2011-2024 Dodge Durango - Replace Radiator Hose

2011-2024 Dodge Durango | Advanced | 1-2 hours | $34 DIY

TOOLS
10mm Socket Flathead Screwdriver Jack Stands Pliers Drain Pan

PARTS
Radiator Hose $34.00
OAT coolant (orange/red)

STEPS

1. **Cool the engine and drain coolant below the hose - Work only on a completely cold engine** - a hot system sprays scalding coolant. Drain enough coolant via the petcock (or lower hose) that the hose you're replacing sits empty. Capture the coolant - it's toxic to pets and must not hit the...
2. **Expose the hose and note routing - Positively identify the hose - upper or lower - and** note its exact routing, including brackets, clips, or heat shields. Remove only what blocks access: the engine cover, the air-intake tube, or the under-tray. Photograph the routing be...
3. **Remove clamps and the old hose - Loosen the clamps and slide each clamp back onto the** hose, away from the neck. Twist the hose to break the seal before pulling: yanking straight off can crack the plastic thermostat housing or radiator neck.
4. **Clean necks and compare the new hose - Wipe corrosion, old rubber, and crust from the** necks until smooth - a new hose can't seal against a crusty neck. Compare the new hose side by side: shape, length, and diameter must match. Replace any weak or rusted clamp.
5. **Install the new hose and clamps - Lightly lubricate the inside of the new hose ends with** fresh coolant - never oil or grease - and push the hose fully onto both necks, past the raised bead. Position each clamp over the flared/beaded section of the neck, sitting square.
6. **Refill, bleed, and leak-check - Refill with the correct coolant type; do not mix in green** conventional. Bleed the air: run the engine with the heater on full hot and top off. Bring it to full operating temperature and inspect both hose ends for seepage while hot and pres...

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