2008-2012 Audi A3 - Cabin Air Filter Replacement

2008-2012 Audi A3 | Easy | About 15 minutes | $20 DIY

TOOLS

Flathead screwdriver (for the two footwell panel screws) Shop vacuum or small brush (to clear leaves from the housing)

PARTS

Cabin air filter for 8P A3 $20.00

STEPS

1. **Make room in the passenger footwell - Slide the front passenger seat all the way back and** pull the floor mat out.
2. **Remove the footwell panel - Find the trim panel under the dash on the passenger side; it** is held by two screws. Back them out with a flathead screwdriver and lower the panel out of the way.
3. **Pull down the console side trim - The center console's side trim overlaps the filter** access door, so pull that trim downward to release it and expose the door.
4. **Open the access door - Locate the rectangular filter access door and open it. Behind it** you will see the filter riding in its plastic holder. Note this A3-specific detail: the filter sits in a holder frame with six right-angle tabs that lock into slots along the...
5. **Slide the holder and pull the filter - To disengage the holder, slide it toward the** passenger door; the filter will partially drop out of its housing. Pull it the rest of the way out gently - it snags on the housing edges if you rush.
6. **Fit the new filter to the holder - Line up the six tabs on the holder with the slots on** the new filter's edge and press them together until they seat, then slide the assembly back into the housing until it is fully home.
7. **Reassemble and test - Close the access door, press the console side trim back into its** clips, and reinstall the footwell panel with its two screws - snug them gently, since the plastic threads strip easily. Start the car, run the blower on high, and check for...

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