2006-2010 BMW 5 Series - Cabin Air Filter

2006-2010 BMW 5 Series | Easy | 15-30 minutes | $25 DIY

TOOLS

Screwdriver set Trim panel tool Shop vacuum or damp cloth Nitrile gloves Dust mask

PARTS

E60 cabin microfilter (activated carbon) $25.00

STEPS

1. **Park the car and open the hood - Park on level ground, switch the engine and climate** system fully off, and open the hood.
2. **Remove the rubber cowl seal - Lift the rubber weather seal strip off the cowl panel along** the base of the windshield. It is held by friction clips and pulls straight up. Set it aside without kinking it.
3. **Unfasten the cowl covers - Remove the fasteners securing the cowl cover sections -** twist-lock fasteners and screws on the E60 - and lift the passenger-side cover away. This exposes the rectangular microfilter housing underneath. Keep all fasteners together so no...
4. **Open the microfilter housing - Release the clips on the filter housing lid and lift it** off, noting the old filter's position and orientation. Vacuum or wipe leaves and debris out of the housing so they cannot fall into the blower motor.
5. **Remove the old microfilter - Slide the old pleated filter straight out, keeping it level** so trapped dust does not spill into the HVAC intake. Check the airflow arrow on the old filter so the new one goes in facing the same way.
6. **Install the new microfilter - Slide the new activated-carbon microfilter into the housing** with its airflow arrow pointing in the original direction. Make sure it lies flat and fully seated with no gaps around the edges.
7. **Refit the housing lid and cowl covers - Snap the filter housing lid back on, refit the** cowl cover sections with all of their fasteners, and press the rubber weather seal back down along its full length. Everything should sit flush with no loose edges.
8. **Test the climate system - Start the engine and run the blower through several speeds,** listening for whistling that would reveal a poorly seated filter. Confirm strong airflow from the vents and that any musty odor from the old filter is gone.

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