2018-2024 Volkswagen Atlas - Engine Air Filter

2018-2024 Volkswagen Atlas | Easy | 10-15 minutes | $35 DIY

TOOLS

T25 Torx screwdriver or driver bit Clean rag or shop vacuum Small cup or magnetic tray for screws

PARTS

Engine air filter for 2018-2024 Volkswagen Atlas; verify engine, housing shape, and VIN fitment $35.00

STEPS

1. **Locate the airbox - On both the 2.0T TSI and the 3.6L VR6, the airbox is the large black** plastic housing at the top of the engine bay on the passenger side, fed by a snorkel running to the front grille.
2. **Locate the T25 Torx screws - The Atlas uses T25 Torx screws around the airbox lid - this** is the classic VW detail, so don’t reach for a Phillips. On the 2.0T you’ll find the screws around the lid perimeter; on the 3.6L the layout is similar.
3. **Release the lid tabs and remove the filter - Lift the front of the lid and slide it** forward - the rear edge hooks under plastic tabs on the lower box, so it comes off with a slide-and-lift motion, not a straight pull. Set the lid aside and lift the old panel filter out.
4. **Clean the housing - Vacuum or wipe out the dust, pollen, and grit in the lower box half,** especially the ledge where the filter’s rubber seal lands. Check the intake snorkel mouth for trapped leaves - Atlas snorkels funnel road debris straight into the box.
5. **Seat the new filter - Drop the new panel filter into the lower box, fully seated down** inside with its rubber sealing edge flat against the ledge all the way around. It should sit level with light hand pressure.
6. **Refit the lid and confirm the screws are snug - Hook the lid’s rear tabs under their** slots first, then lower the front down flush. Confirm the lid sits flat and every screw is snug before moving on.
7. **Start up and verify - Close the hood and start the engine. Idle should be smooth on** either engine with no whistling from the box and no warning lights.

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