2016-2020 Kia Optima - Engine Air Filter

2016-2020 Kia Optima | Easy | 10-20 minutes | $20 DIY

TOOLS
Rag or shop vacuum Gloves

PARTS
Engine air filter $20.00

STEPS

1. **Prep and locate the air box - Park level, set the brake, engine off. Open the hood and** find the large plastic airbox on the side of the engine, with a large hose running to the engine. The Optima’s lid clips are oversized for the Theta II’s high airflow - unclasp the...
2. **Open the air filter housing - Unclasp the oversized clips on the lid - push the two tabs** UPWARDS to lock them on reinstall; no tools required. Lift the lid only as far as needed, keeping it tethered if possible so it doesn’t strain the intake tube. Note the lid orien...
3. **Remove the old filter and clean - Lift the old filter out. The correct filter is: panel** filter for Theta II 2.4L GDI / 2.0T (verify by engine). Hold the old element up to light - no light through the pleats means it was overdue. Wipe the airbox interior with a clean micr...
4. **Install the new filter - Seat the new filter (panel filter for Theta II 2.4L GDI / 2.0T -** verify by engine) with its rubber seal fully seated in the groove, pleats facing the same direction as the old filter. Run your finger around the entire perimeter - no ga...
5. **Reseal and verify - Close the airbox lid evenly - press down uniformly so the seal** compresses equally - and refasten every clip or screw. Double-check the intake tube clamps are snug. Start the engine and listen for 30 seconds: whistling or hissing means...

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