# 2000-2007 Chevrolet Monte Carlo - Cabin Air Filter



**2000-2007 Chevrolet Monte Carlo | Easy | 20-30 minutes | $28 DIY**

**TOOLS**

Standard flathead screwdriver (for prying cowl retainers)  Shop vacuum or rag (for cowl debris)

**PARTS**

Cabin air filter for 2000-2007 Chevrolet Monte Carlo; verify arrows, size, and VIN/trim fitment $28.00

## STEPS

1. **Look under the hood, not in the cabin - This filter lives under the passenger-side cowl** vent grille, in front of the windshield - not behind the glove box. Verify the housing is there first: GM data covers 2000-2003, owners confirm it on 2006 models. No housing, no filter.
2. **Park the wipers in the up position - Switch the wipers off mid-sweep so the blades stop** raised, then turn the ignition off. This clears the wiper arms from the cowl grille - forcing the cowl out from under parked wipers is how the plastic cracks.
3. **Pull back the weatherstrip and free the washer hose - Pull the passenger-side hood** weatherstrip back from the cowl halfway. Unclip the washer hose from the cowl grille, disconnecting it from the pump rail if needed. Work gently - old brittle plastic snaps, turning a filter job into plumbing.
4. **Remove the cowl grille retainers and lift the cowl - Pop the retainers' center pins up** first, then lift them out. Bow the passenger-side cowl grille upward slightly and lift it out. On a cold day, warm the plastic with your hands - twenty-year-old cowl plastic cracks when flexed cold.
5. **Lift out the old filter - Lift the old filter straight out - expect leaves, pine needles,** and general cowl debris on top. Clear the compartment with your hand or a shop vacuum so the new filter doesn't sit in a pile of compost.
6. **Drop in the new filter and refit the cowl - Set the new filter in flat, edges inside the** sealing lip - air must pass through the media, not around it. Refit the cowl grille, retainers, and weatherstrip, and clip the washer hose back along the grille, secure and unkinked.
7. **Return the wipers and verify everything works - Close the hood and run the wipers once to** park them. Run the HVAC on high, windows up - stronger airflow, no water-drip or wind-noise from the cowl. Confirm the washer sprays. Replace the filter every 12,000-15,000 miles or yearly.

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