2004-2010 Chevrolet Optra - Cabin Air Filter

2004-2010 Chevrolet Optra | Easy | 15-20 minutes | $28 DIY

TOOLS
7mm socket with ratchet flashlight or headlamp for seeing under the dash

PARTS
Cabin air filter for 2004-2010 Chevrolet Optra; verify arrows, size, and VIN/trim fitment $28.00

STEPS

1. **Park, shut down, and make room - Park on level ground, parking brake set, ignition off.** Slide the passenger seat fully back. The filter is reached from the passenger footwell, up behind the glove box; the glove box itself never comes off.
2. **Look under the passenger-side dash - Crouch at the open passenger door and look up under** the dash behind the glove box for the long rectangular plastic cover: the cabin filter housing cover. A flashlight helps in the dark footwell.
3. **Remove the four screws around the cover - Remove the four perimeter screws with a 7mm** socket; keep a magnetic tray handy, as these small screws love the carpet. This screwed-on cover is unusual, so don't pry at the edges.
4. **Pull the cover down and out - Lower the cover away from the housing and set it aside.** Behind it you will see the edge of the filter element lying in the slot.
5. **Slide out the old filter - Slide the filter out toward you, noting the airflow arrow's** direction; once the old filter is gone, nothing in the empty slot reminds you. Optra filters often come out loaded with fine dust, so pull slowly over a rag.
6. **Install the new filter - Slide the new filter into the slot with the airflow arrow** pointing as noted. Push it fully home so it sits flat; the long shape makes it easy to leave one end hanging out.
7. **Refit the cover and test - Hold the cover up and reinstall the four screws with the 7mm** socket, snug not gorilla-tight; you're threading into plastic. Start the car, run the fan through all speeds, and confirm strong, even airflow with no new rattles.

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