2004-2009 Cadillac SRX - Battery Replacement

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TOOLS

8mm wrench or socket 13mm socket 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. **Pop the hood and locate the battery - Park on level ground, set the parking brake, and** switch the ignition off. Note your engine: the 3.6L V6 and 4.6L Northstar V8 use different battery mounting and cable layouts.
2. **Identify the side-post battery and photograph the routing - Underneath you'll find an** old-school GM side-post battery - the cable bolts thread into the sides of the case rather than clamping over top posts. Photograph the cable routing; side-post layouts are compact and easy to cross up on reasse...
3. **Disconnect the negative cable first - With an 8mm wrench or socket, loosen the bolt on** the black negative cable where it threads into the side of the battery and unscrew it fully, then pull the cable end straight out of the terminal.
4. **Disconnect the positive cable - Note which cable is which - on a dusty side-post setup** the red/black coloring can be hard to read, so your earlier photo is your backup. Keep both cables clear of the battery.
5. **Unbolt the hold-down - Find the hold-down bracket at the base of the battery - a strap or** wedge assembly bolted through the tray, a single 13mm bolt. Remove it and lift the bracket out.
6. **Lift out the battery and clean the tray - Lift the old battery straight up and out,** keeping it level - side-post batteries can weep acid from the terminal seals if tipped. Set it upright on the ground. Brush corrosion out of the tray, wipe it down, and clean the cable ends with...
7. **Reconnect negative-last, refit the shield, and test - Thread the positive cable bolt into** the positive side terminal first and tighten the 8mm bolt snugly - side-post bolts strip easily, so stop when it's firmly seated, not when you can't turn anymore. Then thread in the negative cable...

TORQUE

Battery hold-down 11 Nm 8 ft-lbs

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