



Tailgate strike plate rivets have been troublemakers on some FMTVs since the trucks were fielded.

The rivets can keep the tailgate from closing and latching easily—or at all—by butting against the rear canvas bow.

Solve the problem by simply removing the single, stand-alone rivet on each strike plate. Once the rivets are gone, the tailgate should close tighter and latch and lock easier.



Remove rivet to allow tailgate to latch

M35A3 Wheel Torque Talk

Any time you install a wheel on an M35A3 truck, the stud nut torque must be rechecked after 50 miles.

Here's the torque required to hold the wheels:

Hollow stud (CTIS): 275–300 lb-ft

Solid studs: 390–420 lb-ft

Make a note in your TMs until the next revision or update.