1995-2005 Chevrolet Cavalier - Engine Air Filter

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TOOLS

Flat screwdriver or trim tool as fitted Metric/SAE socket set and ratchet Clean shop towels and a flashlight Gloves and safety glasses

PARTS

Engine air filter for 1995-2005 Chevrolet Cavalier; verify engine, housing shape, and VIN fitment $35.00

STEPS

1. **Confirm filter fitment and engine state - Two-piece black housing ahead of the engine,** ducted to the throttle body. Park level, engine off, cool. Match the new panel by footprint/seal (commonly Microgard MGA46503); confirm the airflow arrow against the old filter.
2. **Open the air box - Hood on the prop rod. Unclip the wiring harness from its retainers** with a flathead and move it aside. Back off the four captive cover screws - they stay in the housing. Separate the halves without prying the plastic; towel over the open...
3. **Inspect the old filter and housing - Lift the old filter; note the dirty face for airflow** direction. Vacuum grit and leaves from the lower housing. Check the cover seal, intake duct flex points, and screw bosses for cracks - 20-year-old bosses strip easily. Confirm the move...
4. **Install the new filter - Drop the new filter in - the right element sits without** wobbling. Gasket fully in the channel, no folds. Bring the cover down square, seating the halves together BEFORE touching screws; aligning first keeps the seal from shifting.
5. **Close and verify the intake - Snug the four captive screws evenly - firm, not** gorilla-tight, or the bosses strip. Reclip the harness, remove the towel, start and listen for hiss/whistle. No light, no rough idle, no rattle - then close the hood.

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