2016-2022 Honda Pilot - Engine Air Filter

2016-2022 Honda Pilot | Easy | 10-20 minutes | $20 DIY

TOOLS
Screwdriver or socket (if housing uses screws) Rag or shop vacuum Gloves

PARTS
Engine air filter $20.00

STEPS

1. **Prep and locate the air box - Park level, parking brake set, engine off. Find the tall** black airbox with the intake snorkel running toward the grille - on the 3.5L J35 V6 it sits high and clear, and the job needs no tools at all. Let the engine cool briefly before re...
2. **Open the air filter housing - Flip the spring clips outward until the lid lifts free -** nothing is bolted down. If it binds against the intake tube, loosen the tube's clamp for slack; never pry with a screwdriver. Tilt the lid aside, leaving MAF wiring and intake hose...
3. **Remove the old filter and clean - Lift out the old filter - Honda boxes are keyed so the** element only fits one way. The correct drop-in for the 2016-2020 Pilot is the Fram CA12061 family (also EcoGard XA10486, shared with the Ridgeline and Odyssey 3.5L). Vacuum grit from...
4. **Install the new filter - Set the new filter the same way the old one came out, matching** any airflow arrow to the original direction. Press the gasket flat and fully captured in the box's channel - a lifted seal lets unfiltered air bypass into the V6's intake.
5. **Reseal and verify - Lower the lid evenly and snap every spring clip shut, checking the** seam. Re-tighten the intake hose clamp if you loosened it. Start the engine and listen at idle for a whistle or hiss - shut down and recheck the seal if you hear one.

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