2004-2018 BMW 6 Series - Cabin Air Filter

2004-2018 BMW 6 Series | Easy | 20-30 minutes | $28 DIY

TOOLS

Phillips #1 screwdriver handheld vacuum
or shop vac damp rag flashlight
nitrile gloves

PARTS

Cabin air filters (pair) for 2004-2018 BMW 6 Series; verify arrows, size, and VIN/trim fitment $28.00

STEPS

1. **Park up, kill the ignition, and pop the hood - Park the 6 Series on level ground, switch** the ignition fully off, and take the key fob out of the car so the electronics stay asleep. The cabin filters on every 2004-2018 6 Series (E63/E64 coupe and convertible, F12/F13/F06 coupe, converti...
2. **Find the two filter housings at the base of the windshield - These doors are easy to spot** once you know to look for them: they sit in the cowl channel between the fenders. Stand at the front of the car and look at the cowl area right below the windshield wipers.
3. **Note the flap-door screw and hinge limit - Each flap door is held shut by one small** Phillips head screw. It only opens a limited amount; don’t force it past its stop or you’ll crack the hinge.
4. **Slide the old filters out and note which way they face - Slide each old microfilter** straight out of its channel with your fingers. Note whether your car was running standard particulate filters or the darker charcoal-activated type - the charcoal ones have a visibly black layer for odor control.
5. **Clean the housings and slide in the new filters - Take the new microfilter, confirm the** airflow arrow, and slide it into the channel in the SAME orientation the old one came out - arrow pointing toward the rear of the car.
6. **Close the flap doors and refit the screws - Swing each flap door closed until it sits** flat against its seal, then run the small Phillips screw back in. Double-check that each door lies flush: a door sitting proud means the filter behind it isn’t fully seated, and unfiltered air will...
7. **Close the hood and verify airflow, noise, and the service indicator - Close the hood** firmly - remember, on the 6 Series the fresh-air intake only opens its flap doors when the hood is shut (arms on the hood press them open), so you must test with the hood closed. Start the car, set the HVAC to fresh-air mode...

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