

Air Filter Replacement

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Changing your air filter is one of the easiest things you should do to your truck. If you can't pull this one off by yourself, you probably shouldn't be driving. The air filter doesn't have a specific mileage requirement between changes because this can vary greatly based on your driving conditions and where you drive. Obviously, driving in dusty conditions all the time will greatly reduce the life of your air filter.

Some trucks come equipped with a "Filter Minder" which is a clear plastic thing on top of the air box with a yellow plunger inside that indicates the condition of the air filter. These are highly inaccurate and should never be relied on to indicate the condition of the filter. By the time this thing indicates the filter is bad, it is extremely restricted and should have been replaced a long time ago. My truck does not have one of these items. The other air filter indication comes from the EVIC (electronic vehicle information center) in the overhead console. You will get a "Service Air Filter" message when the air filter is restricted enough to justify changing it. I prefer to change my filter at a maximum of 50k miles even if I haven't got the message, more often if I'm in dusty conditions or get the message.

Changing the air filter is a really easy task and doesn't require any special tools. It should only take you about 10 minutes.

The part numbers for the filter are as follows:

Mopar: **AF-53034051AB**

Fleetguard: **AF-27684**

1. Locate the air filter box on the front passenger side of your engine compartment. It's a black plastic square right on top, you can't miss it.



2. Slide the two metal clips (one in front, one on the passenger side) off of the air box lid. You might need to use a screwdriver to slide the clips off, they're pretty strong.

3. Lift the air box lid up and slide it out of the plastic tabs holding the side closest to the engine compartment. This will expose the clean side of your air filter.



4. Remove the air filter element by pulling it up out of the box. You can use a screwdriver to make it easier to get it out, but be careful prying on the side of the box. It's plastic and will break easily.



5. While the air filter is out, clean the inside of the filter box. Mine had some leaves, dirt, dead bugs, and miscellaneous other crap in there. A shop vac will make quick work of this.



6. Compare the new air filter with the old one to make sure you got the correct one. The 5.9L air filter will fit, but it is smaller and might not seal as well. Insert the new air filter into the box, making sure the rubber seal is fully seated into position.



7. Slide the air box lid back into the plastic clips and set it down on the box. Ensure it is fully seated and slide the two metal clips back into position to hold it on. If your truck is equipped with a filter minder, press the rubber button on top to reset it. That's it, you're done.