# 2008-2013 Cadillac CTS - Battery Replacement



2008-2013 Cadillac CTS | Easy | 30-45 minutes | $140 DIY

**TOOLS**

8mm wrench or socket 10mm wrench or socket 13mm socket Long socket extension 3/8" drive ratchet Wire brush Dielectric grease or petroleum jelly Safety glasses Work gloves

**PARTS**

Correct group-size battery $140.00
Terminal cleaner $8.00
Terminal protectant $7.00

## STEPS

1. **Pull up the rear seat cushion - the battery is under it - The 2008-2013 CTS hides its 12V** battery under the rear seat cushion - not under the hood and not in the trunk. Open a rear door, grab the front edge of the seat cushion on each side, and pull straight up with a sharp tug; the cushion p...
2. **Expose the battery and pull the vent tubes - With the cushion out you'll see the battery** lying in its well, with vent tubes connected to one or both ends - pull these tubes straight off their nipples and move them aside. The battery has to stay vented to the outside of the cabin,...
3. **Disconnect the negative cable first - The CTS uses side-post terminals: loosen the black** negative cable's bolt with an 8mm (or 10mm, depending on build) wrench and unscrew it fully from the side of the battery, then pull the cable end straight out. Tuck the cable up and away...
4. **Disconnect the positive cable - Fold both cables back; drape a rag over the positive end.** Photograph the routing now - under-seat runs are hard to reconstruct from memory. Keep both cables well clear of the battery.
5. **Unbolt the hold-down at the back of the battery - Remove the bolt, lift out the plate,** and keep both together - the plate is shaped to this battery's footprint. Double-check that the vent tubes and cables are fully clear.
6. **Maneuver the old battery out and prep the well - This is the physical crux of the job:** the battery is large and heavy, and it has to be tipped and worked past the front seat-support frame to lift out. Take your time, keep it as level as possible, and get a helper if the angle feels unman...
7. **Reconnect negative-last, refit the cushion, and check systems - Thread the positive cable** bolt into the positive side terminal first and tighten snugly - lead side-post threads strip if you gorilla them. Connect the negative cable last and tighten the same way, then refit the hold-down plate and its...

**TORQUE**

Battery hold-down 11 Nm 8 ft-lbs

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