2001-2010 Chrysler PT Cruiser - Cabin Air Filter

2001-2010 Chrysler PT Cruiser | Easy | 20-30 minutes | $28 DIY

TOOLS

10mm socket and ratchet flathead screwdriver or plastic trim tool handheld vacuum or shop vac flashlight nitrile gloves

PARTS

Cabin air filter for 2001-2010 Chrysler PT Cruiser; verify arrows, size, and VIN/trim fitment $28.00

STEPS

1. **Park, switch off, and pop the hood - Park on level ground, switch the ignition off, and** let the engine cool. Pop the hood and prop it open.
2. **Pull the cowl weather seal off its pinch weld - It comes off by hand. Starting at one** end, pull it straight up off the pinch weld across half the cowl - the passenger-side half.
3. **Remove the four plastic clips and lift off the cowl cover - Use a flathead screwdriver or** trim tool to pop each clip out - pry under the clip head, not against the cowl, and work them out straight. Lift the entire cowl cover off and set it somewhere safe.
4. **Unbolt the washer fluid reservoir and move it aside - Remove its three 10mm bolts with a** socket and ratchet, then carefully lift and shift the reservoir to the side without disconnecting its hoses or pump wiring.
5. **Lift the old filter up and out of its housing - Lift the old filter straight up and out.** Vacuum the empty housing and the surrounding cowl channel before the new filter goes anywhere near it.
6. **Drop in the new filter and reassemble the cowl - Swing the washer reservoir back into** place and run its three 10mm bolts back in evenly. Lay the cowl cover back over the channel and press all four plastic clips home until they seat.
7. **Start the car and check the HVAC - Start the car and run the HVAC on fresh-air mode** through all fan speeds and vent positions. Check for strong, even airflow and sniff for the musty smell that a clogged PT Cruiser filter always causes - it should be gone.

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