1985-1994 Chevrolet Astro - Wiper Blade Replacement

1985-1994 Chevrolet Astro | Easy | 10-20 minutes | $81 DIY

TOOLS

Two 18-inch J-hook blades (matched pair) Rear blade in your measured length, if your van has a rear arm Folded towel or shop rag Penetrating oil (for a rust-welded blade) Clean cloth and washer fluid

PARTS

Driver wiper blade, 18" Bosch 18A $32.99
Passenger wiper blade, 18" Bosch 18B $32.99
Rear wiper blade, 14" $14.99

STEPS

1. **Confirm sizes for your first-gen Astro - Some charts list 18 or 19 inches as acceptable.** Charts list 13 or 14 inches, so measure your old rear blade tip to tip before buying. Many 1985-1992 vans never had one fitted.
2. **Park, switch off, and get your bearings - Park on level ground and turn the ignition off.** There is no service position on a first-gen Astro. Take a good look at how the old blades sit in the hooks before you touch anything, and note which way the rubber faces.
3. **Lift the driver-side arm clear of the glass - Start on the driver's side. Pull the arm** gently away from the windshield until it stands up on its own spring tension. On a van this old, check the arm itself as it comes up.
4. **Work the old blade out of the J-hook - Press it and slide the blade down toward the arm** pivot until the saddle clears the hook's curve, then lift the blade free. Never one hard yank. Keep a firm grip on the arm through all of this.
5. **Install the new driver-side blade - Hold the new blade up against the old one to confirm** 18 inches before you throw the packaging away. Tug it along the arm to make sure it is locked. Let the spring do the work, and do not let it drop from height.
6. **Handle the rear Dutch-door wiper if fitted - If your Astro has a rear wiper on the Dutch** doors, lift that arm with the same care - it is shorter but the spring is just as eager, and the rear glass is expensive and hard to find for these vans. The rear arm takes the length you measu...
7. **Test the sweep and check the whole system - Turn the ignition on and run the wipers on** slow, then fast, watching the full sweep across that tall flat glass. Both 18-inch blades should track quietly with complete, overlapping coverage - the Astro's flat windshield shows streaks mer...

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