1995-2000 Ford Contour - Engine Air Filter

1995-2000 Ford Contour | Easy | 15-20 minutes | $35 DIY

TOOLS
Flat-blade screwdriver or small nut driver (for the outlet-tube clamp) Clean rags

PARTS
Engine air filter for 1995-2000 Ford Contour; verify engine, housing shape, and VIN fitment $35.00

STEPS

1. **Identify your engine - The 1995-2000 Contour came with the 2.0L Zetec four-cylinder or** the 2.5L Duratec V6 (plus the SVT performance version) - the airbox procedure below is the same across them. Open the hood and find the air cleaner housing, then follow it...
2. **Free the outlet tube at the MAF - Loosen the clamp where the air cleaner outlet tube** meets the mass air flow sensor, then pull the tube off the sensor. Loosen - don’t remove - the clamp, and twist the tube gently to break it free rather than yanking, which can crack th...
3. **Unplug the MAF and IAT wiring - Disconnect the electrical connectors from the mass air** flow sensor and the intake air temperature (IAT) sensor. Squeeze the connector locks - don’t pull by the wires. If a connector is brittle with age, support its body with your other h...
4. **Release the clips and lift the cover - Release the retaining clips around the air cleaner** cover and lift the cover off. Set it somewhere clean and out of the way - the inside face is the clean side and shouldn’t pick up grit from a workbench.
5. **Remove the old element and clean up - Lift the old element out. Wipe all inside surfaces** of the air cleaner housing with a clean rag and check the seal groove the element sits in - packed dirt in the groove keeps the new filter from seating. Look the housing over for cracks.
6. **Seat the new element and reassemble - Install the new element, making sure its seal is** fully seated in the groove all the way around. Refit the cover and fasten every retaining clip. Reconnect the MAF and IAT wiring until each connector clicks, then refit the outlet tube onto...
7. **Check the pegs, then start it - If you moved the whole assembly, confirm its locating** pegs are seated in the rubber grommets on the retaining bracket - the box should sit solid with no rocking. Start the engine, confirm no check-engine light (a forgotten MAF plug sets...

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