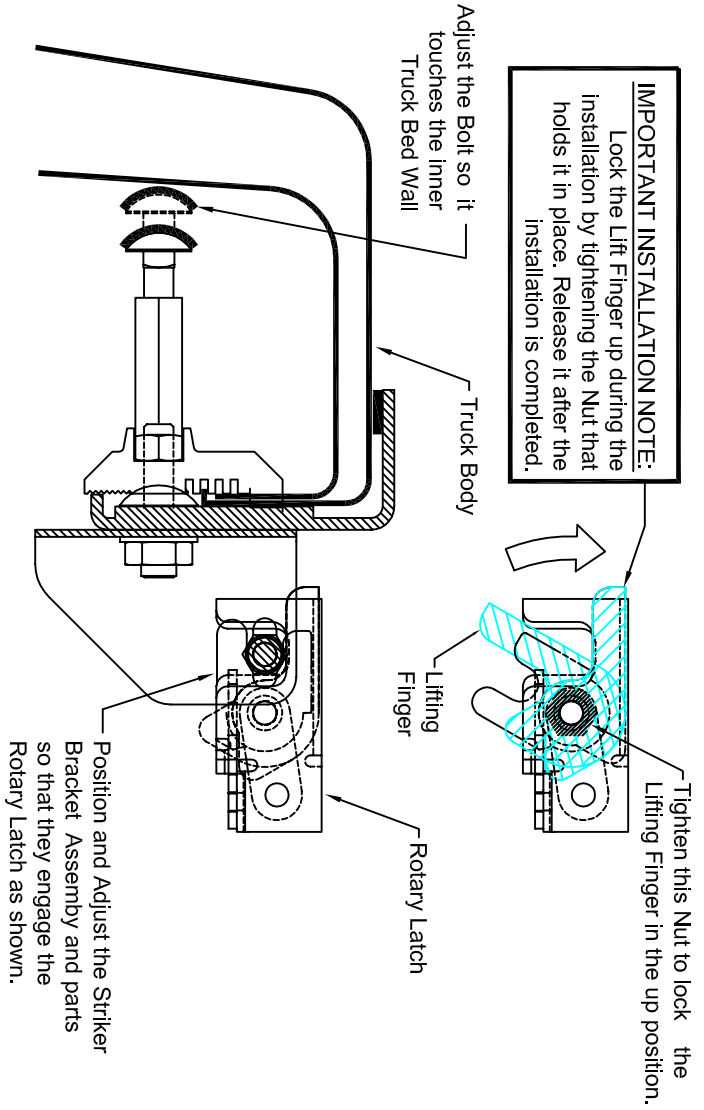


Fig. 3 - Section through Truck Bed Rail, Striker Bracket Assembly and Rotary Latch