



How to change spark  
plugs on **Lexus RX XU30**  
– replacement guide

**VIDEO TUTORIAL**



** Important!**

This replacement procedure can be used for:

LEXUS ES I (VCV10\_, VZV21\_) 3.0, LEXUS LX (J100) 4.7, LEXUS GS II (S16) 3.0 T3, LEXUS LS II (XF20) 4.0, LEXUS GS II (S16) 4.0, LEXUS GX I (J120) 4.7, LEXUS GS II (S16) 4.3, LEXUS LS III (XF30) 4.3, LEXUS GS II (S16) 3.0, LEXUS IS I Saloon (XE10) 3.0, LEXUS IS I Sportcross (XE10) 3.0, LEXUS RX II (XU30) 3.3 400h AWD, LEXUS ES (XV20, XV30) 3.0 (MCV20\_, MCV30\_), LEXUS RX I (XU10) 3.0 AWD

The steps may slightly vary depending on the car design.

REPLACEMENT: SPARK PLUGS – LEXUS RX XU30.  
 TOOLS YOU MIGHT NEED:



- All-purpose cleaning spray
- High-temperature anti-seize lubricant
- Drive socket # 10
- Drive socket # 12
- Drive socket # 14
- Spark plug socket # 16
- HEX bit no.H8.
- Ratchet wrench
- Torque wrench
- Clic-R collar pliers
- Clip removal tool
- Flat Screwdriver
- Microfibre towel
- Fender cover

**BUY TOOLS**

Replacement: spark plugs – Lexus RX XU30. AUTODOC experts recommend:

- The replacement procedure is the same for all spark plugs.
- Please note: all work on the car – Lexus RX XU30 – should be done with the engine switched off.

## CARRY OUT REPLACEMENT IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

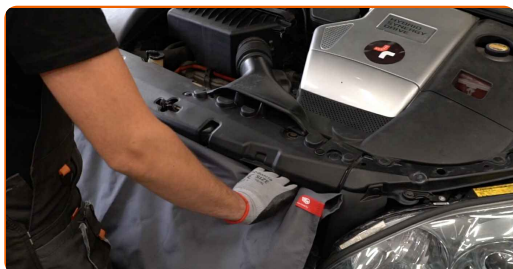
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Open the bonnet.



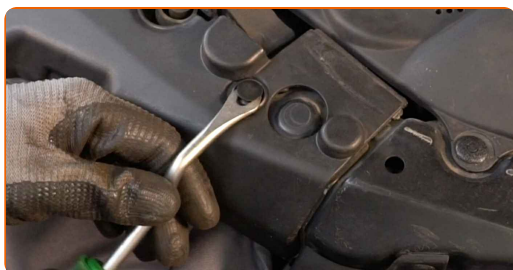
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Use a fender protection cover to prevent damaging paintwork and plastic parts of the car.



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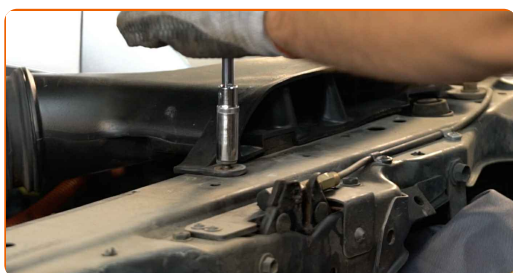
Remove the radiator support cover clips. Use a clip removal tool.



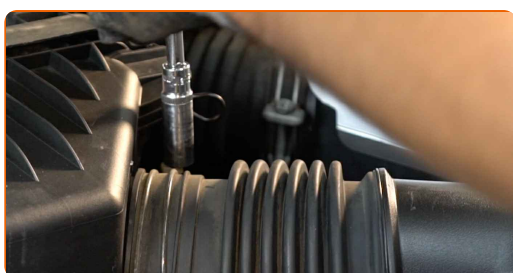
**4** Remove the radiator support cover.



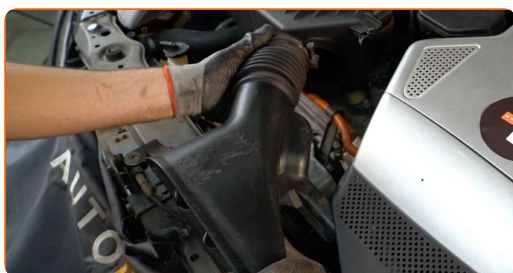
**5** Loosen the air intake fastening. Use a drive socket #10. Use a ratchet wrench.



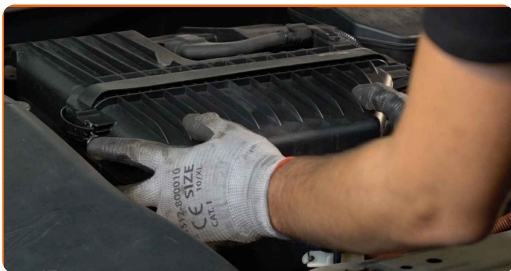
**6** Loosen the fastening clamp connecting the air duct to the air filter housing. Use a drive socket #10. Use a ratchet wrench.



**7** Detach the air duct housing from the air filter housing.



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



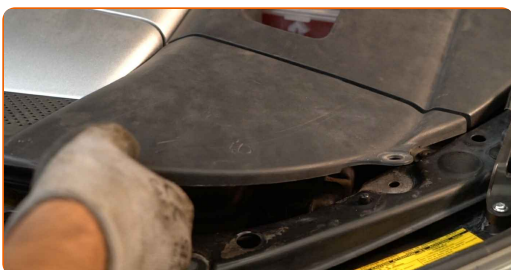
**9** Take off the filter lid.



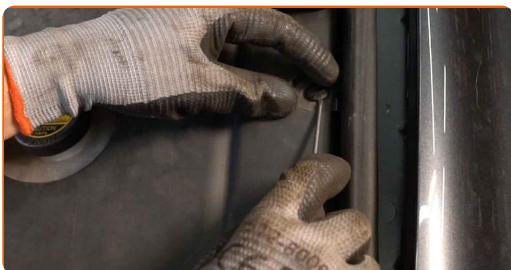
**10** Remove the filter element from the filter housing.



**11** Press down the pop clips of the protective cover. Remove the protective cover. Use a flat screwdriver.



**12** Remove the engine cover clips.



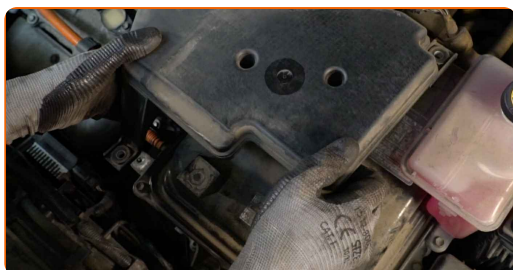
**13** Remove the engine cover.



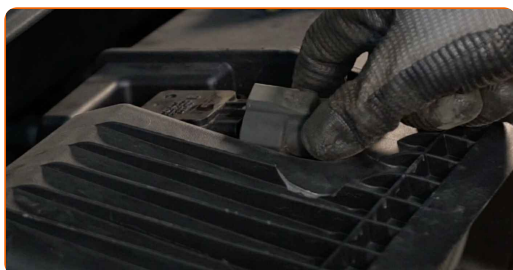
**14** Unscrew the air filter box fasteners. Use a drive socket #10. Use a ratchet wrench.



**15** Remove the air filter box.



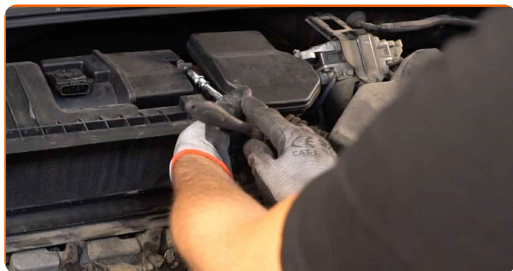
**16** Unplug the mass air flow sensor connector. Use a flat screwdriver.



**17** Unscrew the air intake resonator clamp from the air filter housing. Use a drive socket #10. Use a ratchet wrench.



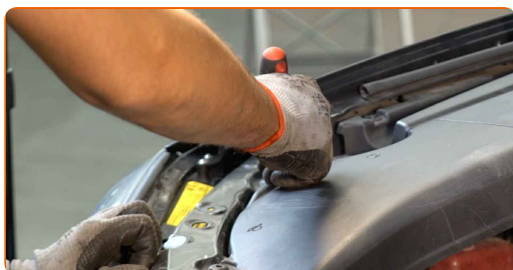
**18** Unscrew the filter housing fastening bolts. Use a drive socket #10. Use a ratchet wrench.



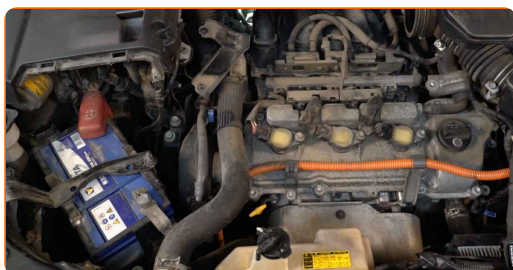
**19** Remove the air filter housing.



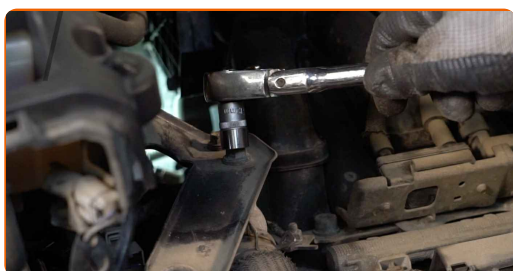
**20** Remove the battery cover clips. Use a flat screwdriver.



**21** Remove the battery cover.

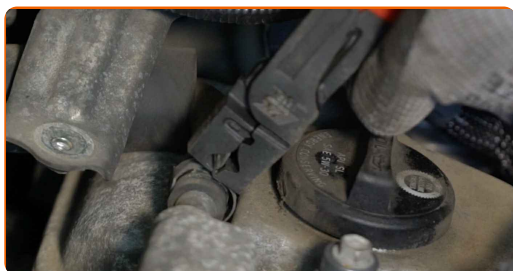


**22** Unscrew the air filter housing bracket. Use a drive socket #12. Use a ratchet wrench.

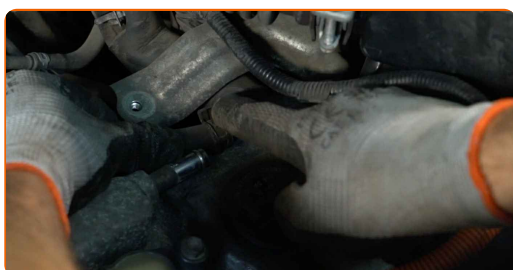




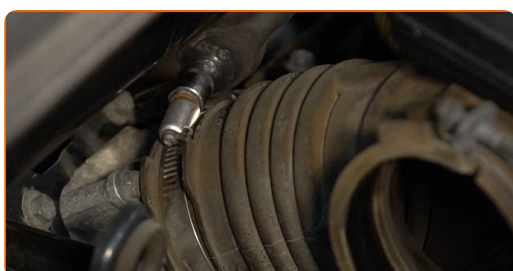
**23** Detach the crankcase ventilation hose clamp. Use clic-R collar pliers.



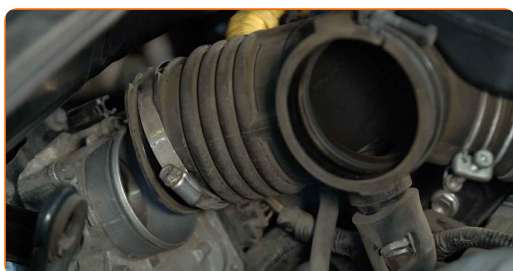
**24** On the right side, detach the PCV valve hose from the engine cover.



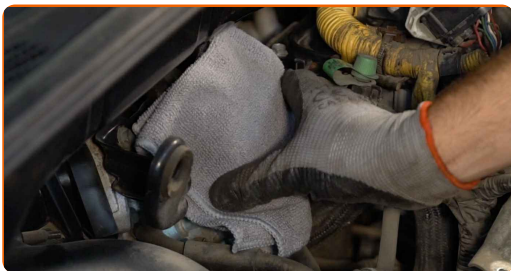
**25** Unscrew the clamp that fastens the air filter hose to the throttle body. Use a drive socket #10. Use a ratchet wrench.



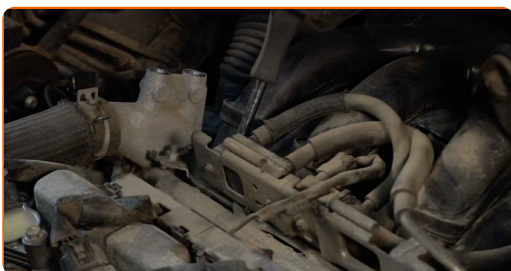
**26** Dismantle the air filter pipe.



**27** Cover the throttle body with a microfibre towel to prevent dust and dirt from getting into the system.



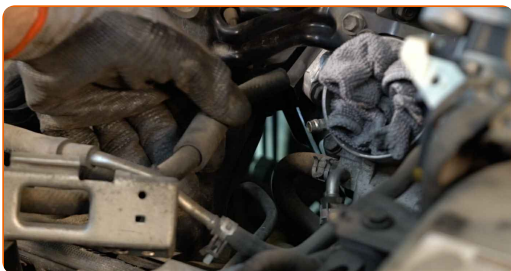
**28** Unscrew the vacuum system bracket. Use a drive socket #12. Use a ratchet wrench.



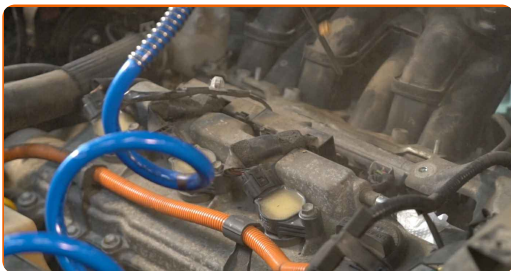
**29** Detach the vacuum sensor connector. Use a flat screwdriver.



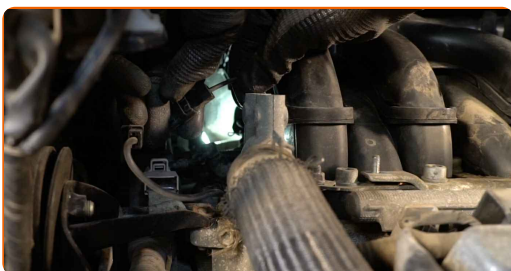
**30** Detach the vacuum sensor hose.



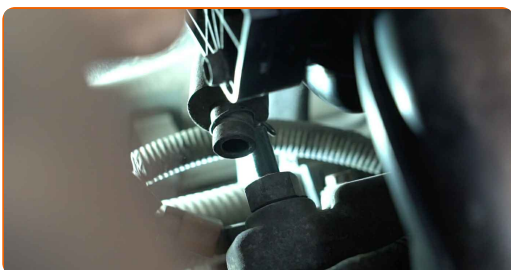
**31** Clean the intake manifold fasteners. Use all-purpose cleaning spray.



**32** Detach the ground wire connector.

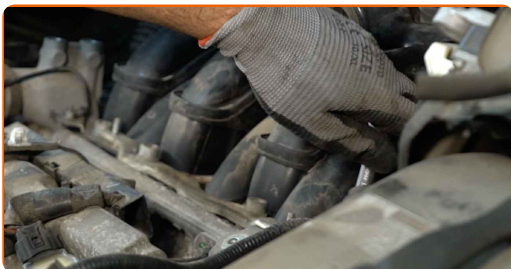


**33** Detach the crankcase ventilation hose clamp.

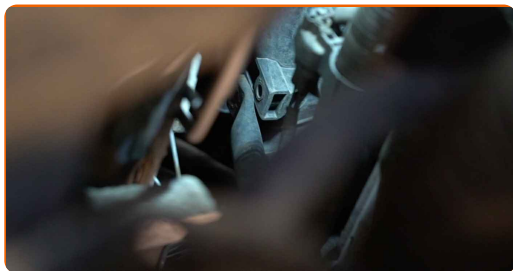


**34** Detach the crankcase ventilation hose from the engine cover at the left.

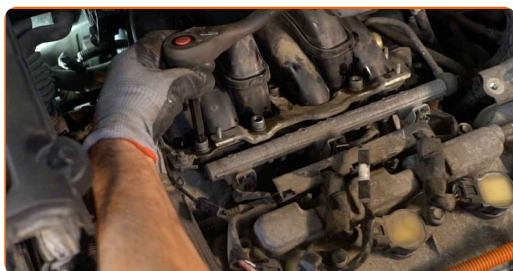
**35** Unscrew the intake manifold fasteners. Use a drive socket #14. Use a ratchet wrench.



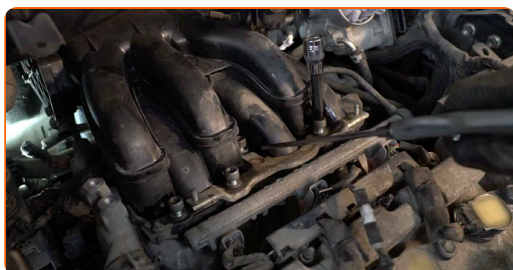
**36** Detach the throttle valve connectors.



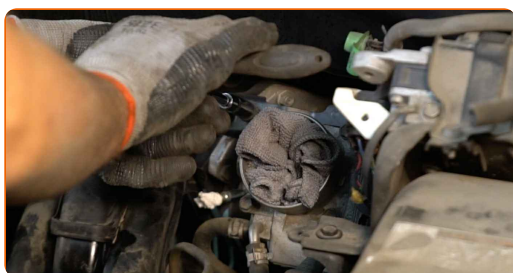
**37** Unscrew the intake manifold fasteners. Use HEX No.H8. Use a ratchet wrench.



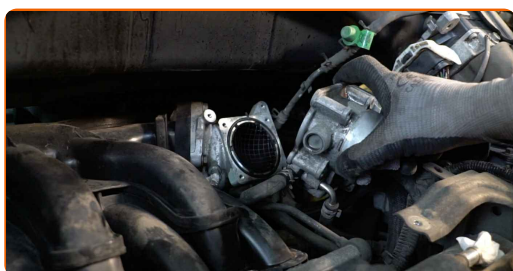
**38** Clean the intake manifold fasteners.



**39** Unscrew the fasteners connecting the throttle valve to the intake manifold. Use a drive socket #12. Use a ratchet wrench.



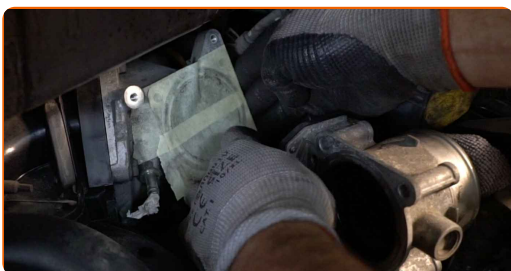
**40** Detach the throttle body from the intake manifold.



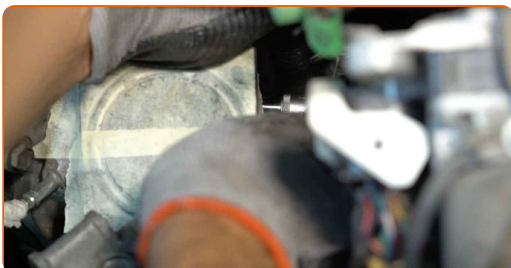
**41** Clean the throttle body fasteners. Use all-purpose cleaning spray.



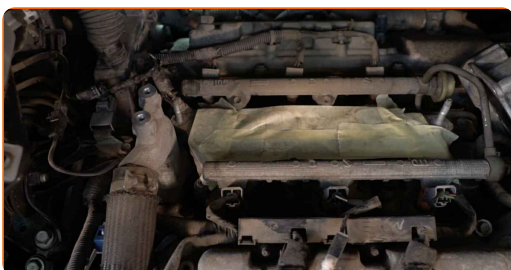
**42** Cover the intake manifold passages with a microfibre towel to prevent dust and dirt from getting inside.



**43** Unscrew the intake manifold fasteners. Use a drive socket #12. Use a ratchet wrench.



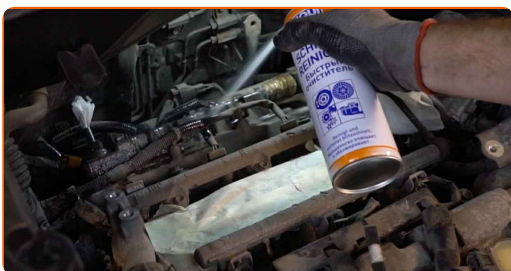
**44** Remove the intake manifold.



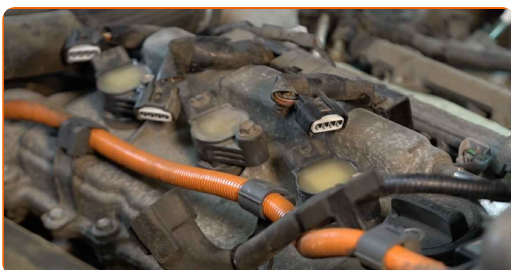
**45** Cover the intake channels of the engine with a microfibre cloth to prevent dust and dirt from getting inside.



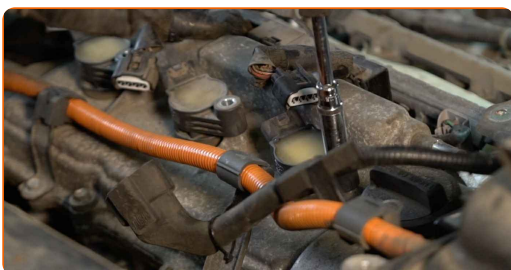
**46** Clean the ignition coils. Use all-purpose cleaning spray.



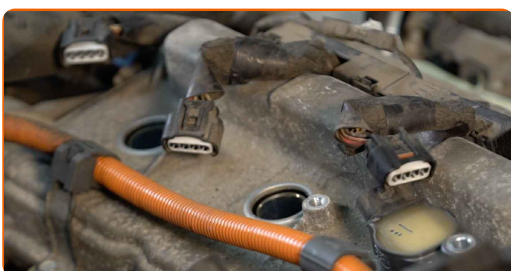
**47** Unplug the connectors from the ignition coils. Use a flat screwdriver.



**48** Unscrew the fasteners of the ignition coils. Use a drive socket #10. Use a ratchet wrench.



**49** Take out the ignition coils from the spark plug wells.



Replacement: spark plugs – Lexus RX XU30. Tip:

- Remember the sequence of steps for ignition coil demounting.

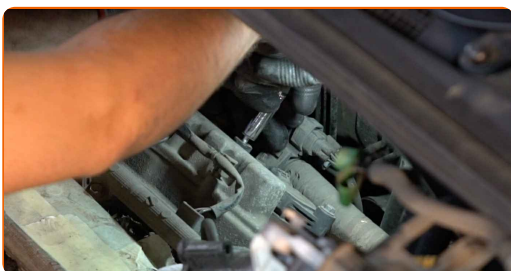
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Unplug the connectors from the ignition coils. Use a flat screwdriver.



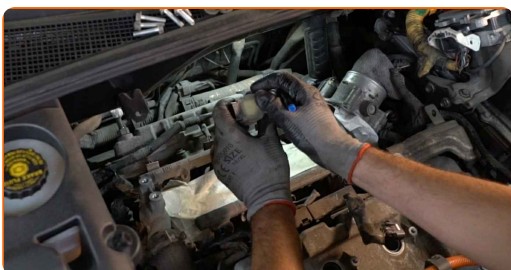
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Unscrew the fasteners of the ignition coils. Use a drive socket #10. Use a ratchet wrench.



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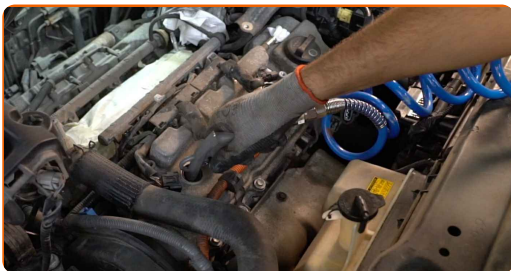
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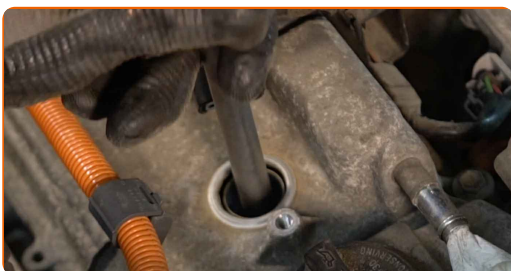
Replacement: spark plugs – Lexus RX XU30. AUTODOC recommends:

- Remember the sequence of steps for ignition coil demounting.

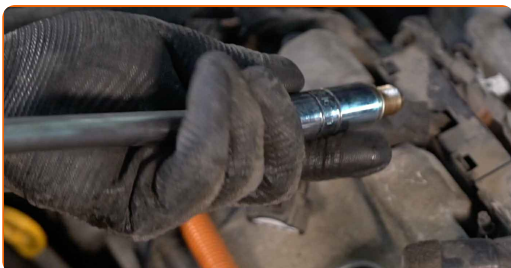
**53** Clean dirt, dust and debris from inside the spark plug wells.



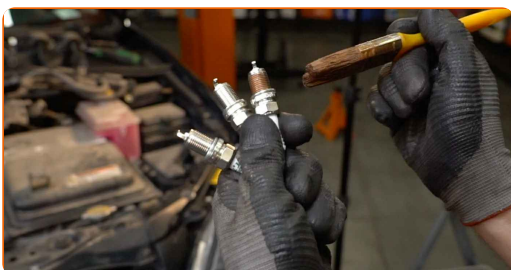
**54** Unscrew the spark plugs. Use the spark plug socket #16. Use a ratchet wrench.



**55** Take out the spark plugs.



**56** Apply a thin layer of a special high temperature anti-seize lubricant to the threads of the new spark plugs.





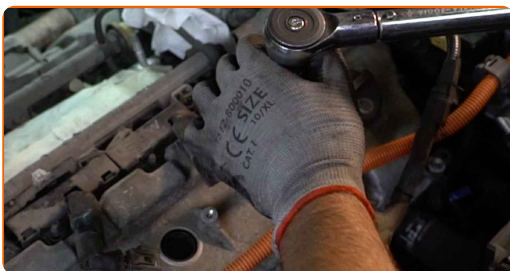
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Install the new spark plugs into their mounting seats. Use the spark plug socket #16. Use a ratchet wrench.



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Screw new spark plugs and tighten them. Use the spark plug socket #16. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 26 nm torque.

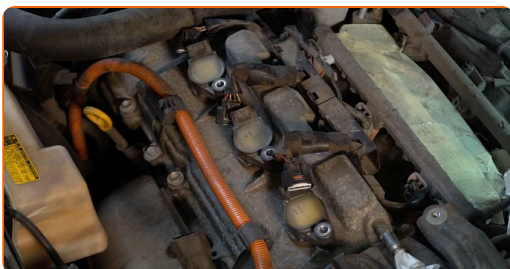


**Replacement: spark plugs – Lexus RX XU30. Professionals recommend:**

- Don't tighten the plugs with excessive force. Exceeding tightening torque can damage the thread connection.
- Be careful when working with a spark plug wrench. Its skewing can cause damage to the threaded connection.

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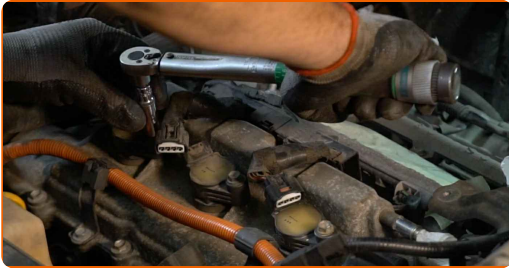
Install the ignition coils to the spark plug wells. Make sure you hear a click indicating that it is locked in place.



Replacement: spark plugs – Lexus RX XU30. Tip from AUTODOC experts:

- Follow the installation sequence.

**60** Tighten the ignition coil fastening. Use a drive socket #10. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 8 nm torque.

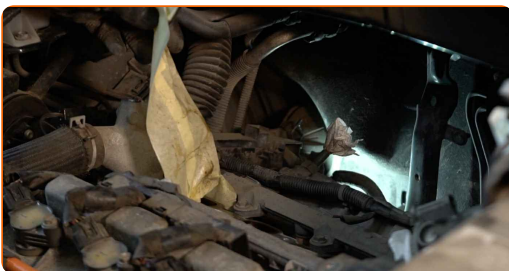


**61** Plug in the connectors of the ignition coils.

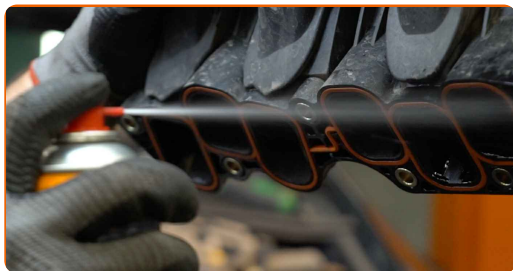


**62** Clean the intake manifold mounting seats. Use all-purpose cleaning spray.

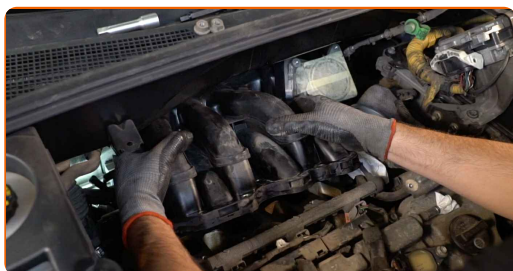
**63** Remove the microfibre cloth from the engine intake channels.



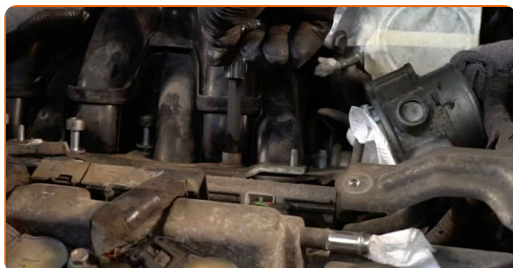
**64** Clean the intake manifold. Use all-purpose cleaning spray.



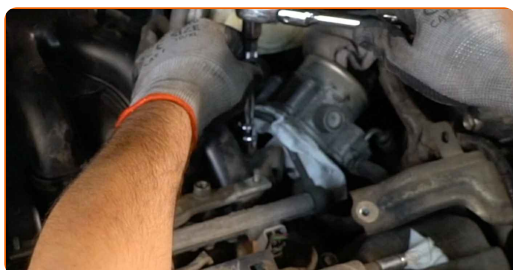
**65** Install the intake manifold.



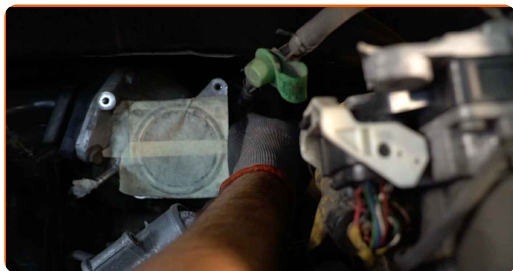
**66** Tighten the intake manifold fasteners. Use HEX No.H8. Use a ratchet wrench.



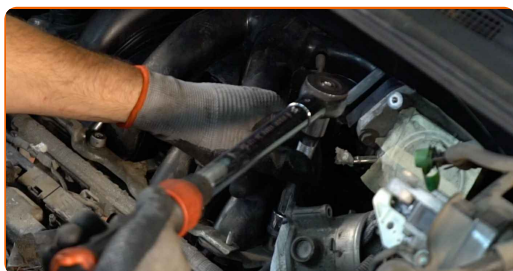
**67** Tighten the intake manifold fasteners. Use a drive socket #14. Use a ratchet wrench.



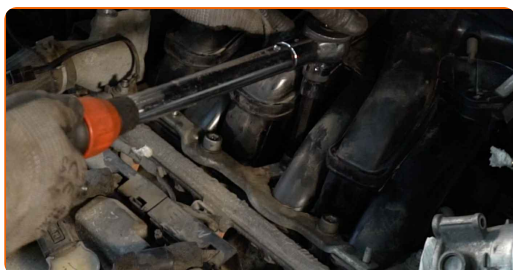
**68** Tighten the intake manifold fasteners. Use a drive socket #12. Use a ratchet wrench.



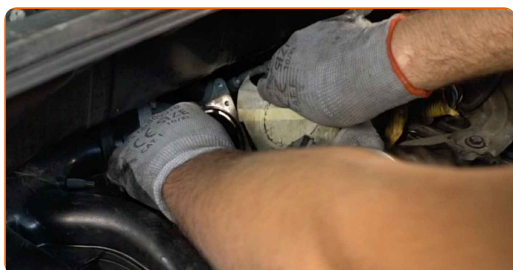
**69** Tighten the intake manifold fasteners. Use a drive socket #14. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 15 nm torque.



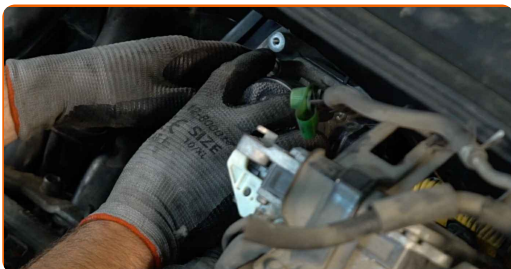
**70** Tighten the intake manifold fasteners. Use HEX No.H8. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 15 nm torque.



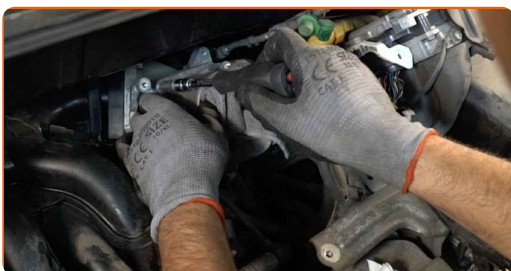
**71** Remove the microfibre towel from the intake manifold.



**72** Attach the throttle body to the intake manifold.



**73** Tighten the throttle valve fasteners. Use a drive socket #12. Use a ratchet wrench.

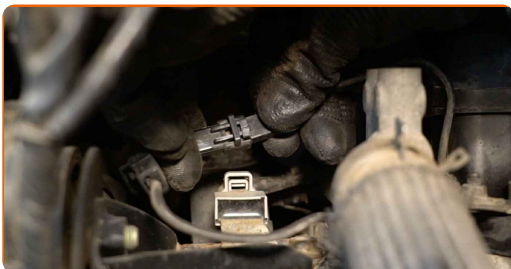


**74** Attach the crankcase ventilation hose to the engine cover at the left.



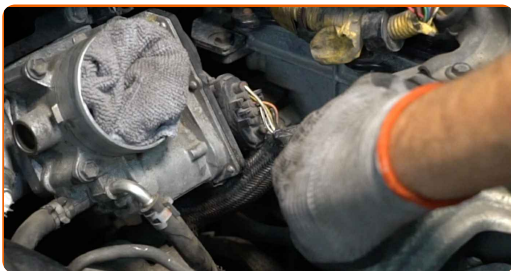
**75** Install the clamp of the crankcase ventilation hose.

**76** Attach the ground wire connector.

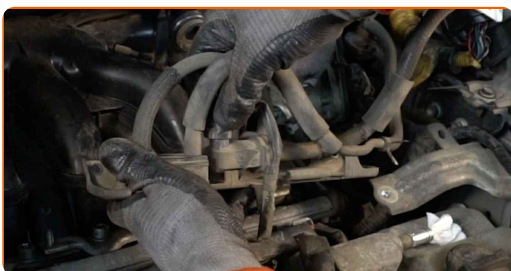


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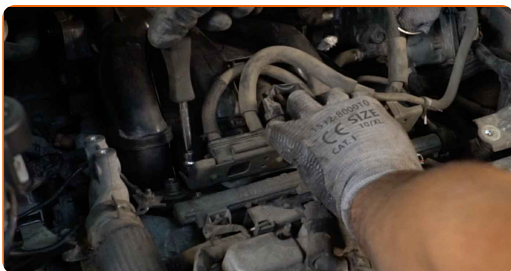
Attach the throttle valve connectors.

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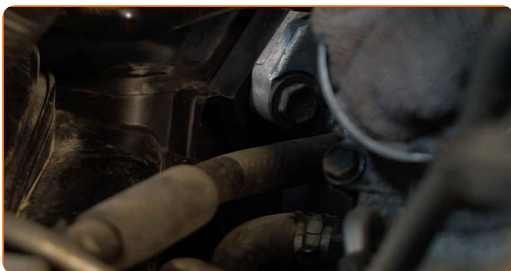
Attach the vacuum sensor connector.

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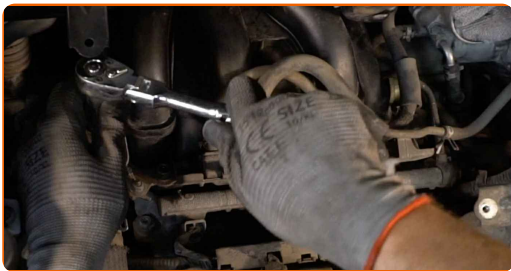
Screw in the vacuum system bracket. Use a drive socket #12. Use a ratchet wrench.

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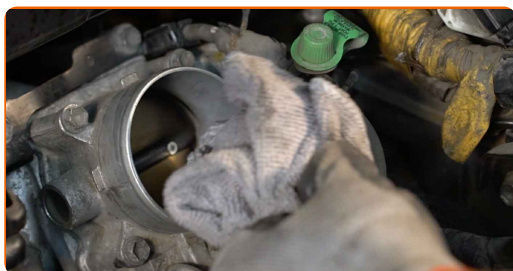
Attach the vacuum sensor hose.

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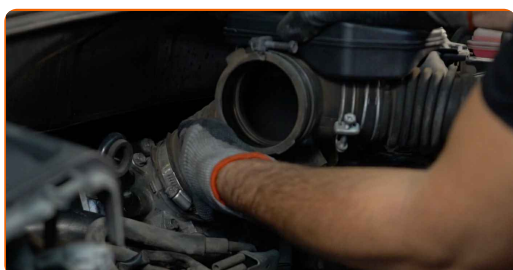
Screw in the air filter housing bracket. Use a drive socket #12. Use a ratchet wrench.



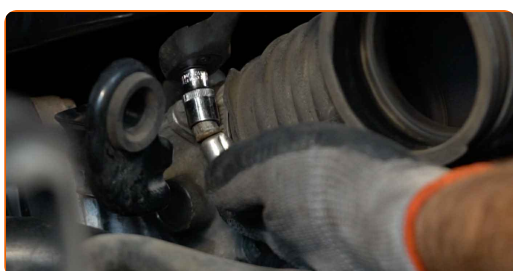
**82** Remove the microfibre towel from the throttle body.



**83** Install the air filter pipe.

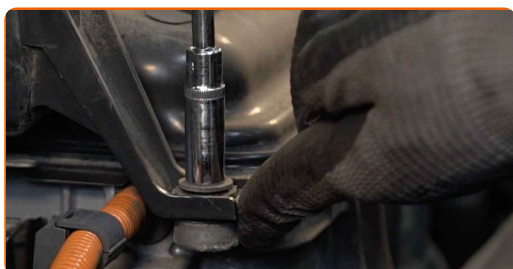


**84** Screw in the clamp that connects the air filter hose to the throttle body. Use a drive socket #10. Use a ratchet wrench.



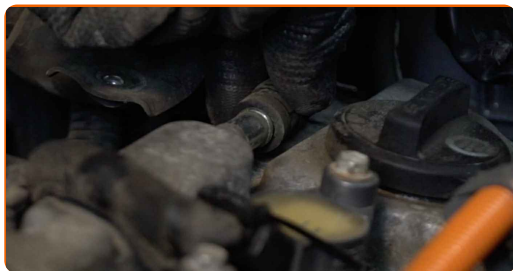
**85** Install the air filter box.

**86** Screw in the air filter box fasteners. Use a drive socket #10. Use a ratchet wrench.



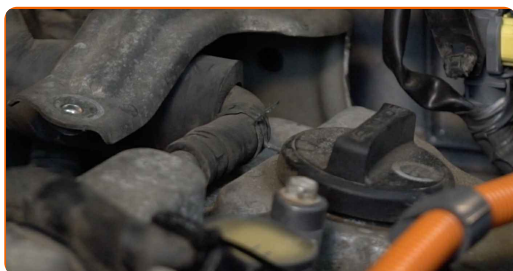
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On the right side, attach the PCV valve hose to the engine cover.



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Install the clamp of the crankcase ventilation hose. Use clic-R collar pliers.



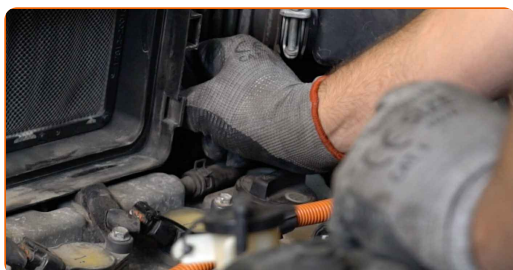
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Reinstall the air filter housing.



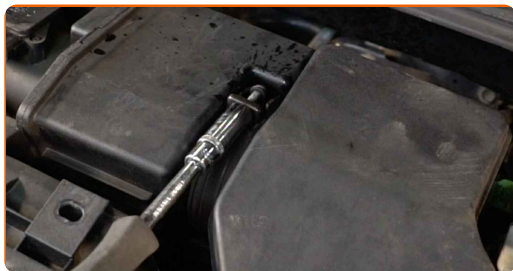
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Screw the filter housing fastening bolts. Use a drive socket #10. Use a ratchet wrench.

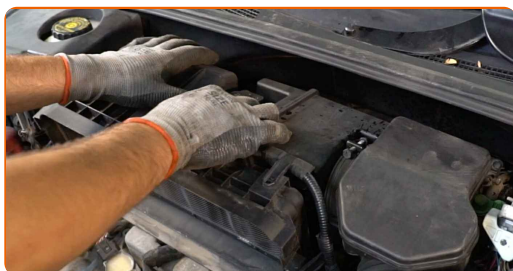




**91** Screw in the air intake resonator clamp to the air filter housing. Use a drive socket #10. Use a ratchet wrench.



**92** Plug in the mass air flow sensor connector.



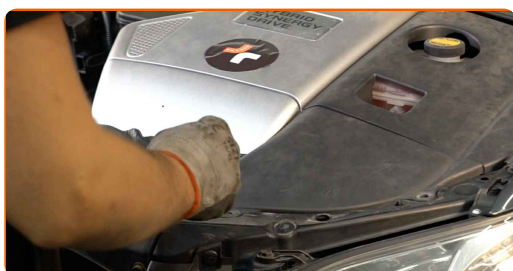
**93** Install the battery cover. Reinstall the battery cover clips.



**94** Install the engine cover. Reinstall the engine cover clips.



**95** Install the protective cover. Reinstall the pop clips of the protective cover.



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Insert the filter cartridge into the filter housing. Make sure that the filter edge fits tight to the housing.



Replacement: spark plugs – Lexus RX XU30. AUTODOC recommends:

- Check out the correct location of the filter element. Do not skew.
- During installation, make sure to prevent dust and dirt from getting into the air filter housing.

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Clean the air filter cover and housing.



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Reinstall the air filter cover. Fasten it.



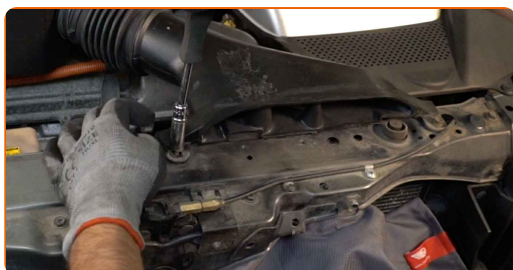
**99** Press the air filter cover clips into place.



**100** Install the air duct housing.



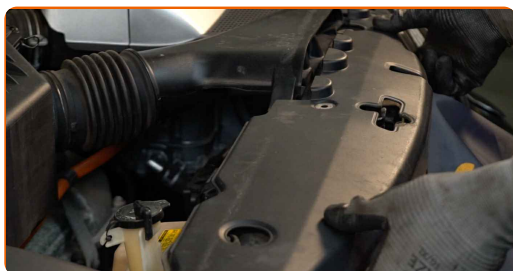
**101** Secure the fastener of the air intake duct. Use a drive socket #10. Use a ratchet wrench.



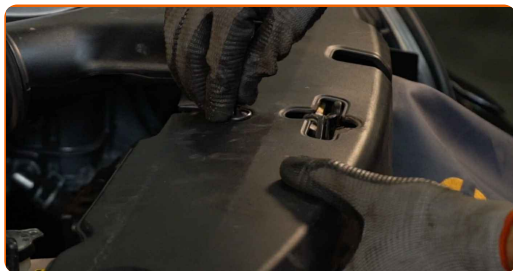
**102** Screw the fastening clamp connecting the air duct to the air filter housing. Use a drive socket #10. Use a ratchet wrench.



**103** Install the radiator support cover.



**104** Install the radiator support cover clips.



**105** Run the engine for a few minutes. This is necessary in order to make sure that the component operates properly.

**106** Shut off the engine.

**107** Remove the fender protection cover.



**108** Close the hood.



**WELL DONE!** 

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