2018-2024 Chevrolet Equinox - Replace Cabin Air

2018-2024 Chevrolet Equinox | Easy | 30 minutes | $20 DIY

TOOLS
7/32-inch nut driver

PARTS
Cabin Air Filter CF185 $20.00

STEPS

1. **Empty the glove box - Park the Equinox, set the parking brake, and open the passenger** glovebox. Empty it completely - the box drops fully during this job. Have the replacement filter ready (the 2018-2024 Equinox uses a single rectangular panel filter).
2. **Unhook the right-side latch - On the right side of the open glovebox, find the small** latch/damper arm and unhook it from its pin with gentle finger pressure - it pulls straight off. Don’t pry sideways; the plastic pin snaps easily.
3. **Squeeze and drop the glove box - Press inward on both sides of the glovebox near the rear** edges so the stop tabs clear the dash opening, then swing the box down fully on its hinges. If it binds, lift it off the hinge pivots by hand rather than forcing it.
4. **Remove the two filter-box screws - On the HVAC housing, find the filter-box lid and** remove its two retaining screws with the correct driver - set them where they can’t roll into the footwell. If a screw resists, work it gently rather than stripping the plastic boss.
5. **Release the tabs and lift the lid - Lift the lid fully clear (releasing any extra locking** tabs), then shine a flashlight into the slot and note the old filter’s airflow arrow before removal. Vacuum any leaves or debris sitting on top so nothing falls into the blower.
6. **Swap the filter, arrow down - Slide the old filter out level and bag it. Install the new** filter with the airflow arrow pointing down and seat it fully with no gaps - don’t crush the pleats. Refit the lid and its two screws snugly, without overtightening.
7. **Reinstall the glove box and verify the airflow - Swing the glovebox back up until the** stop tabs click, and rehook the right-side latch/damper arm. Start the Equinox, run the fan on fresh-air mode at full speed, and verify strong, even airflow. Replace every 12,000-15,000 miles or yearl...

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