2001-2006 Chrysler Sebring - 12V Battery

2001-2006 Chrysler Sebring | 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 2001-2006 Chrysler Sebring; verify group size, CCA, terminal layout, and VIN fitment $180.00 Anti-corrosion terminal protectant or felt washers (optional) $8.00

STEPS

1. **Confirm the right battery and the real symptom - Battery group varies: sedans commonly** use Group 75 or Group 26, while the coupe commonly uses Group 86, so read the group code on your old battery before buying. Confirm the failure first: slow cranking or repeated no-starts point to the b...
2. **Shut the car down and set up for wheel-well access - Chock the rear wheels, then loosen** the driver-side front lug nuts slightly before raising that corner with a jack and securing it on a jack stand - never work under a car supported only by a jack.
3. **Open the wheel well to reach the battery - Turn the steering wheel fully to the right to** open working room, or remove the driver-side front wheel entirely for the easiest access. Some Sebrings have a heat pad wrapped around the battery - note how it sits so you can refit it.
4. **Disconnect the old battery, negative first - Working through the wheel well, loosen the** negative clamp first and pull it off the post, tucking the cable where it cannot spring back. Slide the old battery out through the wheel-well opening, supporting its weight as it comes free.
5. **Set the new battery in and reconnect - Slide the new battery into the wheel-well** compartment in the original orientation, matching the old battery's group size and terminal layout exactly. Refit the top hold-down clamp and tighten its bolts snugly. Connect the positive cable fi...
6. **Close up the wheel well - Reposition the splash shield and reinstall all its clips and** screws - a loose shield will flap, rub the tire, and let road spray soak the battery. Refit the wheel if removed and torque the lug nuts to spec with the car on the ground.
7. **Verify charging and recycle the old battery - With the engine running you should see 13.5** to 14.5 volts at the underhood jump-start posts and no battery warning light. Confirm the headlights and accessories behave. Return the old battery to the parts store for its core refund and prop...

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