REMOVAL & INSTALLATION

CAUTION: This application is an interference engine. Do not rotate camshaft or crankshaft when timing belt is removed, or engine damage may occur.

TIMING BELT

Removal

1. Disconnect negative battery cable. Remove upper engine torque strut attaching bolts and remove engine torque strut. See Fig. 5. Remove engine torque strut bracket from strut tower. On PT Cruiser (Turbo), discharge and evacuate A/C system. Disconnect A/C lines at junction block near upper timing belt cover.

2. On all models, remove upper timing belt cover bolts and remove cover. See Fig. 6. Raise vehicle on hoist and remove right front wheel. Remove splash shield. See Fig. 7. Remove accessory drive belts. Remove crankshaft damper. See Fig. 8. Remove pencil strut. See Fig. 2. Remove lower engine torque strut. See Fig. 5.

3. Disconnect exhaust system front pipe from manifold. Disconnect A/C pressure switch at rear of compressor housing. Lower vehicle and support engine with a jack. If not done previously, discharge and evacuate A/C system. Disconnect A/C lines at junction block. Remove screw attaching ground strap to strut bracket. Remove torque strut bracket from strut tower. Remove upper radiator closure panel. Without disconnecting lines from power steering pump, remove pump and bracket and set pump aside.

4. With engine properly supported, remove right engine mount through-bolt. See Fig. 5. Raise engine with jack until engine support bracket bolts are accessible, and remove engine support bracket. See Fig. 9. Remove lower timing belt cover bolts and remove cover. See Fig. 6.

CAUTION: When aligning crankshaft and camshaft timing marks, always rotate engine from crankshaft. Camshaft should not be rotated after timing belt is removed, or damage to valve components may occur.

CAUTION: Crankshaft sprocket TDC mark is located on the trailing edge of sprocket tooth. Failure to align trailing edge of sprocket tooth to TDC mark on oil pump housing will cause camshaft timing marks to be misaligned.

5. Before removal of timing belt, rotate crankshaft until TDC mark on oil pump housing aligns with the TDC mark on crankshaft sprocket (trailing edge of sprocket tooth). See Fig. 10.

6. Loosen timing belt tensioner lock bolt, and insert a 6-mm Allen wrench into hexagon opening located on top plate of belt tensioner pulley. See Fig. 11. Rotate top plate clockwise until there is enough slack in timing belt to allow for removal. If reusing old timing belt, mark belt with arrow to indicate original direction of rotation. Remove timing belt.

CAUTION: If timing belt was damaged due to incorrect rotating tracking (alignment), belt tensioner pulley and bracket must be replaced as an assembly.
Fig. 5: Locating Engine Mounting Components
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Fig. 6: Removing Front Timing Belt Covers
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Fig. 7: Removing Right Front Splash Shield
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Fig. 8: Removing Crankshaft Damper
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Fig. 9: Removing Engine Support Bracket
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Fig. 10: Identifying Camshaft & Crankshaft TDC & Timing Marks
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Fig. 11: Adjusting Timing Belt Tension  
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Inspection

Inspect timing belt for damaged teeth, cracking and oil contamination. Check timing belt tensioner for worn bearing. Replace damaged components as necessary.

Installation

**CAUTION: Ensure that arrows on both camshaft sprockets are facing up.**

1. Set crankshaft sprocket to TDC by aligning sprocket with arrow on oil pump housing. Also set camshaft timing marks so that exhaust camshaft sprocket is a 1/2 notch below intake camshaft sprocket. See Fig. 12.
2. Install timing belt. Starting at the crankshaft, go around water pump sprocket, idler pulley, camshaft sprockets, and then around tensioner. See Fig. 10. Move exhaust camshaft sprocket counterclockwise to align marks and take up belt slack. Insert a 6-mm Allen wrench into hexagon opening located on top plate.
of belt tensioner pulley, and rotate top plate counterclockwise. See Fig. 11.

3. Tensioner pulley will move against belt and tensioner setting notch will eventually start to move clockwise. Watching movement of setting notch, continue rotating top plate counterclockwise until setting notch is aligned with spring tang. See Fig. 11. Using Allen wrench to prevent top plate from moving, tighten tensioner lock bolt to specification. See TORQUE SPECIFICATIONS. Setting notch and spring tang should remain aligned after lock bolt is torqued. Remove Allen wrench and torque wrench.

NOTE: Repositioning the crankshaft to the TDC position must be done only during the clockwise rotation movement. If TDC is missed, rotate a further 2 revolutions until TDC is achieved. DO NOT rotate crankshaft counterclockwise.

4. Rotate crankshaft clockwise two complete revolutions manually for seating of belt until crankshaft is repositioned at TDC position. Verify that camshaft and crankshaft timing marks are in proper position. See Fig. 10.

5. Check if spring tang is within tolerance window. See Fig. 13. If spring tang is within tolerance window, installation process is complete and nothing further is required. If spring tang is not within tolerance window, repeat installation procedure from beginning.

6. Install upper and lower timing belt covers, and tighten bolts to specification. See TORQUE SPECIFICATIONS. Install engine support bracket. Ensure power steering pump is properly located in mounting location on bracket and tighten mount bracket bolts to specification. See TORQUE SPECIFICATIONS.

7. Lower engine into mounting position and install right engine mount through-bolt. See Fig. 5. Install power steering pump and bracket. Install upper radiator closure panel. Install engine torque strut bracket to strut tower. Connect ground strap to bracket. Tighten all bolts to specification. See TORQUE SPECIFICATIONS. Install upper torque strut attaching bolts. See Fig. 5.

8. Connect A/C lines, evacuate and recharge system. Raise vehicle and connect exhaust system to manifold. Connect A/C pressure switch connector. Install crankshaft damper and accessory drive belts. Install lower torque strut. Perform torque strut adjustment. See ENGINE TORQUE STRUT ADJUSTMENT under ADJUSTMENTS. Install pencil strut. See Fig. 2. Install splash shield and install right front wheel. Tighten all bolts to specification. See TORQUE SPECIFICATIONS. Connect negative cable to battery.
Fig. 12: Identifying Camshaft Sprocket Alignment For Timing Belt Installation
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Fig. 13: Verifying Timing Belt Tension
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