

# Citroen Cactus - Oil Filter Access

I have moaned before, and I will probably moan again, about certain manufactures strange positioning of service components. Positioning of the filters can make a big difference to the enjoyment of servicing the vehicle.

This 2015 Citroen Cactus 1.6 Diesel deserves a mention for the awkwardness of access to the oil filter. Sitting low down on the nearside of the engine, it is hidden by the turbo and air induction pipes. These pipes are both plastic, and I feel that after too many removal and fitting operations, will begin to lose their shape. I

was told it should be possible by removing just the large induction ducting from the front grill, but this does not allow sufficient access to correctly locate the threaded cover.

The result of this is that on older Citroens, we already see these plastic induction pipes incorrectly fitted and flopping around.

My other worry is that when removing the turbo induction pipe, to access the oil filter housing, this then leaves a gaping hole straight



**Access to the housing first requires the induction hoses to be removed, note we have covered the opening to the turbo with a glove for safety**

into the turbo. For safety sake, and to prevent the worry of something unwanted dropping into the exposed turbo, we always cover the opening as soon as the hose is removed.

Because the drain plug is built into the oil filter, fitting the new filter requires the element to be located in the base of the housing before the top can then be fitted. Caution is required due to the position to ensure the cap thread is correctly located before tightening the housing down.