2014-2016 BMW X5 - Cabin Air Filter Replacement

2014-2016 BMW X5 | Easy | 20-40 minutes | $48 DIY

TOOLS

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

PARTS

Cabin air filter set (left and right elements, F15) $48.00

STEPS

1. **Locate the cowl filter housings under the hood - Open the hood of the BMW X5. You'll** service both filter elements in this job, so have the pair ready before you start.
2. **Remove the rubber weather strip - Pull the long rubber weather strip off the rear edge of** the engine bay by hand. Set it aside somewhere clean so it doesn't pick up grit that would later grind against the paint when you press it back on.
3. **Release the cowl covers - Pinch the center clip between the two plastic cowl covers to** free them, then lift the covers off to reveal the two filter elements. Work gently.
4. **Remove the old filters - Lift both old filter elements straight out. Note the airflow** arrows printed on their frames - they point downward, toward the interior, and the new pair must match.
5. **Install the new filters arrows-down - Set the new filters into the trays with their** airflow arrows pointing down, exactly as the old ones sat. Each filter should lie flat with its edges fully sealed in the tray - don't bend the frames or leave gaps that would let unfiltered...
6. **Refit the covers and weather strip - Refit both cowl covers, making sure every clip and** hook seats properly - press along the edges until nothing lifts. Then press the rubber weather strip back along the whole rear edge of the engine bay, working from one end to the other s...
7. **Test the HVAC on both air modes - Close the hood, start the X5, and cycle the climate** system through several fan speeds on both fresh-air and recirculation modes.

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