2005-2010 Chevrolet Cobalt - Headlight Bulb

2005-2010 Chevrolet Cobalt | Easy | 20-30 minutes | $15 DIY

TOOLS

Trim clip tool or flat screwdriver (grille fascia push-pin) Clean gloves or nitrile gloves (handling the new bulb) Isopropyl alcohol and a lint-free cloth (if you touch the bulb glass) Replacement headlight bulb (type per the owner's manual)

PARTS

9007 Halogen Headlight Bulb 9007 $15.00

STEPS

1. **Identify the dead bulb and check the owner's manual for the right replacement - Turn the** headlights on and confirm which side and which beam (low or high) is out. The 2005-2010 Cobalt uses a single dual-filament bulb that handles both high and low beams in each headlight, so one bulb covers both - check the owner'...
2. **Free the headlight assembly: remove the upper grille push-pin - The Cobalt's headlight** bulbs are easiest to reach by pulling the whole headlight assembly forward. Open the hood and remove the inner upper grille fascia push-pin above the headlight - it pops out with a trim tool or flat screwdriver.
3. **Pull the headlight forward and out of its lower bracket - Rock the headlamp side to side** and pull outward. Don't force it straight - the assembly comes out with a wiggle, not a yank.
4. **Disconnect the electrical connector from the bulb - With the housing free, find the** wiring connector on the back of the bulb. On older Cobalts these connectors get brittle, so pull the plug body, not the wires, and wiggle gently rather than forcing it.
5. **Twist the old bulb out - Twist the bulb socket counterclockwise about a quarter turn and** pull it out of the housing. Pull the old bulb from the connector by its base - never by the glass. Fit the new bulb into the housing, twist the socket to lock it, and reconn...
6. **Test before pushing the housing back in - The 2005-2010 Cobalt needs no scan tool, no** relearn, and no reset after a bulb swap - it either lights or it doesn't. Catching a bad connection now saves you from repeating the whole removal.
7. **Refit the push-pin and close the hood - Refit the upper grille fascia push-pin and make** sure it's fully seated. Close the hood and you're done; the whole job is a short driveway repair when you pull the housing instead of fighting the bulb in place.

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