



## **Tonneau Cover Installation Guide**

Thank you for purchasing a Ranch Tonneau. Please use these instructions as a guideline for installation. Be sure to read all of the instructions before attempting to install the product. If the tonneau looks like it could rub the paint at anytime during this installation process stop and call your supplier.

- 1.) Carefully remove all shipping protection as you will need this material if you would need to return the product due to manufacturer defect or transit damage. This product will not be applicable for credit or exchange if it isn't shipped back with the appropriate protection.
- 2.) Clean off the bottom of the frame with a solvent cleaner. This will help the mounting tape adhere to the aluminum frame.
- 3.) Firmly, apply the mounting tape to the underside of the tonneau's side frame rails. You will need a razor knife to cut the mounting tape.
- 4.) Firmly apply the mounting tape along the tonneau's front rail between the 2 side rails. Be sure the mounting tape covers the front piano hinge to help it seal. NOTE: Multiple layers may be needed if your truck has a recessed front bed rail in comparison to the side rails. Make sure to layer the tape enough to make the front rail is the same height as the side rails.

NOTE: It's preferred that 3 people assist with this part of the installation. One person should be by the rear/lock area and one on each side of the tonneau toward the front/corner area.

- 5.) Raise the Tonneau over the bed together leveled equally.
- 6.) Front 2 individuals should lower their end together and evenly, being extremely careful that tonneau doesn't touch the paint of the truck. NOTE: it's a good idea to place masking tape along the sides of the truck bed from the center of the bed rail to about 3.5" outside/down the bed to protect the trucks paint from damage during installation.
- 7.) Once the front of the lid is placed securely on the bed, the front two individuals should walk to the rear of the truck to help that individual by watching the edges along the sides to make sure that the edges don't touch the paint on the truck. NOTE: If it looks like the lid is about to hit the painted surface on the truck STOP IMMEDIATELY and contact your supplier.
- 8.) Now that the tonneau is lying securely on the truck bed, make sure the spacing is consistent on both sides. NOTE: If the rear of both sides seems to gap more than the front, adjust the striker brackets down. If the rear seems consistently too close that you will need to adjust the striker brackets up. (Striker brackets are what the latches hold on to while the tonneau is closed) The

striker brackets can be adjusted by simply loosening the 2 bolts and using the slide tracks to slide it up or down.

- 9.) Once your spacing is even on all sides, slightly open the tonneau, lower the tailgate, and close the tonneau again. Verify that the tonneau is still at your desired spacing.
- 10.) With the tonneau still closed, climb into the bed of the truck with a 9/16 wrench, a flashlight, and two clamps. Clamp the lid to the bed as close to the shipping tabs as possible. (Shipping Tabs are the black squares hanging down from frame used to fasten shipping boards to frame) Be sure to tighten the clamps fully so they can't be shifted by hand. Tighten the clamps slowly to assure the tonneau doesn't shift. If the tonneau shifts loosen the clamps and repeat step 10.
- 11.) Now that the front clamps are in place slightly open the tonneau cover and close the tailgate. Close the tonneau cover and recheck your spacing on all sides. If movement occurred, loosen the front clamps and repeat step 10.
- 12.) Open the lid and install the rear two clamps as close to the shipping tabs as possible. Before tightening the clamps completely be sure to spread the rear of the frame as far as the shipping tabs will allow. Again, make sure the shipping tabs are firmly pressed against the inside of the bed.
- 13.) Now that the tonneau is clamped and installed on the truck properly, open the tonneau slightly and lower the tailgate. Locate the copper bump stops attached to the frame about ½ way down on both sides. To adjust them up and down simply turn them left or right. Adjust the bump stops so that they just touch the bottom of the tonneau cover while it's in its closed position.
- 14.) If the tonneau cover closes and latches properly you are finished. If one or both of the latches aren't catching loosen the rotary latches just enough that they can be forced to move with your hand. (Rotary latches are the parts that are located on the bottom of the tonneau near both rear corners. They have cables attached to them and they grab onto the striker brackets to hold the tonneau closed. ) With the latches loose, close the tonneau cover. The latches will automatically adjust to the correct angle for latching. With the cover still closed tighten the rotary latches so they don't shift out of place.
- 15.) If the tonneau still doesn't close try raising the striker brackets slightly until the cover latches correctly. If latching issues continue contact your supplier for more instructions.

Thanks again for your purchase and we hope you enjoy your new cover!

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