

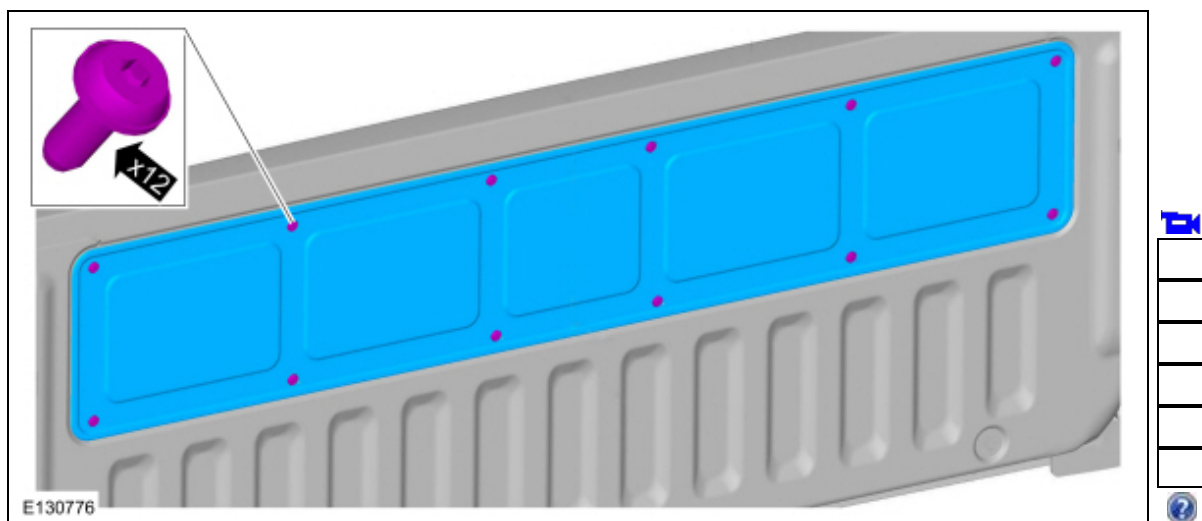
Tailgate Latch

Removal

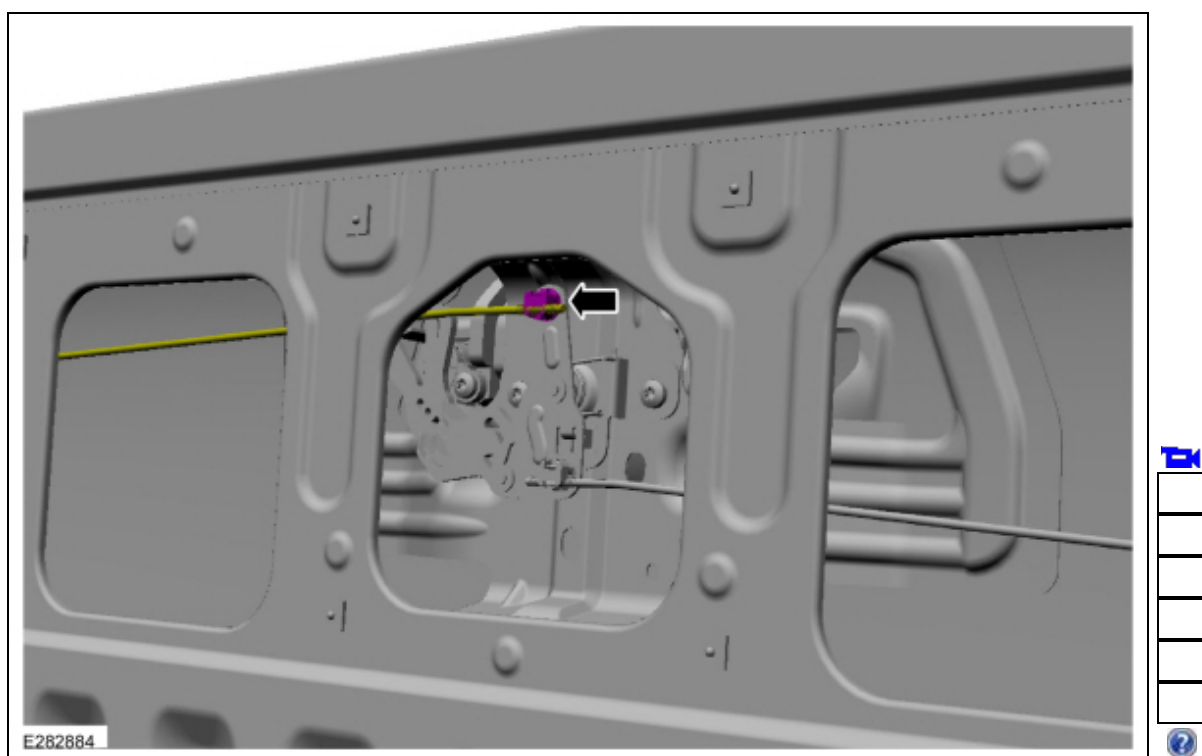
NOTE: RH side shown, LH side similar.

NOTE: Removal steps in this procedure may contain installation details.

1. Remove the bolts from the tailgate access panel.



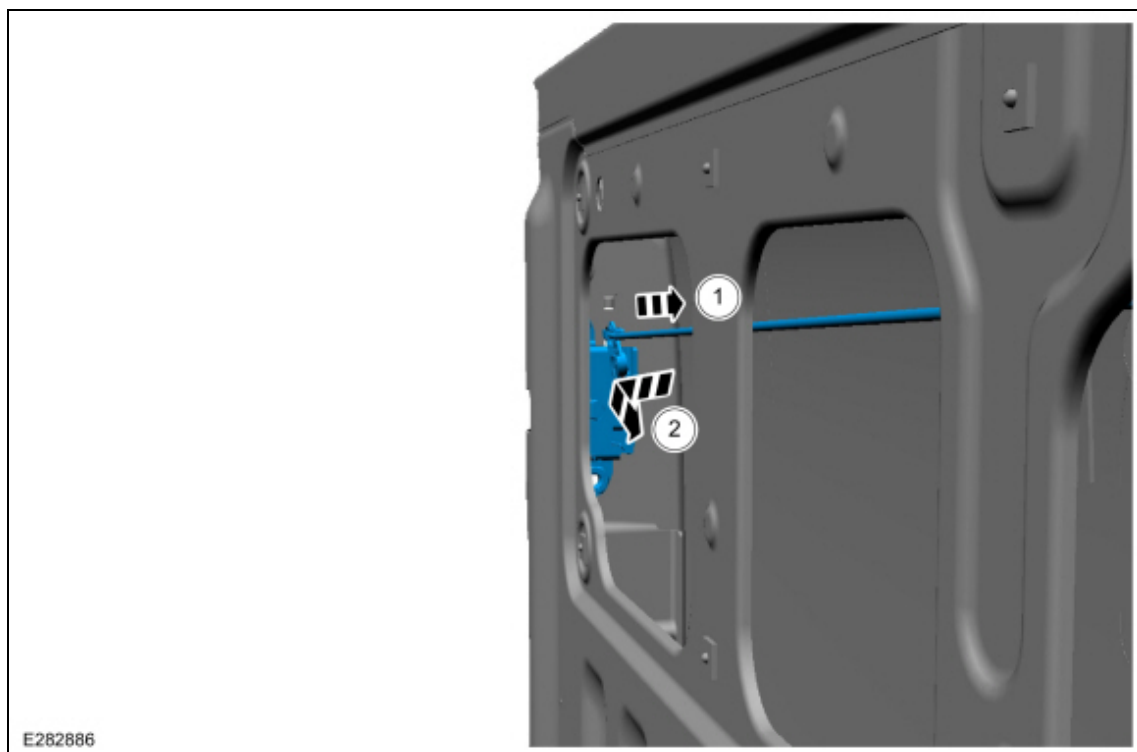
2. Disconnect the tailgate latch actuating rod from the tailgate control assembly.



3. Remove the tailgate bolts.
Torque: 18 lb.ft (25 Nm)



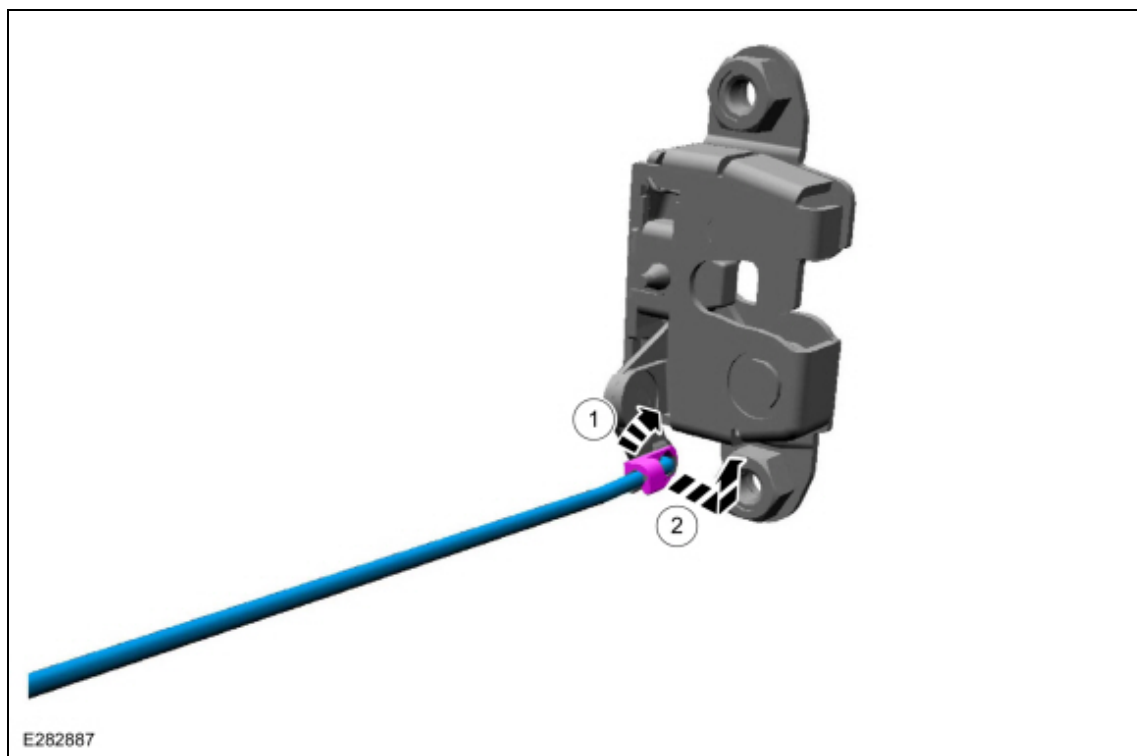
4. Remove the tailgate latch.
1. Position the tailgate latch toward the center or the tailgate.
2. Remove the tailgate latch through the outboard access opening.



5. **NOTE:** *This step is only necessary when installing a new component.*

Remove the tailgate latch actuating rod.

1. Remove the tailgate latch actuating rod retaining clip.
2. Remove the tailgate latch actuating rod from the tailgate latch.



Installation

1. To install, reverse the removal procedure.

