2003-2006 Subaru Baja - Engine Air Filter

2003-2006 Subaru Baja | Easy | 10-20 minutes | $35 DIY

TOOLS

Flat-blade screwdriver for the intake band clamp Clean shop cloth or microfiber towel Shop vacuum or damp rag for the housing

PARTS

Engine air filter for 2003-2006 Subaru Baja; verify engine, housing shape, and VIN fitment $35.00

STEPS

1. **Locate the airbox beside the boxer engine - Open the hood and find the black plastic air** cleaner box on the passenger side, where the intake snorkel reaches the front. On the Turbo, don’t confuse it with the intercooler on top of the engine - the filter lives in the side-mounted b...
2. **Disconnect the MAF sensor and intake tube - Unplug the MAF sensor’s connector - squeeze** the latch tab and pull straight back, never tug the wires. Loosen the circular band clamp and slide the intake hose off the airbox neck first; this gives the airbox room and spares the MAF’s de...
3. **Release the two retaining clips - Flip the two spring-metal clips outward with your thumb** until they release. If they’re stiff from heat cycling, press inward on the lid while flipping to take the tension off. A frozen clip gets a spray of silicone - forcing it can snap...
4. **Lift the lid and remove the old filter - Lift the lid away, clear of the MAF wiring, and** pull the old filter straight up. Note the gasket’s facing and pleat orientation - the new element seats the same way. Set the lid upside down on a clean surface.
5. **Clean the box and inspect the intake path - Wipe the lower tray with a damp cloth,** scooping out leaves, pine needles, and grit. Check the box for cracks around the clip mounts and snorkel joint. Check the intake hose for oil film or debris, ensuring the MAF sensor’s sampling tube is...
6. **Seat the new filter and close the box - Drop the filter into the tray, gasket flat all** around. Latch both lid clips. Slide the intake hose on, tighten the band clamp, and reconnect the MAF connector until it clicks. A loose downstream clamp leaks unmetered air - the EJ engine...
7. **Verify idle quality and note the interval - Start the engine and let it idle - no** hunting, stalling, or check-engine light from the MAF work. Blip the throttle and listen for whistling around the airbox, which betrays a clip not fully latched. Check the manual for the service inte...

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