2012-2020 Chevrolet Sonic - Cabin Air Filter

2012-2020 Chevrolet Sonic | Easy | 15-20 minutes | $28 DIY

TOOLS

plastic trim tool (optional) flashlight handheld vacuum or shop vac nitrile gloves

PARTS

Cabin air filter for 2012-2020 Chevrolet Sonic; verify arrows, size, and VIN/trim fitment $28.00

STEPS

1. **Park, switch off, and set up the passenger side - Park on level ground, switch the** ignition off, open the passenger door, and slide the seat all the way back. Open the glove box and empty it - you'll be disconnecting the damper and dropping the whole box.
2. **Disconnect the damper arm on the side of the box - Unhook it from its post on the box by** hand. The Sonic's box won't drop properly with the damper attached, and forcing it is the number-one way owners snap the damper post off. Set the arm aside where it won't fall behind the dash.
3. **Release the stops and remove the glove box - Squeeze both side walls of the glove box** inward to clear the stop tabs, then swing the box down and lift it off its bottom hinges. The Sonic's box comes out completely, which gives you the best working room. Set it on the back seat.
4. **Open the filter access door - Release the tabs - they unhook by hand or with a gentle** nudge from a trim tool - and swing the door open or lift it off. Note how it came off, because it only goes back one way.
5. **Pull the old filter and vacuum the slot - Slide the old filter straight out of the slot** toward you. Check the airflow arrow on its frame before discarding it. Then vacuum the empty slot and the area around the access door - the Sonic's housing collects a surprising amount of leaf...
6. **Install the new filter with the arrow matched - Slide the new filter into the slot,** airflow arrow pointing exactly the way the old one's did. Push it all the way in until it seats flush - a filter left sticking out will keep the access door from closing properly.
7. **Test the HVAC - Start the car, run the HVAC through all fan speeds and modes on fresh** air, and check for strong, even airflow with no whistling from behind the dash.

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