



BAG IT

If you would like an excuse for not doing a basic oil change on a late model Ram Turbo Diesel Cummins, we've got it.

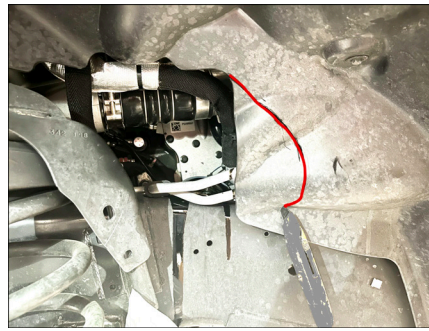
"You can't easily reach the oil filter."

Yep, the oil filter is more-than-difficult to access. Ram/Cummins engineers noted the problem and have given you an access opening in the passenger-side, plastic wheel well area. Great idea, but only someone with hands the size of a 10-year old can reach into the filter area.

The solution is to cut the plastic wheel well and make the opening larger.



Really? An opening too small for the average mechanic/DIY guy.



Here you go. Cut the opening with a hot knife. Throw the plastic scrap in the trash? Alternately, drill both sides and rehang it with zip-ties.

With the opening cut-to-size, don't forget this **BAG IT!** tip: Put a zip-loc bag around the oil filter just before the final turn to unthread the filter from the oil tube.



Wow, if you bag it there will not be a mess to have to clean up!

Next, install your new filter.

Finding the oil tube and threading the new filter onto the tube requires finesse and a bit of luck!

*After this was posted to the Turbo Diesel Register's home page, a TDR member (Smittyd174) added a comment to the post that reminded us of a tool made for oil filter removal. It "caps off" the filter so it won't leak. Available from Geno's Garage: www.genosgarage.com
Part number LC57180*



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