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Model: P3201 | Brand: DNJ

## 1. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

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The DNJ P3201 Piston Set Standard is a brand new, high-quality replacement component designed for specific Chevrolet, GMC, and Hummer vehicles. This set provides standard-sized pistons essential for engine rebuilds or repairs, ensuring proper engine compression and performance.



Image 1.1: DNJ P3201 Piston Set, showing the product box and all included pistons and pins.

## 2. COMPATIBILITY AND FITMENT

This piston set is specifically engineered to fit the following vehicle models and engine configurations:

- **Years:** 2010-2017
- **Makes:** Chevrolet, GMC, Hummer
- **Models:** Avalanche, Canyon, Colorado
- **Engine Displacement:** 4.8L-5.3L V8
- **Valve Configuration:** 16V OHV (Overhead Valve)
- **Engine CID:** 294cid

**Important Note:** This set includes pistons and pins but does *not* include piston rings. Piston rings must be purchased separately and matched to the specific piston and cylinder bore specifications.



Image 2.1: All eight pistons and their corresponding pins included in the set.

### 3. COMPONENTS INCLUDED

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Each DNJ P3201 Piston Set Standard contains the following components:

- **8 x Standard Size Pistons:** Precision-machined pistons designed to meet OEM specifications for the listed applications.
- **8 x Piston Pins:** Corresponding pins for connecting the pistons to the connecting rods.
- **16 x Piston Pin Retainer Clips:** Clips to secure the piston pins in place.



Image 3.1: Top view of the pistons, highlighting their design and "DNJ" branding.



Image 3.2: Detailed view of a single piston and its corresponding pin.

## 4. INSTALLATION GUIDELINES

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Installation of engine pistons is a complex procedure that requires specialized tools, knowledge, and experience. It is highly recommended that this piston set be installed by a certified automotive technician or a professional engine builder.

### 4.1. Pre-Installation Checks

1. **Inspect Components:** Carefully inspect all pistons, pins, and clips for any signs of damage, manufacturing defects, or shipping damage before installation. Do not install damaged components.
2. **Cylinder Bore Preparation:** Ensure cylinder bores are properly honed and cleaned to the correct specifications. Measure cylinder bore diameter to confirm it matches the standard piston size.
3. **Piston Ring Gap:** Although piston rings are not included, ensure that when they are acquired, their end gap is checked and adjusted according to engine manufacturer specifications.
4. **Piston-to-Wall Clearance:** Verify the correct piston-to-wall clearance using a micrometer and bore gauge. Refer to the vehicle's service manual for specific tolerances.
5. **Connecting Rod Inspection:** Inspect connecting rods for straightness, twist, and proper bore size. Ensure connecting rod bearings are in good condition or replaced as necessary.

### 4.2. Installation Steps (General)

1. Lubricate piston skirts, piston pins, and cylinder walls with clean engine oil before assembly.
2. Install piston rings onto the pistons, ensuring correct orientation and ring gap indexing as per engine manufacturer

guidelines.

3. Assemble pistons to connecting rods using the provided piston pins and retainer clips. Ensure clips are fully seated.
4. Carefully insert the piston and connecting rod assembly into the cylinder bore, using a piston ring compressor to prevent ring damage.
5. Connect the connecting rod to the crankshaft, ensuring proper torque specifications are applied to the connecting rod bolts.
6. Repeat for all cylinders.

**Warning: Incorrect installation can lead to severe engine damage and void product warranty. Always consult the vehicle's official service manual for detailed, model-specific installation procedures and torque specifications.**

## 5. OPERATING CONSIDERATIONS

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Once installed, the pistons function as a critical component of the engine's combustion cycle. Proper operation relies on the overall health of the engine system. Key considerations include:

- **Engine Break-in:** Follow the engine builder's or vehicle manufacturer's recommended break-in procedure after a major engine rebuild. This typically involves varying engine speeds and loads to allow piston rings to seat properly.
- **Oil Quality and Level:** Use the correct type and viscosity of engine oil as specified by the vehicle manufacturer. Regularly check and maintain the engine oil level to prevent lubrication-related issues that can affect piston longevity.
- **Cooling System:** Ensure the engine's cooling system is functioning optimally to prevent overheating, which can cause piston damage.

## 6. MAINTENANCE

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While pistons themselves do not require routine maintenance, their longevity is directly tied to the overall maintenance of the engine. Adhere to the following practices:

- **Regular Oil Changes:** Perform oil and filter changes at recommended intervals using high-quality lubricants. This prevents sludge buildup and ensures proper lubrication of piston components.
- **Coolant System Checks:** Periodically inspect coolant levels and condition. Flush and refill the cooling system as per manufacturer recommendations.
- **Air Filter Replacement:** Ensure the engine air filter is clean to prevent abrasive particles from entering the combustion chamber, which can wear down cylinder walls and piston rings.
- **Fuel System Maintenance:** Maintain a clean fuel system to ensure proper combustion and prevent pre-ignition or detonation, which can stress pistons.

## 7. TROUBLESHOOTING

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Issues related to pistons typically manifest as broader engine problems. If you experience any of the following symptoms after installation, it is crucial to consult a qualified mechanic:

- **Excessive Oil Consumption:** Can indicate issues with piston rings or cylinder wall wear.
- **Blue or White Exhaust Smoke:** Blue smoke suggests burning oil, often due to piston ring issues. White smoke can indicate coolant burning.
- **Loss of Engine Power/Compression:** May point to poor piston ring seal or piston damage.
- **Knocking or Tapping Noises:** Could indicate piston slap (excessive piston-to-wall clearance) or connecting rod bearing issues.
- **Engine Overheating:** Can lead to piston damage, including scuffing or melting.

**Note:** These symptoms can be caused by various engine components. A thorough diagnostic by a professional is necessary to pinpoint the exact cause.

## 8. SPECIFICATIONS

### DNJ P3201 Piston Set Key Specifications

| Attribute          | Value                         |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Manufacturer       | DNJ ENGINE COMPONENTS         |
| Brand              | DNJ                           |
| Model Number       | P3201                         |
| Item Weight        | 10.83 pounds                  |
| Product Dimensions | 14 x 10 x 6 inches            |
| Fitment Notes      | 1.5x1.5x3.0, w/o piston rings |

## 9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

DNJ Engine Components has a long-standing reputation for quality and reliability, with over 30 years in the industry. While specific warranty terms are not detailed in this manual, DNJ products are manufactured to high standards to ensure customer satisfaction.

For detailed warranty information, technical support, or assistance with product-related inquiries, please contact DNJ Engine Components directly or the authorized seller from whom the product was purchased. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase.

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