



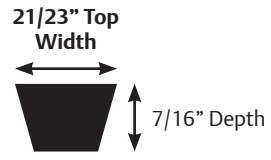
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How Can I Identify The Correct V-Belt Type When The Belt Is Broken Or No Longer Labeled?

Identifying a replacement belt is something you can do quite **easily and quickly**. The information below details the process.

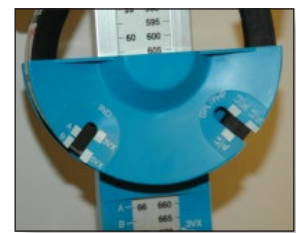
● STEP 1 - Identify The Cross Section

V-belt cross sections can be identified by their top width and depth dimensions. For example, a v-belt with a top width of $21/32$ " and a depth of $7/16$ " is a "B" belt. You can also use our Browning Belt Rule that includes a gauge to help easily identify belt type.

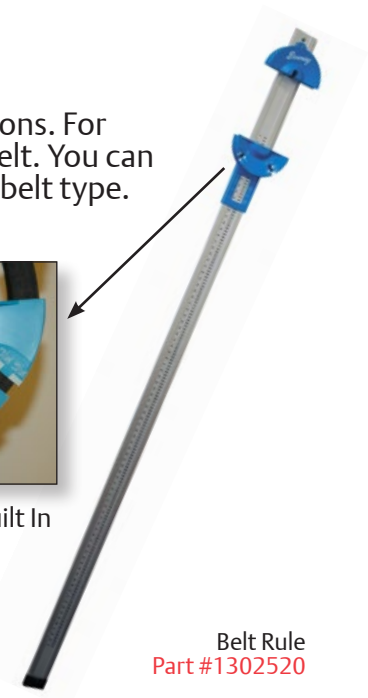


Identification Chart		
Belt Type	Top Width	Depth
3L	3/8"	7/32"
4L	1/2"	5/16"
5L	21/32"	3/8"
A	1/2"	5/16"
B	21/32"	7/16"
C	7/8"	17/32"
3V	3/8"	5/16"
5V	5/8"	17/32"
8V	1"	29/32"

(May Vary Slightly By Manufacturer)



V- Belt ID Gauge Built In



Belt Rule
Part #1302520

● STEP 2 - Determine If The V-belt Is Wrapped Or Notched Style

If the belt you have is "notched" add an "X" to the type. Example. If you identified a B belt type from Step 1, then you simply add an "X" to the description. You now have a "BX".



Notched Style BX V-belt



Wrapped Style B V-belt

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● **STEP 3 - Determine V-belt Length**

Using the Browning Belt Rule is the easiest way to identify belt length.

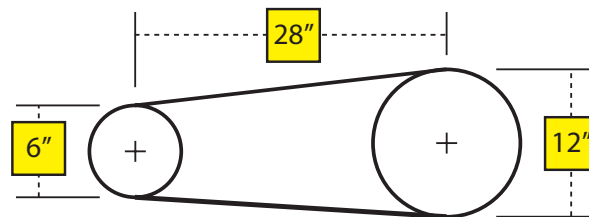
However, if you are without a rule or the length exceeds the Belt Rule capacity, simply follow the formula below.



Belt Rule Part
Part #1302520

Calculation

$$L = 2C + 1.57(D + d)$$



L = Pitch Length of Belt

C = Center Distance

D = Diameter of Large Sheave

d = Diameter of Small Sheave

Center Distance (**C**) = 28"

Diameter of Large Sheave (**D**) = 12"

Diameter of Small Sheave (**d**) = 6"

$$L = 2(28) + 1.57(12 + 6)$$

$$L = 56 + 1.57(18)$$

$$L = 56 + 28.26$$

$$L = 84.26$$

Solution = 84" belt

Using the information from Step 1 and 2 we determined that we had a "B" section in the notched style "X" or combined a "BX" belt. Simply add the length from Step 3 and you have the required size. Your belt has been identified as a BX84.

Special Note: Always Follow All Safety and Lock Out Tag Out Procedures

✓ **FINAL NOTE**

The above manual length calculation is based on typical applications without idlers.



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