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Model: 2610

1. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Dorman 2610 Rubber Expansion Plug is a versatile and durable component designed for sealing various openings in automotive applications. Constructed from high-quality neoprene, this plug provides a flexible yet secure seal, accommodating a size range of 1-1/8 inches to 1-1/4 inches. It is commonly used in engine blocks, cylinder heads, and other vehicle components where a temporary or permanent seal is required for coolant passages, freeze plugs, or inspection ports.



Figure 1: The Dorman 2610 Rubber Expansion Plug. This image shows the black neoprene plug with a metal bolt and washer assembly used for expansion and sealing. The bolt head is visible on one side, and the washer and nut mechanism on the other, which compresses the rubber to create a tight seal.

2. SPECIFICATIONS

Attribute	Detail
Model Number	2610 (02610)
Material	Neoprene
Color	Black
Size Range	1-1/8 In. - 1-1/4 In.
Item Weight	0.01 Ounces (approx. 0.00028 kg)
Product Dimensions	4.9 x 6 x 3.9 inches
Manufacturer	Dorman Products
UPC	037495026109

3. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

The Dorman 2610 Rubber Expansion Plug is designed for straightforward installation. Proper preparation and selection of the correct size are crucial for an effective seal.

3.1. Pre-Installation Checklist

- Ensure the opening to be sealed is clean and free of debris, rust, or old sealant.
- Verify that the opening's diameter falls within the plug's specified size range (1-1/8 In. - 1-1/4 In.).
- Gather necessary tools: a wrench or socket for the bolt, and potentially a cleaning brush.

3.2. Installation Steps

1. **Insert the Plug:** Carefully insert the rubber expansion plug into the opening. Ensure it is seated squarely and fully within the hole.
2. **Tighten the Bolt:** Using a wrench or socket, gradually tighten the bolt on the plug. As the bolt is tightened, the rubber body of the plug will expand outwards, creating a tight seal against the walls of the opening.
3. **Check for Seal:** Continue tightening until a firm seal is achieved. Avoid over-tightening, which could damage the plug or the surrounding material. For applications involving fluids, check for leaks after installation.
4. **Final Inspection:** Ensure the plug is securely in place and does not move or rotate freely.

Note: For specific vehicle applications, always consult your vehicle's service manual for proper procedures and torque specifications.

4. OPERATING PRINCIPLES

The Dorman 2610 Rubber Expansion Plug operates on a simple mechanical principle. When the central bolt is tightened, it draws a washer or plate against one end of the rubber cylinder, causing the rubber to compress axially and expand radially. This radial expansion creates a pressure fit against the inner surface of the hole, effectively sealing it. The neoprene material provides excellent resistance to automotive fluids, temperature variations, and vibrations, ensuring a long-lasting and reliable seal.

5. MAINTENANCE

The Dorman 2610 Rubber Expansion Plug is designed to be a maintenance-free component once properly installed. However, periodic inspection is recommended, especially in critical applications.

- **Visual Inspection:** Periodically check the plug for any signs of cracking, deterioration, or leaks around its edges.
- **Tightness Check:** If accessible, gently check the tightness of the bolt. Do not overtighten if it feels secure.
- **Replacement:** If the plug shows signs of wear, damage, or leakage, it should be replaced immediately to prevent further issues.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

While the Dorman 2610 Rubber Expansion Plug is a reliable component, issues can occasionally arise. Here are some common problems and their potential solutions:

6.1. Leakage After Installation

- **Cause:** Insufficient tightening.
- **Solution:** Gently tighten the bolt further until the leak stops. Do not overtighten.
- **Cause:** Improper plug size for the opening.
- **Solution:** Verify the opening diameter. If it's outside the 1-1/8 In. - 1-1/4 In. range, a different size plug is required.
- **Cause:** Damaged or deteriorated plug.
- **Solution:** Replace the plug with a new one.
- **Cause:** Irregular or corroded surface of the opening.
- **Solution:** Clean the opening thoroughly. If corrosion or damage is severe, the opening may need repair before a proper seal can be achieved.

6.2. Plug Does Not Seat Properly

- **Cause:** Opening is too small for the plug.
- **Solution:** Ensure the opening is within the specified size range. Do not force the plug into an undersized hole.
- **Cause:** Obstruction in the opening.
- **Solution:** Clear any debris or obstructions from the opening.

7. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Dorman Products are manufactured to high-quality standards. For specific warranty information and customer support, please refer to the official Dorman website or contact Dorman customer service directly. Keep your purchase receipt for warranty claims.

Dorman Official Website: www.dormanproducts.com

Contact Information: Refer to the website for the most current contact details.

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