2005-2007 Ford Escape - Oil and Filter Change

2005-2007 Ford Escape | Easy | 30-45 minutes | $49 DIY

TOOLS

Socket set and ratchet Wrench set Oil filter wrench Drain pan Funnel Safety glasses Gloves Shop towels

PARTS

Engine oil filter $10.00
Engine Oil (5W-20) $39.00
Drain plug washer (if needed)

STEPS

1. **Warm the engine - Run the engine briefly so the oil warms and drains completely from the** 2.3L or 3.0L engine. A warm engine drains faster, but the oil must not be scalding hot when you remove the plug.
2. **Position the drain pan under the oil pan - Locate the oil drain plug on the bottom of the** engine's oil pan. Slide a drain pan underneath, positioning it to catch the stream that will shoot rearward as the plug comes out.
3. **Drain the old oil - Loosen the drain plug with the correct socket or wrench and remove it** by hand, pulling it clear quickly. Inspect the plug's washer and replace it if it is crushed or cracked.
4. **Reinstall the drain plug - Clean the drain plug threads and the pan's mating surface with** a rag. Start the plug by hand to prevent cross-threading, then tighten it securely with your wrench.
5. **Remove the old oil filter - Loosen the filter with an oil filter wrench and spin it off** by hand, tipping it upright to keep residual oil inside. Drain the filter into the pan and wipe the mounting surface clean.
6. **Install the new oil filter - Apply a thin film of fresh oil to the new filter's rubber** gasket so it seals and removes easily next time. Do not use the wrench to tighten, which can distort the gasket.
7. **Add fresh oil and check the level - Remove the oil fill cap on the valve cover and pour** in the oil type and quantity listed in your Escape owner's manual. Replace the cap, then pull the dipstick, wipe it, reinsert it, and read the level.
8. **Run the engine and check for leaks - Start the engine and let it idle for one to two** minutes so oil pressure builds and the new filter fills. Shut it off and inspect the drain plug and filter base for any seepage.

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