

Dorman 02373

Dorman 02373 Shifter Cable Bushing Instruction Manual

MODEL: 02373

Brand: Dorman

Product Overview

The Dorman 02373 Shifter Cable Bushing is a direct replacement component designed to restore the function and performance of the original bushings in select Chevrolet and GMC models. These bushings are crucial for maintaining proper automatic transmission shift lever control rod operation, ensuring smooth and precise gear selection.



Image: Front view of the Dorman 02373 Shifter Cable Bushing, a black rubberized component with a central opening.

What's in the Box

The Dorman 02373 Shifter Cable Bushing kit typically includes:

- 1 Shifter Link Bushing

Note: Depending on the specific vehicle application, you may not utilize all included components. Some kits may contain duplicate bushings or additional retainers that are not required for all installations.

Setup and Installation

Proper installation of the shifter cable bushing is essential for correct transmission operation. Follow these general guidelines for successful installation:

1. **Prepare the Bushing:** To make the bushing material more compliant and easier to install, immerse the bushing in hot water for a few minutes before beginning the installation process.
2. **Orient the Bushing Correctly:** Observe the bevel on the bushing. The flange of the bushing must point **inboard** when installing it into the cable. Incorrect orientation will prevent the ball stud from snapping onto the shift selector.
3. **Seat the Flange:** After inserting the bushing into the cable, use a small pocket screwdriver or similar tool to ensure the flange is fully seated. This prevents the flange from distorting or folding over, which could lead to the cable detaching from the shift selector arm.

4. **Reinstall the Cable:** When reattaching the cable to the shift selector arm, a small set of slip-joint pliers can be used to gently pop the cable into place. Exercise caution and be gentle, as pliers can significantly magnify leverage.



Video: An instructional video from Dorman Products demonstrating tips for fixing a broken shift cable linkage with replacement bushings, including proper installation techniques.



Image: Top view of the Dorman 02373 Shifter Cable Bushing, showing the circular opening and the overall shape.



Image: Side profile of the Dorman 02373 Shifter Cable Bushing, highlighting its thickness and internal structure.

Function and Purpose

The shifter cable bushing provides a secure and low-friction connection between the automatic transmission shift lever control rod and the transmission. It ensures that movements of the shift lever are accurately translated to the transmission, allowing for proper gear engagement. A worn or missing bushing can lead to a loose shifter, difficulty selecting gears, or even complete loss of shifting capability.

Maintenance

Shifter cable bushings are wear-and-tear components. Regular inspection during routine vehicle maintenance is recommended. Check for signs of cracking, tearing, or excessive play in the bushing. If any damage is observed, replace the bushing promptly to prevent further issues with the shifting mechanism.

Troubleshooting

- **Loose or Sloppy Shifter:** This is a primary symptom of a worn or missing shifter cable bushing. Inspect the bushing for damage and replace if necessary.
- **Difficulty Shifting Gears:** If the shifter feels stiff or struggles to engage gears, the bushing might be binding or improperly seated. Re-check the installation and ensure the bushing is not distorted.
- **Cable Detachment:** If the shifter cable completely detaches from the transmission or shifter arm, the bushing has likely failed or was improperly installed. Ensure the flange is fully seated as described in the installation section.

Specifications

Manufacturer	Dorman Products
Brand	Dorman
Model	Dorman 02373
Item Weight	0.176 ounces
Product Dimensions	5.5 x 1.8 x 0.5 inches
Item Model Number	02373
Manufacturer Part Number	02373
OEM Part Number	6271391
Special Features	Easy to Install

Warranty and Support

For specific warranty information regarding your Dorman 02373 Shifter Cable Bushing, please refer to the packaging or contact Dorman Products directly. Dorman provides technical support to assist with installation questions or product-related inquiries.

You can visit the official Dorman website or contact their customer service for further assistance. Always ensure you have your product model number (02373) and any relevant purchase details ready when seeking support.