1997-2001 Honda Prelude - Engine Air Filter

1997-2001 Honda Prelude | Easy | 15-20 minutes | $35 DIY

TOOLS
Phillips-head screwdriver (the four housing-cover bolts) Clean damp rag for wiping the inside of the housing

PARTS
Engine air filter for 1997-2001 Honda Prelude; verify engine, housing shape, and VIN fitment $35.00

STEPS

1. **Find the air cleaner housing on the driver’s side - Park on level ground, let the engine** cool completely, and open the hood. Give the engine time to cool before you start - Honda’s own procedure warns that the coolant lines inside the air cleaner housing may be warm, and you’ll be reachin...
2. **Pull the two pins holding the air intake cover - Pull straight up on the head of each pin** and it slides out of its hole - no twisting, no prying. With the pins out, lift the air intake cover off and set it aside face-up so you don’t grind dirt into its sealing surface.
3. **Loosen the four bolts with a Phillips screwdriver - Loosen all four with a Phillips-head** screwdriver until they’re fully free - they may stay captive in the cover, which is fine. Keep track of the screwdriver angle; the bolts thread into plastic and strip easily if you lean on them at an...
4. **Disconnect the clip from the bolt, then remove the cover - One of the bolts has a small** retaining clip around it - pop the clip off the bolt first, then lift the air cleaner housing cover away. Touch-test the coolant lines inside the housing before grabbing anything blindly, since Honda warns th...
5. **Swap the element and check the housing - Lift the old filter element out of the housing** and drop the new one in exactly the way the old one sat - the Prelude’s element only seats square one way. Check the housing for leaves or mouse nesting while it’s open.
6. **Reinstall the cover, the clip, and the four bolts - Set the housing cover back down** square on the housing, then reinstall the clip on the bolt - and this is the detail that trips people up: make sure the clip goes UNDER the washer, not on top of it.
7. **Refit the intake cover and pins, then verify - Set the air intake cover back on top and** push both pins down through their holes until they’re fully seated. Start the engine and listen: the H22 should idle smoothly with no whistle or rushing-air sound around the housing and no check-eng...

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