2003-2011 Honda Element - Cabin Air Filter

2003-2011 Honda Element | Easy | 10-15 minutes | $28 DIY

TOOLS
No tools required

PARTS
Cabin air filters (pair) for 2003-2011 Honda Element; verify arrows, size, and VIN/trim fitment $28.00

STEPS

1. **Empty the glove box - Park the Element, ignition off, and open the glove box. The cabin** filter lives behind the glove box, so clear the compartment first - this is a hand-only job; no screwdrivers or sockets needed.
2. **Remove the two stoppers - Two stoppers hold the glove box up, one per side. Lift each** bottom and pull down to remove - pocket them so they don't roll into the footwell. With both out, let the box hang, exposing the filter cover.
3. **Unclip the filter cover - Behind the lowered glove box you'll see the rectangular filter** cover. Pinch the fastener on the LEFT side and pull the cover off the housing, then set it aside somewhere clean.
4. **Remove both filter elements - The Element uses TWO separate filter elements: pull the** first straight out, then slide the second left and pull it out. Each sits in its own plastic holder frame - keep each element paired with its frame.
5. **Fit the new elements arrow-down - Push the old elements out of their holder frames and** fit the new ones in. Check the arrows on the new filters and holders - on this vehicle they must point DOWNWARD. Double-check both before they go back in.
6. **Reinstall the holders and cover - Slide the two loaded holders back into the housing,** then refit the cover: insert the RIGHT side first, then push the left edge until its fastener clips - the cover should sit flat with no edge lifting.
7. **Reinstall the stoppers and test - Lift the glove box up, reinstall both stoppers - one** per side - pushing each in until it clicks. Open and close the box to confirm it stays up and latches, then run the fan to verify vent airflow.

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