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Model: 48087

## INTRODUCTION

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This instruction manual provides essential information for the proper installation, operation, and maintenance of your Scag 48087 OEM replacement V-belt. This belt is designed for use with compatible Scag lawn mowers. Please read this manual thoroughly before attempting any installation or maintenance procedures to ensure safe and effective use.

The Scag 48087 is a genuine Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) part, ensuring compatibility and performance with your Scag equipment.

## SAFETY INFORMATION

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Always prioritize safety when working with machinery. Failure to follow safety instructions can result in serious injury or damage to equipment.

- Ensure the lawn mower engine is turned off and cooled down before beginning any work.
- Disconnect the spark plug wire to prevent accidental starting.
- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), including gloves and eye protection.
- Refer to your lawn mower's specific owner's manual for additional safety guidelines and belt replacement procedures.

## PRODUCT OVERVIEW

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The Scag 48087 is a black V-belt designed as a direct replacement for specific Scag lawn mower models. It is manufactured by Scag to meet original equipment specifications.



**Image 1:** The Scag 48087 OEM Replacement V-Belt. This image shows the black V-belt coiled, with a "TRUEBLUE" and "Stens" branded label indicating it is "Made in the USA".

## SETUP AND INSTALLATION

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This section outlines the general steps for replacing a V-belt on a lawn mower. Specific procedures may vary depending on your mower model. Always consult your mower's owner's manual.

1. **Prepare the Mower:** Park the lawn mower on a flat, stable surface. Turn off the engine, remove the ignition key, and disconnect the spark plug wire to prevent accidental starting. Allow the engine and any hot components to cool down.
2. **Access the Belt:** Depending on your mower model, you may need to remove the cutting deck, belt covers, or other

components to gain access to the drive belt system. Refer to your mower's manual for specific instructions on accessing the belt.

3. **Relieve Tension:** Locate the belt tensioner or idler pulley. Use appropriate tools to relieve tension on the old belt, allowing it to be removed from the pulleys.
4. **Remove Old Belt:** Carefully remove the old belt from all pulleys. Note the routing path of the old belt, as the new belt must be installed in the same configuration. Taking a photograph before removal can be helpful.
5. **Install New Belt:** Route the new Scag 48087 V-belt around the pulleys, following the exact path of the old belt. Ensure the belt is seated correctly in all pulley grooves.
6. **Apply Tension:** Reapply tension to the belt using the tensioner or idler pulley mechanism. Verify that the belt is taut but not overly tight, and that it moves freely without binding.
7. **Reassemble:** Reinstall any covers, guards, or the cutting deck that were removed to access the belt. Ensure all fasteners are securely tightened.
8. **Test Operation:** Reconnect the spark plug wire. Start the mower and engage the blades (if applicable) briefly to ensure the new belt operates smoothly and correctly. Listen for any unusual noises.

## OPERATING CONSIDERATIONS

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Once the new belt is installed, proper operating practices will help extend its lifespan and ensure efficient performance of your lawn mower.

- **Initial Run-in:** After installation, operate the mower for a short period (e.g., 15-30 minutes) at a lower load to allow the belt to seat properly.
- **Avoid Overloading:** Do not attempt to cut excessively tall or dense grass, as this can put undue strain on the belt and other drive components.
- **Regular Inspection:** Periodically inspect the belt for signs of wear, cracking, fraying, or glazing. Replace the belt if any damage is observed.
- **Proper Storage:** When not in use for extended periods, store the mower in a dry, cool place to protect the belt from environmental degradation.

## MAINTENANCE

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Regular maintenance of your mower's belt system is crucial for longevity and optimal performance.

- **Belt Tension:** Periodically check the belt tension according to your mower's manual. Incorrect tension (too loose or too tight) can lead to premature belt wear or slippage.
- **Cleanliness:** Keep the belt and pulleys free from grass clippings, dirt, and debris. Accumulation can cause slippage and accelerate wear.
- **Pulley Inspection:** Inspect pulleys for wear, damage, or misalignment. Worn or damaged pulleys can quickly destroy a new belt.
- **Replacement Schedule:** While there isn't a fixed replacement schedule, belts should be replaced when signs of wear become evident, or if performance degrades.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

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This section addresses common issues related to drive belts. Always ensure safety precautions are followed before inspecting or working on the mower.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
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Belt Slipping	Incorrect tension, worn belt, glazed belt, debris on pulleys.	Adjust tension, replace belt, clean pulleys, inspect pulleys for wear.
Excessive Noise (Squealing)	Incorrect tension, worn belt, misaligned pulleys.	Adjust tension, replace belt, check pulley alignment.
Premature Belt Wear	Incorrect tension, worn or damaged pulleys, improper installation, overloading.	Verify tension, inspect/replace pulleys, ensure correct installation, avoid overloading.
Belt Comes Off Pulleys	Incorrect tension, worn belt, damaged belt guides, misaligned pulleys.	Adjust tension, replace belt, inspect/repair belt guides, check pulley alignment.

## SPECIFICATIONS

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Key specifications for the Scag 48087 OEM Replacement V-Belt:

- **Model Number:** 48087
- **Brand:** Scag
- **Manufacturer:** Scag
- **Part Type:** OEM Replacement V-Belt
- **Compatible Devices:** Lawn Mower (specific Scag models)
- **Color:** Black
- **Approximate Dimensions:** 10 x 8 x 1 inches (packaging)
- **Approximate Item Weight:** 9.6 ounces

## WARRANTY INFORMATION

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As an Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) part, the Scag 48087 V-belt is typically covered by Scag's standard warranty for genuine replacement parts. Warranty terms and duration may vary. Please refer to the official Scag warranty documentation provided with your original equipment or contact an authorized Scag dealer for specific details regarding warranty coverage for this part.

*Note: Using non-OEM parts may void your equipment's warranty.*

## CUSTOMER SUPPORT

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For further assistance, technical support, or to locate an authorized service center, please contact Scag Power Equipment directly or visit their official website.

- **Scag Official Website:** [www.scag.com](http://www.scag.com)
- **Authorized Dealer Locator:** Consult the Scag website for a list of authorized dealers in your area who can provide expert advice and genuine parts.

