2000-2007 Chevrolet Monte Carlo | Moderate | 30-60 minutes | $57 DIY

TOOLS

Floor jack or ramps and rated jack stands if needed Oil-drain pan, funnel, gloves, and eye protection Socket or wrench for the drain plug and oil-filter tool Calibrated torque wrench and shop towels

PARTS

Engine Oil (10W-30) $45.00
Correct engine oil filter and drain-plug washer for 2000-2007 Chevrolet Monte Carlo $12.00

STEPS

1. **Confirm oil specification and make the vehicle safe - Verify the exact engine, oil** viscosity, capacity, filter, and drain-plug washer for the 2000-2007 Chevrolet Monte Carlo. The 3.8L V6 (L36 or supercharged L67) takes 4.5 quarts (4.3L) with a filter change: 10W-30 preferred on the L36, or 5W...
2. **Warm briefly and protect the work area - Run the Monte Carlo only long enough for the oil** to flow freely, then shut it off and wait briefly. Remove the oil fill cap and place a wide drain pan under the sump. The 3800's filter hangs low at the front of the engine, so expect it to...
3. **Drain the used oil and replace the filter - Remove the drain plug and let the 3.8L drain** fully, then reinstall it and torque to 22 ft-lbs - the pan threads are soft, so do not overtighten. Spin off the old filter from under the front of the engine, wipe the mounting surface, and c...
4. **Install the correct oil quantity - Add the specified oil through a funnel - 4.5 quarts** for the 3.8L - stopping short of the full mark, then check the dipstick and top up to the top line. Keep the fill cap and dipstick clean and refit the cap tightly. The L36's 4.5-quart...
5. **Check level, leaks, and service reminder - Start briefly, switch off, wait a few minutes,** recheck on level ground. Inspect the plug and filter for leaks. Reset the oil-life monitor via the cluster or the accelerator-pedal sequence for your model year; record mileage and oil grade.

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