2016-2022 Lexus RX - Engine Air Filter Replacement

2016-2022 Lexus RX | Easy | 5-10 minutes | $35 DIY

TOOLS
Clean microfiber cloth Flashlight

PARTS
Engine air filter for 2016-2022 Lexus RX 350; verify engine, housing shape, and VIN fitment $35.00

STEPS

1. **Park up and open the hood on a cold engine - Give a hot engine 15 minutes to cool. On the** RX350 this feeds the 3.5L 2GR-FKS V6; if you own the RX450h hybrid instead, its 2GR-FXS powertrain uses a similar clip-style box, but double-check your filter matches the hybrid before opening a...
2. **Release the lid clips by hand - no tools needed - Flip each clip off its catch around the** lid. You do not need to remove any engine covers to reach this box.
3. **Lift the lid without straining the intake tube - Tilt the lid up and aside. Don’t yank** the lid sideways or stretch that wiring harness. Never touch the MAF sensor’s sensing element; oil or pressure on it can cause a check-engine light and rough running.
4. **Lift out the old filter and read its condition - Pull the old filter out and note its** orientation - which face was up and which edge sat where. Inspect it like a mechanic would: look for dark "hot spots" of concentrated dirt, embedded leaves, or a sagging rubber frame. An evenly dirty...
5. **Wipe the empty housing clean - With the filter out, run a clean microfiber cloth around** the lower housing to pick up sand, leaves, and grit sitting in the tray. This takes a minute and keeps debris from being sucked straight onto your brand-new filter the first time you...
6. **Seat the new filter fully flat - Lower the new filter into the tray in the same** orientation as the old one. A clip that suddenly won’t close in step 7 almost always means the gasket isn’t seated, not that the clip is broken.
7. **Latch every clip and start the engine - Set the lid back down squarely and flip each clip** back onto its catch - count them and confirm none are left loose. Start the engine and let it idle for a minute.

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