2011-2024 Dodge Durango - Add Oil to Engine

2011-2024 Dodge Durango | Easy | 1 hour | $30 DIY

TOOLS
13mm Socket Flathead Screwdriver Funnel

PARTS
Engine Oil (5W-20 Full Synthetic)
STPSYN5W201Q $30.00

STEPS

1. **Prepare (top-up, not a change!) - The 2011-2024 Dodge Durango (3.6L V6 - the most common)** ADD OIL TO ENGINE - this is a TOP-UP guide, NOT a full oil change. Use 5W-20 meeting FCA MS-6395 (the same oil as a change). You'll need: 5W-20 MS-6395 (1 quart is usually enoug...
2. **Park Level, Wait 5 Minutes - The engine should be warm - check 5 minutes after shutdown** (per the owner's manual). This lets the oil drain back to the pan for an accurate reading. The 5-minute wait is the manual's procedure - follow it.
3. **Check Dipstick (SAFE = 1 qt!) - Pull the dipstick, wipe it clean, reinsert fully, pull** again. Read the level. The SAFE zone (crosshatch) spans ~1 quart - bottom of SAFE to top of SAFE = 1 qt. If the level is at the bottom of SAFE, add ~1 quart. If it's midway, add ~1/2...
4. **Add 5W-20 in Small Increments - Add 5W-20 MS-6395 through the filler cap using a funnel.** Add in small increments - 1/2 quart at a time. The 3.6L takes 5W-20 for top-up (same as a change). Don't use a different viscosity for top-up - stay with 5W-20 MS-6395. The fille...
5. **Recheck (don't overfill!) - Wait a minute, recheck the dipstick. The level should be in** the SAFE zone - not above it. If you overfilled, drain the excess. The 1-qt SAFE span means you rarely need more than 1 quart for a top-up.
6. **Verify SAFE Zone, Secure Cap - Verify the level is in the SAFE zone. Replace the filler** cap and dipstick securely. The 5-minute-warm-check, the 1-qt SAFE span, 5W-20 MS-6395, and the overfill warning (aeration/loss of pressure) are this top-up guide's defining specs. Th...

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