2005-2011 Dodge Dakota - Engine Air Filter

2005-2011 Dodge Dakota | Easy | 15-25 minutes | $35 DIY

TOOLS

No tools required - the lid clips open by hand Shop vacuum or damp rag

PARTS

Engine air filter for 2005-2011 Dodge Dakota; verify engine, housing shape, and VIN fitment $35.00

STEPS

1. **Open the hood and find the passenger-side box - Pop the hood on your 2005-2011 Dakota and** look at the passenger side of the engine bay - a big black plastic duct runs from the center of the engine over to a sizable black airbox on the passenger side, which is your target.
2. **Release the black clips around the lid - The Dakota’s air cleaner lid is held by black** metal spring clips around its edge - the 4.7L truck setup of this era uses three clips across the top of the lid. Don’t pry them with a screwdriver.
3. **Lift the lid without straining the intake tube - Clips open, lift the lid aside - the** intake tube stays attached, so never let the lid hang by the tube. If it sticks, recheck the three clips; one is usually half-open.
4. **Check the lower box and cold-air snorkel - This is also a good moment to check the lower** box: it draws its air from the passenger-side fender area, so make sure the cold-air snorkel feeding it isn’t clogged with mud or a mouse nest.
5. **Vacuum out the lower half - While you’re looking around, glance at the sensor and wiring** in the intake tube downstream of the box - don’t unplug or touch the sensor element, make sure its connector is seated and the wiring isn’t chafed.
6. **Seat the new filter flat in the lower half - Drop the new panel filter into the lower** half with its rubber sealing frame pressed evenly into the channel all the way around. The filter should fill the box with no sliding room; if it rattles, it’s the wrong element for the truck.
7. **Re-lid, re-clip, and check the seal - Lower the lid back onto the lower half so it sits** square - if it rocks, the filter is misaligned underneath, so reseat it than forcing the lid down.

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