2000-2004 Porsche Boxster - Engine Air Filter

2000-2004 Porsche Boxster | Easy | 15-30 minutes | $35 DIY

TOOLS

Flat-head screwdriver (optional - helps turn the plastic quarter-turn fasteners)
Shop vacuum or clean cloth

PARTS

Engine air filter for 2000-2004 Porsche Boxster; verify engine, housing shape, and VIN fitment $35.00

STEPS

1. **Put the convertible top in service position - Raise the top halfway and stop - the** service position. Remove the roof cables from both sides and unclip the plastic drip guard, folding the top upward so the rear window folds without creasing. Never force the top past halfway.
2. **Open up the engine access area - Quarter-turn the four fasteners on the speaker box and** insulator to free them. Unclip the passenger-side speaker plug, lift the speaker out, then remove the bottom insulation. Free every fastener first: yanking the insulation early cracks...
3. **Remove the engine cover - Loosen the engine cover's five quarter-turn fasteners and lift** it off. The airbox sits at the rear of the engine with the panel filter clipped inside - the 986 uses a single central filter, so there's only one to change.
4. **Unclip and slide out the old filter - Unclip the retaining clips and slide the filter** out, noting its orientation. The foam on top is factory - the paper beneath is hidden, so peeking tells you nothing. One filter fits both the 2.7L base and 3.2L S.
5. **Clean the airbox while it's empty - Leaves and grit collect in the 986's airbox. Vacuum** or wipe the inside and check for cracks or broken tabs. A cracked airbox or missing clip lets unfiltered air bypass the filter - replace damaged hardware first.
6. **Slide the new filter home - Slide the new filter in with the same orientation until the** clips close without strain. If a clip needs real force, the filter isn't seated - back it out and retry rather than snapping a twenty-year-old plastic tab.
7. **Reassemble and verify - Reassemble in reverse - cover, insulation, speaker (reconnect its** plug), drip guard, cables - cycle the top up and down. Start the engine: even idle, no hissing. Renew the filter every 15,000-20,000 miles; sooner with track time or d...

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