

Changing a Lower Tailgate Stay Cable

This procedure works for both Discovery 3 and Discovery 4 tailgates.

The whole exercise takes about an hour, most of that time being taken up with removing and replacing bits of trim to gain access.

The tailgate stay is part number BHF780040 (right-hand) or BHF780050 (left-hand).

It incorporates a pulley and spring arrangement to automatically retract the cable.

NB tailgate stays from other models will not fit!



First, remove the existing wire from the ball joint on the side of the tailgate.

Lever the retaining clip up with a thin-bladed screwdriver. The socket will then just pull off.



Next, remove the hinged panel flap that extends across the boot over the hinges of the tailgate.

You need to do this as the edge of the flap overlaps the edge of the side trim.

Lift up the flap and there are 3 x 10mm bolts to remove.

Then lift it vertically upwards before pulling out, as it's also retained by 3 white plastic clips inside the boot.



Next, remove the two spring loaded luggage loops on the floor of the boot, one Hex socket (Allen key) bolt each, as these hold down the carpeted trim next to the side trim which holds it in place.

Lift the trim up at the rear. The front can be left in place.



Lever off the small triangular plastic trim which surrounds the stud which the tailgate locks on to.

Then pull clear the flexible rubber seal surrounding that part of the boot opening.



Then, lever the plastic side trim out. It's held in by clips. You just need to ease the rear out, no need to remove it totally. This will give you enough space to access the cable reel.

The reel is held on with 2 x 10mm bolts. One is visible on the right, the other faces at 90 degrees to that and is best tackled with a socket drive from the front, by putting your hand through the hole left after removing the access flap.



Finally, put everything back together - in the reverse order. Don't just bash the side trim into place - you need to line it up quite carefully or you'll end up mashing the trim clips.

The cable socket will just push on to the tailgate ball.

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