

CERTAIN 2022 SUPER DUTY AND 2023 F-SERIES MODELS WITH TAILGATE STEP — INSPECTION OF TAILGATE STEP HANDLE AND REPLACEMENT

INSPECTION PROCEDURE

1. Open the tailgate.
2. Push the tailgate step release button and open the tailgate step. See Figure 1.

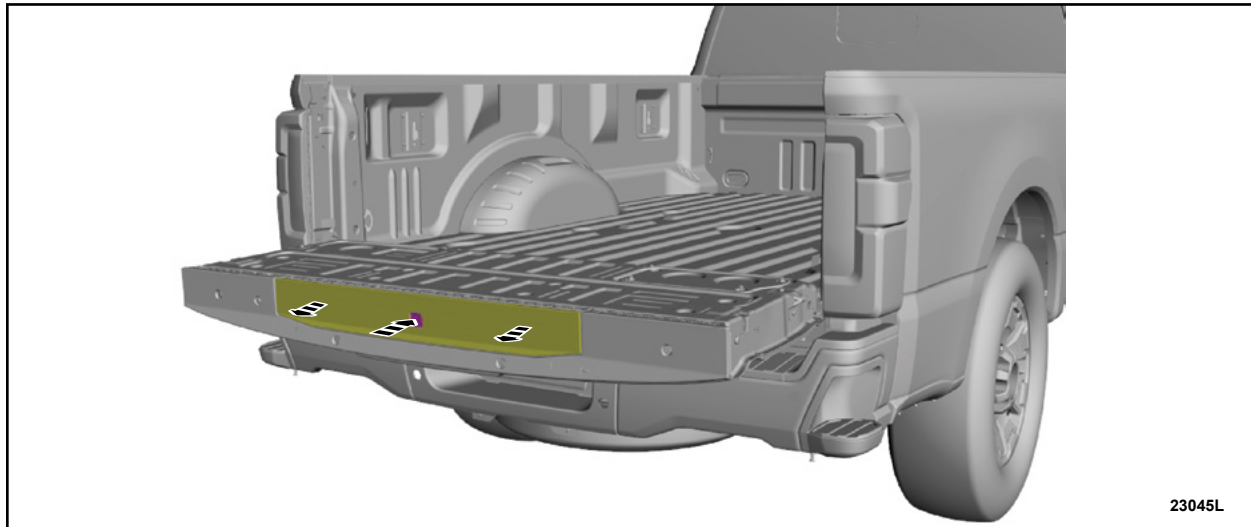


FIGURE 1

3. Fully lift up and lock the tailgate step assist handle into the upright position. See Figure 2.
4. Look for the tailgate step assist handle lot code number, located on the left lower, inboard side of the tailgate step assist handle as shown in Figure 2.
5. The lot code is to be read from bottom up with the tailgate step assist handle in the upright position. Refer to Figures 2 and 3.
 - Is the lot code number a 04 through 12? See Figures 2 and 3.
 - Yes - FAIL - The tailgate step assist handle must be replaced. Proceed to the SERVICE PROCEDURE on Page 3.
 - No - PASS - Close the tailgate step and tailgate assembly. No further action is required.



NOTE: Read the lot code from the bottom to top as shown in Figure 3.



FIGURE 2

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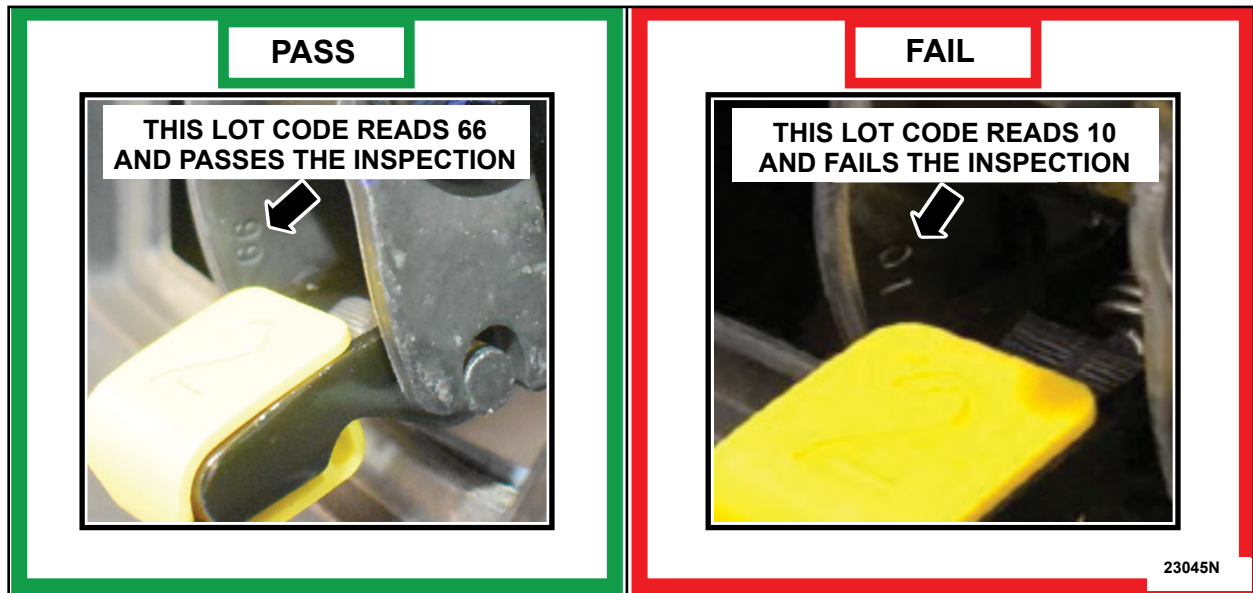


FIGURE 3



SERVICE PROCEDURE

Removal

1. Remove the screws. See Figure 4.

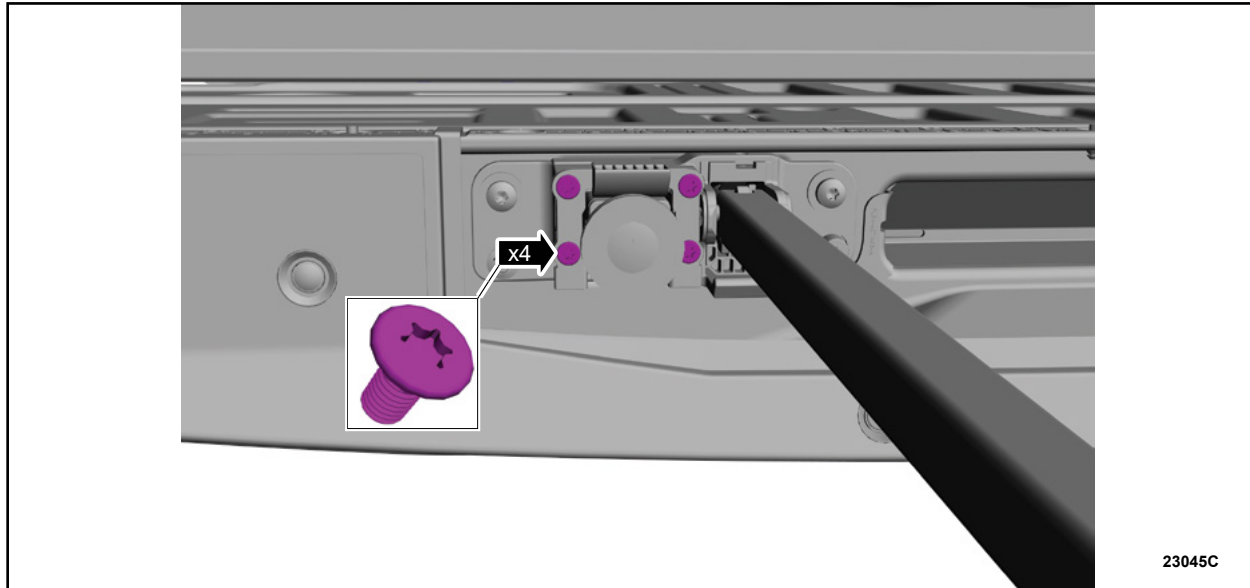


FIGURE 4

2. Remove the cover plate overmold. See Figure 5.

NOTE: Note the position of the components before removal.

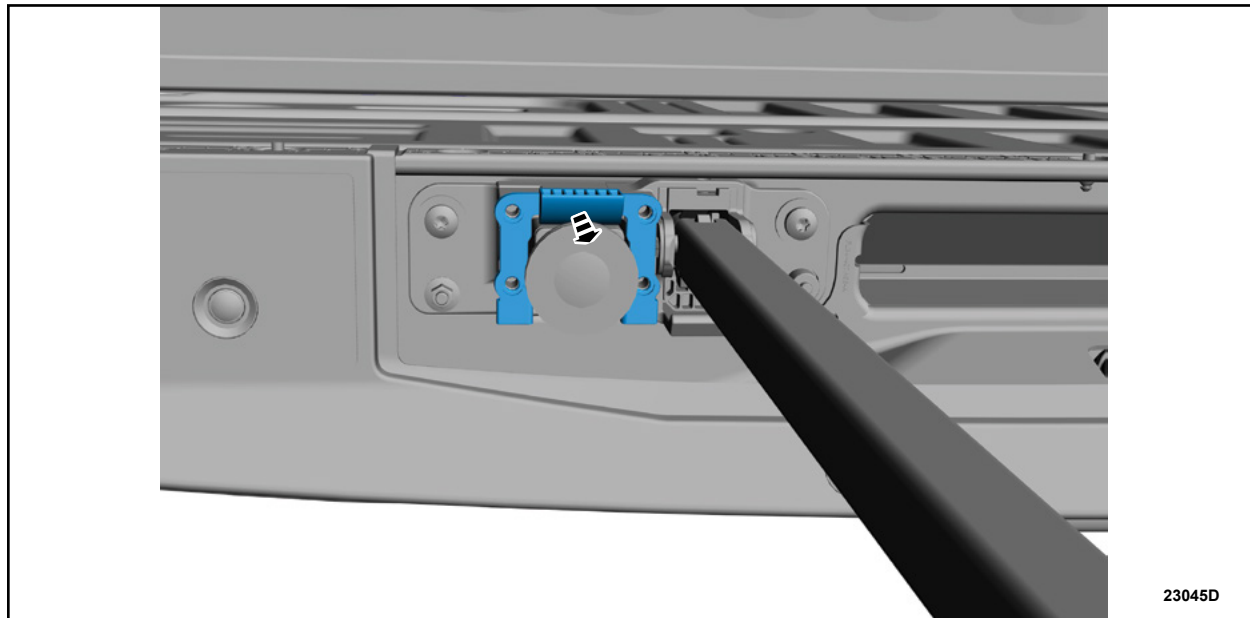


FIGURE 5



3. Slide out cover spring plate. See Figure 6.

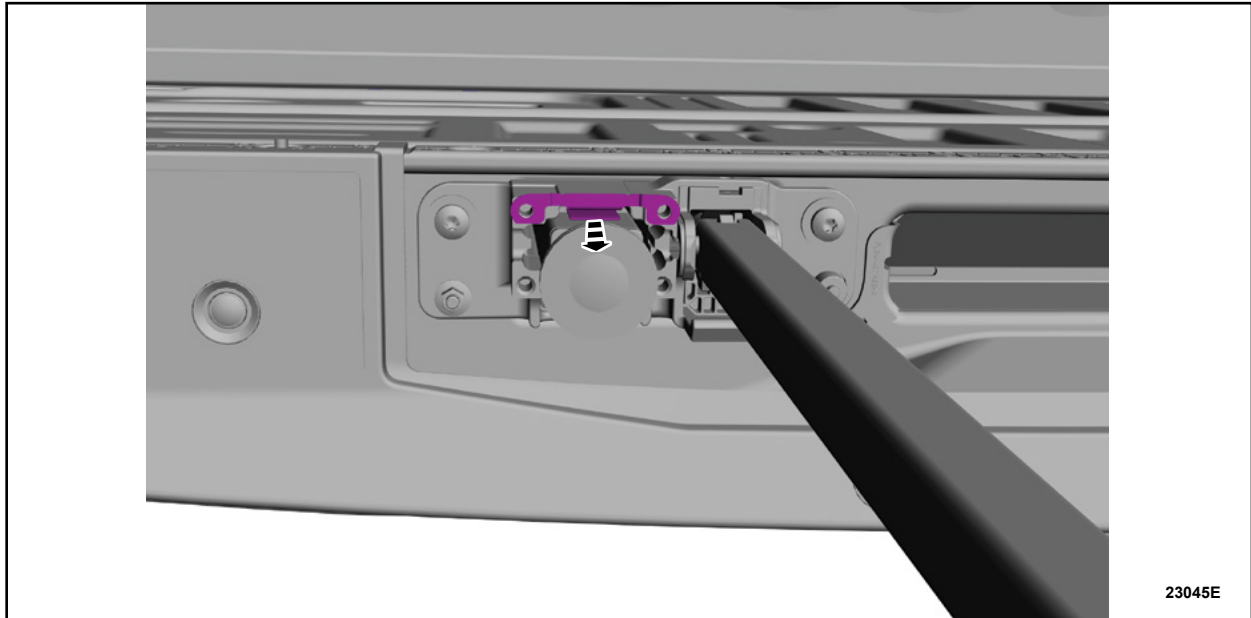


FIGURE 6

4. Pull out and remove the tailgate step assist handle assembly. See Figure 7.

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NOTE: Make sure that the slider insert is removed with the tailgate step assist handle assembly.

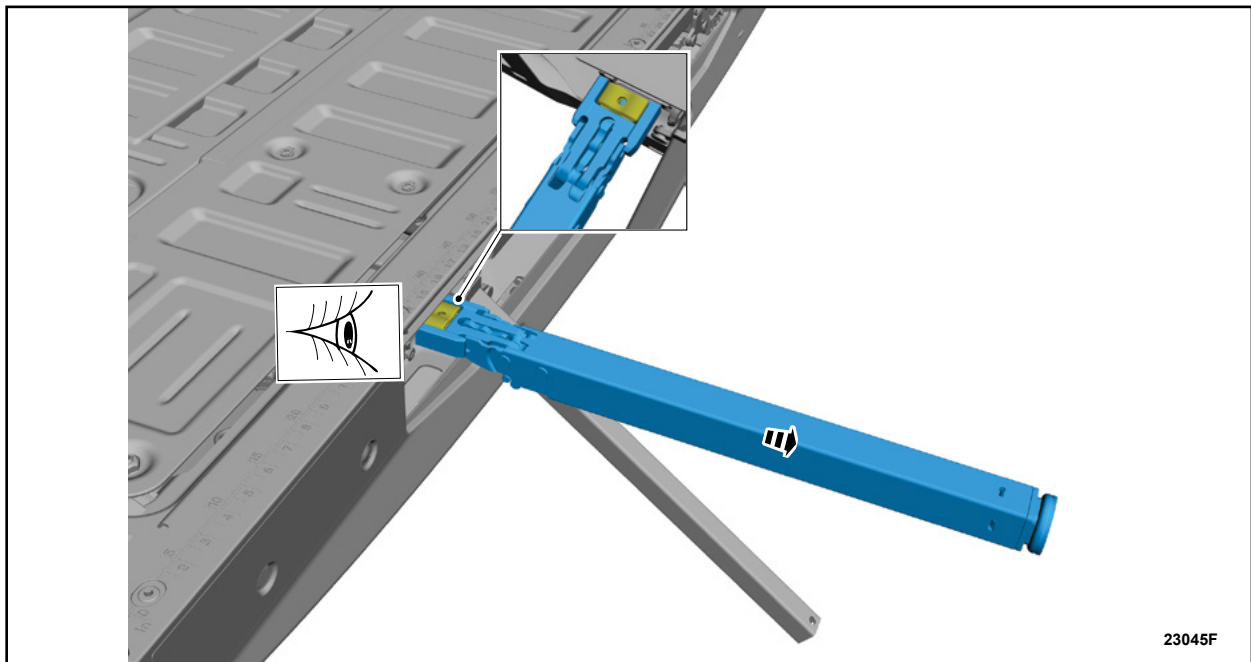


FIGURE 7



Installation

5. Place plastic grab handle slider insert into the nest of the grab handle sub assembly slider and slide the grab handle into the step bracket. See Figure 8.

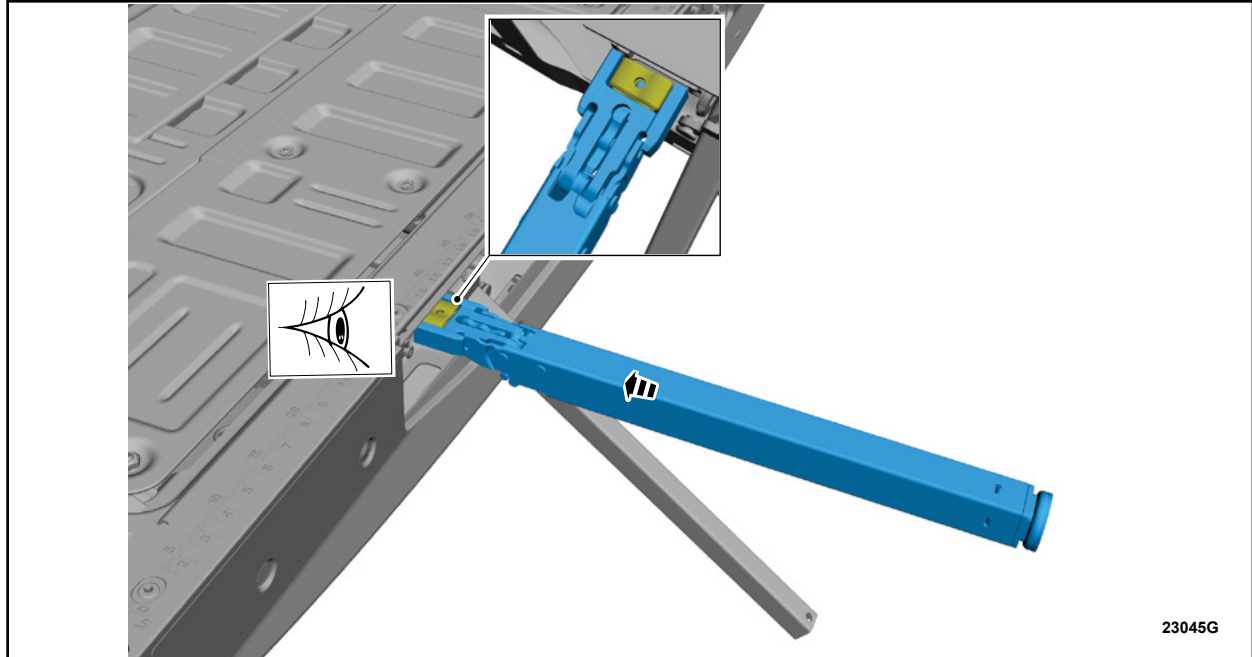


FIGURE 8



6. Install the cover plate spring and cover plate overmold. See Figure 9.

- a. Orient the cover plate spring leaf facing the same direction as the two legs of the cover plate overmold.
- b. Holding the cover plate spring and cover plate overmold together, align the bolt holes.
- c. Place both parts against the step bracket and install the two upper screws.

• Torque: 71 lb.in (8 Nm).

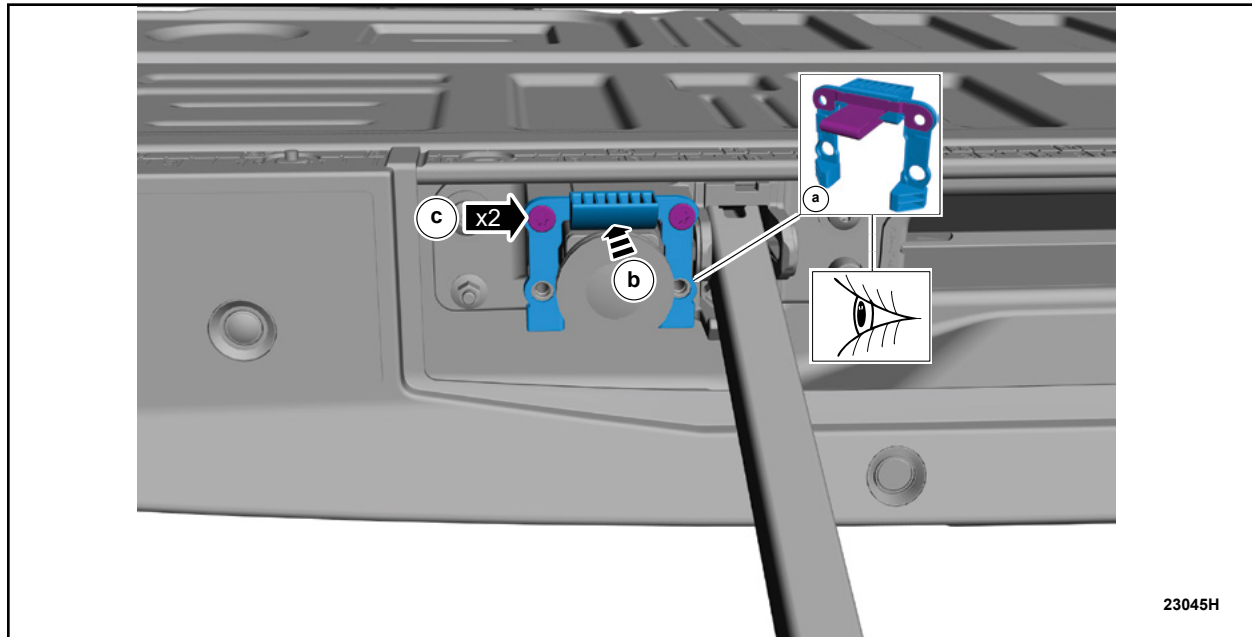


FIGURE 9



7. Install the two lower screws. See Figure 10.

- Torque: 71 lb.in (8 Nm).

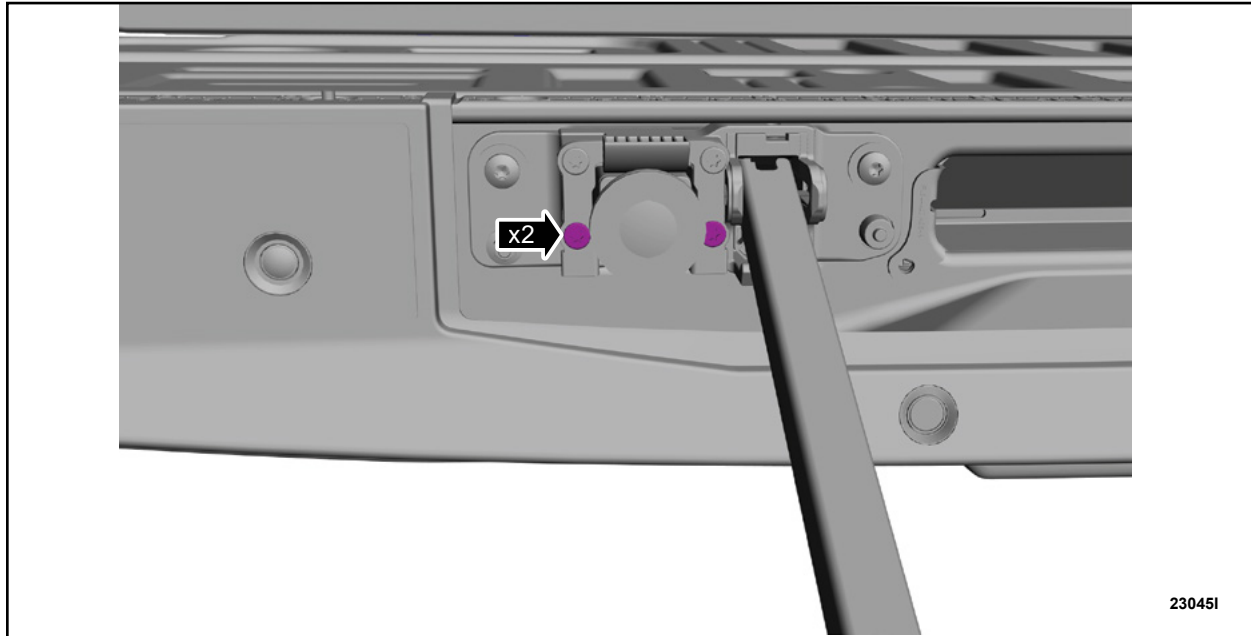


FIGURE 10

8. Close the tailgate step and tailgate assembly. Recall complete.

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