2005-2010 Chevrolet Cobalt - Cabin Air Filter

2005-2010 Chevrolet Cobalt | Easy | 15-20 minutes | $28 DIY

TOOLS
small flathead screwdriver (optional, to help unhook the cowl cover clip)

PARTS
Cabin air filter for 2005-2010 Chevrolet Cobalt; verify arrows, size, and VIN/trim fitment $28.00

STEPS

1. **Know the Cobalt's unusual filter location - Forget the glove box - the Cobalt's cabin** filter lives under the hood on the passenger side, beneath the cowl cover. Some early cars left the factory with an empty slot - confirm the filter is there before buying one.
2. **Open and secure the hood - Open the hood and lock the prop rod so it can't drift down.** Stand on the passenger side and look at the windshield base: the black cowl cover runs across it, and the filter sits under the passenger-side section.
3. **Free the cowl cover - On the left side of the cowl cover, unhook the retaining clip. Then** unclip the vacuum hose at the left and center - work gently so the hose and fittings don't crack. Lift the cover off and lay it face-up.
4. **Lift out the old filter - With the cover off, lift the filter from its tray and note** which way airflow markings face. If the slot is empty, your Cobalt never had one - drop the new filter into the empty tray in the same position.
5. **Drop in the new filter - Set the filter into the tray matching the old one's orientation.** It should drop in flat with no forcing - if it's riding up on an edge, reseat it. A crooked filter lets unfiltered air stream into the HVAC system.
6. **Refit the cowl cover and vacuum hose - Lay the cowl cover back with its edges seated** along the windshield base. Reclip the vacuum hose at the left and center mounts - tug gently to confirm it's locked - then rehook the clip. The cover should sit flush.
7. **Close up and test - Lower the hood until the latch catches twice. Start the car and run** the HVAC on high: airflow should be strong and the cowl area quiet. If you hear a rattle, the cowl cover or hose clip isn't fully seated.

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