2006-2011 Buick Lucerne - Cabin Air Filter

2006-2011 Buick Lucerne | Easy | 15-25 minutes | $28 DIY

TOOLS

No tools required for the access panel
Small flathead screwdriver (helpful for the retaining lever if stiff) Flashlight (to see down into the housing) Shop vacuum or damp rag (to clean debris from the housing)

PARTS

Cabin air filter for 2006-2011 Buick Lucerne; verify arrows, size, and VIN/trim fitment $28.00

STEPS

1. **Locate the cabin air filter housing from under the hood - Park the Lucerne, shut off the** engine, and pop the hood. Unlike most sedans, the Lucerne's cabin air filter is NOT behind the glove box - it lives in the fresh-air inlet at the base of the windshield on the passenger side, between the wi...
2. **Release the two tabs and lift off the access panel - With the hood up and the** passenger-side cowl panel in view, press the two release tabs on the access panel inward toward the center of the panel. While holding the tabs in, lift the panel straight up and off the cowl opening.
3. **Release the retaining lever on the left side of the housing - Push this lever outward,** away from the filter, to free the element. If the lever is stiff from years of heat cycles, a small flathead screwdriver can help nudge it, but press gently so you do not snap the plastic pivot.
4. **Inspect the old element for packed pleats and moisture - Inspect the old element: hold it** up to daylight and check whether the pleats are packed with leaves, pine needles, and road dust, and sniff for a musty odor, which signals trapped moisture.
5. **Fold the new filter and slide it into the housing - Compare the new filter's dimensions** against the old one to confirm the same height and width before installation. Fold the new element along the same fold line the old one used, and slide it down into the housing with the same orientation...
6. **Reinstall the cowl access panel and close the hood - Lower the access panel back over the** housing opening, lining it up with the cowl cutout, and press down firmly until both tabs engage with an audible click. Run your fingers along the panel edge to confirm it sits flush with the surroundin...
7. **Verify airflow and set a replacement interval - Start the engine and set the climate** control to fresh-air mode (not recirculate) with the blower on high. Walk around and confirm strong, even airflow from all dash vents with no new whistling, rattling, or musty smell. Because this Lucern...

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