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For Dorman Model: 300-003

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the proper installation, operation, and maintenance of your Dorman 300-003 Power Steering Pump Pulley. This pulley is engineered as a direct replacement, matching the fit and function of the original pulley on specified vehicle applications. It is constructed from quality materials to ensure reliable performance and durability.

Please read these instructions thoroughly before attempting any installation or maintenance procedures. Proper installation is crucial for the safe and effective operation of your vehicle's power steering system.

2. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Dorman 300-003 Power Steering Pump Pulley is a critical component of your vehicle's power steering system. It transmits rotational force from the engine's accessory drive belt to the power steering pump, enabling hydraulic pressure generation for steering assistance.

- **Direct Replacement:** Designed to precisely match the original equipment pulley for a seamless fit.
- **Restores Functionality:** Replaces pulleys that have failed due to contamination, wear, or damage.
- **Durable Construction:** Manufactured from composite material for long-lasting service.



Figure 2.1: Front view of the Dorman 300-003 Power Steering Pump Pulley, showing the central bore and mounting holes.

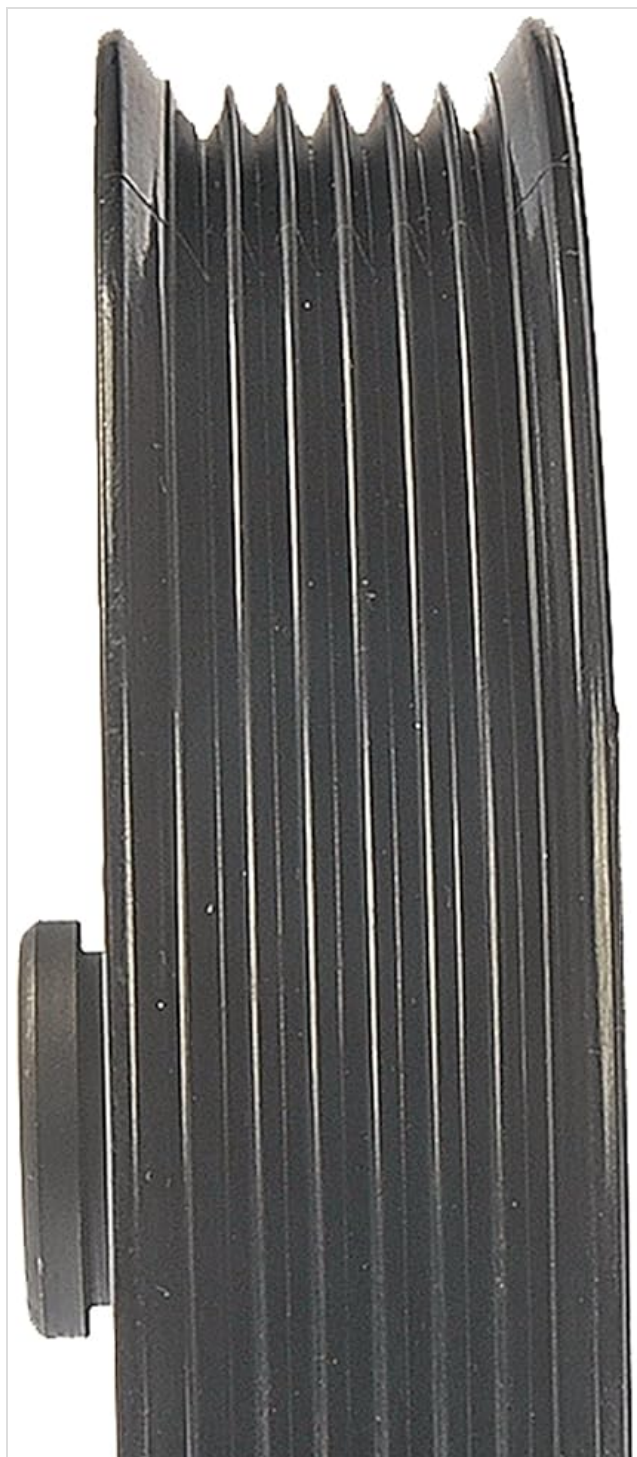




Figure 2.2: Side profile of the Dorman 300-003 Power Steering Pump Pulley, illustrating the ribbed belt surface.

3. COMPATIBILITY

The Dorman 300-003 Power Steering Pump Pulley is designed for specific vehicle applications. To ensure proper fitment for your vehicle, it is essential to verify compatibility using the manufacturer's fitment tool or by consulting a qualified automotive professional. Refer to the OEM part numbers provided in the specifications section for cross-referencing.

4. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

Safety Warning: Automotive repairs can be hazardous. Always wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) such as safety glasses and gloves. Ensure the vehicle is securely supported on jack stands and the engine is off and cool before beginning any work. Disconnect the battery's negative terminal to prevent accidental electrical discharge.

Installation of a power steering pump pulley often requires specialized tools and automotive knowledge. Professional installation by a certified mechanic is highly recommended.

Required Tools (May Vary):

- Power steering pulley puller/installer kit
- Socket set and wrenches
- Torque wrench
- Drain pan
- New power steering fluid (compatible with your vehicle)
- Shop rags

General Installation Steps:

1. **Vehicle Preparation:** Park the vehicle on a level surface, engage the parking brake, and block the wheels. Raise the front of the vehicle and support it with jack stands.

2. **Access the Power Steering Pump:** Depending on your vehicle model, this may involve removing other components (e.g., accessory belts, air intake, fan shroud) to gain clear access to the power steering pump.
3. **Relieve Belt Tension:** Use a serpentine belt tool or appropriate wrench to release tension on the accessory drive belt and remove it from the power steering pulley.
4. **Remove Old Pulley:** Utilize a power steering pulley puller tool to carefully remove the old pulley from the power steering pump shaft. Avoid prying or hammering, as this can damage the pump.
5. **Install New Pulley:** Position the Dorman 300-003 pulley onto the power steering pump shaft. Use a power steering pulley installer tool to press the new pulley onto the shaft until it is fully seated. Ensure it is aligned correctly and does not rub against the pump housing.
6. **Reinstall Belt and Components:** Route the accessory drive belt back onto all pulleys, ensuring correct tension. Reinstall any components removed for access.
7. **Refill and Bleed System:** If the power steering pump was removed or fluid was lost, refill the power steering reservoir with the correct type of fluid. Bleed the power steering system according to your vehicle manufacturer's specifications to remove air.
8. **Final Checks:** Start the engine and check for leaks, proper belt alignment, and smooth power steering operation. Turn the steering wheel lock-to-lock several times to ensure all air is purged.

5. OPERATING PRINCIPLES

Once installed, the Dorman 300-003 Power Steering Pump Pulley operates continuously with the engine. It transfers rotational energy from the engine's crankshaft (via the accessory belt) to the power steering pump. The pump then pressurizes hydraulic fluid, which assists the driver in turning the steering wheel, reducing the effort required.

Proper operation relies on the pulley being securely mounted, free from wobble, and the accessory belt being correctly tensioned and in good condition.

6. MAINTENANCE

Regular inspection of the power steering pump pulley and the entire accessory drive system can help prevent premature failure and ensure optimal performance.

Maintenance Checks:

- **Visual Inspection:** Periodically inspect the pulley for any signs of cracks, chips, or excessive wear on the belt grooves. Check for any signs of corrosion or damage.
- **Belt Condition:** Examine the accessory drive belt for cracks, fraying, glazing, or missing ribs. A worn belt can slip, causing reduced power steering assistance and noise.
- **Pulley Alignment:** Ensure the pulley is properly aligned with other accessory pulleys. Misalignment can lead to premature belt wear and noise.
- **Noise:** Listen for any unusual noises (e.g., squealing, grinding, whining) coming from the power steering pump area, especially when turning the steering wheel.
- **Fluid Leaks:** Check for any power steering fluid leaks around the pump or hoses.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you experience issues with your power steering system, the pulley may be a contributing factor. Here are some common symptoms and potential causes:

Symptom	Possible Cause	Action
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Squealing noise from engine bay	Loose or worn accessory belt, misaligned pulley	Inspect belt tension and condition. Check pulley alignment. Replace belt if necessary.
Difficulty steering, especially at low speeds	Power steering pump not functioning correctly (possibly due to pulley issue), low fluid, air in system	Check power steering fluid level. Inspect pulley for damage or slippage. Bleed system. Consult a mechanic.
Grinding or whining noise from power steering pump	Damaged pulley bearing (internal to pump, not pulley itself), low fluid, contaminated fluid	Check fluid level and condition. Inspect pulley for excessive play. Professional diagnosis recommended.
Pulley wobble	Improper installation, damaged pump shaft, defective pulley	Re-evaluate installation. Inspect pump shaft. Replace pulley if defective.

If troubleshooting steps do not resolve the issue, seek assistance from a qualified automotive technician.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Attribute	Value
Brand	Dorman
Model Number	300-003
Material	Composite
Color	Black
Item Diameter	5.43 Inches
Item Weight	11.2 ounces
Fit Type	Vehicle Specific Fit
Vehicle Service Type	Passenger Car
UPC	019495031901
OEM Part Numbers	3P25140; D9AZ 3A733A; E57Y 3A733-A; YF1Z 3A733-AA

9. WARRANTY INFORMATION

For detailed warranty information regarding the Dorman 300-003 Power Steering Pump Pulley, please refer to the official Dorman Products website or contact Dorman customer service directly. Warranty terms and conditions may vary and are subject to the manufacturer's policy at the time of purchase.

10. SUPPORT AND CONTACT

If you have questions about the Dorman 300-003 Power Steering Pump Pulley, require technical assistance, or need to report an issue, please contact Dorman Products customer support.

- **Manufacturer Website:** www.dormanproducts.com

- **Customer Service:** Refer to the manufacturer's website for current contact information (phone, email, or online support portal).