

# Installation Instructions: MT5/MT7

# TOYOTA TACOMA 5'1" BED LENGTH

MT5 2005-2018 MT7 2019-CURRENT

### **TOOLS REQUIRED**



REGISTER YOUR SYSTEM

- · short 7/32" hex wrench
- · 7/16" socket
- $\cdot$  3/8" socket
- · electric drill
- · drill stop

- · 1/8" hex wrench
- · 1/4" drill bit
- · 5/16" drill bit
- · T40 Torx driver



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HARDWARE BOX - 1

TORSION BRACE - 1

#### Hardware box - unbagged components

(inside DECKED carton):



#### **HARDWARE box - bagged components**

PREP-MT5 or MT7 - 1

S1 - 1

S2 - 1

N1 - 1

J4 - 2

DRAWER 1-1

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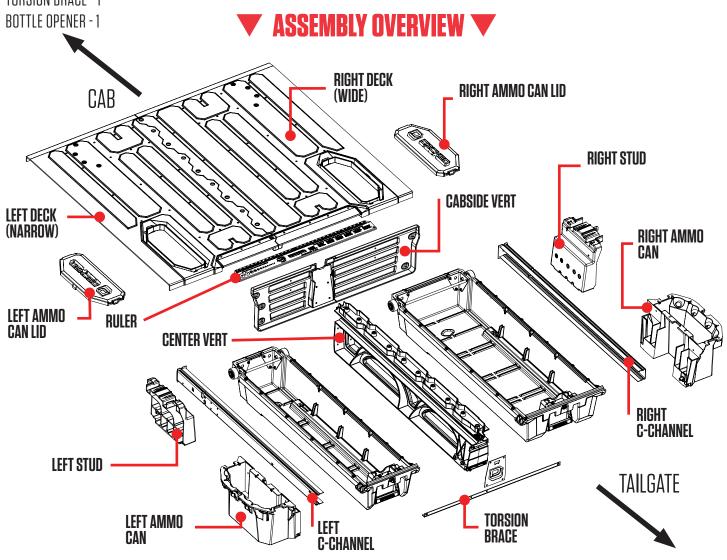
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(MT7 ONLY) TACOMA TD -1



#### HEY! TORQUE BOY: READ <u>BEFORE</u> YOU INSTALL DECKED

- 1. **DON'T** go rogue on us, please read the instructions.
- 2. **DON'T** over tighten bolts, get em' hand-tight.
- 3. **DON'T** use power tools.
- 4. If you don't follow directions and <u>do</u> use power tools:
  - 1). Set clutch at a very low setting.
  - 2). If you blow it: Two extra threaded inserts are included in BAG PREP-EXTRA. That's all you get, unless you call us and ask for more. The inserts will replace any stripped inserts in the tailgate ammo cans and studs or front face of the center vert at the bottle opener, but NOT THE TOP OF THE CENTER VERT, so hand tighten until snug only! You can also screw the inserts back in if dislocated. There is a straight screwdriver slot on the underside of the threaded insert.

- 5. Start all bolts with fingers to avoid cross-threading.
- 6. **DON'T** over tighten J-hooks during installation. Just get 'em good and snug; enough to keep the system from moving in the bed.
- 7. You will have leftover washers you're welcome.
- 8. Nice job if you're still reading.

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# **AMMO CAN DRAIN HOLES**

(TO DRILL OR NOT TO DRILL.)

Do you use a tonneau or shell over your DECKED system?

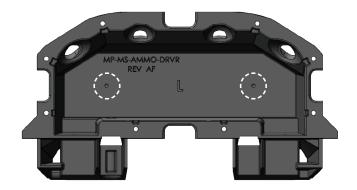
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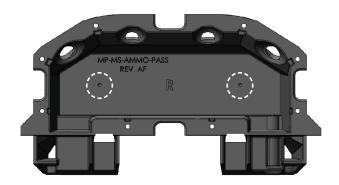
There is no need to drill holes, unless you leave your tonneau open in a deluge.

· Does your DECKED system live outside?

The ammo cans will get water in them. You'll need to drill holes in the ammo cans.

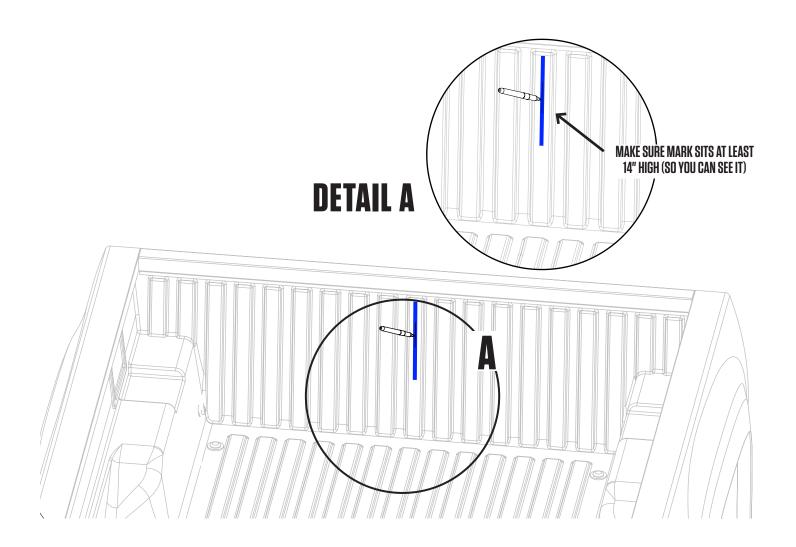
There are two dimples in the bottom of each ammo can. Drill a 1/2" hole at each dimple. A smaller hole will get clogged.





# PREP BED: MARK CENTER OF BED

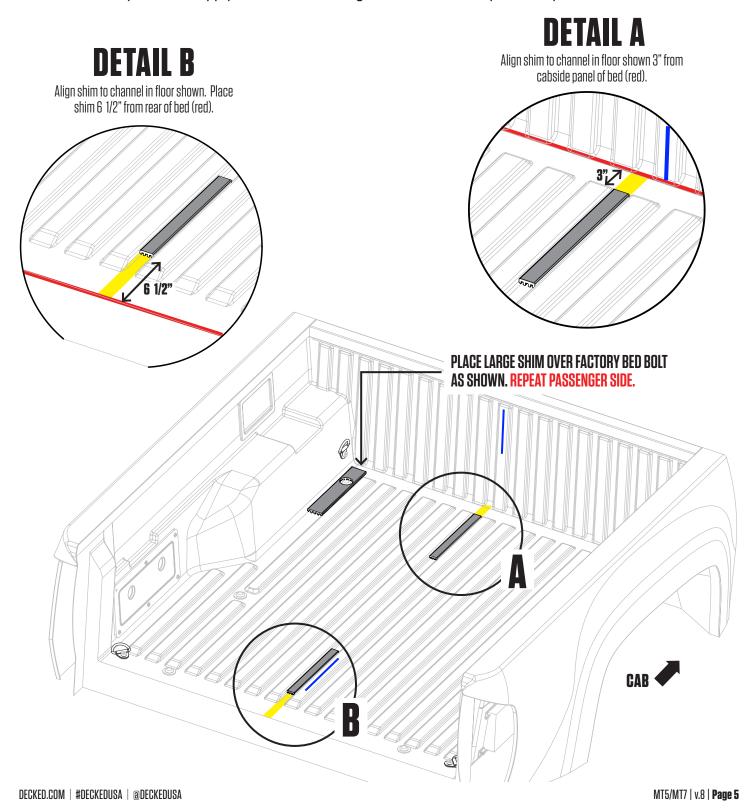
• Use a marking pen or wax pencil to mark the center of the bed (blue) on the raised bead.





# **PREP BED: SHIMS**

- 2 SMALL shims and 2 LARGE shims (with holes) are loose in your hardware kit.
- Using the information below:
  - 1) Clean the bed surface where the shims will be located. Isopropyl alcohol (do not drink) is recommended.
  - 2) Remove tape film and apply shim with the strength of 1000 men a.k.a push really hard.

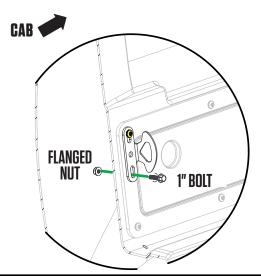


### **PREP BED:** TAILGATE BRACKET

#### **NOTE:** You will need to grab a pal for this step (or have incredibly long and flexible arms).

- Remove top rear factory compartment bolt from the passenger side with a T40 Torx Driver. Keep bolt.
- Loosely attach passenger side tailgate bracket with factory bolt in top hole. Make sure the tie down opening is angled toward the driver, not the tailgate; BAG PREP-MT5 or MT7.
- Align bracket so it's parallel with vertical edge of compartment. Tighten factory bolt at last!
- Using the bottom hole in bracket as a guide, drill a 5/16" hole with a 1/2" drill stop through compartment and bed wall.
- Install a 1" bolt through the bracket and bed wall. Install 1" washer and flanged nut and tighten securely; BAG PREP-MT5 or MT7.
- Repeat driver side unless you don't have a driver's side cubby. If not, follow the instructions for driver's side on next page. NOTE: On passenger side ONLY, you will need to add a washer; BAG PREP-MT5 or MT7...
   We know it's strange, trust us.

#### **DRIVER SIDE**



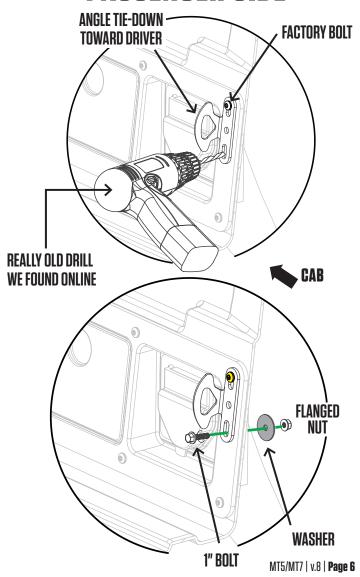
#### **RECOMMENDED TORQUE:**

Bolts in labeled bag PREP-MT5 or MT7 - 53 in-lb.

**HELPFUL TIP:** Feel free to remove doors of cubbies so you can still somewhat use them. Use will be compromised, but hey, life ain't always fair, right?!

**HELPFUL TIP:** The power outlet can still be used if you insert a flat head pigtail extension cord <u>BEFORE</u> you install the decks. Make sure to have the outlet capped to keep water out.

#### **PASSENGER SIDE**



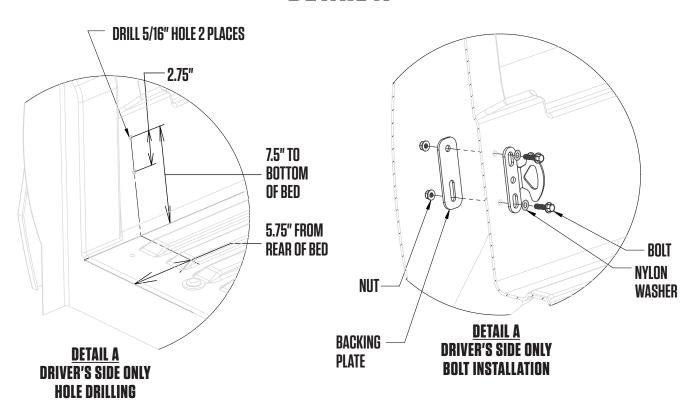
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(FOR TACOMAS WITH NO DRIVER SIDE TAILGATE CUBBY)

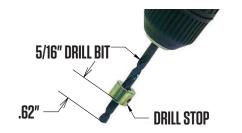
#### NOTE: Disregard this page if you HAVE a driver's side tailgate cubby.

- Referencing dimensional info in **DETAIL A** mark hole locations and drill (2) 5/16" holes (with drill stop set at .62").
- Referencing **DETAIL A** install J-hook mounting bracket as shown with bolts, nylon washers, backing plate and nuts.
   Tighten bolts securely. BAG **PREP-MT7**, BAG **TACOMA TD**, BAG **WASHERS**.

#### **DETAIL A**



**RECOMMENDED TORQUE:**Bolts in labeled bag PREP-MT7 - 53 in-lb.

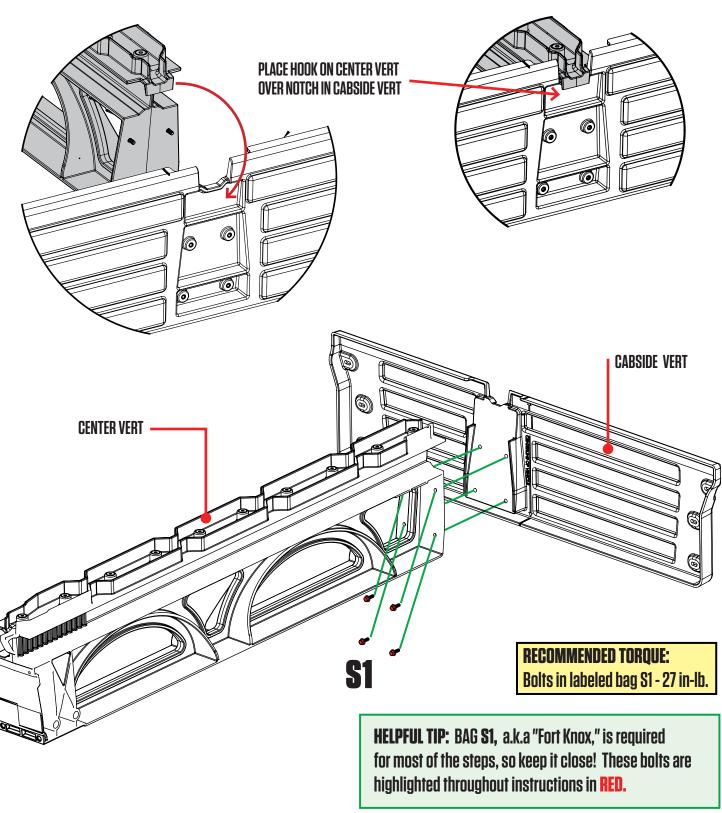




# **ASSEMBLY:** CENTER VERT + CABSIDE VERT

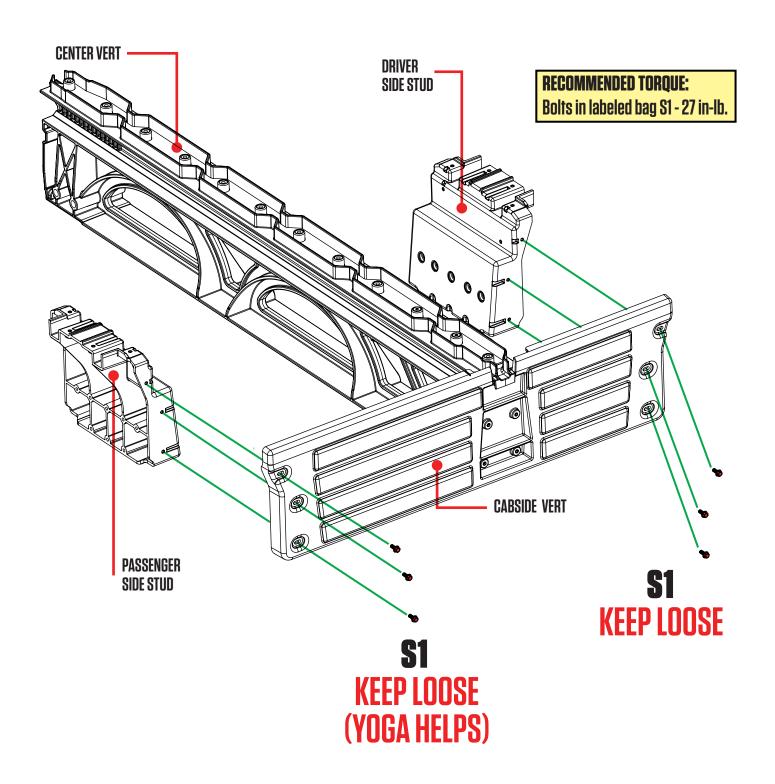
#### **NOTE:** Perform the next few steps on a flat surface like a garage floor.

· Attach center vert to cabside vert with four bolts. Alternate to tighten; BAG S1.



# **ASSEMBLY:** LOOSELY ATTACH STUDS (YUP)

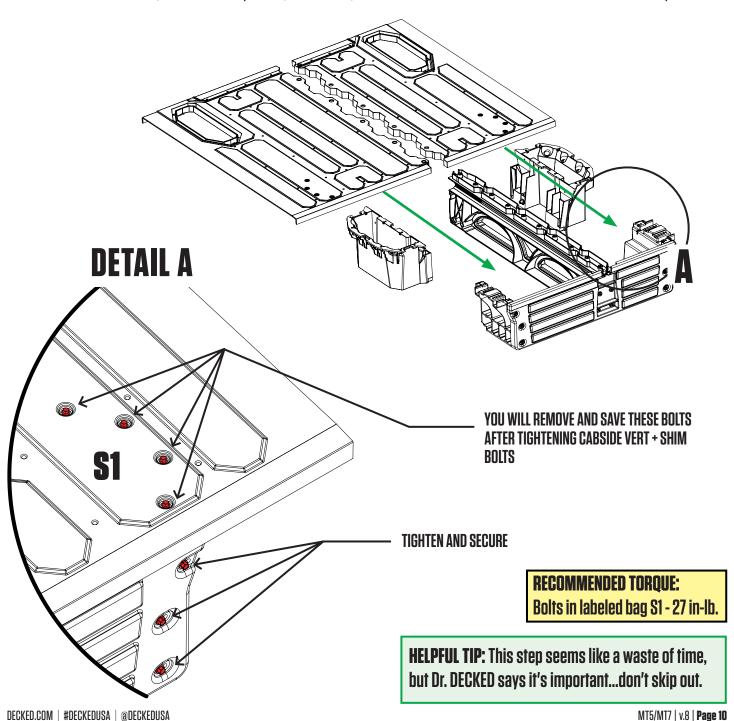
• LOOSELY attach studs to cabside vert with six bolts; BAG S1.



# **ASSEMBLY:** ALIGN & TIGHTEN STUDS (YUP)

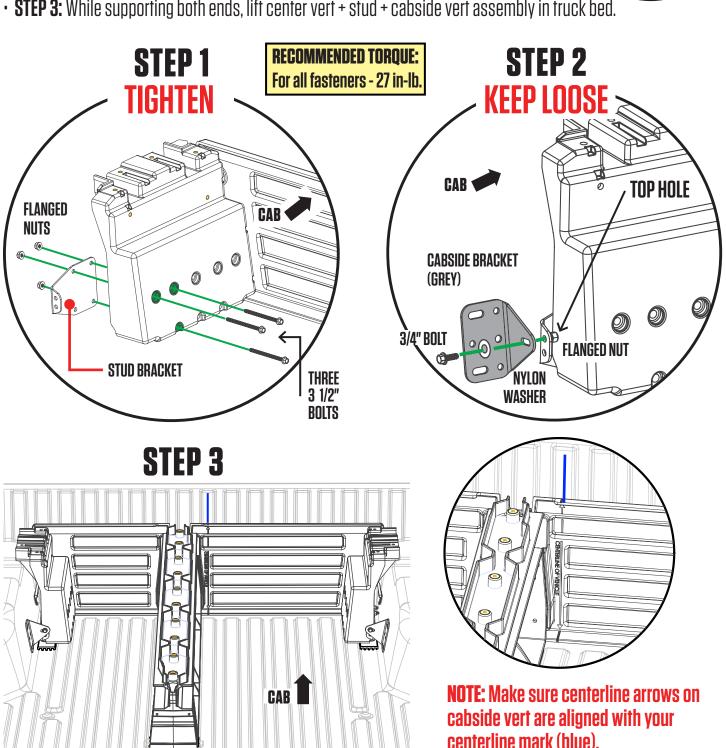
#### **NOTE:** This step ensures the studs are properly located before tightening bolts. It's important.

- Place ammo cans to support tailgate end of deck panels.
- · Lift deck panels on center vert + stud + cabside vert assembly.
- Slide studs around L-R until deck panels are seated.
- **DETAIL A:** Loosely secure four bolts to hold decks onto studs; **BAG S1**.
- · Now you can securely tighten the bolts that hold the studs to the cabside vert.
- Unbolt deck from studs, remove deck panels, save bolts, remove ammo cans and set aside for later assembly.



# **ASSEMBLY:** BRACKETS + MOUNTING

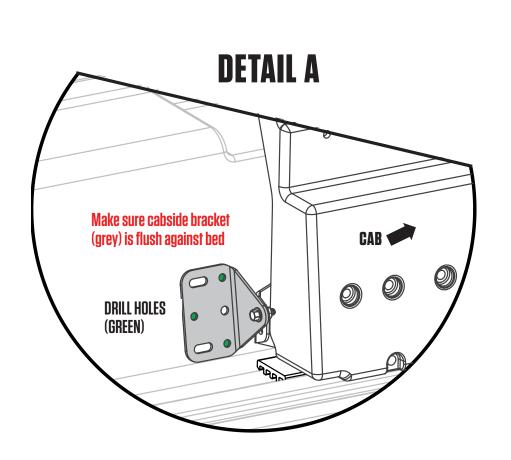
- STEP 1: Securely attach stud bracket to driver side stud using three 31/2" bolts and three flanged nuts; BAG PREP-MT5 or MT7.
- STEP 2: Loosely attach cabside bracket to the top hole in stud bracket with 3/4" bolt, nylon washer and flanged nut; BAG PREP-MT5 or MT7. KEEP LOOSE.
- Repeat STEP 1 and STEP 2 on passenger side.
- STEP 3: While supporting both ends, lift center vert + stud + cabside vert assembly in truck bed.



WASHER

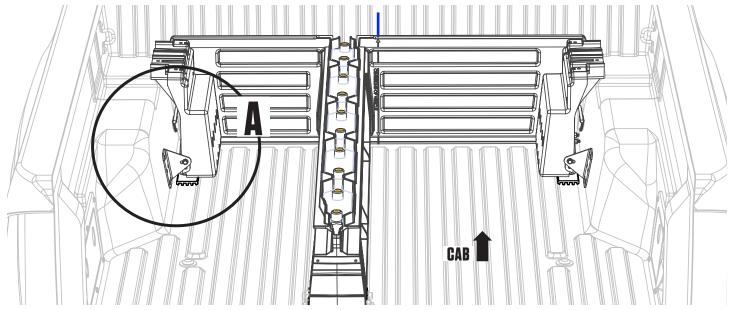
# **INSTALL:** CABSIDE BRACKET DRILL

- Place driver side cabside bracket flush against truck bed wall, now tighten securely to stud bracket.
- While keeping assembly on centerline, drill three 1/4" diameter holes into bed using cabside bracket as a guide (green holes). Make sure to use a drill stop set to 1/2" depth.
- · Repeat passenger side.





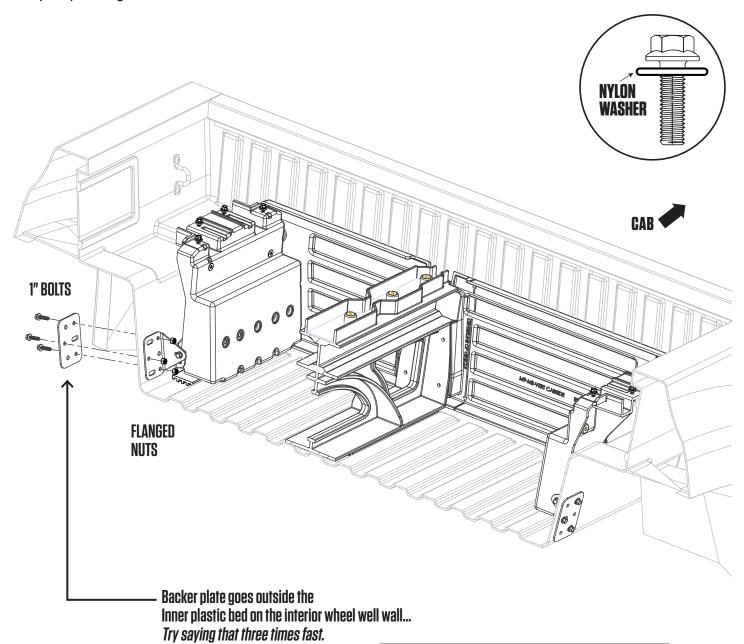
**RECOMMENDED TORQUE:** 53 in-lb.



# **INSTALL:** BACKING PLATE

#### **NOTE:** If your pal left, clank some cans together to get them to come back.

- Install three 1" bolts with nylon washers through holes in cabside bracket and pickup bed; **BAG PREP-MT5** or **MT7**, **BAG WASHERS**.
- Play Rock Paper Scissors with your pal. The loser needs to hold the backing plate inside the wheel well and attach three flanged nuts; **BAG PREP-MT5** or **MT7.** Securely tighten.
- Repeat passenger side.



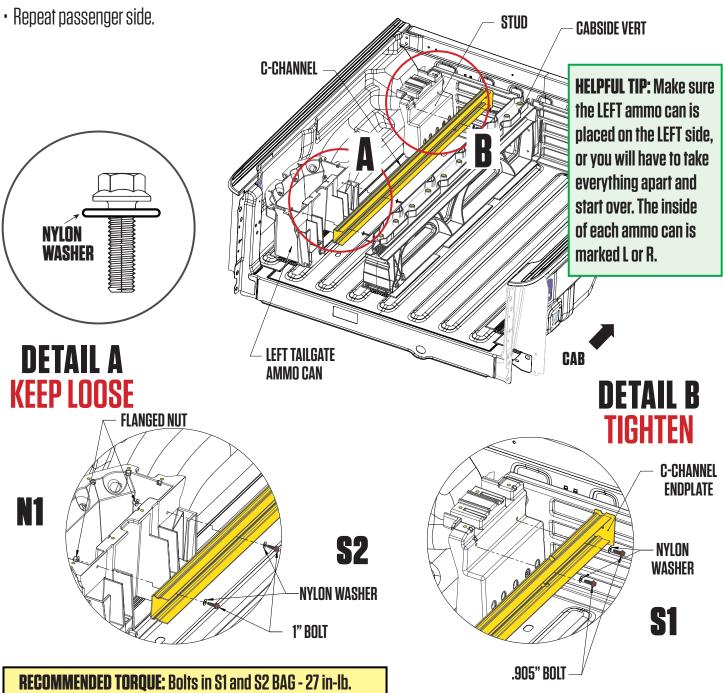
**RECOMMENDED TORQUE:** 

Bolts in labeled bag PREP-MT5 or MT7 - 53 in-lb.

### **INSTALL:** C-CHANNELS

#### **IMPORTANT:** There is a left and right ammo can. The inside of each ammo can is marked L or R.

- Loosely place driver side ammo can at tailgate corner of bed. The axle will be closest to you.
- Place driver side C-channel on ledge of stud and ammo can with end plate on the stud (cabside).
- Install nylon washer only onto 4 S1 bolts and all S2 bolts; BAG WASHERS.
- **DETAIL A:** Use 1" bolts; **BAG \$2**. Insert two bolts through C-channel into ammo can and loosely fasten with flanged nuts. Make sure the bolt head is on the C-channel side, not inside the ammo can; **BAG \$2**, **BAG N1. KEEP LOOSE**.
- **DETAIL B:** Attach C-channel to stud with .905" bolts; **BAG \$1**. No nuts needed.

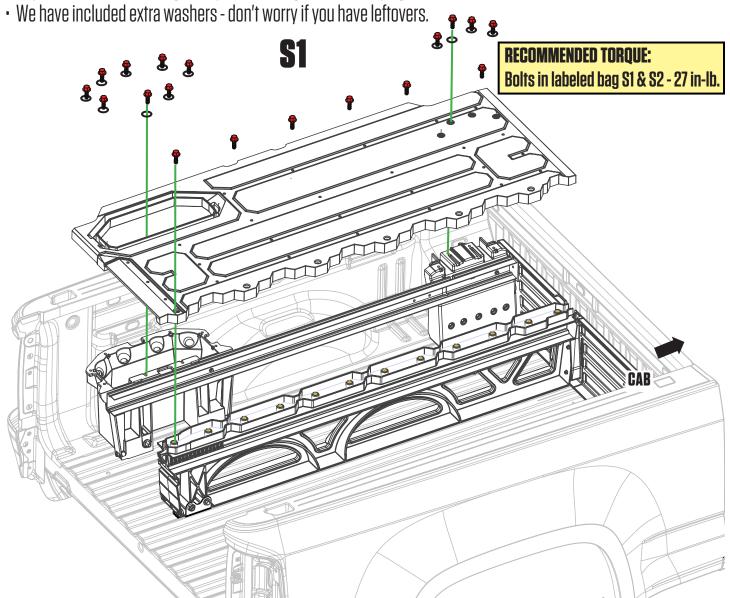


# **INSTALL:** DECK HALVES

- · Loosely place deck panel on side stud, center vert and ammo can.
- Shift ammo can forward, rearward, L-R, as necessary to align with fully seated deck panel.
- · Loosely assemble:
  - Five or six bolts (depends on bed length NO WASHERS) through deck panel into center vert; **BAG S1.**

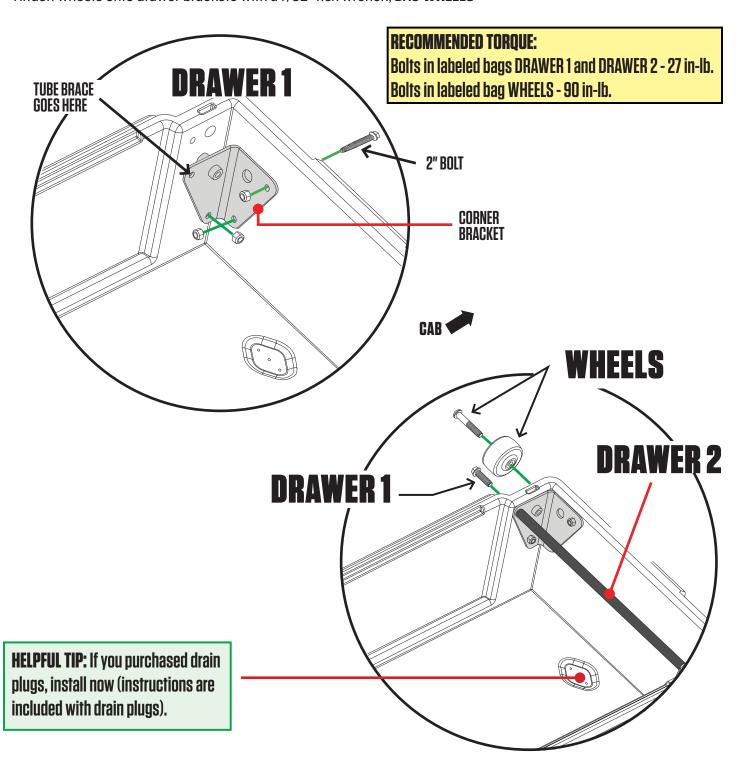
NYLON

- Four bolts with nylon and rubber washers installed as shown through deck panel into stud; **BAG S1, BAG WASHERS.**
- Eight bolts with nylon and rubber washers installed as shown through deck panel into ammo can; **BAG S1**, **BAG WASHERS**.
- Tighten all **\$1** bolts.
- Securely tighten C-channel/ammo can nuts and bolts.
- Repeat other side (making sure you don't forget to securely tighten C-channel/ammo can nuts and bolts).



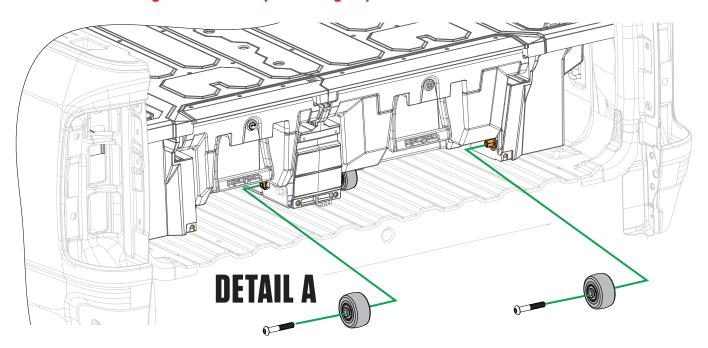
### **DRAWERS:** BRACKETS + WHEELS

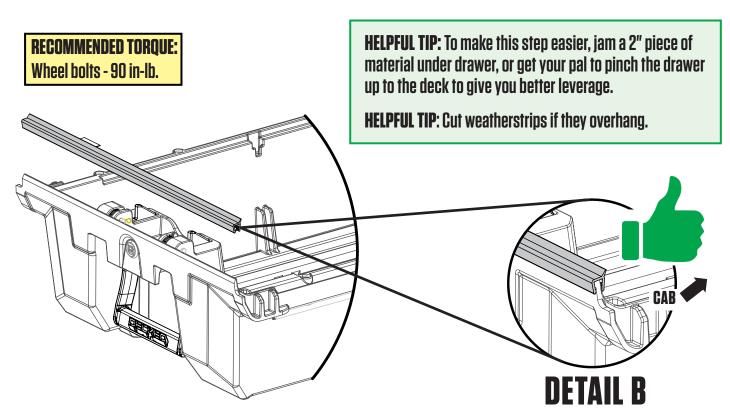
- Each drawer has a left and a right bracket. Bolt brackets into place via bottom two holes in bracket with 3/4" length bolts. Use the 2" length bolt for the upper cabside wall hole in bracket; **BAG DRAWER 1.**
- Install a tube brace in each drawer with two 3/4" length bolts; BAG DRAWER 1, BAG DRAWER 2.
- · Attach wheels onto drawer brackets with a 7/32" hex wrench; BAG WHEELS



## **DRAWERS:** AXLE WHEELS + WEATHERSTRIPS

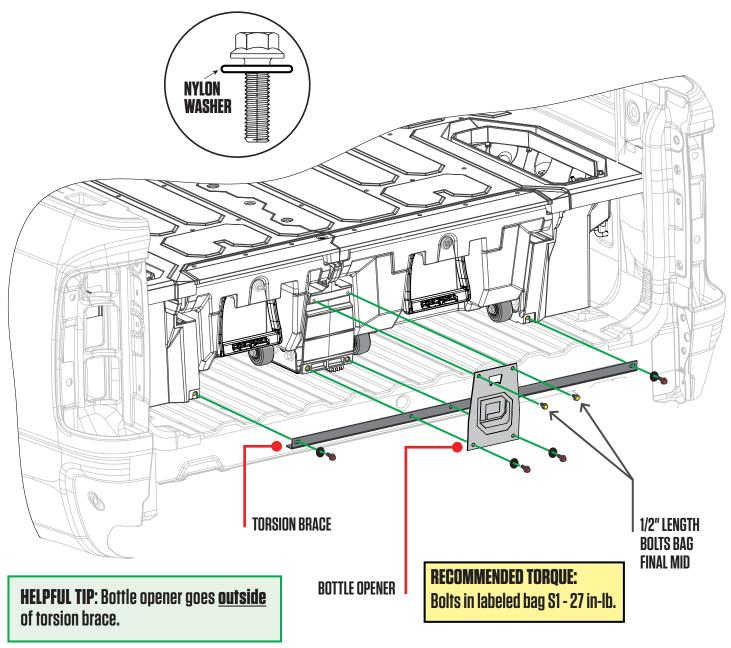
- Slide narrow drawer into driver side drawer cavity. NOTE: It is easier to fully install narrow drawer first.
- DETAIL A: Install two tailgate wheels onto narrow drawer axles with a 7/32" hex wrench; BAG WHEELS.
- · Repeat with wide drawer.
- DETAIL B: Install weatherstrips on top of drawer edges *WITH WIPER BLADE POINTING TOWARD DRIVER*. **IMPORTANT:** Facing the weatherstrip the wrong way will funnel water into drawer: BAD!





# **THE FUN STUFF:** TORSION BRACE + BOTTLE OPENER

- · Slide torsion brace under center vert and tailgate ammo cans.
- · Loosely install:
  - Two 1/2" length bolts through upper holes in bottle opener into center vert; **BAG FINAL MID.**
  - Two bolts with nylon washers through the end holes in torsion brace into ammo cans; BAG S1.
  - Two bolts with nylon washers through the bottom bottle opener holes and torsion brace into center vert; BAG S1.
- · Align bottle opener to edges of center vert and tighten four bottle opener bolts.
- Tighten end bolts into tailgate ammo cans.

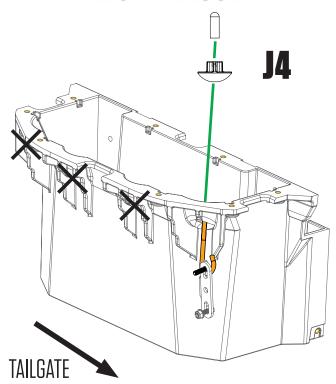


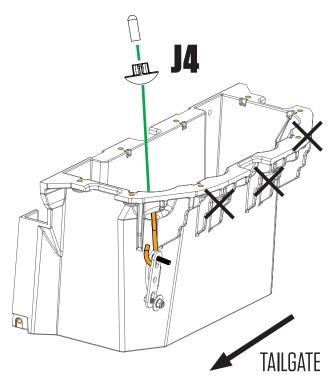
### **INSTALL:** J-HOOKS

- Install J-hook onto tie down bracket and through the hole closest to the **tailgate** in ammo can; **BAG J4.**
- Install winged-spherical nut-washer, round side down, onto J-hook and partially tighten using your fingers only. **IMPORTANT:** Keep J-hook assembly loose.
- · Repeat other side.
- Tighten the J-hooks, but **DO NOT OVER TIGHTEN!** Make sure the gap between the side wall of the bed and the deck is equal on both sides.
- Install bolt thread protectors on J-hook ends; BAG FINAL MID.

#### **DRIVER SIDE AMMO CAN**





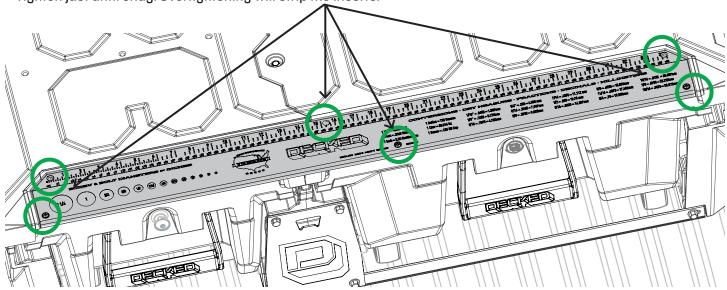


**HELPFUL TIP:** Make sure the hooks open toward tailgate.

**IMPORTANT:** You're almost there, so get your favorite beverage ready to crack open in the bottle opener and make a toast to your truck. When finished, immediately post a photo of your significant other, child or canine (in no order of significance - please someone show us your pet alligator) appreciating your accomplishment. Add hashtag #DECKEDUSA | @DECKEDUSA.

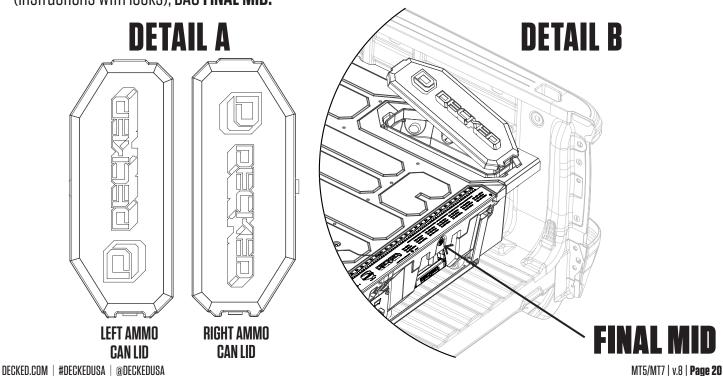
### FINAL STEPS: THE RULER

• Install ruler with six 1/8" hex screws; **BAG FINAL MID**. Start screws with fingers to avoid cross-threading. Tighten just until snug. Overtightening will strip the inserts.



# FINAL STEPS: AMMO CAN LIDS

- **DETAIL A:** Ammo can lids are left (marked L) and right (marked R) side specific.
- **DETAIL B:** Holding lid in orientation shown, insert tab on tailgate end of ammo can lid and push the cabside end of lid down to secure. Don't be afraid to push down hard.
- Insert lock hole plugs, unless you are fitting the optional drawer locks, in which case install drawer locks now (instructions with locks); **BAG FINAL MID.**



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