

# JL Trailgater® Installation Instructions

## Operation, Care, and Use Directions and Warranty Information



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Congratulations on your purchase of the JL Trailgater<sup>®</sup> utility table.

Please read these instructions through completely before beginning the installation.

You may find it helpful to have an assistant available to hold the table in place while it is being attached.

Items included with the Trailgater:

Qty	Description
1	Trailgater utility table and backsplash (assembled)
9	Blind nuts (green plastic)
9	#8 x 1.25" Pan head screws (18-8 Stainless Steel)
9	#8 SS washers
1	8x30mm pan head screw
1	Black plastic washer
1	Roll of foam insulating tape
	and
1	Bamboo Cutting board 25.8" x 12"

Tools required for installation:

#2 Phillips screw driver  
Trim removal tool

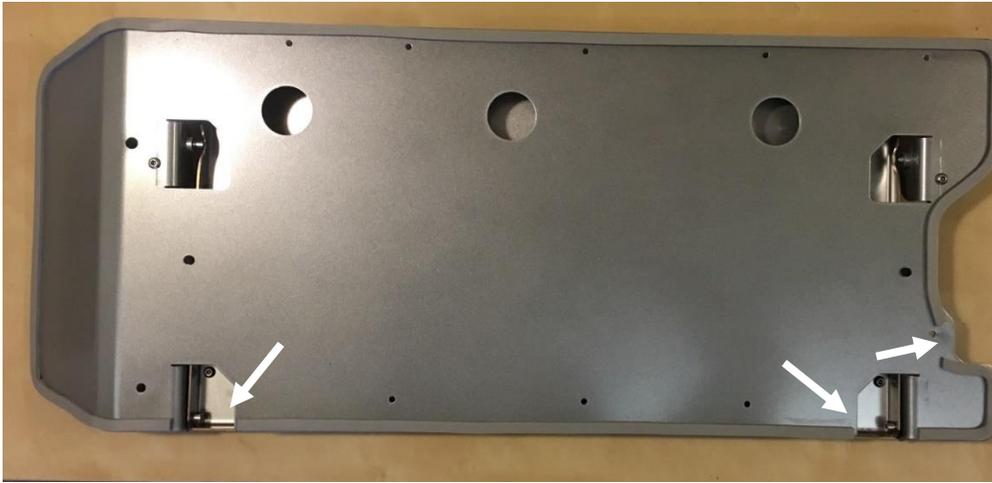
Assumptions:

Stock Tailgate  
Stock flooring/carpet

Step 1:  
Verify all parts are present.

Step 2:  
Remove the JL Trailgater from the box and packaging and place on a flat surface with the cutting board facing down.

Install the foam tape around the perimeter of the Trailgater keeping the foam tape close along the edge of Trailgater as shown in the picture. The foam tape will be easier to maneuver around corners with the paper backing removed. As you are putting the tape down, be careful not to stretch it. Cut the tape to accommodate gaps on the bottom edge and right side notch, where the wiring harness exits the tailgate. (See the photo below.)



Step 3  
Remove the cutting board. Open the table and the backslash by pulling retaining pin loops on each side of the table and rotating the table to the open position and sliding the cutting board out to the right.

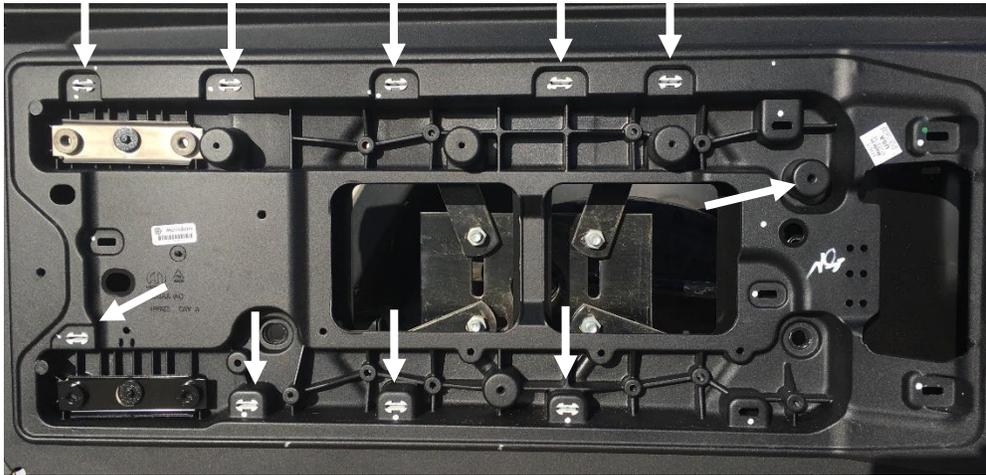
Step 4:  
Open the Jeep's tailgate and remove the plastic tailgate cover. It is possible to remove the rear panel without a trim tool but a trim removal tool may make it easier. Start on the lower left where the wiring harness exits the trim cover. Pull directly out and work your way around the lower edge and then around the upper edge working your way to the right. Once the cover is removed make sure all the little green clips are removed and the slots are clear.



Step 5:

With the cover removed, there are now a number of slots visible around the perimeter of the tailgate; you will use 9 of them and one 8mm pre-tapped hole.

- a. Locate the plastic inserts and place one insert in each of the 5 slots along the top of tailgate as shown by the top arrows in the picture below. **Be sure to push the insert all the way in.**
- b. Place 3 more blind inserts in the designated slots along the bottom of the tailgate and 1 on the left side just above the wiring harness. Please carefully note the location of each slot.



- c. Once the blind inserts are in place, place the tip one of the #8 pan head screws into the notch of the insert. **Make sure the tip of the screw is between the top and the bottom of the insert. Turn the screw in 3 or 4 turns with a screwdriver to fully set and create an opening in the insert. Back the screw out all the way and remove it. Do this to each insert and once all inserts have been fully set, proceed to step 6.**

Step 6:

With the blind inserts set in place you are ready to attach the backsplash. Have the table in the open position and the cutting board removed, which will make it lighter.

- a. Position the backsplash so the top center hole lines up with the top center insert and install one of the #8 screws into the opening of the insert just created. (Note: This is where it is helpful to have an assistant hold the backsplash/table in place while you insert and begin turning in the screw.) Make sure the tip of the screw goes into the **center** slot of the blind insert. Don't tighten all the way just yet.
- b. Put in the other 8 screws making sure each goes into the center of the plastic insert...but only part way.
- c. Make sure the wiring harness is in the slot provided.

- d. Just to the right of the right hand lanyard mount is a hole. This is where the 8x30mm screw and plastic washer are placed. Be sure to gently turn the screw ensuring the treads engage correctly.
- e. Once all 10 screws are started, progressively tighten **all by hand rotating around the backsplash until snug.**



**Do NOT over-tighten.**  
**Do NOT use a power driver.**

## Operation, Use and Care

### Operation:

The table is held in the vertical position by the use of two stainless steel spring pins. When the table is raised and closed, it contacts the plungers and pushes the plungers in. The table then locks into position as the plunger extends into the corresponding hole on the side of the table. A little pressure against the table will help to compress the rubber bumper so the pin can line up with the holes.

When closing the Trailgater, make sure the beveled edge of the pin is facing toward the table.

To open the Trailgater, simultaneously pull the left and right spring pins outward, and lower the table until it is supported by the cable lanyards. To close the table, lift the front edge of the table and gently push towards the tailgate until both of the spring pins lock into place.

### Designed use:

The Trailgater is designed for off-road use only and to be a functional utility table used for preparing food, repairing items, as a field desk, or similar. Warrantee is void if it is determined by Outback Adventures that the product was subject to abuse. Do not use the Trailgater as a pounding surface (hammering or such), as a chair, and do not place a person on it (for instance, to change a diaper). Liability for such misuse is assumed wholly by the owner.

### Maximum weight:

The main table max weight is set at 65 lbs (or about 30 Kg). Avoid dropping heavy items on the table as the impact shock may damage the blind inserts; bend the backsplash, the table or the tailgate itself. The cutting board max weight is set at 20 lbs (or about 9 Kg).

### Cleanliness:

Always keep your Trailgater clean. Clean and disinfect using appropriate cleaners. Remove food residue and spills promptly and before closing the cutting board. The cutting board is made from Bamboo and needs to be cleaned and disinfected to avoid spreading food-borne bacteria. As the surface of the cutting board becomes cut with knives and other sharp objects, it provides places where pathogens can accumulate. Be sure to clean and disinfect before and after every use. Replacement cutting boards are available.

The cutting board is designed to be removed from the table assembly for cleaning and disinfecting. Simply lower the table surface and slide the cutting board out completely to the right.

Care:

Screws, bolts and nuts:

Check the mounting screws and make sure they are tight and that the plastic insert is not stripped and holds the screw securely. Also check the cutting board bolts and hinge bolts periodically to make sure they are snug. Do not over tighten. Lube hinge points with WD-40 or similar.

Cable Lanyards:

Check the lanyard for fraying or broken strands. Order replacement lanyards directly from Outback.

Spring retaining pins

Keep the pins free from dirt and other contaminants. Lube with WD-40 or similar

Cutting board

-the Bamboo Cutting board should be resealed periodically with Good Stuff which is available online or at your local hardwood specialty dealer.

A note on scratches

Outback has attempted to produce the Trailgater with a minimum of scratches to working surface of the table and the visible portion of the backsplash. The other surfaces have not been protected by the material manufacturer and may have sustained minor scratches and abrasions prior to arriving at Outback. The appearance of scratches can be minimized by cleaning and polishing. However, scratches cannot be eliminated without removing material.

## **Outback Adventures Inc. (Outback) Warranty Information**

1. Outback warrants that the goods (products) will be free from material defects other than minor scratches and comply with Outback's normal standards of workmanship.
2. Outback shall incur no liability under this warranty unless:
  - A. The buyer notifies Outback upon discovery of any such defect and in no event not later than 90 days from the date of purchase of the goods by the buyer;
  - B. After return of the goods to Outback, if tests disclose that the goods do meet our specifications by reason alone of defects in material and/or its normal standard of workmanship.
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