2015-2026 Audi S3 - Engine Air Filter Replacement

2015-2026 Audi S3 | Easy | 10-20 minutes | $35 DIY

TOOLS

T25 Torx bit and ratchet Small flathead screwdriver (helps release the vacuum hose connector) Shop vacuum or clean rag Tray for screws

PARTS

Engine air filter for 2015-2026 Audi S3; verify engine, housing shape, and VIN fitment $35.00

STEPS

1. **Confirm your generation and find the airbox - Engine off. The airbox sits on the driver's** side - a black plastic box. Covers 8V (2015-2020) and 8Y (2022+) - same panel filter: a T25 screw-held lid, a vacuum line to disconnect, and an airflow arrow pointing down.
2. **Pull the engine cover out of the way - Pull the engine cover straight up - it's held by** rubber grommets - and set it aside. Note the small vacuum hose plugged into the side of the airbox; its plastic nipple is the most fragile part of this job.
3. **Disconnect the vacuum line from the airbox - Squeeze the connector's release and pull the** hose straight off the nipple - do not twist or yank sideways; the thin plastic nipple snaps off flush, turning a filter swap into an airbox replacement.
4. **Remove the T25 screws and lift the lid - Back every T25 screw out around the airbox lid -** on the 8V there are eight. The screws thread into plastic; keep them in a tray. Once they're all out, lift the lid straight up.
5. **Pull the filter and empty the snow tray - Lift the old filter out. Underneath is the snow** tray insert - a plastic grille. Pull the tray out, dump it, and vacuum the lower box clean. Check for standing water or packed debris around the drains.
6. **Fit the new filter with the arrow pointing down - Find the airflow arrow on new filter -** the air flows downward, so the arrow points DOWN into the box. Set the snow tray back in, then seat the filter so its rubber edge lies flat all the way around.
7. **Reassemble, reconnect, and verify - Set the lid back on, push the vacuum hose onto its** nipple until it clicks, and run the T25 screws back in - start each by hand. Start the car and idle, listening for whistling at the airbox seams.

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