2011-2014 Ford Explorer - Engine Air Filter

2011-2014 Ford Explorer | Easy | 10-15 minutes | $35 DIY

TOOLS

No tools required - the airbox lid is held by spring clips Shop vacuum or clean rag (optional, to clean the box) Flashlight (helps to spot debris and oil residue) Nitrile gloves (optional)

PARTS

Engine air filter for 2011-2014 Ford Explorer; verify engine, housing shape, and VIN fitment $35.00

STEPS

1. **Find the airbox on the driver's side - That spot changed in the 2011 redesign, so don't** hunt on the passenger side like the older truck-based Explorers. Confirm the right box by the metal spring clips around the lid.
2. **Pop the spring clips - no tools needed - Don't wedge a screwdriver under them and pry** outward - the clips are thin spring steel and prying sideways snaps them or pops them into the bay, where they're gone. If a clip is stiff, wiggle it along the lid edge while flipping.
3. **Lift the lid - Slide the lid slightly toward the windshield to unhook it from the** far-side locating tabs, then lift it up and set it face-up somewhere clean. Wipe it clean and mention it at your next service if it keeps coming back.
4. **Clean the box and inspect for damage - Run a finger around the filter's seat so no gasket** chunk or debris is left behind. On 2011-2013 trucks, double-check the tube for oily residue - if there's enough oil to drip, have the dealer check the valve cover baffle per the TSB.
5. **Drop in the new filter - Buy the replacement by vehicle fitment (2011-2014 Explorer with** your engine) - no part numbers to memorize, just match year, make, and engine. Set the new panel filter into the lower half exactly the way the old one sat; it should drop i...
6. **Reseat the lid and relatch the clips - Set the lid back on at a slight angle so the** far-side locating tabs hook in first - this is the step people rush. Run a fingertip around the seam to confirm no gap.
7. **Start it up and note the interval - Start the engine and idle a minute. Take a short** drive; throttle should feel normal. Ford's schedule calls for the engine air filter every 30,000 miles; if you drive dirt or gravel roads regularly, check it halfway between and replace soon...

ezcarfix.com