

SUBJECT: LIFTGATES REQUIRING CONSPICUITY TAPE

Dealer or others frequently install rear liftgates on trailers after original manufacture, thereby affecting the placement of the required conspicuity tape on the bumper and rear of trailer.

When this installation occurs, it becomes the responsibility of the liftgate installer to comply with the legal requirements* for conspicuity tape at the rear of the trailer. Some models of liftgates, by design, may have surfaces that are not suited for tape installation (such as diamond plate or ribbing).

Therefore, the installer should request direction from the liftgate manufacturer as to where to put the tape.

*(Ref: 49 CFR 571.109, S5.3.1.1)

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