2000-2005 Buick LeSabre - Engine Air Filter

2000-2005 Buick LeSabre | Easy | 15-25 minutes | $35 DIY

TOOLS

Phillips #2 screwdriver Flat-blade screwdriver (for intake tube) Shop vacuum or damp rag

PARTS

Engine air filter for 2000-2005 Buick LeSabre; verify engine, housing shape, and VIN fitment $35.00

STEPS

1. **Open the hood and spot the split box - Pop the hood on your 2000-2005 LeSabre and look at** the front of the engine bay on the driver's side - owners describe it as a big black box that splits in the middle, and that's exactly what it is.
2. **Back off the two Phillips screws - Fit a Phillips #2 squarely into each head and back** them out; These screws live in a hot, dirty environment, so press firmly while turning to avoid camming out and chewing up the heads.
3. **Ease the intake tube off the housing - Unplug the wiring connector on the intake tube** while you're at it, since that harness will get strained the moment you start lifting the housing apart.
4. **Lift the old filter out of the housing - The 3800 breathes through this box on every** drive, and on LeSabres that live on gravel or in farm country the pleats pack solid with dust - hold the old one up to the light and you'll see why the car felt sluggish.
5. **Clean the housing and mind the MAF sensor - That's a look-don't-touch part - the sensing** element inside is fragile, and skin oils or a bump throw its readings off and cause rough running.
6. **Seat the new filter flat in the channel - Walk your finger around the whole perimeter to** confirm it sits flat, and make sure the element fills the housing with no room to shift.
7. **Close it up and re-screw - Thread the two Phillips screws in by hand first so they don't** cross-thread in the plastic, then snug them with the driver; firm is right, over-tight cracks the housing.

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