2023-2026 Mazda CX-50 - Engine Air Filter

2023-2026 Mazda CX-50 | Easy | 5-10 minutes | $35 DIY

TOOLS
No tools required - the lid opens with two hand-operated metal clips Shop vacuum or clean rag (optional, for cleaning the box)

PARTS
Engine air filter for 2023-2026 Mazda CX-50 Turbo; verify engine, housing shape, and VIN fitment $35.00

STEPS

1. **Open the hood and find the airbox - Engine off; pop the hood; driver's side. The airbox** is the black box with snorkel forward - same across the Skyactiv 2.5 family. No tools - two clips by hand. CX-30/CX-50 filter differs from CX-3/CX-5; don't grab a CX-5 filter.
2. **Flip the two metal clips open - Two metal clips hold the lid shut. Flip off by hand -** they click free. If a clip sticks, wiggle the lid; the tabs are molded into the lid and can snap. The lid is still hinged at the back.
3. **Lift the lid up and forward off its rear tabs - Tabs on lid's back edge slide into slots** below. Lift UP, push FORWARD - the tabs slide out. Straight up binds and cracks them. Note the wire or tube along side - it gets pinched under the tabs on reassembly.
4. **Lift out the old filter and note the orientation - Old filter lifts out. Pleats DOWN,** flat rubber-edged side up. Flip it and dirty air bypasses media. On the fence? Hold it to the sun - light through the pleats means life left; a solid dark wall means it's done.
5. **Clean the box and inspect the housing - Vacuum or wipe the lower box clean. Inspect for** cracks around the clip tabs and snorkel joint; check the seal channel. Glance at the snorkel for nests or packed leaves - a blocked snorkel starves the engine.
6. **Drop the new filter in, pleats down, and close the lid - New filter in, pleats DOWN, as** old one came out; press the rubber edge flat. Confirm CX-50/CX-30, not CX-5 - the wrong one won't seat. Close from rear: tabs into slots, then lower. Keep the wire clear; flip both clips.
7. **Confirm the clips, start the engine, note the interval - Press the lid firmly - solid, no** rocking. Start engine; listen for whistling at seams. Mazda: air filter every 30 months or 37,500 miles; dusty driving shortens that. Check every other oil change; replace when pleats are dark and packed.

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