2012-2018 Audi A6 - Cabin Air Filter Replacement

2012-2018 Audi A6 | Easy | About 20 minutes | $23 DIY

TOOLS

Flathead screwdriver (for the screw clips under the glove box) Shop vacuum (to clean the air intake shaft) Paper or rag (to protect the carpet under the filter)

PARTS

Cabin air filter, charcoal type for C7 A6 $23.00

STEPS

1. **Position the seat and kill the ignition - Move the front passenger seat as far back as it** will go and switch the ignition off. The C7 A6's cabin filter is on the passenger side under the glove box - Audi moved it here from the cowl, where the previous-generation A6 kept it, so d...
2. **Remove the screw clips - Look under the glove box for the screw clips (the expanding** plastic rivets) holding the insulation mat. Back them out with a flathead screwdriver.
3. **Drop the insulation mat - Loosen the insulation mat from its bracket and lower it out of** the way. Note the hook tabs along the glove box that seat into openings in the mat. Press the hook tabs from below to free the mat.
4. **Protect the carpet and open the shaft cover - Lay paper or a rag on the carpet under the** filter. Find the rectangular shaft cover on the air intake housing, release its catches, and pull the cover off. Set it on the passenger seat where it will not get stepped on.
5. **Pull the filter from the shaft - Slide the dust and pollen filter out of the air intake** housing shaft. Note the beveled edge on one side of the filter - that bevel must face the fresh air blower when reinstalled.
6. **Install the new filter - Slide the new filter into the shaft with the beveled edge facing** the fresh air blower, seating it fully. Push it home with even pressure on both ends - a tilted filter leaves a bypass gap along one edge where dust streams past the media.
7. **Reassemble and verify - Snap the shaft cover back on until its catches click, refit the** insulation mat over the hook tabs, and reinstall the screw clips. Start the car and run the HVAC on high through each mode. This is a once-a-year or roughly every-15,000-mile...

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