2013-2018 BMW M5 - Cabin Air Filter Replacement

2013-2018 BMW M5 | Easy | 20-40 minutes | $46 DIY

TOOLS

Trim removal tool or flat-blade screwdriver
Nitrile gloves Shop vacuum or damp cloth

PARTS

Cabin air filter set (left and right elements, F10) $46.00

STEPS

1. **Open the hood and find the filter housings - Open the hood and locate the cowl area at** the base of the windshield on both sides of the engine bay. The F10 uses two separate cabin filter elements, one under each cowl cover, so plan to service both.
2. **Remove the cowl weather strip - Peel back the long rubber weather strip that runs along** the rear edge of the engine bay over the cowl. It pulls off by hand and must come off before the covers will release.
3. **Unclip the cowl covers - Release the twist-lock fasteners on each plastic cowl cover and** lift the covers away to expose the filter elements. Work the locks gently - the plastic tabs get brittle with heat and age.
4. **Remove the old filters - Lift the old filter elements straight out of their trays and** note the direction of the airflow arrows printed on their frames.
5. **Install the new filters arrows-down - Drop in the new filter elements with their airflow** arrows pointing DOWN toward the interior, matching the orientation of the old ones. Press them fully into the trays so they sit flat with no gaps around the edges.
6. **Refit the covers and weather strip - Refit both cowl covers, engaging every twist-lock** fastener until it clicks, then press the rubber weather strip back along the full length of the cowl. A loose cover will rattle and let water past the seal.
7. **Test the HVAC airflow - Start the car and run the HVAC through a few fan speeds with the** windows up. Confirm airflow feels strong and even from the vents and that no musty smell remains.

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