# 1996-2024 Mercedes-Benz Vito - Engine Air Filter



**1996-2024 Mercedes-Benz Vito | Easy | 20-45 minutes | $35 DIY**

**TOOLS**

Flat screwdriver or trim tool as fitted Metric/SAE socket set and ratchet Clean shop towels and a flashlight Gloves and safety glasses

**PARTS**

Engine air filter for 1996-2024 Mercedes-Benz Vito; verify engine, housing shape, and VIN fitment $35.00

## STEPS

1. **Confirm filter fitment and engine state - Mercedes part A 651 090 00 51 for the 2.0L** turbo, with Mahle LX3031, Mann C42002, and WIX WA10559 as common equivalents.
2. **Open the air box - Van housings see more heat cycling and road grime than car boxes, so** work the fasteners gently and do not pry the lid until every one is free.
3. **Inspect the old filter and housing - Lift the old panel filter out and note which face is** dirty to set the airflow-arrow direction. Van airboxes collect an unusual amount of debris - vacuum the lower housing thoroughly for leaves, insects, and fine dust that accumulate behi...
4. **Install the new filter - Set the new filter into the lower half with its gasket fully** captured in the channel and the airflow arrow matching the old element’s dirty side. The panel must sit flat with no rocking; on the W447 a filter that stands proud means the wro...
5. **Close and verify the intake - Engage every lid fastener with even tension so the seal** compresses uniformly, then confirm the MAF connector is seated and its wiring clears the lid edge. Remove the towel, start the engine, and listen at the airbox for a hiss or whistle t...

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