2016-2022 Chevrolet Spark | Easy | 10-15 minutes | $35 DIY

TOOLS
Screwdriver that fits the two cover screws (check the heads before you start) Clean rag for wiping out the housing

PARTS
Engine air filter for 2016-2022 Chevrolet Spark; verify engine, housing shape, and VIN fitment $35.00

STEPS

1. **Find the airbox on the passenger side of the bay - Park on level ground, shut the engine** off, let it cool, and pop the hood. Make sure the housing and the components around it are free of dirt and debris before you open it, or that grit falls straight into the intake.
2. **Remove the two cover screws - That's all that holds the Spark's air cleaner cover on: two** screws, no clips, no clamps, no hoses to disconnect. Don't force them; they thread into plastic and the heads chew easily with the wrong driver.
3. **Lift the cover straight out of the assembly - With the screws out, lift the cover** straight up and out of the assembly in one piece. If it sticks, wiggle it straight up rather than prying sideways against the housing lip, which can crack the plastic edge. Set the cover face-up somewher...
4. **Pull the old filter and inspect it in daylight - Lift the old element out and hold it up** to daylight: if you can't see light through the pleats, or the media is torn, oily, or deformed, it's done.
5. **Wipe the housing - If it sits crooked, the cover won't close right and unfiltered air** sneaks past the seal. Wipe any dirt, leaves, and grit out of the empty housing with a clean rag before the new filter goes in.
6. **Lower the cover and run the two screws back in - These screws thread into plastic, and** overtightening strips the threads, after which the cover never seals properly again. Press down on the cover as you run the screws in so it seats square on the filter.
7. **Verify, and respect the air-cleaner-off warning - Start the engine and confirm a smooth** idle with no whistle at the box and no check-engine light. Never operate the engine with the air cleaner removed - the manual warns you can be burned, because the air cleaner also stops a backfire fl...

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