



How to change air filter  
on **BMW 3 Coupe (E36)** –  
replacement guide

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This video shows the replacement procedure of a similar car part on another vehicle

### Important!

This replacement procedure can be used for:

BMW 3 Coupe (E36) 320i 2.0, BMW 3 Coupe (E36) 325i 2.5, BMW 3 Coupe (E36) M3 3.0, BMW 3 Coupe (E36) 328i 2.8, BMW 3 Coupe (E36) 323i 2.5, BMW 3 Coupe (E36) M3 3.2

The steps may slightly vary depending on the car design.

This tutorial was created based on the replacement procedure for a similar car part on: BMW 5 Saloon (E39) 520i 2.0

REPLACEMENT: AIR FILTER – BMW 3 COUPE (E36).  
TOOLS YOU NEED:



- Fender cover

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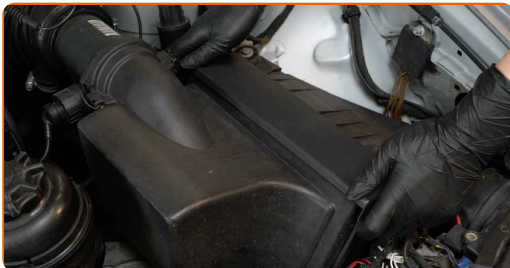
- Replacement: air filter – BMW 3 Coupe (E36). Do not ignore the maintenance schedule, recommendations, and requirements specified by the manufacturer on the use of the car part.
- All work should be done with the engine stopped.

**REPLACEMENT: AIR FILTER – BMW 3 COUPE (E36). USE THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE:**

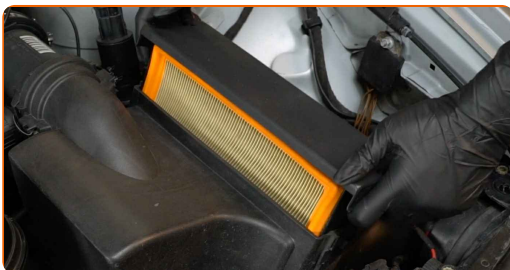
**1** Open the bonnet.

**2** Use a fender protection cover to prevent damaging paintwork and plastic parts of the car.

**3** Release the air filter cover clips.



**4** Remove the air filter housing.



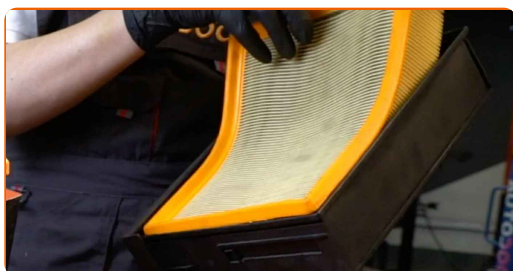
**5** Clean the air filter cover and housing.



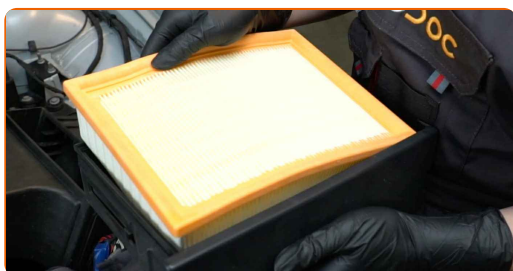
Replacement: air filter – BMW 3 Coupe (E36). Tip from AUTODOC experts:

- Before cleaning the air filter cover and housing, cover the air duct parts, mass airflow sensor (if available), throttle valve with a clean cloth.

**6** Remove the filter element from the filter housing.



**7** Insert a new filter element into the filter housing. Make sure that the filter edge fits tight to the housing.

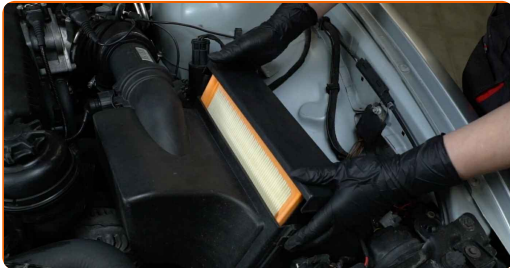


**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Replacement: air filter – BMW 3 Coupe (E36). Be sure to position the filtering element correctly. Avoid misalignment.
- During installation, make sure to prevent dust and dirt from getting into the air filter housing.
- Take care to only use quality filters.

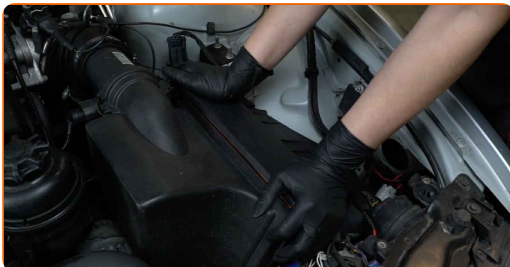
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Reinstall the air filter housing.



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Press the air filter cover clips into place.



10

Remove the fender protection cover.

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Close the hood.

**WELL DONE!** 

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