

2013-2015 Chevrolet Malibu | Easy | 30-45 minutes

TOOLS

Ramps or jack and stands Wrench set
Cartridge filter socket Drain pan
Funnel Rags Gloves

PARTS

5W-30 dexos engine oil (5 quarts)
Cartridge oil filter with O-ring

STEPS

- 1 Warm the 2.5L and set up - Idle the Malibu for 2-3 minutes to thin the oil, then park on level ground and set the parking brake. The 2.5L four-cylinder takes 5 quarts of 5W-30 dexos - have the oil, a cartridge filter, and a drain pan ready. Open the hood.**
- 2 Access the filter and fill cap from above - Remove the oil fill cap to vent the crankcase. The 2.5L's cartridge filter housing is on top of the engine - locate the black plastic cap. You will change the filter from above, which keeps the job clean.**
- 3 Drain the oil from below - Raise the front on ramps or jack stands. Find the drain plug on the oil pan, position the drain pan, and remove the plug with a wrench. The 2.5L sump drains in about 10 minutes.**
- 4 Replace the cartridge filter - Unscrew the filter housing cap with a filter socket from above. Lift out the old element, wipe the housing, install the new element, oil the fresh O-ring, and thread the cap back on snugly by hand. Do not crank down on the plastic.**
- 5 Refill and verify - Reinstall the drain plug (hand-thread, then snug). Lower the car. Pour in 5 quarts of 5W-30 dexos. Start the engine for 30 seconds, shut off, wait 2 minutes, and check the dipstick. Look for leaks at the plug and filter housing.**
- 6 Reset the monitor and recycle - Reset the oil-life monitor through the driver information center. Seal the used oil in containers for recycling at a parts store. Log the mileage - the 2.5L does well with 7,500-mile intervals on dexos synthetic.**