2009-2017 Audi Q5 - Engine Air Filter Replacement

2009-2017 Audi Q5 | Easy | 15-20 minutes | $35 DIY

TOOLS

T30 Torx bit or driver (T20 for the 2009-2012 3.2L V6 lid) Flat-head screwdriver for the intake-tube worm clamp Small tray for the six lid screws Shop vacuum or damp cloth

PARTS

Engine air filter for 2009-2017 Audi Q5; verify engine, housing shape, and VIN fitment $35.00

STEPS

1. **Set up on a cold engine - Park level, switch off, and open the hood. The Q5's airbox is** the large black plastic housing on the side of the engine bay where the corrugated intake tube runs from the front of the car back toward the throttle body.
2. **Loosen the intake tube clamp - You must do this: one of the six lid screws is hidden** underneath the tube, and owners who skip this step crack the lid trying to force it.
3. **Remove the six T30 lid screws - The 2.0T lid is held by six T30 Torx screws spaced around** its perimeter. Back each one out evenly and set them in a tray - they are short and love to roll into the engine bay. (2009-2012 Q5s with the 3.2L V6 use a different lid: seven...
4. **Lift the lid and extract the old filter - Lift the cover straight off the lower box and** set it aside. Pull the old panel filter out and note its orientation - the pleat direction and the rubber edge have a correct way to sit. Check the dirty side for leaves, sand, and general gr...
5. **Clean the lower box while it's open - With the filter out, vacuum the lower housing or** wipe it with a damp cloth to clear grit and debris trapped in the corners. Keep fingers and cloths away from the MAF sensor and its wiring on the intake side - never touch the sensing elem...
6. **Fit the new filter and snug the screws evenly - Set the lid back on and start all six T30** screws by hand so none cross-thread. Tighten them in a crisscross pattern until just snug - these bite into plastic, and over-tightening strips the holes so the lid can never seal again.
7. **Reconnect the intake tube and start the engine - Push the intake tube back onto the** airbox neck, seat it fully, and retighten the worm clamp. Reconnect anything you disturbed, then start the engine and let it idle.

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