2008-2012 Ford Escape - Engine Air Filter

2008-2012 Ford Escape | Easy | 10-20 minutes | $18 DIY

TOOLS
Safety glasses Gloves Shop vacuum or clean rag (optional)

PARTS
Engine air filter (correct part for 2008-2012 Escape) $18.00

STEPS

1. **Park and open the hood - Park the Escape on a level surface, shift into Park, and turn** the engine off. Release the hood latch and prop the hood open securely. A cool engine bay is safer and more comfortable to work in.
2. **Locate the air filter housing - Find the black plastic air filter housing on the driver's** side of the engine bay, positioned behind the battery. Confirm you are looking at the engine air intake housing, not the battery cover.
3. **Release the housing fasteners - Disengage the two fasteners on top of the air filter** housing by flipping them upward with your fingers. The fasteners are spring clips that release the inner half of the housing.
4. **Open the housing and remove the old filter - Lift the old filter straight out, noting how** it sits so the new one goes in the same way. Inspect the old filter; heavy dirt and debris confirm it was due for replacement.
5. **Clean the housing interior - Look inside the empty housing for leaves, dirt, and debris** that bypassed the old filter. Wipe or vacuum the interior clean so contaminants do not reach the new filter.
6. **Install the new air filter - Place the new engine air filter into the housing, making** sure its edges seat fully along the housing's sealing rim. Press gently to confirm it is fully seated before closing the housing.
7. **Close the housing and secure the fasteners - Swing the inner half of the housing back** into place, aligning the tabs at the bottom with their slots so the two halves meet flush. Flip both top fasteners back down until they clip securely.
8. **Close the hood and verify - Close the hood firmly until the latch engages. Start the** engine and listen for any unusual whistling that would indicate an air leak at the housing. A properly seated filter restores normal intake sound and engine breathing.

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