1991-1996 Buick Roadmaster - 12V Battery

1991-1996 Buick Roadmaster | Easy | 30-90 minutes | $180 DIY

TOOLS

10 mm wrench or socket, ratchet, and short extension Battery terminal brush and electrical-safe cleaner Memory saver only if the vehicle procedure permits it Gloves, eye protection, and a small flashlight

PARTS

Replacement 12-volt battery for 1991-1996 Buick Roadmaster; verify group size, CCA, terminal layout, and VIN fitment $180.00 Anti-corrosion terminal protectant or felt washers (optional) $8.00

STEPS

1. **Confirm the right battery and the real symptom - The 1991-1996 Roadmaster takes a Group** 78 side-post battery, factory-rated near 600 CCA, mounted on the driver side of the engine bay. Confirm the failure first: slow cranking or dim lights point to the battery; a car that dies while drivi...
2. **Shut the car down and protect its settings - Park the Roadmaster on level ground, set the** parking brake, switch the ignition off, and remove the key. Disconnecting the battery clears the radio presets and clock. Wear eye protection and gloves, and keep sparks and open flame away from...
3. **Expose the battery in the engine bay - Note which cable runs to which side terminal - the** positive is on the side left - and take a quick photo. Clear tools from the area so nothing metal can bridge the terminals.
4. **Disconnect the old battery, negative first - Remove the negative side-terminal bolt first** with the correct socket, threading it out carefully and keeping it where it cannot roll away. Remove the hold-down hardware, then remove the positive side-terminal bolt. Lift the old Group 78 ba...
5. **Set the new side-post battery in and reconnect - Lower the new Group 78 battery into the** tray with the positive terminal on the side left, exactly as the old one sat. Thread both side-terminal bolts in by hand first - cross-threading a side post ruins the battery.
6. **Restore the car’s settings - Reset the clock and re-enter your radio presets. If the** battery warning light was on before, confirm it is out; a persistent light with a new battery and clean side terminals means the alternator needs testing.
7. **Verify charging and recycle the old battery - With the engine idling you should see 13.5** to 14.5 volts across the side terminals and no warning lights. Return the old battery for its core refund and proper recycling.

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