2016-2024 Mazda CX-3 - Engine Air Filter

2016-2024 Mazda CX-3 | Easy | 5-10 minutes | $35 DIY

TOOLS
No tools required - the clips release by hand Shop vacuum or damp rag (optional, for cleaning the box)

PARTS
Engine air filter for 2016-2024 Mazda CX-3; verify engine, housing shape, and VIN fitment $35.00

STEPS

1. **Pop the hood - no tools needed for this one - Park on level ground, engine off, and open** the hood. This is a clip job from start to finish - Mazda’s SkyActiv airbox needs no tools at all.
2. **Flip open the two metal clips - Find the two metal hinge clips on the front of the** airbox. Don’t pry them with a screwdriver; they bend easily, and a bent clip won’t hold tension when you close it back up.
3. **Slide the lid forward and lift out the filter - Lift the lid up and forward. Lift the old** filter out and note which way it faces so the new one matches.
4. **Clean the box and check the clips - Vacuum or wipe out the lower half of the box - pine** needles and grit collect in the bottom. Wipe the underside of the lid. Check the two clips for cracks and make sure the lid’s sealing edge isn’t warped or chewed up.
5. **Drop in the new filter - Set the new filter into the lower half the same way the old one** sat. Press around the perimeter so the rubber frame seals flat against the box - the filter shouldn’t rock or lift at a corner.
6. **Re-engage the rear tabs, then snap the clips - Set the lid back on rear-first: slide the** back tabs into their slots, then lower the front. Swing both metal clips back down and press them until they snap locked.
7. **Start it and listen - Start the engine and let it idle. No warning lights should appear.** Once you’ve done it once, this is genuinely a five-minute job.

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