2019-2024 Audi A3 - Replace Cabin Air Filter

2019-2024 Audi A3 | Easy | 30 minutes | $25 DIY

TOOLS
Glove Compartment Support Rod

PARTS
Cabin Air Filter (OEM 5Q0819653) 5Q0819653 $25.00
Cabin Air Filter (MANN CUK26009) CUK26009 $30.00

STEPS

1. **Open glovebox and find the back-wall cover - A3 cabin filter: accessed THROUGH the** glovebox - do NOT drop or remove the glovebox. Open it, empty it, and look at the interior BACK WALL - a plastic cover there hides the filter box. No tools.
2. **Locate the interior cover - Inside the open glovebox, locate the plastic cover on the** BACK WALL, held shut by 3 locks. This is the filter-box cover - the cabin filter is directly behind it. You don't need to touch the glovebox hinges, damper, or stoppers.
3. **Remove the cover - Pry open the 3 locks holding the plastic cover on the back wall of the** glovebox interior. Remove the cover and set it aside. The filter box is now exposed - you'll see the cabin filter. Much simpler than a traditional glovebox-drop.
4. **Remove the old filter - Pull the old filter out from behind the cover. Note the airflow** arrow - it points DOWNWARD ('air flow downwards'). If the filter is dirty, that's affecting your A3's climate.
5. **Install the new filter - Slide the new filter in with the airflow arrow pointing** DOWNWARD. Ensure it's fully seated. Replace the plastic cover on the back wall - engage all 3 locks. The cover should sit flush inside the glovebox.
6. **Close up and test - Close the glovebox. That's it - there's nothing to reassemble because** you never disassembled the glovebox. Test the climate control. Replace every 15,000-20,000 miles. Note: if you have a 2021+ (8Y), verify the procedure matches - the...

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