



Tech Talk



C-5 Belt Replacement

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I have replaced belts on all of my C-5 models. I will list the procedures and belt numbers along with some of my experiences. To replace belts, you need a 3/8" socket. This is about the only tool you will need. You place the ratchet in the square hole in the tensioner and pull, removing belt tension. Slide the belt off a smooth pulley without a side ridge. You remove the belt from around the pulleys. There are pictures of belt replacement under the hood and in the owner manual that will help with installation. Also, it may help to get under the car to better reach the pulleys.

There are a couple opinions from experience I would like to discuss. On the main belt, you need to get a belt 2030mm long. I found that 2020 mm is too small. On the air conditioner belt, I found not to use any belt smaller than 1073 mm. 1080 mm is too big and may slip. The auto stores may want to sell you belts that are too big or small. They always want to sell me the main belt too small and the air conditioner belt too big. Be careful what size you buy. I will list the belt sizes and numbers.

Main belt – 6-rib belt

12572188

12561450

4060798

2030 mm size

Air conditioner belt – 4-rib belt

12569528

4040420

1073 mm size