2016-2024 BMW M2 - Cabin Air Filter Replacement

2016-2024 BMW M2 | Easy | 15-25 minutes depending on generation | $28 DIY

TOOLS

Torx driver set (T15/T20) - mainly for the G87 housing lid Trim panel tool Headlamp Towel for the door sill Vacuum with crevice tool (optional)

PARTS

Cabin air filter for 2016-2024 BMW M2; verify arrows, size, and VIN/trim fitment $28.00

STEPS

1. **Identify which M2 generation you have - 2016-2021 (F87): microfilter behind the glove** box, accessed from the footwell after dropping a dash trim panel. 2023-2024 (G87): filter pair under the passenger-side footwell, thumb-screw trim panel and Torx-secured housing lid. Check...
2. **Clear the passenger footwell on either generation - Move the passenger seat fully** rearward, lay a towel across the door sill, and put on a headlamp. Gather a T15/T20 Torx set and a trim tool; the G87 needs the Torx driver for the housing lid.
3. **F87 (2016-2021): drop the lower dash trim - On the F87, pull the dash trim panel down** with a trim tool - clips and usually one screw. Behind it is the filter-housing cover; release its clips or tabs and pull it off. Work gently: F87 plastics get brittle.
4. **G87 (2023-2024): remove the footwell panel and housing lid - On the G87, turn the two** thumb screws 90 degrees and pull the front edge down to free the guide hooks. Disconnect the footwell-light wiring plug and unclip its retainer. Remove the Torx bolts (T15/T20) and pull the drain tube off.
5. **Remove the old filter and record its orientation - Pull the filter(s) down and out. Cabin** filters are airflow-specific and the G87's pair can sit mirrored - photograph them in the housing first. G87: press the recirculation button (ignition in accessory, engine off) before installing to...
6. **Install the new filter in the original orientation - Slide the filter up into place,** matching your photo's orientation. Never force a filter that won't seat. F87: refit the housing cover and dash trim. G87: refit the drain tube and lid, snug the Torx bolts - stop at snug.
7. **Reassemble the footwell and test the HVAC - Reconnect the footwell-light plug and refit** the trim panel - F87 clips, G87 guide hooks and thumb screws. Test fresh-air fan low to max, then recirculation: strong airflow. Footwell whistling means a mis-seated filter or loose cover.

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