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## EUGENE AMANO

CENTER/GUARD • 6'3" • 300 lbs • COLLEGE: SE MISSOURI STATE  
ACQUIRED: 7TH ROUND - 2004 • NFL EXP. (NFL/TITANS): 8/8  
HOMETOWN: SAN DIEGO, CALIF.  
GAMES PLAYED/GAMES STARTED: 124/68 (PLAYOFFS: 2/2)



**PRO:** Amano is in his eighth NFL season and has been extremely durable having played in all but four games during his career. A strong player with quick feet, he has experience at guard and center at both the college and pro levels. Over the last three seasons (2008-2010), Amano has started 31 games at left guard from 2008-2009 and 13 games at center last year. In his first four seasons in the NFL, he served primarily as a reserve at both center and guard.

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- In 2010, Amano was a part of an offensive front that allowed 27 sacks, which tied for sixth-fewest in the NFL. The unit also paved the way for Chris Johnson to finish fourth in the NFL with 1,364 rushing yards.
- In 2009, Amano was a member of an offensive line that blocked for the NFL's second-best rushing attack (162.0 yards per game) and opened holes for Chris Johnson who became just the sixth player in NFL history to rush for 2,000 yards. Also, part of an offensive front that allowed just 16 sacks, the second fewest in the NFL.
- As senior at SE Missouri State, Amano won 1-AA Dave Rimington Award, given annually to top center in college football at each level of competition.

### TITANS TIDBITS:

- Although he was born in Manila, Philippines, Amano lived in the United States from the time he was two months old. His mother, Aida, a nurse, and his father, Eugene, who served in the U.S. Navy for 25 years, were stationed in the Philippines when he was born but then moved to San Diego.
- Amano was honored with his own day by the council members of National City, Calif. June 1, 2010 was proclaimed Eugene Amano Day in his hometown.
- The recent offseasons, the Amano Family Foundation has held free football camps for the youth of National City, Calif.
- During the 2012 offseason, Amano plans to travel back to the Philippines for the first time since leaving with his family as an infant. He hopes to volunteer with a group called Gawad Kalinga, which means "to give care" and helped rebuild poverty-stricken villages in his native land.
- Amano has developed The Amano Family Foundation back in San Diego that benefits inner-city youth.
- Amano's younger brother, Fred, played defensive tackle at San Diego State. The brothers work out frequently together during the offseason. Their older sister, Allison, is an assistant buyer in San Diego.
- In May 2006, Amano received his degree in criminal justice from Southeast Missouri State. After entering the NFL 27 credit hours shy of his diploma, he completed his schooling through online courses, independent study and an internship during the 2006 offseason with the Franklin (Tenn.) Police Department in which he worked with detectives on the squad's drug task force.
- Because he had yet to receive a scholarship offer late in his senior year of high school, Amano planned to walk on to the football team at either San Diego State or the University of New Mexico. But when a coach from Southeast Missouri State called one of Amano's high school coaches inquiring about junior college players in the San Diego area, Amano's coach tried to sell him on Amano playing for the 1-AA school. When the SE Missouri State coaching staff finally saw Amano's game film, they called and offered him a scholarship without even flying him in for an official visit.

### CAREER TRANSACTIONS:

- A native of Manila, Philippines, Amano was selected by the Titans in the

seventh round (239th overall) of the 2004 NFL Draft.

### SEASON RECAPS:

**2011 (16/16):** Started all 16 games at center and was a part of a unit that allowed just 24 sacks, which tied for the second-lowest total in the NFL.

- At Jacksonville (9/11), started at center.
- Against Baltimore (9/18), started at center and was a member of an offensive front that did not allow a sack on 42 pass attempts.
- Against Denver (9/25), started at center and was a part of an offensive front that provided time for Matt Hasselbeck to amass 311 passing yards.
- At Cleveland (10/2), started at center and was a member of an offensive line that did not allow a sack. Helped open holes for Chris Johnson to amass 101 rushing yards on 23 carries.
- At Pittsburgh (10/9), started at center.
- Against Houston (10/23), started at center.
- Against Indianapolis (10/30), started at center and was a part of an offensive front that allowed just one sack on 33 pass attempts.
- Against Cincinnati (11/6), started at center.
- At Carolina (11/13), started at center and was a member of an offensive line that opened holes for Titans' ball carriers to gain 172 yards on the ground.
- At Atlanta (11/20), started at center and was a part of an offensive line that allowed just one sack on 44 pass attempts.
- Against Tampa Bay (11/27), started at center and was a member of an offensive front that opened holes for Titans' ball carriers to gain 202 yards on the ground, including 190 rush yards by Chris Johnson. Collected his first career NFL reception when he hauled in a batted ball at the line of scrimmage and rumbled seven yards in the third quarter.
- At Buffalo (12/4), started at center and helped block for Titans' rushers gain 187 yards on 31 carries (6.0 avg.).
- Against New Orleans (12/11), started at center.
- At Indianapolis (12/18), started at center.
- Against Jacksonville (12/24), started at center and provided protection for Matt Hasselbeck to register 350 passing yards.
- At Houston (1/1), started at center and provided protection for Matt Hasselbeck to pass for 297 yards and two touchdowns.

**2010 (13/13):** Started 13 games at center and was a member of an offensive front that opened holes for Titans' ball carriers to gain 1,727 rushing yards in 2010. Part of an offensive front that allowed 27 sacks, which tied for sixth-fewest in the NFL. The unit also paved the way for Chris Johnson to finish fourth in the NFL with 1,364 rushing yards. Placed on injured reserve on Dec. 13, 2010 with a neck injury and missed the final three games.

- Against Oakland (9/12), was a member of an offensive front that opened holes for Titans' rushers to gain 205 yards on the ground.
- At N.Y. Giants (9/26), was a part of an offensive front that opened holes for Titans' rushers to gain 161 yards on the ground.
- At Dallas (10/10), helped open holes for Titans' ball carriers to gain 158 yards on the ground.
- At Jacksonville (10/18), was a part of an offensive front that did not allow a sack in 21 pass attempts. Member of a unit that opened holes for Titans' ball carriers to gain 153 rushing yards.
- Against Philadelphia (10/24), was a member of an offensive front that did not give up a sack in the second half, allowing Kerry Collins to rack up 214 passing yards after halftime.
- At Houston (11/28), started at center before leaving the game in the second quarter with an injury.
- Against Indianapolis (12/9), started at center but left the game in the

fourth quarter with an injury. Part of an offensive front that did not allow a sack on 39 pass attempts and opened holes for Titans' ball carriers to gain 121 yards on the ground.

**2009 (16/15):** Played in all 16 games with 15 starts at left guard. Member of an offensive line that blocked for the NFL's second-best rushing attack (162.0 yards per game) and opened holes for Chris Johnson who became just the sixth player in NFL history to rush for 2,000 yards. Part of an offensive front that allowed just 16 sacks, the second fewest in the NFL. Helped open holes for Titans' rushers to gain 305 rushing yards, the second most yards on the ground in franchise history, against Jacksonville (11/1/09).

- Against Houston (9/20), helped open holes for the Titans to gain 240 yards on the ground, including a then career-best 197 rushing yards from Chris Johnson.
- Against Jacksonville (11/1), blocked for Titans' rushers to gain 305 rushing yards, the second most yards on the ground in franchise history. Part of an offensive front that did not allow a sack on 18 pass attempts in the Titans' 30-13 victory. Helped Chris Johnson amass a franchise-best 228 rushing yards.
- Against Arizona (11/29), was a part of an offensive front that helped the unit amass 532 total yards in the Titans' 20-17 come-from-behind victory.
- At Seattle (1/3), was a member of an offensive front that opened holes for Chris Johnson to gain 134 yards on the ground, allowing him to surpass 2,000 rushing yards for the season. Part of an offensive line that did not allow a sack on 28 pass attempts in the Titans' season-ending 17-13 victory.

**2008 (16/16, 1/1):** Started all 16 games at left guard and was a part of an offensive line that allowed an NFL-low 12 sacks in 2008. Member of an offensive line that opened holes for Titans' rushers to gain a franchise-record 332 rushing yards at Kansas City (10/19/08). Part of an offensive line that did not allow a sack for five consecutive games (9/21/08 – 10/27/08).

- At Kansas City (10/19), member of an offensive front that opened holes for Tennessee ball carriers to rush for a franchise-record 332 rushing yards in the Titans' commanding 34-10 road victory over the Chiefs. Part of an offensive line that did not allow a sack for the fourth straight game.
- Against Indianapolis (10/27), was part of an offensive line that did not allow a sack despite 37 pass attempts in the Titans' 31-21 victory over the Colts on Monday Night Football.
- At Detroit (11/27), was part of an offensive front that blocked for Titans' ball carriers to gain 292 yards on the ground in the Titans' commanding 47-10 victory over the Lions on Thanksgiving.
- Against Pittsburgh (12/21), member of an offensive front that helped amass 322 total yards, the most against Pittsburgh in 2008, in the Titans' 31-14 victory.
- In the Divisional playoffs against Baltimore (1/10), helped the Titans offense amass 391 total yards.

**2007 (16/5, 1/1):** Played in all 16 games with five starts. Started three games at right guard (11/19 at Denver, 11/25 at Cincinnati and 12/2 vs. Houston) and two contests at center (12/23 vs. N.Y. Jets and 12/30 vs. Indianapolis). Also, saw significant action as a reserve at left guard (12/9 vs. San Diego) and at center (12/16 at Kansas City).

- At Denver (11/19), started at right guard in place of an injured Benji Olson. Part of an offensive line that allowed just one sack on 41 pass attempts, while allowing Vince Young to throw for a career-best 305 passing yards.
- Against N.Y. Jets (12/23), started at center in place of an injured Kevin Mawae. Member of an offensive front that allowed Titans' ball carriers to amass 127 rushing yards on 36 carries in the Titans' 10-6 win.
- At San Diego (1/6), started first career playoff game at center for an injured Kevin Mawae.

**2006 (16/1):** Played in all 16 games and contributed primarily on special teams. Played guard in three total contests, including one start (12/10 at Houston).

- At Houston (12/10), made third career start, filling in for Benji Olson. Helped offense gain season-high 418 total yards in overtime win.

**2005 (16/0):** Played in all 16 games in a special teams role.

**2004 (15/2):** Played in all but one game (11/14 vs. Chicago) as rookie and saw action at all three interior offensive line positions. Played primarily on special teams. Did not play in one contest (11/14 against Chicago). Earned one start at center (12/19 at Oakland) and one start at left guard (1/2 vs. Detroit).

- At Oakland (12/19), earned first career start at center and protected Billy Volek as he passed for 492 yards.

#### COLLEGE:

- Played every game in college, starting every contest from midway through his freshman year through his senior campaign. Began career as guard before transitioning to center as junior.
- As senior, won 1-AA Dave Rimington Award, given annually to top center in college football at each level of competition. Also named first-team All-American by the American Football Coaches Association, The NFL Draft Report and Football Gazette.
- Named second-team All-Ohio Valley Conference sophomore and junior seasons.
- Also served as long snapper for final three seasons.
- Majored in criminal justice at SE Missouri State.

#### PERSONAL:

- Married to Frances Santos, the couple splits time between Nashville and San Diego, Calif.
- Attended Rancho Bernardo (San Diego, Calif.) HS, where he was an all-conference performer as an offensive and defensive lineman during his senior season. Was a three-sport athlete who also lettered in basketball and track.
- Would like to pursue a career as a federal agent or with the FBI when his playing days are over.
- List of favorites: (movies) "Star Wars," "Old School" and "Wedding Crashers"; (TV shows) "Lost," "The Simpsons," "Real World" and "Seinfeld"; (actress) Angelina Jolie; (music artists) John Legend; (sports hero) David Robinson; (video games) Nintendo Wii, Madden NFL Football and NCAA Football; (vacation getaway) Las Vegas; (school subject) history; and (kind of food) Mexican food and food from the Philippines.
- Born Eugene Philip Amano in Manila, Philippines, on March 1, 1982.

## EUGENE AMANO'S NFL STATISTICS

### REGULAR SEASON

Year	Team	GP	GS
2004	Tennessee	15	2
2005	Tennessee	16	0
2006	Tennessee	16	1
2007	Tennessee	16	5
2008	Tennessee	16	16
2009	Tennessee	16	15
2010	Tennessee	13	13
2011	Tennessee	16	16
<b>NFL Totals</b>		<b>124</b>	<b>68</b>

### PLAYOFFS

Year	Team	GP	GS
2007	Tennessee	1	1
2008	Tennessee	1	1
<b>Playoff Totals</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

### Starts Breakdown:

2004 - C 1, LG 1; 2006 - RG 1; 2007 - RG 3, C 2 (playoffs C 1); 2008 - LG 16 (playoffs LG 1); 2009 - LG 15; 2010 - C 13; 2011 - C 16

### Additional Career Statistics

Receptions - 1 for 7 yards (2011)