1995-2001 Chevrolet Lumina - 12V Battery

1995-2001 Chevrolet Lumina | Easy | 30-90 minutes | $180 DIY

TOOLS

10 mm wrench or socket, ratchet, and short extension Battery terminal brush and electrical-safe cleaner Memory saver only if the vehicle procedure permits it Gloves, eye protection, and a small flashlight

PARTS

Replacement 12-volt battery for 1995-2001 Chevrolet Lumina; verify group size, CCA, terminal layout, and VIN fitment $180.00 Anti-corrosion terminal protectant or felt washers (optional) $8.00

STEPS

1. **Confirm battery fitment and symptoms - Before buying, confirm the battery your 1995-2001** Chevrolet Lumina needs. Group 75 or 78 side-post. Test the old battery under load first, and check for a charging-system warning light, slow cranking, or corroded terminals before condemnin...
2. **Make the vehicle safe and preserve settings - Park on level ground, set the parking** brake, switch the ignition off, and remove the key. Wear safety glasses and gloves - batteries contain acid and produce explosive gas. Radio presets and clock will be lost; keep the radio code handy.
3. **Access the battery - This is the Lumina's infamous hidden battery. Remove the washer** reservoir (a few minutes' work. Drain or cap its hoses) to reach the battery. On some cars the strut brace bar must also come off.
4. **Disconnect the old battery - Disconnect NEGATIVE first, then positive - never let a tool** bridge a terminal to the body. Use the correct small wrench on the side-post bolts and thread them by hand on reinstall to avoid stripping the lead threads. Photograph the cable...
5. **Remove the old battery - Remove the hold-down: a hold-down at the base of the battery,** reached with an extension. Inspect the tray for rust or acid damage and clean off any white or green corrosion with a baking-soda solution and a wire brush.
6. **Install the replacement battery - Compare the new battery to the old one. Tighten clamps** firmly - they should not twist on the posts - but do not over-tighten.
7. **Reset and verify operation - Reinstall the washer reservoir and refill it, reset the** clock and radio presets, and confirm the charging warning is off. Check the washer pump hoses for leaks after reassembly. With the engine idling, check charging voltage at the battery...

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