2008-2013 BMW 328i - Engine Air Filter Replacement

2008-2013 BMW 328i | Easy | 10-20 minutes | $20 DIY

TOOLS

Screwdriver or socket (if housing uses screws) Rag or shop vacuum Gloves 10mm Socket T20 Torx Bit T25 Torx Bit

PARTS

Engine air filter $20.00

STEPS

1. **Prep and locate the air box - Park on level ground, brake set, ignition off. Pop the hood** and find the box - passenger side on the N20/N26 328i. Let a hot engine cool first. No tools needed - the box is clip-held.
2. **Open the air filter housing - Remove the two 10mm bolts anchoring the airbox to the body,** then loosen the intake hose clamp with a flathead screwdriver and work the rubber intake duct free of the box. Unplug the MAF sensor connector by pressing its release tab - neve...
3. **Remove the old filter and clean - Lift the old filter out. Wipe the box interior with a** clean rag and check the drain hole for blockages - keep every speck of debris away from the intake opening; anything left in there gets inhaled on the first start. Compare old and new...
4. **Install the new filter - Seat the new panel filter in the lower half of the housing with** its rubber seal fully engaged in the groove, matching the old filter’s orientation exactly. Check that no pleat edges are pinched between the housing halves when you trial-fit...
5. **Reseal and verify - Join the housing halves and run all six Torx screws in by hand first,** then snug them evenly in a crisscross pattern - they thread into plastic, so firm is enough and forced will strip them. Set the box back on its mounts, refit the two 1...

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