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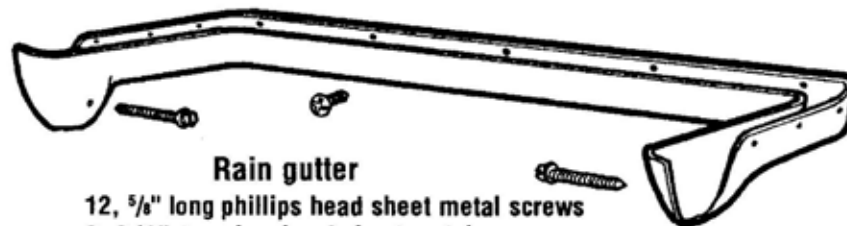
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## Installation Instructions for 1978-87 El Camino

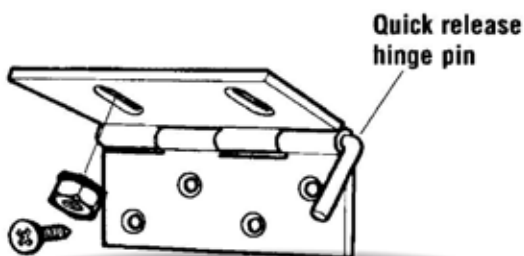
Gaylord's would like to thank you for your custom lid purchase. We greatly appreciate the sale and strive to produce top quality custom bed covers for your custom classic!

**WARNING:** If you are not familiar with the use of hand tools or are not accustomed to working on motor vehicles, have a dealer or accessory shop install the Kustom Lid. Carefully read all the instructions prior to attempting to fit the Lid. Before fitting the Lid, park the vehicle on level ground in a well lit area and apply the emergency brake. After installation, check that the Lid works correctly and securely locks shut. Periodically check all fasteners for tightness. Retighten only the loose fasteners. When using power or hand tools, always wear the correct protective clothing recommended by the tool manufacturer.



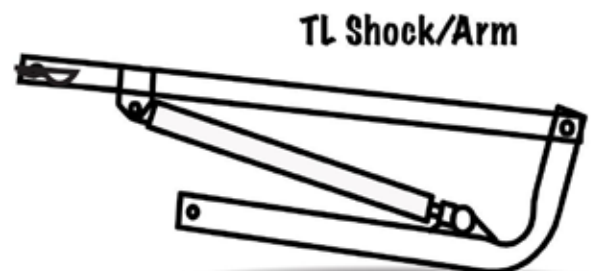
Rain gutter

12,  $\frac{5}{8}$ " long phillips head sheet metal screws  
2, 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " long hex head sheet metal screws



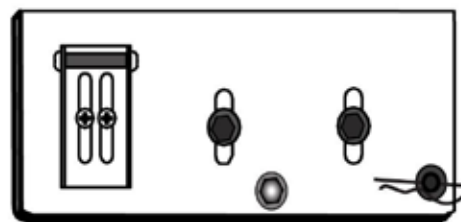
Quick release hinge pin

2 Front hinges  
('73-'87 El Camino, all Rancheros)  
4,  $\frac{5}{16}$ " star nuts  
8,  $\frac{5}{8}$ " long flat head sheet metal screws



TL Shock/Arm

Striker Bracket



### Tools Required:

Power Drill, AC or Cordless  
 $\frac{1}{16}$ ",  $\frac{1}{8}$ ",  $\frac{3}{16}$ ", &  $\frac{1}{4}$ " high speed drill bits  
 $\frac{3}{8}$ " combination wrench  
2 -- 17 mm combination wrenches  
#2 Phillips head screwdriver  
Flash light  
Tape measure  
Masking tape

# INSTALLING THE EL CAMINO'S DRAIN GUTTER

**1** Line up the top of the drain trough to the highest body indentation. Using good judgement you can use a china marker to show where you will need to make the drain holes if you dont want to put a set screw into your bed as described in step 2.



Tape



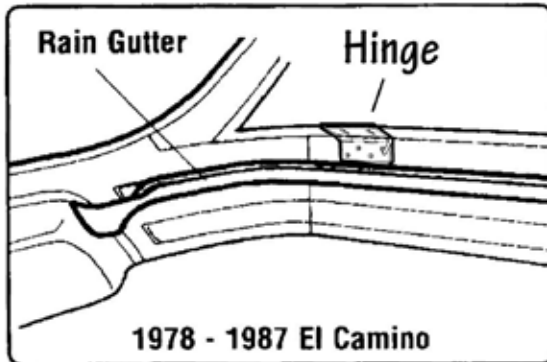
## 2 Installing the Rain Gutter

Center the rain gutter at the front of the truck bed as shown in the drawings. Use 1/8" drill, drill center of rain gutter and front of bed. Secure the gutter with 1 phillips head 5/8" sheet metal screw. Holding the back part of the gutter snugly against the wheel well, mark on the wheel well the location of the rain gutter. Repeat for other side. Remove gutter, drill 1/4" holes in the wheel well (see below). These holes should be to the gutter side of the line showing the location of the gutter.

These holes allow the water in the rain gutter to drain out through the wheel wells.

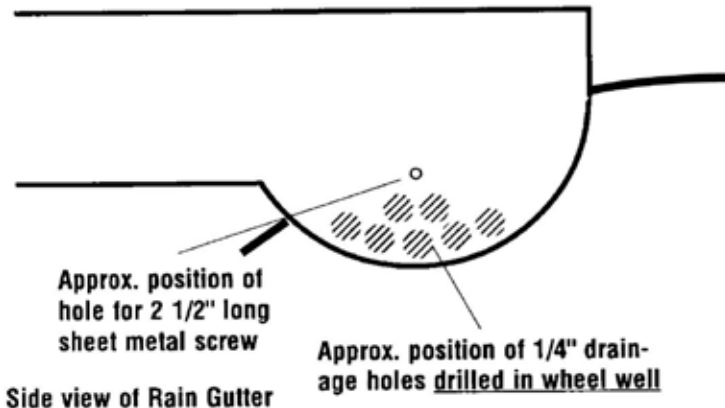
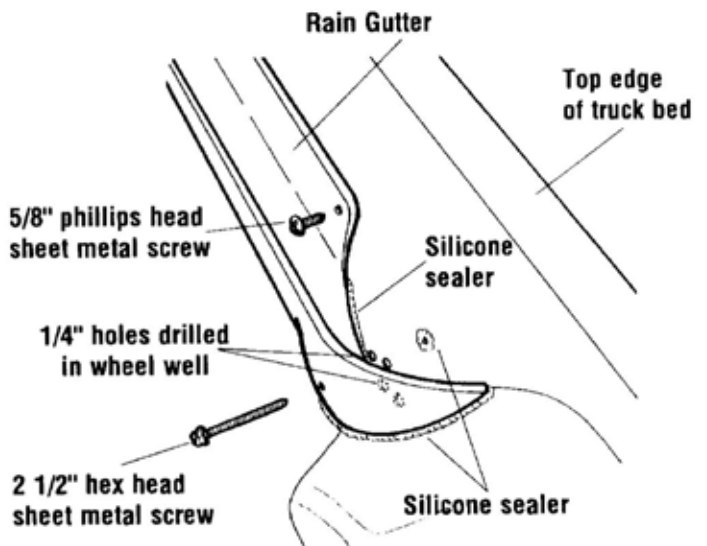
Attach rain gutter with center screw. Hold back of gutter snugly against the wheel wells. Drill 1/8" hole in trough and wheel wells. Secure rain gutter with the 2 1/2 hex head sheet metal screws.

Secure the rain gutter with the remaining 5/8" phillips head sheet metal screws.



## 3 Weather sealing the rain gutter

Due to variations in manufacturing, there will be gaps and spaces between the rain gutter and the wheel wells. These should be filled with Silicon Sealer after the gutter has been installed. The heads of the two long sheet metal screws and where they screw into the wheel well should also be sealed. Seal both the bottom of the gutter at the wheel wells and along the top where it is attached to the truck bed.



View of Rain Gutter from above

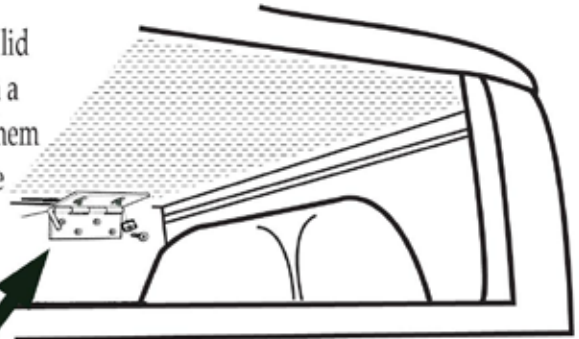


## Installing The Hardware- 78-87 El Camino TL series Lid.

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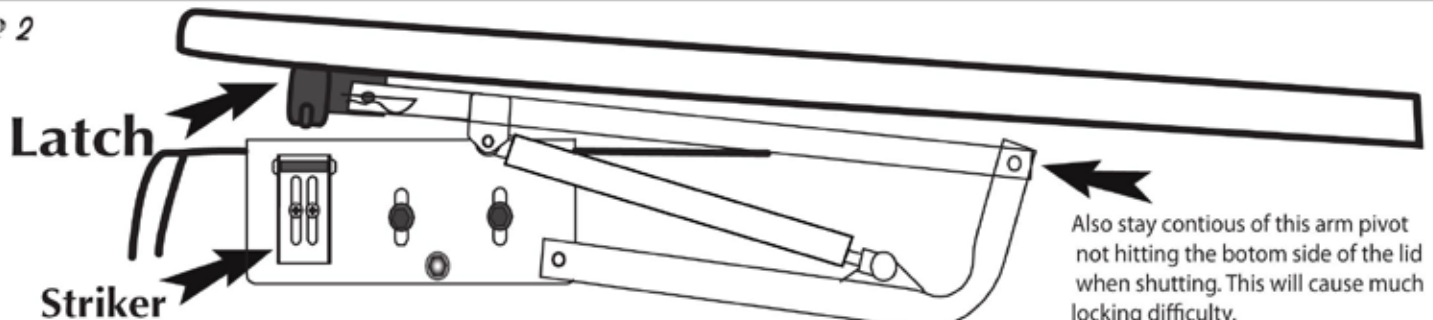
### STEP 1 Installing The Front Hinges On The Truck

With the help of another person position the lid on the truck bed as desired. Lift the lid carefully and open up the tailgate lowering the lid back to the exact same spot. With a flashlight crawl into the bed, loosen the nuts securing the hinge to the lid moving them so they are snug and square against the truck bed. Tighten the nuts back up once the correct position is achieved. You can mark the holes with a china marker, pull the whole lid off and mount just the hinge plate and set the lid back on, or drill it in place while your under the cover. We suggest drilling two screws on each side and then cycle the lid up and down to verify all adjustments. Once this is completed you will lock the lids latches at the rear and begin to determine exactly where the striker plate needs to be mounted. SEE STEP 2



Hinge Placed at Front of Bed

### STEP 2



Also stay contious of this arm pivot not hitting the botom side of the lid when shutting. This will cause much locking difficulty.

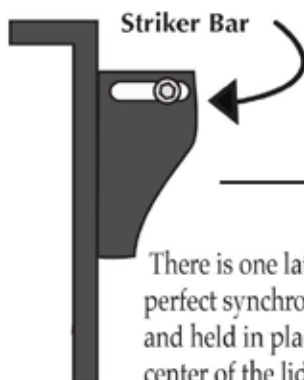
#### ENSURING PROPER LATCH ALIGNMENT.

When installing the striker bracket to the bed side, disconnect the shock for ease of opening and closing the lid. You are verifying the latch is positioned dead center of the striker bar. If the latch is not centered, **not only will the latch rub the sides of the striker housing, but the lid will not function properly.** When centered perfectly you may drill the striker in. This will be the fixed location of the striker bracket.

### STEP 3

#### STRIKER ADJUSTMENTS (SIDE VIEW)

Adjusting the striker bracket is quick and easy. Drop the tailgate, close the lid down, and determine where the center of the latch will need to catch. The striker can easily move vertical and also forward/backwards. This must be done on every installation; Truck beds will vary slightly. Gaylord's suggests monthly inspection of these parts to ensure perfect locking and unlocking for the duration of ownership.



#### LATCH ADJUSTMENTS

There is one latch on either side of the lid. There is also a plastic cover over each latch. If you need to adjust the latches for a perfect synchronized unlocking, first remove the plastic covers then drop the tailgate. Each latch has a wire cable running to it and held in place with a small set screw (allen head) lock both latches, and slowly pull on the red emergency release in the center of the lid. Doing this slowly will help determine which latch cable needs to be tightened or which side needs some slack. (If your latch doesnt stay latched you will need to loosen the cable or call gaylord's to help walk you through it)