

OEM Bed Cover Lock Cable Assembly Replacement for 2001-2005

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This project will help you replace your Ford OEM Bed Cover lock cable assembly. This a 2 wrench project because it is straightforward and does not require much effort. I definitely recommend this project to anyone with a broken or stretched cable because it makes the cover so much easier to open and close and with a list price of less than \$40 each cable assembly it is worth the price.

TOOLS : Flat Head Screwdriver
Needle Nose Pliers (optional)

PARTS : Ford Cable Assembly – Ford Part #1L5Z-99286B60-AB (front by glass)
Ford Cable Assembly – Ford Part #1L5Z-99286B61-AA (rear by tailgate)

Below is a picture of the complete cable assembly. It includes everything you need including the lock attachment, emergency release handle*, cables, and clips.



*included with front cable assembly only

First open the cover and remove the little clips holding the cable to the cover. Then pop the cable assembly off of the lock. You can do this by prying on the bottom of the plastic cap with a flat head screwdriver. You may need to pry from different sides but it will pop off.



Next, you need to release the cable from the latches on each side of the cover. Pull on the cable to give yourself some slack while you remove the cable end from the latch.



Now pull the cable out of its tension holder. You will see this in the latch housing.



Once the cable ends are removed from the latches pull all the cable completely out of the cover.



Now you are ready to install the new cable assembly. Send the ends of the cable through the cover until you can reach them through the openings in the latch. You should be able to use your fingers here but this is where the needle nose pliers will help.



You are now going to repeat the removal directions in the reverse order. Attach the end of the cable to the latch assembly and then make sure to also attach the cable to the tension holder. Make sure you hear a snap or it will pop out and the cable will not work.



Finally, align the slot in the plastic cap of the cable assembly with the lock and press it down until it snaps on.
Then attach the clips onto the bed cover.



Using your key unlock the lock and make sure the cable moves the latches before you close the cover. Once you see them moving, close the cover and enjoy!

If you need to replace the second cable repeat these directions.