2016-2020 Kia Optima - Add Washer Fluid

2016-2020 Kia Optima | Easy | 10-15 minutes | $5 DIY

TOOLS
Funnel Clean rag

PARTS
Windshield Washer Fluid $5.00

STEPS

1. **Park, shut off, and pop the hood - Park the 2016-2020 Optima on level ground and switch** the engine off. A level car keeps the fluid from sloshing out of the filler neck while you pour.
2. **Locate the blue cap on the passenger side - Look at the passenger side of the engine** compartment for the windshield washer reservoir. Its cap is blue and embossed with the windshield-spray symbol, which makes it easy to pick out.
3. **Open the cap and check the level - Peer down the neck to see how low the fluid is; the** Optima’s tank holds roughly 3 liters (under a gallon), so if your washers have been dead for a while, expect to pour in most of a jug.
4. **Fill with the right fluid for the season - Pour in proper windshield washer fluid until** the level reaches the top of the filler neck - you can’t overfill this reservoir. If freezing temperatures are coming, use winter-rated fluid - plain water or summer fluid can freeze, cracki...
5. **Check the warning light and wipe the drips - The dashboard’s low washer fluid warning** light should go out once the level sensor is satisfied. Wipe any drips off the cowl so they don’t streak the glass.
6. **Flush out summer fluid before winter - If the reservoir currently holds plain water or** summer fluid and a freeze is forecast, don’t just top it off - run the washers until the tank is nearly empty first, then refill with winter-rated fluid.
7. **Watch for the Optima’s common leak points - A frequent Optima complaint is a washer** reservoir that won’t stay full - the plastic tank can crack with age, or a hose can split where it routes along the fender.

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