2015-2019 Subaru Outback - Battery

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TOOLS

10mm socket Ratchet Socket extension (for the long hold-down bolt) Wire brush or battery terminal cleaner Work gloves Safety glasses Rag or shop towels Baking soda and water or terminal-cleaning spray (optional)

PARTS

Group-size battery (match your tray) $140.00

STEPS

1. **Park it, shut everything down, and pop the hood - Park on a flat spot, set the parking** brake, and switch the engine fully off - not accessory mode. Turn off headlights, blower, heated seats, and anything plugged into the 12-volt outlets. Pull the hood release inside the cabin and prop t...
2. **Find the battery on the passenger side of the engine bay - Before loosening anything,** take a quick phone photo of the cable routing and terminal positions so you can put every clamp back exactly where it was.
3. **Disconnect the negative terminal first - Fit a 10mm socket on the negative terminal nut** and turn it counterclockwise until the clamp is loose enough to wiggle. Twist the cable end gently side to side and lift it straight off the post - never pry with a screwdriver, which can cr...
4. **Disconnect the positive terminal second - Flip up the red cover over the positive** terminal and loosen its 10mm nut the same way. Keep both loose cable ends separated while you work.
5. **Unbolt the hold-down and lift out the old battery - The hold-down bracket across the** battery is secured by a long 10mm bolt, so use a socket extension to reach it without rounding the head. Lift the bracket off and set it where it cannot slide into the engine bay. Now grip the battery with...
6. **Clean the tray and terminals, then seat the new battery - Brush corrosion and debris off** the battery tray and check it for cracks while it’s exposed. Lower the new battery in the same orientation, matching the old battery’s label for size and post positions so the cables and hold-down fit.
7. **Reconnect positive first, negative last, then test - Slide the positive cable onto its** post first and tighten the 10mm nut until the clamp can’t twist by hand, then close the red cover. Start the engine and check strong cranking with no battery warning light staying on.

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