1997-2014 Ford E-250 - Engine Air Filter

1997-2014 Ford E-250 | Easy | 10-20 minutes | $35 DIY

TOOLS

Flat-blade screwdriver or 8mm nut driver (intake hose clamp) Clean rag
Flashlight

PARTS

Engine air filter for 1997-2014 Ford E-250; verify engine, housing shape, and VIN fitment $35.00

STEPS

1. **Find the air cleaner canister - Pop the hood. Buy the replacement element before you** start - parts catalogs split the E-Series into 1997-2002, 2003-2009, and 2010-2014 fitments, so match the filter to your exact year.
2. **Flip the bail clips off the lid - Work them gently side to side instead of forcing them,** because a snapped clip means the lid will never seal right again. Lift the lid straight up and set it aside somewhere clean.
3. **Pull out the old element - Not the flat panel most cars use. Grip it and pull straight** up. Note which end faces down, because the new one goes in the same way.
4. **Clean the canister and inspect the intake hose - Wipe the inside of the canister with a** damp rag and fish out leaves, grit, and mouse-nesting material. Check the canister for cracks and the lid's sealing edge for a torn or flattened gasket - a cracked canister feeds unfiltered air st...
5. **Seat the new element - Set the new round tapered element into the canister, wide end** down, and press it firmly until it seats fully onto the canister's outlet neck. It should sit square with no rocking or tilting.
6. **Close the lid and latch every clip - Set the lid back on so it sits flat all the way** around, then flip each bail clip back over its catch. Run a finger around the lid-to-canister seam. Snug up the intake hose clamp if you loosened it, but don't crush the hose.
7. **Start it up and set your interval - Start the engine and listen at idle for any whistling** or sucking sounds around the canister. That means the lid isn't sealed. Take a short drive and confirm normal throttle response and no check-engine light. Check the element every 12,0...

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