2016-2025 Chevrolet Malibu - Engine Air Filter

2016-2025 Chevrolet Malibu | Easy | 15-20 minutes | $35 DIY

TOOLS
Flat blade screwdriver Shop rag or microfiber cloth Gloves (optional)

PARTS
Engine air filter for 2016-2025 Chevrolet Malibu; verify engine, housing shape, and VIN fitment $35.00

STEPS

1. **Pop the hood - Park level, engine off, everything cool. Set the new filter on a clean,** dust-free surface.
2. **Unplug the sensor and free the lid screws - Unplug the electrical connector clipped into** the lid’s top - press the release tab and pull straight off, never yank by the wires. Unclip the small wiring-harness retaining clip from the box’s side so the lid moves freely.
3. **Lift the lid and pull the old filter - Lift the lid straight up and set it aside** upside-down so grit can’t fall into the intake side. Note how the old filter sits - which side faces up and how the rubber edge seals. Pull it straight up and out.
4. **Vacuum out the lower box - The dirty lower box holds leaves, bugs, and fine sand the** filter caught. Wipe it with a damp microfiber cloth or hit it with a shop vacuum, including the groove the filter’s rubber edge seats into. Pull any leaves lodged in the intake-tube...
5. **Drop in the new filter - Set the new filter into the lower box in the same orientation as** the old one, rubber sealing edge down and even all the way around. Never force it.
6. **Close up the box and reconnect the sensor - Set the lid back on, lining up its edge with** the lower box all around. Snug the screws evenly - just firm; they thread into plastic and strip if overdone. Push the sensor connector back on until it clicks and re-clip the harness clip.
7. **Start it and listen for leaks - Start the engine and idle. Listen for whistling or** sucking around the airbox - the lid isn’t sealed. Idle should be smooth with no dash warnings. Take a short drive; if anything sounds off, recheck the lid screws and sensor connector bef...

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