

LASCO S-1028-3

LASCO S-1028-3 Colony Tub and Shower Stem for American Standard 6503 Instruction Manual

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The LASCO S-1028-3 is a replacement tub and shower stem specifically designed for American Standard 6503 Colony series faucets. Constructed from durable brass material, this stem is suitable for both hot and cold water applications, ensuring reliable performance in your tub and shower system.



Image: The LASCO S-1028-3 Colony Tub and Shower Stem, a brass component with threaded sections and a splined top for handle attachment.

KEY FEATURES

- **Brass Material:** Ensures durability and corrosion resistance for long-lasting use.
- **Tub and Shower Application:** Designed for use in both tub and shower faucet assemblies.
- **Hot and Cold Compatibility:** Functions effectively for both hot and cold water lines.
- **Direct Replacement:** Engineered to replace the original stem in American Standard 6503 Colony series faucets.

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Safety First: Before beginning any plumbing work, ensure the main water supply to the house or the specific bathroom is turned off. Close both the hot and cold water shut-off valves if available. Wear appropriate safety gear, including eye protection.

1. **Prepare the Area:** Remove the faucet handle(s) and any decorative escutcheon plates to expose the existing faucet stem. You may need a screwdriver or Allen wrench.

2. **Remove Old Stem:** Using an adjustable wrench or a specialized stem wrench, carefully unscrew the old tub and shower stem from the faucet body. Turn counter-clockwise to loosen. Be prepared for residual water to drain.
3. **Inspect Faucet Body:** Clean any debris or mineral buildup from the faucet body opening. Inspect the seat and springs (if applicable) for wear and replace if necessary.
4. **Install New Stem:** Apply a small amount of plumber's grease to the O-rings and threads of the new LASCO S-1028-3 stem. Carefully insert the new stem into the faucet body and hand-tighten.
5. **Secure the Stem:** Use your wrench to tighten the stem firmly, but do not overtighten, as this can damage the stem or faucet body.
6. **Reassemble Faucet:** Replace the escutcheon plate and faucet handle(s). Ensure the handle operates smoothly.
7. **Restore Water Supply:** Slowly turn the main water supply back on. Check for any leaks around the newly installed stem.
8. **Test Operation:** Turn the faucet handle to check for proper water flow and temperature control.

OPERATION

The LASCO S-1028-3 tub and shower stem controls the flow and temperature of water to your showerhead and/or tub spout. Once installed, rotate the faucet handle(s) to open or close the water supply and adjust the temperature as desired. For two-handle systems, one stem controls hot water and the other controls cold water. For single-handle systems, the stem typically controls both flow and temperature based on the handle's position.

MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance can extend the life of your faucet stem and prevent issues:

- **Periodic Inspection:** Annually inspect the faucet for any signs of leaks around the handle or spout.
- **Cleaning:** If water flow becomes restricted or erratic, mineral deposits may have accumulated. Disassemble the faucet and clean the stem and faucet body components with a mild descaling solution or white vinegar.
- **Lubrication:** If the handle becomes stiff or difficult to turn, turn off the water supply, remove the stem, and apply a small amount of plumber's silicone grease to the O-rings and moving parts.
- **Seal Replacement:** Over time, the rubber O-rings and washers on the stem may wear out, leading to leaks. These can often be replaced without needing to replace the entire stem. Consult a plumbing professional if unsure.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Faucet Leaks from Handle	Worn O-rings or packing washers on the stem.	Turn off water, remove stem, replace O-rings/washers, and reassemble.
Dripping from Spout	Worn seat washer or spring at the bottom of the stem.	Turn off water, remove stem, replace seat washer and spring, and reassemble.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Difficulty Turning Handle	Mineral buildup or lack of lubrication.	Turn off water, remove stem, clean components, and apply plumber's grease to O-rings.
No Water Flow or Low Pressure	Clogged aerator (if applicable), debris in the stem, or main water supply off.	Check water supply. Clean aerator. Turn off water, remove stem, and clear any debris.

PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Specification	Detail
Manufacturer	LASCO
Part Number	S-1028-3
Item Weight	0.8 ounces
Product Dimensions	5 x 1 x 1 inches
Item Model Number	S-1028-3
Item Package Quantity	1
Certification	No
Batteries Required?	No
Date First Available	February 4, 2008

WARRANTY INFORMATION

Larsen Supply Product Warranty is one year from the purchase date. The warranty covers parts only. The product must be installed according to the manufacturer's specifications to maintain warranty validity.

CUSTOMER SUPPORT

For further assistance, technical questions, or to report issues with your LASCO S-1028-3 Tub and Shower Stem, please contact LASCO customer service. Refer to the packaging or the official LASCO website for the most current contact information.

When contacting support, please have your product model number (S-1028-3) and purchase date readily available.