2009-2014 Acura TL - Engine Air Filter Replacement

2009-2014 Acura TL | Easy | 10-15 minutes | $35 DIY

TOOLS
No tools required for the clamps 10mm socket or wrench (resonator chamber bolt, if equipped) Clean damp rag

PARTS
Engine air filter for 2009-2014 Acura TL; verify engine, housing shape, and VIN fitment $35.00

STEPS

1. **Locate the airbox on the passenger side - Open the hood; the black air cleaner box is on** the passenger side. This covers 2009-2014 TLs (fourth-gen, 3.5L/3.7L), all with the same layout. The intake tube to the throttle body carries the MAF sensor.
2. **Unsnap the four housing clamps - Four spring clamps hold the housing cover. Unsnap each** by hand, flipping it off the cover's edge - they stay attached to the lower housing. Count all four first. Don't pry with pliers; that's how the tabs get bent.
3. **Remove the resonator chamber bolt - Remove the small bolt on the resonance chamber before** lifting the cover. Back it out and park it where it can't roll away. If your year has no such bolt, skip it. Leave the intake tube attached to the cover.
4. **Lift the cover and remove the old element - Lift the housing cover and tilt it aside,** keeping the intake tube connected per the manual. Pull the old element out, noting its orientation. Don't touch the MAF sensor's elements - and don't set the cover down on the sensor.
5. **Wipe the housing clean with a damp rag - Wipe the housing with a damp rag - dust, grit,** and leaves from the lower half and the cover's underside. Check for cracks, especially around the clamp tabs - a cracked housing won't seal even with a new element.
6. **Install the new element and close everything up - Seat the new element in the lower** housing so it lies flat. Set the cover back on, snap all four clamps in place, and reinstall the resonator bolt. Press the edges to confirm it sits evenly with no corner lifted.
7. **Start the engine and check your work - Start the TL and idle, listening for whistling - a** clamp left open. A short drive should feel exactly as before. Acura specifies replacement every 30,000 miles or 2 years; mark the date so the next change isn't a guess.

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