2011-2024 Dodge Durango - Battery Replacement

2011-2024 Dodge Durango | Moderate | 30-45 minutes | $140 DIY

TOOLS

10mm socket Ratchet with extension Trim removal tool or flathead screwdriver Phillips screwdriver (for some trim screws) Wire brush or terminal cleaner Dielectric grease or battery terminal spray Shop towel Safety glasses Mechanic's gloves

PARTS

Correct group-size battery $140.00
Terminal cleaner $8.00
Terminal protectant $7.00

STEPS

1. **Slide the passenger seat forward to find the battery - Park the Durango on level ground,** set the parking brake, and turn the ignition fully off; take the key fob away so the electronics stay asleep. Do not bother opening the hood to find the battery - on the 2011-2024 Durango it lives insi...
2. **Remove the trim panel and the battery cover - Remove the trim panel at the back of the** passenger seat base - it is held by clips or small screws, so ease it off with a trim tool or screwdriver rather than yanking it. Behind the panel you will find a metal or plastic battery cover bo...
3. **Disconnect the negative terminal first - With the battery exposed, fit a 10mm socket on** the negative (black) terminal clamp and loosen it counterclockwise, then wiggle the cable end off the post. Fold the cable aside and make sure it cannot drift back onto the terminal. Note: som...
4. **Free the positive cable and lift the battery out - Loosen the positive (red) terminal** clamp the same way and slide the cable off its post, keeping it clear of the negative cable and any metal. Now unbolt the hold-down bracket that pins the battery at its base and lift it away. Grip the bat...
5. **Clean the well and the cable clamps - Scrub the inside of both cable clamps with a wire** brush until bright metal shows, and check that the cable insulation is not cracked where it bends over the seat base.
6. **Seat the new battery and reconnect positive, then negative - Lower the new battery into** the well in the same orientation as the old one - verify that the positive post sits under the positive cable before you set it down, because a reversed battery in this tight well is a disaster to correct. Refi...
7. **Restore the seat, start up, and verify - Slide the passenger seat back to its normal** position and start the engine; it should crank strongly. Confirm the headlights, climate controls, and dashboard warnings all behave normally. Your radio presets and clock may have cleared, and t...

TORQUE

Battery hold-down 11 Nm 8 ft-lbs

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