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Model: 65000 | Brand: Dorman

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Dorman 65000 Adjustable Length Universal Dipstick is designed as a versatile replacement for various automotive applications. Its unique adjustable length feature allows it to be customized to fit different dipstick tube diameters and lengths, ensuring accurate oil level measurement. Constructed from durable braided stainless steel with a robust plastic handle, it offers reliability and longevity.

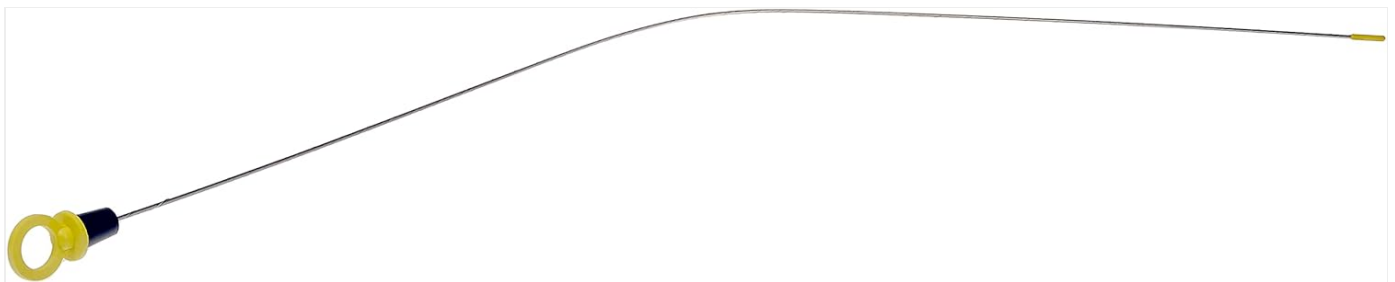


Figure 1: Dorman 65000 Adjustable Length Universal Dipstick, showing the full length of the braided stainless steel cable and the yellow handle.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Verify that all components are present before beginning installation:

- 1 x Adjustable length dipstick (braided stainless steel cable with yellow handle)
- 3 x Different stoppers (for various dipstick tube diameters)

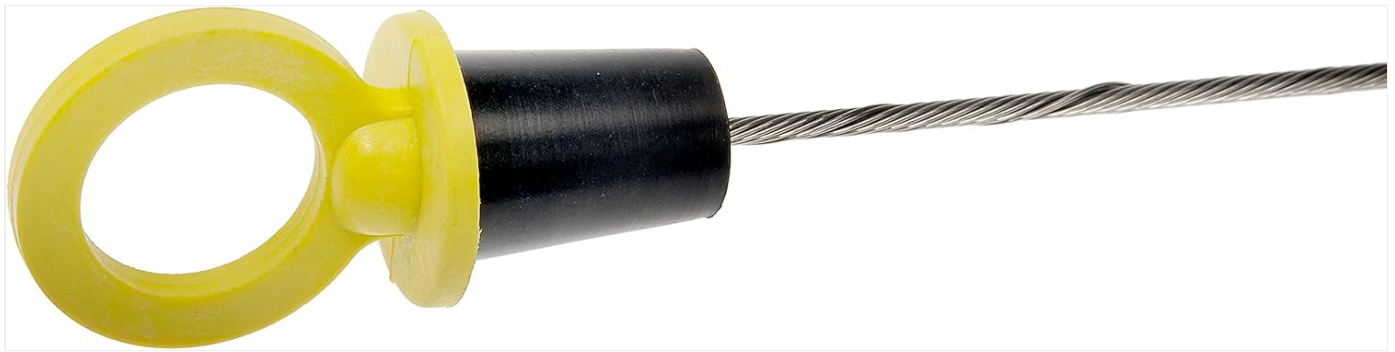


Figure 2: Close-up view of the dipstick's yellow handle and the braided stainless steel cable, highlighting the durable construction.



Figure 3: Image showing two of the three included stoppers, which are used to secure the dipstick within different diameter dipstick tubes.

SETUP AND INSTALLATION

Proper installation is crucial for accurate oil level readings. This dipstick is designed to be cut to the correct length for your specific application.

Tools Required:

- Measuring tape or ruler
- Wire cutters or strong snips
- Allen wrench (for set screws on stoppers, if applicable)
- Permanent marker
- Original dipstick (for reference)

Installation Steps:

1. Determine Correct Length:

The most critical step is to determine the precise length required for your vehicle. It is highly recommended to use your original equipment (OE) dipstick as a reference. Insert the OE dipstick fully into its tube until it seats correctly. Note the length from the top of the handle to the "FULL" mark on the dipstick. If an OE dipstick is not available, consult your vehicle's service manual for the correct oil capacity and dipstick length specifications.

2. Mark the New Dipstick:

Carefully measure the Dorman 65000 dipstick. Using the measurement obtained from your OE dipstick, mark the new dipstick cable at the point corresponding to the "FULL" mark. You may also mark the "ADD" or "LOW" level if desired, ensuring it aligns with your vehicle's specifications. Ensure the measurement accounts for the handle and stopper assembly.

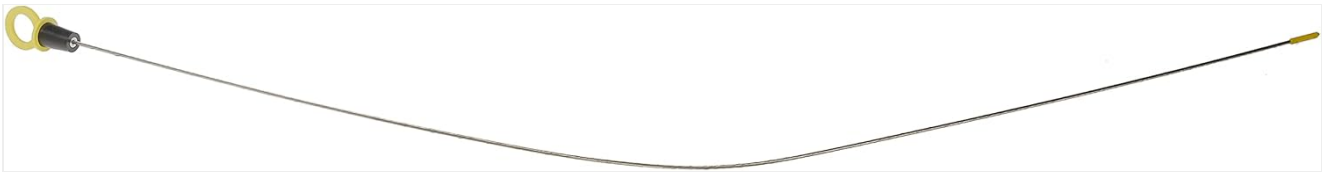


Figure 4: The Dorman 65000 dipstick cable, illustrating where measurement markings would be applied for cutting to length.

3. Cut to Length:

Using strong wire cutters or snips, carefully cut the braided stainless steel cable at the marked "FULL" line. Make a clean, straight cut to avoid fraying.

4. Install Stopper:

Select the appropriate stopper from the three included options that best fits the diameter of your vehicle's dipstick tube. Slide the chosen stopper onto the dipstick cable. Secure the stopper in place using the provided set screws and an Allen wrench, ensuring it is firmly attached and will not slide during use. The stopper should prevent the dipstick from going too far into the tube and allow the handle to seat properly.

5. Verify Fit and Reading:

Insert the newly assembled dipstick into the vehicle's dipstick tube. Ensure it seats fully and the handle is flush. Perform an oil change or verify the oil level with a known quantity of oil to confirm the accuracy of your new dipstick's "FULL" mark. Adjust the length if necessary by re-cutting or repositioning the stopper.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Once installed, using the Dorman 65000 dipstick is similar to using an original equipment dipstick.

1. **Engine Condition:** For most accurate readings, ensure the vehicle's engine is at operating temperature and has been turned off for at least 5-10 minutes to allow oil to drain back into the oil pan. Consult your vehicle's owner's manual for specific recommendations.
2. **Remove Dipstick:** Pull the dipstick completely out of its tube.
3. **Wipe Clean:** Use a clean, lint-free cloth or paper towel to wipe all oil from the dipstick blade.
4. **Reinsert Dipstick:** Fully reinsert the dipstick into its tube until the handle is seated.

5. **Check Oil Level:** Remove the dipstick again and observe the oil level on the blade. The oil level should be between the "ADD" and "FULL" marks. If the oil level is below the "ADD" mark, add the recommended type and amount of engine oil as per your vehicle's specifications.
6. **Secure Dipstick:** Always ensure the dipstick is fully seated in its tube after checking the oil level to prevent oil leaks and contamination.

MAINTENANCE

The Dorman 65000 dipstick requires minimal maintenance to ensure continued accuracy and performance.

- **Regular Cleaning:** Wipe the dipstick clean with a cloth each time you check the oil level. This prevents dirt and debris from entering the engine.
- **Inspect for Damage:** Periodically inspect the braided stainless steel cable for any signs of fraying or damage. Check the handle and stopper for cracks or looseness.
- **Stopper Security:** Ensure the stopper remains securely fastened to the cable. If it becomes loose, re-tighten the set screws.
- **Storage:** When not in use (e.g., if removed for engine work), store the dipstick in a clean, dry place to prevent contamination.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Inaccurate oil level reading	Incorrect dipstick length; oil not settled; engine not level; wrong stopper used.	Re-verify dipstick length against OE dipstick or vehicle specifications. Ensure vehicle is on level ground and engine has cooled sufficiently. Confirm correct stopper is installed and secured.
Dipstick difficult to insert/remove	Incorrect stopper size; bent dipstick tube; debris in tube.	Try a different stopper size. Inspect dipstick tube for bends or obstructions. Clean the dipstick tube if necessary.
Dipstick cable fraying	Improper cutting; excessive friction in tube; manufacturing defect.	Ensure clean cuts during installation. Inspect dipstick tube for sharp edges. If fraying persists, contact Dorman support for possible replacement.
Stopper slides on cable	Set screws loose; incorrect stopper for cable diameter.	Tighten set screws firmly. Ensure the chosen stopper is the correct fit for the cable. Consider applying a thread-locking compound to set screws if they repeatedly loosen.

SPECIFICATIONS

- **Model Number:** Dorman 65000
- **Material:** Braided Stainless Steel (cable), Plastic (handle), Rubber (stoppers)
- **Adjustability:** Cut-to-length design
- **Included Components:** 1 Adjustable length dipstick, 1 handle, 3 stoppers
- **Dimensions (packaged):** Approximately 0.6 x 5.7 x 29.5 inches
- **Item Weight:** Approximately 0.39 Pounds (6.2 ounces)
- **Country of Origin:** China

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Dorman products are designed and manufactured to high-quality standards. For specific warranty information regarding the Dorman 65000 Adjustable Length Universal Dipstick, please refer to the warranty documentation included with your purchase or visit the official Dorman Products website.

For technical assistance, installation questions, or troubleshooting support, Dorman provides an ASE Blue Seal Certified technical support team. You can typically find contact information on the Dorman Products website or through the retailer where you purchased the product.

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