2020-2024 Lincoln Aviator - Engine Air Filter

2020-2024 Lincoln Aviator | Easy | 10-20 minutes | $20 DIY

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

PARTS
Engine air filters (pair) $20.00

STEPS

1. **Prep and locate the air box - Park on level ground, set the parking brake, engine off** (let it cool if just run). The Aviator's 3.0L twin-turbo V6 uses a split intake - two airboxes, one on each side of the engine. Buy a matched pair of panel filters before starting.
2. **Open the air filter housing - Press each spring retainer clip off its tab and lift the** lid straight up, then repeat on the other box. If a clip resists, wiggle the lid gently - the heat-aged plastic tabs crack easily, and a cracked tab means a whistling, leaky lid.
3. **Remove the old filter and clean - Lift each old filter out, gasket down, and lay them** beside the new pair. Vacuum each box and wipe the sealing lip with a damp rag, keeping debris out of the intake. One filter far dirtier than the other means its lid wasn't sealing.
4. **Install the new filter - Seat a fresh filter in each housing with the rubber seal fully** in the groove - no gaps, folds, or bunched edges. The two filters are identical, either fits either box; just match the old pleat direction and press each gently flat.
5. **Reseal and verify - Refit both lids, snapping every clip fully closed - one that looks** shut but isn't latched will whistle at highway speed. Finger-check each lid's seal and confirm both intake tubes are snug, then idle a minute listening for hissing.

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