

Technical Information

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Standard vs. Metric

Vehicle manufacturers such as Chrysler, Mitsubishi, and Renault have applications listed in this catalog that utilize either a METRIC 20mm or a STANDARD 3/4-16 threaded filter mounting adapter (the threaded spud that holds the filter onto the engine).

It is very important that the oil filter adapter size be verified prior to the selection and installation of a replacement oil filter. Use of a METRIC threaded filter on the STANDARD threaded mounting adapter will result in loss of oil and possible engine damage.

To ensure that you select the correct replacement filter you must first determine the correct threaded adapter for your vehicle. Provided that you have a high-quality ³/₄ inch open-end wrench with an accurate ³/₄ inch opening, follow these simple steps:

- 1. Drain oil and remove the existing filter.
- 2. Using a high quality ³/₄ inch open-end wrench try to slip the open end of the wrench over the adapter threads.
- 3. If the ³/₄" wrench fits around the threads your vehicle is equipped with the **STANDARD** ³/₄-16 filter adapter.
- 4. If the ³/₄" wrench does not fit over the threads your vehicle is equipped with a METRIC 20mm filter adapter.

The final responsibility of the oil filter selection and installation rests with the installer. If you are still unsure of the correct replacement filter for your vehicle consult your local dealer.