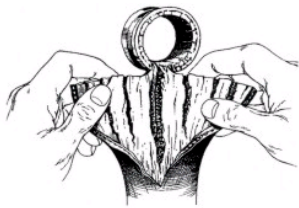


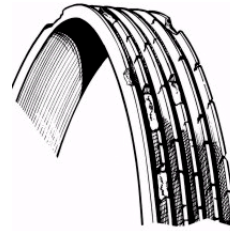
# Belts & Hoses

## Did you know:

- That the #1 cause of an overheating engine is a coolant leak caused by a cracked or torn hose. (*an overheated engine is the #1 reason for roadside breakdown*)
- That you should have your hoses changed every four years. *After four years of service, the possibility of hose failure increases sharply.*
- That most cracks in hoses begin on the inside of the hose, allowing coolant to attack the reinforcement material inside the hose wall, which weakens the hose. *Hoses that exhibit this failure will feel mushy when squeezed.*
- That hoses that have become hard (non-pliable) are subject to quick failure because they cannot expand when hot or contract when cold.
- That a squealing belt is generally caused by the belt tension being loose or the belt has worn excessively.
- That many new cars use a single (serpentine) belt to operate alternator, water and power steering pumps and the air conditioner.
- That you should twist or turn the belt to inspect for cracks and missing pieces.
- That the Belt Tensioner should be inspected each time a belt is replaced.



Cracked Hose



Cracked & Worn Belt

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