



1995-2002 Toyota 4Runner Oil and Oil Filter Replacement

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INTRODUCTION

Follow this video guide to replace the oil and oil filter on a 1995-2002 3rd generation Toyota 4Runner.



TOOLS:

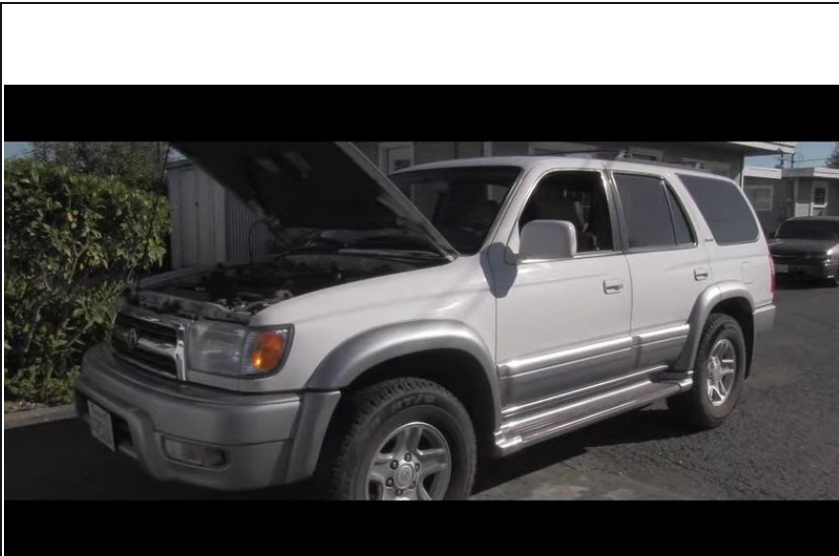
[3/8" Drive Ratchet](#) (1)
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[Oil Filter Wrench](#) (1)
[Oil Drain Pan](#) (1)
[Paper Towels](#) (1)
[12mm Socket](#) (1)
[14mm Socket](#) (1)



PARTS:

[5W-30 Motor Oil](#) (6)
[Oil Filter Toyota 4Runner 1995-2002](#) (1)

Step 1 — Oil and Oil Filter



- Make sure the engine oil is hot so it can flow out of the engine easily
- [Either drive the](#) vehicle or run the engine for about 5 minutes before starting the oil change.

Step 2



- Begin with removing the steel guard from underneath the vehicle
- [Start by removing](#) the three 12mm socket bolts located at the front of the guard.

Step 3



- [Remove the two](#) 12mm socket bolts located deep within the front plate.

Step 4



- [Remove the rear](#) bolts, but the steel guard will not fall off because it has hooks attached to the front frame.

Step 5



- [After removing all](#) the bolts, put the steel guard on the side.

Step 6



- [With the steel](#) guard removed, locate the engine oil pan and use a 14mm socket wrench to remove the drain plug.

Step 7



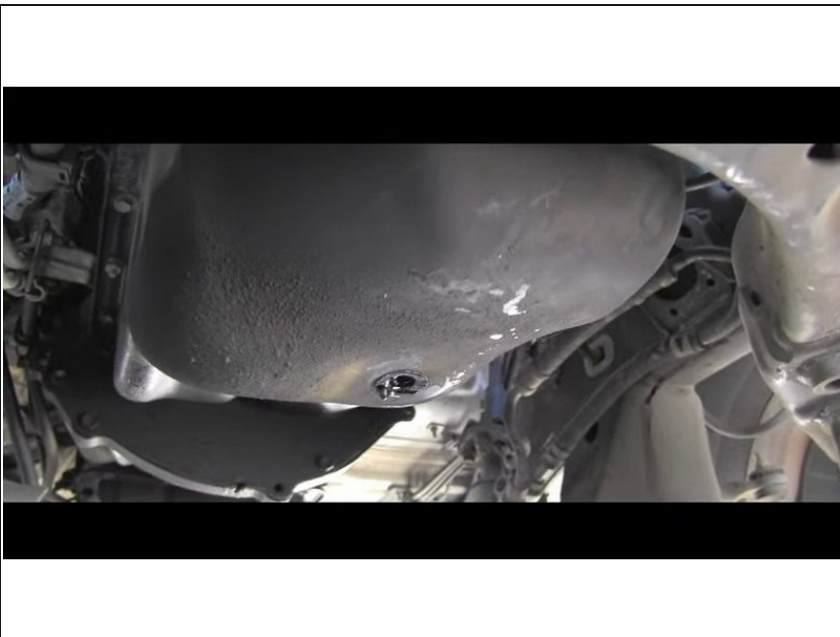
- [Let the engine](#) oil drain into the drain pan.

Step 8



- Open the filler cap located in the engine bay, which should indicate the required oil type (5W30)
- [Clean the area](#) around the cap and remove it, but place it back loosely to prevent any dirt from falling into the engine.

Step 9



- [Allow the engine](#) oil to drain for an extended period, such as 30 minutes, to ensure maximum oil removal.

Step 10



- [While the oil](#) is draining, inspect and clean the splash shield and check for any leaks.

Step 11



- Remove the old engine oil filter by reaching it from the front and coming around the lower radiator hose
- [If the filter](#) is not overtightened, you should be able to remove it by hand.

Step 12



- [Prepare the new](#) engine oil filter by applying a small amount of oil to the rubber gasket.

Step 13



- [Install the new](#) engine oil filter and hand-tighten it.

Step 14



- [Check for any](#) leaks around the newly installed oil filter.

Step 15



- Reinstall the drain plug with its washer and tighten it using the 14mm socket wrench
- Be careful not to overtighten it, as it could damage the threads on the oil pan
- [The torque for](#) the drain plug is 33 foot-pounds if you want to use a torque wrench.

Step 16



- Fill the engine with the recommended 5W-30 engine oil using a funnel
- [Add 4 quarts](#) initially, then gradually add more while checking the dipstick to avoid overfilling.

Step 17



- [Fill the engine](#) with a total of 5.5 US quarts of engine oil, as specified in the manual for an oil change with filter replacement.

Step 18



- [Start the engine](#) and let it run for a few minutes, then check for any leaks.

Step 19



- [Reinstall the steel](#) guard using the 12mm socket wrench, making sure to apply anti-seize to the bolts for easy removal in the future.

Step 20



- [Perform a test](#) drive to ensure everything is working properly.
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To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.