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Model: T313

1. INTRODUCTION

The Gates T313 Premium Automotive Timing Belt is a critical component designed for precise engine timing in compatible vehicles. This manual provides essential information regarding its function, proper maintenance, and troubleshooting to ensure reliable operation and longevity of your vehicle's engine. Adherence to these guidelines is crucial for optimal performance and to prevent potential engine damage.

2. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Gates T313 timing belt is engineered to synchronize the rotation of the crankshaft and camshaft(s), ensuring the engine's valves open and close at the correct times during each cylinder's intake and exhaust strokes. This precise synchronization is vital for efficient engine operation.



Figure 1: The Gates T313 Premium Automotive Timing Belt, shown coiled.



Figure 2: A close-up view of the Gates T313 timing belt's precision-engineered teeth.



Figure 3: Side profile of the Gates T313 timing belt, highlighting its construction.

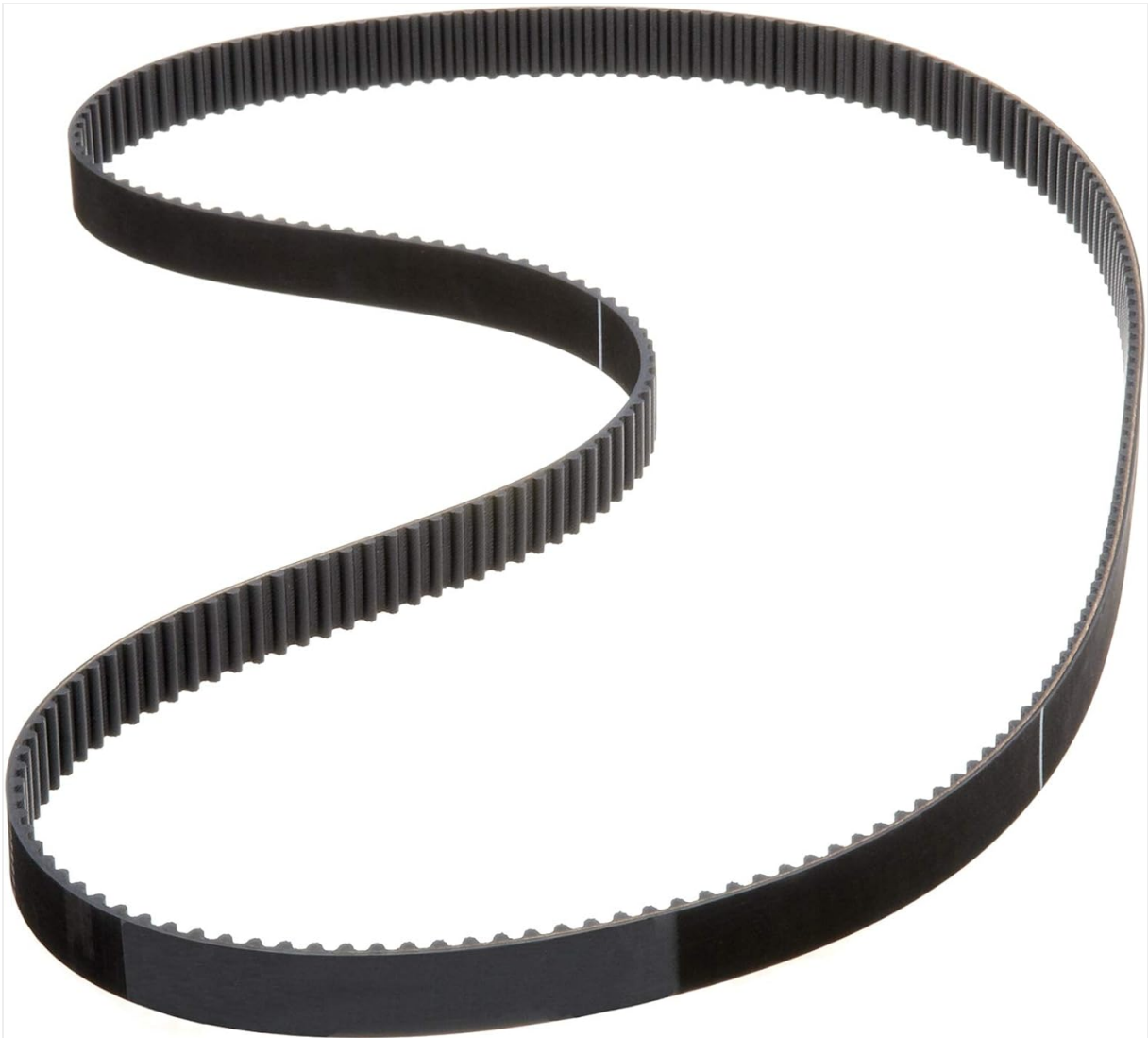


Figure 4: The Gates T313 timing belt laid out to show its full length and design.

3. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

Installation of the Gates T313 timing belt requires specialized tools and technical expertise. It is highly recommended that installation be performed by a certified automotive technician. Incorrect installation can lead to severe engine damage.

3.1 Pre-Installation Checks

- Verify that the Gates T313 belt is the correct part number for your vehicle's make, model, and engine type.
- Inspect all associated components, including tensioners, idler pulleys, and the water pump, for wear or damage. It is often recommended to replace these components simultaneously with the timing belt.
- Ensure the engine is at top dead center (TDC) on the compression stroke for cylinder 1 before removing the old belt.

3.2 Installation Procedure (General Guidelines)

1. Carefully remove the old timing belt and associated components.
2. Install new tensioners, idler pulleys, and water pump (if replacing).
3. Position the new Gates T313 timing belt onto the sprockets, ensuring all timing marks on the crankshaft and camshaft(s) align precisely according to the vehicle manufacturer's specifications.
4. Apply the correct tension to the timing belt using the tensioner.
5. Rotate the engine manually through two full revolutions to confirm timing mark alignment and proper belt tension.
6. Reassemble all covers and accessories.

Refer to your vehicle's specific service manual for detailed, step-by-step installation instructions and torque specifications.

4. OPERATING PRINCIPLES

The Gates T313 timing belt operates continuously while the engine is running. Its primary function is to maintain the precise mechanical timing between the engine's crankshaft and camshaft(s). This synchronization ensures that the engine's intake and exhaust valves open and close in perfect harmony with the piston movement, allowing for optimal combustion, power output, and fuel efficiency.

5. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance of your timing belt system is crucial to prevent unexpected failures and costly engine repairs. The timing belt is a wear item and requires periodic inspection and replacement.

5.1 Recommended Service Intervals

Most vehicle manufacturers recommend timing belt system service around 90,000 miles. However, always consult your vehicle's owner's manual for the exact recommended replacement interval, as this can vary by vehicle model and driving conditions.

Video 1: This video explains the importance of maintaining your high mileage vehicle, particularly focusing on components like the timing belt at around 90,000 miles.

5.2 Comprehensive System Replacement

When replacing the timing belt, it is highly recommended to replace all associated components as a complete system. This includes the timing belt, tensioners, idler pulleys, and the water pump. These components often have similar service lives, and replacing them together prevents premature failure of a new belt due to a worn accessory component.

Video 2: This video highlights the critical role of water pumps in your timing system and the benefits of replacing them along with the timing belt.

Video 3: Learn about the proper procedures and best practices for servicing your timing belt to ensure long-term engine health.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

Recognizing the signs of a failing timing belt is essential for preventing catastrophic engine damage. If you experience any of the following symptoms, have your vehicle inspected by a qualified technician immediately.

6.1 Common Symptoms of a Worn Timing Belt

- **Ticking Noise from the Engine:** A consistent ticking sound, often originating from the engine's front, can indicate a worn timing belt or related components.
- **Engine Misfires or Rough Running:** If the timing belt is stretched or has skipped a tooth, the engine's timing can be off, leading to misfires, reduced power, and rough idling.
- **Check Engine Light:** A check engine light can illuminate for various reasons, but it can also be triggered by issues related to engine timing, such as a stretched or failing timing belt.
- **Oil Leak from the Front of the Engine:** An oil leak near the timing cover can indicate a failing timing belt cover gasket, which might require timing belt removal for repair.
- **Engine Not Starting:** In severe cases, a completely broken timing belt will prevent the engine from starting as the crankshaft and camshaft(s) are no longer synchronized. This often results in significant internal engine damage.

Video 4: This video outlines common signs that indicate it's time to replace your timing belt to avoid potential engine damage.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Attribute	Detail
Brand	Gates
Model Number	T313
Item Weight	4.8 ounces
Belt Style	Timing Belt
Compatible Devices	Car
Manufacturer Part Number	T313
OEM Part Number	HYUNDAI%2431238210, KIA%2431238220

8. SUPPORT AND RESOURCES

For additional support, product information, or to locate compatible parts, Gates offers various resources.

8.1 Gates Automotive Catalogue App (NaviGates)

The NaviGates app provides an online and app-based catalog to help you quickly find the right Gates parts for your vehicle. You can search by vehicle market, OE competitor part number, or scan the VIN number.

Video 5: Introducing NaviGates, an online and app-based catalog designed to simplify finding the correct Gates parts for your automotive needs.

8.2 General Inquiries

For further assistance, please visit the official Gates website or contact their customer support. Always

refer to official Gates documentation for the most current and accurate information.

9. IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Automotive repairs, especially those involving critical engine components like the timing belt, can be dangerous if not performed correctly. Always prioritize safety:

- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), including safety glasses and gloves.
- Ensure the vehicle is properly supported on jack stands and the battery is disconnected before beginning any work.
- Follow all vehicle manufacturer's safety warnings and procedures.
- If you are unsure about any step, consult a professional mechanic.