

Recommended Installation Procedure
ATech Timing Belt Tensioner 979587
DaimlerChrysler PL, PT, JR 2.0L 4-Cyl. Engine
(10/27/2003)

Initial Preparation:

- ◆ **Caution: The procedure to access the timing belt tensioner and all other timing driven components must be done according to DAIMLERCHRYSLER PL's guidelines.**
- ◆ **The mounting of the TBT is done on the engine with a stud (provided by the bracket of initial TBT) and a Flanged Hex Nut.**

Cold Engine – Cold tensioner:

1. The tensioner must be installed on the engine at room temperature by allowing the engine and tensioner to stabilize to the same relative ambient temperature for proper belt tension adjustment. **Do not attempt to install a cool tensioner onto a hot engine or vice versa.** For reference, the minimum engine cooling period is 4 hours in tropical climatic regions.

Crank and Camshaft TDC position setup:

2. Rotate the crankshaft **CLOCKWISE ONLY** to **TDC** (Top Dead Center) position (i.e. #1 cylinder firing position), see Fig.2 (a) and (b).

Caution:

If the alignment of the crankshaft and the engine block is missed, do not rotate the Crankshaft counterclockwise to the correct position, but rather rotate the Crankshaft 2 more full rotations with the camshafts to the timing position. This is to be accomplished while the belt is still attached.

Belt and TBT (Timing Belt Tensioner) removal

3. Once the procedure for setting the TDC is completed, loosen the Flanged Mounting Nut and rotate the TBT's installation shaft away from the belt (Clockwise) to release the belt tension.
4. Remove the timing belt, the tensioner's Flanged Mounting Nut and the **OLD TBT**.

Initial Setup of the TBT (Timing Belt Tensioner)

5. Install new TBT (see Fig. 3) on the engine ensuring that the tensioner's Spring Tang is seated into the slot in the aluminum bracket, which is still mounted on the engine block. See Figure 4 and 5.
6. Rotate the installation shaft on the tensioner with a 1/4" Square Key **CLOCKWISE** until the tensioner pivot shaft is stopped by a boss on the bracket, see Fig. 3 and 4. This will maximize the belt clearance for ease of installation. Hand tighten (lightly) the Flanged Mounting Nut.

Installation of the TBT and the Belt

7. Install the timing belt being careful to engage the appropriate teeth of all the corresponding sprockets as per drive layout (see Fig.1) starting with the crankshaft and working counterclockwise.
8. Using a 13mm Wrench to prevent the rotation of the flanged mounting nut, turn the Installation Shaft **COUNTERCLOCKWISE** with a 1/4" Square Key . The Tensioner assembly will move against the belt and the Arm Pointer will eventually start to move **CLOCKWISE**.

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9. Continue rotating the Installation Shaft until the **Arm Nominal Position Notch** aligns with **Spring Tang**, (see Fig. 3 and 6). Tighten the tensioner in this position by torquing the Flanged Mounting Nut to **30±3 Nm**.
Caution: Do not over-torque or under-torque mounting Bolt.

Verification of the Nominal Position

10. Remove the 1/4" Square Key, the Wrench, and any other tools used for the alignment of the TDC position.
11. Rotate the Crankshaft 2 complete revolutions **CLOCKWISE manually** for proper seating of the belt until the crankshaft is repositioned at the TDC position.
Timing alignment:

- ◆ Check the **TDC** alignment of the crankshaft and the camshafts, see Fig. 2a and 2b. If the alignment of all sprockets is within the guidelines, proceed to step 12 for checking the TBT arm pointer alignment.
- ◆ If any of the crankshaft or camshaft sprockets are not aligned at the TDC position, the belt has to be removed and the installation procedure has to be repeated starting at step 2.

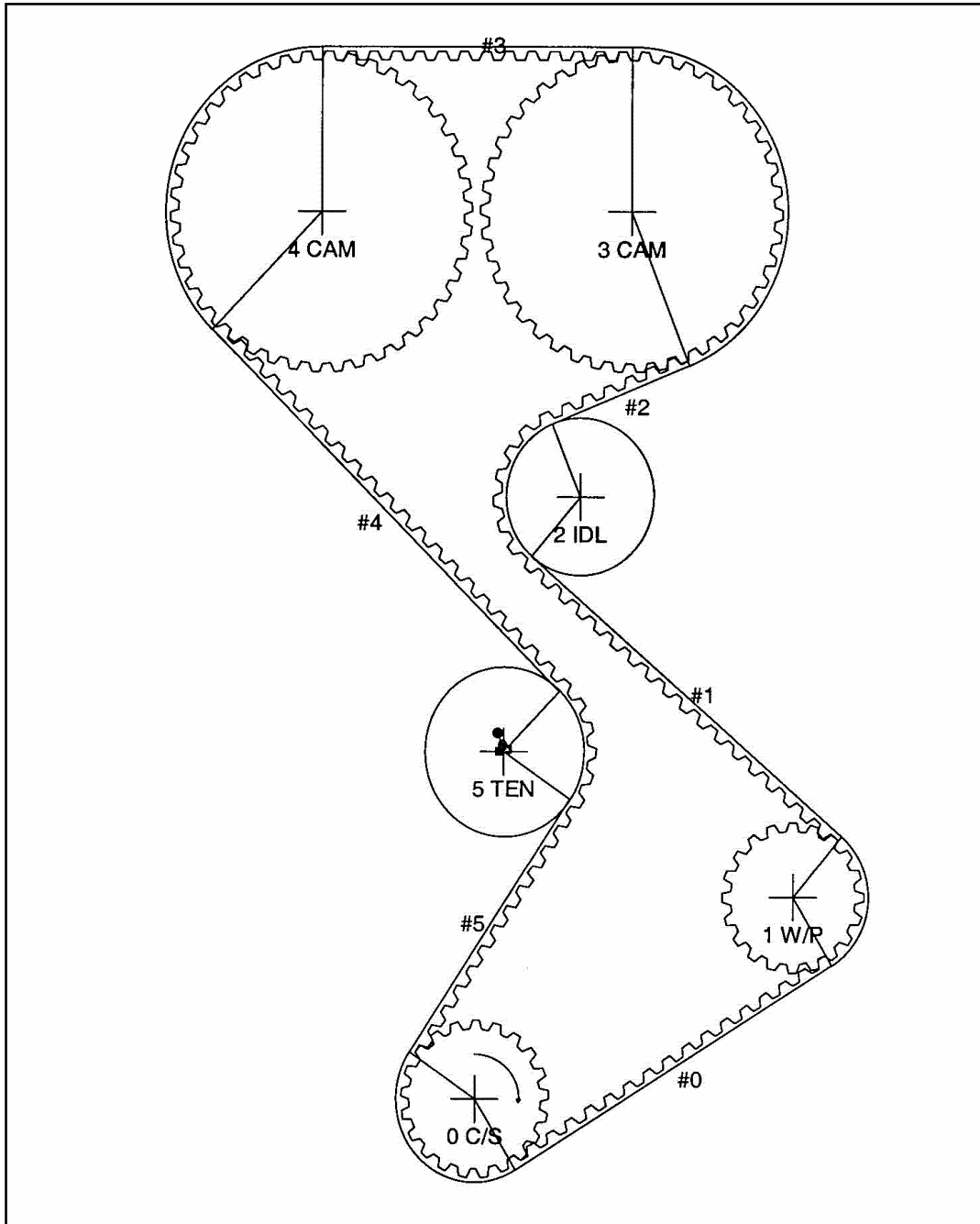
Caution: If the alignment of the crankshaft and its corresponding mark on the engine is missed, do not rotate the Crankshaft counterclockwise to the correct position, but rather rotate the Crankshaft 2 more full rotations to the alignment point.

12. Check the position of the Arm Nominal Notch.
If the Spring Tang aligns within Arm Nominal Position Notch, see Fig. 6. The installation is complete.
If not, proceed with step #13. The installation needs to be readjusted until the proper position is achieved.

Readjustment

13. Engage the 1/4" Square Key and retain the installation shaft's position while loosening the Flanged Mounting Nut with the Wrench. The Flanged Mounting Nut and the Tensioner do not need to be removed.
14. Rotate the Installation Shaft with the 1/4" Square Key until the Spring Tang (see Fig. 3) aligns within Arm Nominal Position Notch, see Figs 6.
15. Re-torque the Flanged Mounting Nut to **30 ±3 Nm** while preventing the Installation Shaft from turning by holding it with a 1/4" Square Key.
16. Repeat step #10, #11 and #12.

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0: Crankshaft, 1: Water Pump, 2: Idler, 3 + 4: Camshaft, 4: Belt, 5: Tensioner

Figure 1: TBT Layout for 979587

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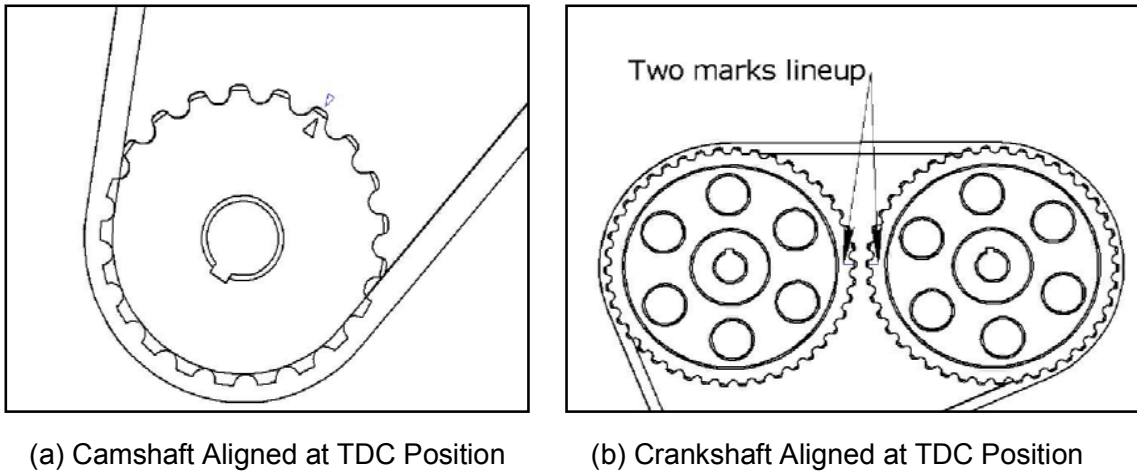


Figure 2: Camshaft and Crankshaft TDC Position

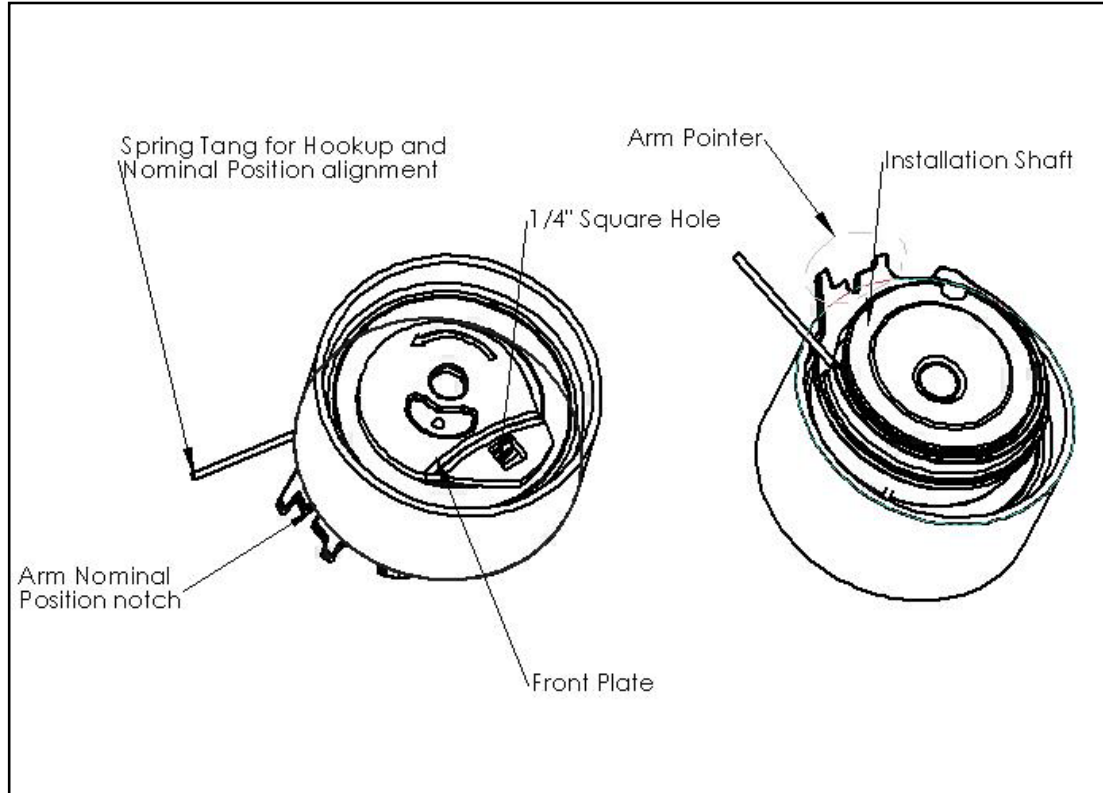


Figure 3: Tensioner Shown at Freearm

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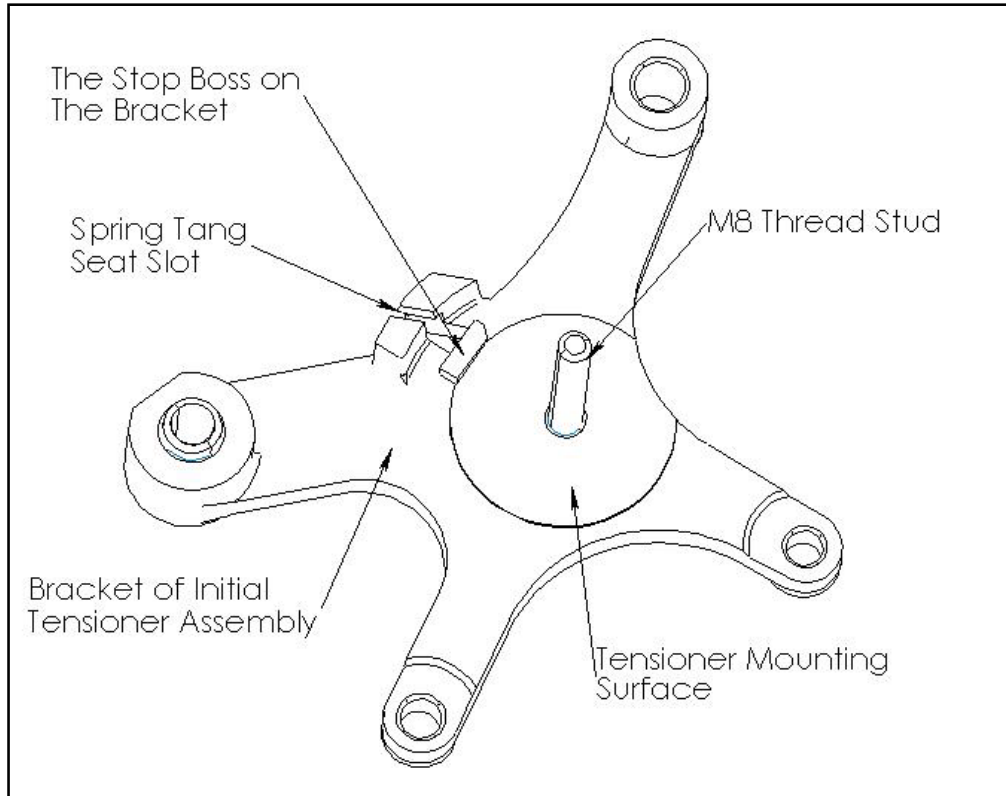


Figure 4: The Bracket of Initial Tensioner Assembly

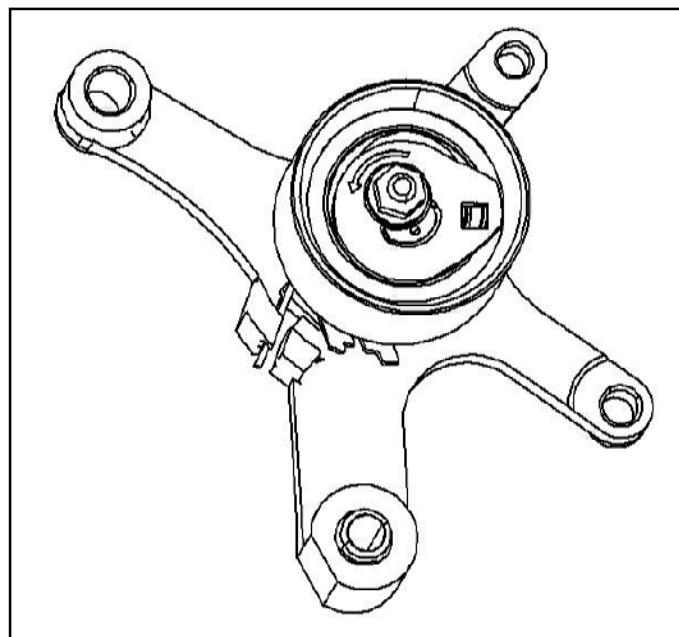


Figure 5: Tensioner Shown at Frearm Position as Installed

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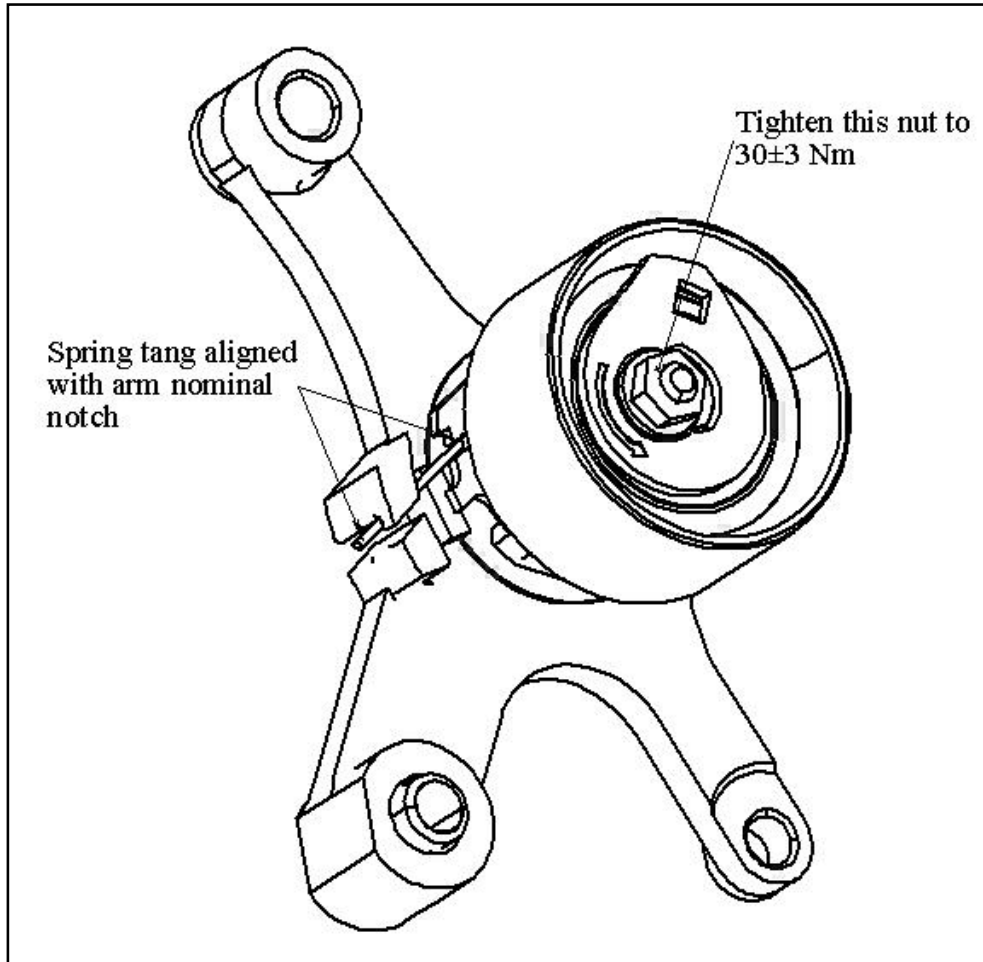


Figure 6: Tensioner Shown at Nominal Position