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Derek Suen • *Manager, New Product Development • Dorman Products*

Derek Suen is currently the manager of the New Product Development Team at Dorman Products. With almost 10 years of ideation and product management experience, he has become obsessed with innovation, bringing new products to life that are incredibly useful and relevant to the aftermarket.

Prior to Dorman, he worked for several multinational corporations holding positions in accounting, finance and supply chain. Reminiscing about the love-hate relationship he had with spreadsheets (magnified over many late nights), he admits that his previous roles have been extremely useful in developing a strong foundation of business acumen.

Derek graduated from Wilfrid Laurier University with an honors degree in Economics in 2006 and returned a decade later to complete his Master of Business Administration in 2017 while working full-time.

While there are many avenues to achieve success, his philosophy has been prioritized by checking the ego, always looking for ways to add value (no matter what the role) and building meaningful long-lasting relationships to weather any storm.

He and his wife currently reside in Toronto and will soon be expecting a new addition to their family next month. He is also an active committee member within the AIA Canada's Young Professionals in the Aftermarket Committee.