2010-2016 Buick LaCrosse - Radiator Replacement

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TOOLS

10mm Socket Flathead Screwdriver Jack Stands Drain Pan Pliers Torque Wrench 15mm Wrench 3/8 Inch Drive Ratchet Safety Glasses Gloves

PARTS

Radiator 23453634 $119.95
Coolant $20.00
Radiator Hoses $30.00

STEPS

1. **Cool down and drain the coolant - Let the engine cool completely. Coolant is toxic - it** tastes sweet and attracts animals. Do NOT use tap water - the minerals cause scaling. Do NOT mix Dexcool with green conventional coolant - it causes sludge and gelling. Place a dr...
2. **Remove shrouds, fans, and hoses - Disconnect the negative battery terminal. Remove the** fan/shroud assembly - disconnect electrical connectors first. Disconnect transmission cooler lines with line wrenches and plug them. Remove the upper and lower radiator hoses. The LaCr...
3. **Unbolt mounts and lift out the radiator - Unbolt the radiator mounting brackets. Lift the** radiator straight up and out, being careful not to damage the A/C condenser. Note the rubber isolators. Set the old radiator aside and compare - ensure the new one matches in dimensions, ho...
4. **Transfer parts to the new radiator - Transfer the rubber isolators and any brackets to** the new radiator. Compare the new radiator to the old - verify the core size, the transmission cooler fittings, and that the petcock is included. Check that the hose necks are in the same...
5. **Install the new radiator - Lower the new radiator into position, seating the isolators.** Reinstall the mounting brackets. Reconnect the transmission cooler lines. Reinstall the fan/shroud assembly and reconnect electrical connectors. Reattach the upper and lower hose...
6. **Refill and bleed - Fill with 50/50 Dexcool/distilled water. Bleed with a spill-proof** funnel. Per the GM procedure: run the engine with the heater on MAX heat and the A/C on MAX cool for 10 minutes after reaching operating temperature. Check transmission flui...

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