1991-1995 Toyota MR2 - Engine Air Filter

1991-1995 Toyota MR2 | Easy | 15 minutes | $35 DIY

TOOLS

Flathead or Phillips screwdriver (if lid uses screws) Shop towel or microfiber cloth Small vacuum or soft brush Flashlight

PARTS

Engine air filter for 1991-1995 Toyota MR2; verify engine, housing shape, and VIN fitment $35.00

STEPS

1. **Open the rear decklid - the airbox is behind the cabin - Engine off, release the rear** decklid. The mid-engined SW20's air filter is in the rear compartment, in a rectangular black housing on the driver's side. Let the bay cool thoroughly - enclosed compartments hold heat far longer.
2. **Clean the lid seam and release its clips or screws - Wipe dust off the airbox lid and** seam so grit can't fall in. Clips or screws hold the lid depending on year - release every fastener. The 30-year-old plastic is brittle: work gently and never lever the lid.
3. **Lift the lid and identify the airflow meter on turbo cars - Lift the lid straight up and** set it aside on a rag. On the 2.0L turbo (3S-GTE), the intake tube holds a vane-type airflow meter - do not poke the vane flap or touch the sensor element. The 2.2L (5S-FE) has no such sensor.
4. **Remove the old filter and note its orientation - Lift the old filter out and note its** orientation - which face was up and how the frame sat in the channel. Heat cycling can leave the old rubber frame stuck to the box; peel it up carefully.
5. **Clean the box, minding the side-vent debris - Vacuum or wipe out the lower box half,** clearing the leaves and grit from the side intake vent. Check the clean-side outlet for foreign objects. Do not blow compressed air toward the intake tube - you'll drive dust deeper.
6. **Seat the new filter and refit the lid gently - Lower the new filter into the box in the** same orientation as the old one, pressing the frame down until it sits flat. Set the lid back on squarely and refasten every clip or screw - snug only; overtightening cracks the bosses.
7. **Verify the seal and test-drive - Confirm all clips are latched or screws snug and the** snorkel is still connected. Start the engine and idle about a minute, listening for hissing. Take a short drive to confirm normal boost (turbo) or throttle response (2.2L) with no check-...

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