2001-2010 Chrysler PT Cruiser - 12V Battery

2001-2010 Chrysler PT Cruiser | Easy | 30-90 minutes | $180 DIY

TOOLS

10 mm wrench or socket, ratchet, and short extension Battery terminal brush and electrical-safe cleaner Memory saver only if the vehicle procedure permits it
Gloves, eye protection, and a small flashlight

PARTS

Replacement 12-volt battery for 2001-2010 Chrysler PT Cruiser; verify group size, CCA, terminal layout, and VIN fitment $180.00
Anti-corrosion terminal protectant or felt washers (optional) $8.00

STEPS

1. **Verify battery fitment and charging symptoms - A weak battery shows up as slow cranking** of the 2.4L engine or an illuminated battery warning light. If you can, have the charging system load-tested first - an alternator fault or parasitic draw will drain a brand-new battery as fast.
2. **Make the vehicle safe - Park the 2001-2010 PT Cruiser on level ground, set the parking** brake, and switch the ignition fully off. Take the key or fob well away from the car so the modules can go to sleep.
3. **Disconnect the old battery - On the 2001-2010 PT Cruiser: Unclip and lift off the air** filter cover, then remove the air filter housing to expose the battery. Note the positive cable routing as you go. Remove the hold-down hardware (base clamp), then disconnect the NEG...
4. **Seat the battery and secure the hold-down - Lower the new Group 26R battery into place** tucked under the air filter housing in the engine bay, seat it flat, and secure the hold-down firmly without crushing the case.
5. **Reset and verify operation - Reinstall everything you removed - the air filter housing** and cover, making sure the intake seals seat fully. Start the PT Cruiser and make sure the battery and charging-system warnings stay off. With the engine running, charging voltage...

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