2000-2005 Dodge Neon - Front Brake Pad and Rotor

2000-2005 Dodge Neon | Moderate | 1-2 hours | $218 DIY

TOOLS

Floor jack Jack stands Lug wrench Socket set C-clamp Rubber mallet Wire brush Torque wrench Brake cleaner

PARTS

Front brake pad set (2000-2005 Dodge Neon) $52.00
Front brake rotors (pair, if replacing) $148.00
Brake cleaner $18.00

STEPS

1. **Prepare and Lift the Neon - Park the Neon on a flat surface and set the parking brake.** Break the front lug nuts loose with the car on the ground, then jack up the front, secure it on jack stands, and remove the wheels.
2. **Remove the Brake Caliper - Unbolt the caliper from the steering knuckle and slide it off** the rotor. Hang it from the strut spring with a piece of wire so the brake hose carries no weight. Pull the old pads out of the caliper bracket.
3. **Remove the Brake Rotor - If replacing rotors, remove the caliper bracket bolts and lift** the bracket away. Slide the old rotor off the hub; mallet taps free a rusted one. Clean the hub face with a wire brush so the new rotor sits flat.
4. **Install New Rotor and Pads - Slide the new rotor onto the hub, ensuring it sits flush** against the mounting surface. Reinstall the caliper bracket and torque the bolts to specification. Install the new brake pads, friction material facing the rotor.
5. **Compress Piston and Reinstall Caliper - Push the caliper piston back with a C-clamp to** fit the thicker pads and rotor. Reinstall the caliper and bolts. Double-check the pads are seated and the caliper slides freely.
6. **Reassemble and Break-In - Reinstall the wheels, lower the car, and torque the lug nuts to** 100 ft-lb in a star pattern. Pump the brake pedal several times before moving. Bed the new pads and rotors with moderate stops from 35 mph.

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