

How to Clean Your Stainless Steel Drain Bolt

1. WIPE OFF EXCESS OIL

Retrieve the magnetic oil drain plug. Be mindful of hot oil. Use a clean rag or paper towel to wipe away the majority of the old oil from the bolt.

2. REMOVE DEBRIS

The magnet on the bolt will have attracted fine metallic particles from the engine oil. Carefully wipe these particles off of the magnet. A lint-free rag is best to avoid leaving fibers behind. You might need to use a corner of the rag or a gloved fingertip to get into crevices.

3. INSPECT BOLT

Check the threads on the bolt for any damage or stripping. If the threads are damaged, the bolt should be replaced.

4. PREPARE FOR REINSTALLATION

Place a new copper crush washer onto the drain bolt. Ensure the new crush washer is the correct size. Reusing an old washer can lead to leaks due to a poor seal.

5. REINSTALLATION

Carefully thread the drain bolt back into the oil pan by hand. Once the bolt is snug, torque to specifications listed in your factory service manual.