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Model: 5060645

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the proper installation, function, and maintenance of your Dayco Drive Rite 5060645DR Serpentine Belt. Designed for automotive applications, this V-ribbed belt ensures reliable power transmission to various engine accessories. Please read these instructions carefully before proceeding with any installation or maintenance.



Figure 1: Dayco Drive Rite 5060645DR Serpentine Belt. This image displays the multi-ribbed surface of the belt, designed for efficient power transfer in automotive engine systems.

INSTALLATION GUIDELINES

Proper installation is crucial for the longevity and performance of your serpentine belt. Always refer to your vehicle's specific service manual for detailed instructions and torque specifications. If you are unsure about any step, it is recommended to seek professional assistance.

Safety Precautions:

- Ensure the engine is off and cool before beginning any work.
- Disconnect the negative battery terminal to prevent accidental starting.
- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment, including safety glasses and gloves.
- Keep hands and clothing clear of moving parts.

General Installation Steps:

1. **Diagram the Belt Path:** Before removal, draw a diagram or take a photo of the existing belt's routing around all pulleys. This is critical for correct reinstallation.
2. **Relieve Tension:** Use a serpentine belt tool or appropriate wrench to rotate the tensioner pulley, relieving tension on the old belt.
3. **Remove Old Belt:** Carefully slide the old belt off the pulleys once tension is released.

- 4. Inspect Pulleys:** Check all pulleys (crankshaft, alternator, power steering, A/C compressor, idler, tensioner) for wear, damage, or excessive play. Replace any faulty pulleys.
- 5. Install New Belt:** Route the new Dayco 5060645DR belt according to your diagram, ensuring it sits correctly in all pulley grooves. Start with the smooth pulleys first, then the ribbed ones.
- 6. Apply Tension:** Once the belt is correctly routed, slowly release the tensioner to apply proper tension to the new belt. Double-check that the belt is seated correctly on all pulleys.
- 7. Final Check:** Start the engine briefly and observe the belt's operation. Listen for any unusual noises and ensure the belt tracks smoothly.

OPERATING PRINCIPLES

The Dayco Drive Rite 5060645DR Serpentine Belt is a critical component of your vehicle's accessory drive system. It transmits power from the engine's crankshaft to various accessories such as the alternator, power steering pump, air conditioning compressor, and water pump. Its multi-ribbed design ensures efficient power transfer and minimizes slippage, contributing to the optimal performance of these systems.

MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION

Regular inspection and timely replacement are essential for preventing unexpected belt failure and ensuring the reliable operation of your vehicle.

Inspection Schedule:

- Inspect the belt every 12,000 to 15,000 miles or annually, whichever comes first.
- Consult your vehicle's owner's manual for specific recommended inspection and replacement intervals.

What to Look For:

- **Cracks:** Small cracks across the ribs are normal with age, but deep or numerous cracks indicate significant wear.
- **Fraying/Shredding:** Edges of the belt should be intact. Fraying or shredding indicates severe wear or misalignment.
- **Glazing:** A shiny, hardened appearance on the belt ribs suggests slippage and loss of grip.
- **Missing Ribs/Chunks:** Any missing material from the belt surface is a sign of imminent failure.
- **Contamination:** Oil, grease, or coolant on the belt can cause degradation and slippage. Address leaks immediately.

If any of these signs are present, the belt should be replaced immediately to prevent potential system failure.

TROUBLESHOOTING COMMON ISSUES

Symptom	Possible Cause	Solution
Squealing Noise	Loose belt, worn belt, misaligned pulleys, contaminated belt.	Check belt tension, inspect for wear, verify pulley alignment, clean or replace belt if contaminated.
Chirping Noise	Minor misalignment, worn pulley bearing.	Inspect pulley alignment, check for worn bearings in idler or tensioner pulleys.
Loss of Power to Accessories	Belt slippage, broken belt.	Inspect belt for wear and tension. If broken, replace immediately.

Symptom	Possible Cause	Solution
Visible Cracks or Fraying	Normal wear and tear, excessive heat, improper tension.	Replace the belt. Inspect pulleys and tensioner for proper function.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Dayco
Model Number	5060645
Part Number	5060645DR
Belt Style	Serpentine Belt (V Ribbed)
Compatible Devices	Car
Item Weight	3.97 pounds (approx. 1.8 kg)
Product Dimensions	18.4 x 11.4 x 10.7 inches (packaging)

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For specific warranty information regarding your Dayco Drive Rite 5060645DR Serpentine Belt, please refer to the documentation included with your purchase or visit the official Dayco website. For technical support or further assistance, please contact Dayco customer service directly.

Dayco Official Website: www.dayco.com