

2016-2025 Chevrolet Malibu | Easy | 15-30 minutes | \$25 DIY

TOOLS

OBD-II scanner compatible with the vehicle
Flashlight Notebook or phone for recording codes Safety glasses

PARTS

OBD2 scanner \$25.00

STEPS

- 1 Confirm the warning and make the vehicle safe - Confirm whether the check-engine light on the 2017-2024 Chevrolet Malibu is steady or flashing.** A flashing lamp, severe shaking, overheating, or loss of power calls for stopping safely rather than continuing a DIY scan.
- 2 Connect the OBD-II scanner - Turn the ignition off, locate the diagnostic-link connector** under the 2017-2024 Chevrolet Malibu dashboard, and plug in a compatible OBD-II scanner without forcing the connector. Turn the ignition to the scan position when prompted.
- 3 Read and record codes - Run a full code scan on the 2017-2024 Chevrolet Malibu. Record** every confirmed, pending, and permanent code plus freeze-frame data such as RPM, coolant temperature, and vehicle speed before clearing anything.
- 4 Check the likely cause before replacing parts - Use the code and freeze-frame clues to** inspect the 2017-2024 Chevrolet Malibu wiring, connectors, fuses, intake hoses, fuel cap, fluid leaks, and obvious vacuum or exhaust leaks. A code identifies a monitored fault, not automatically a fai...
- 5 Repair, clear, and verify - After correcting the root cause on the 2017-2024 Chevrolet** Malibu, clear codes only if appropriate, start the engine, and confirm the lamp stays off. Complete a normal drive cycle and rescan for returning codes or readiness-monitor issues.