1997-2002 Hyundai Tiburon - Cabin Air Filter

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TOOLS

Wrench or socket for the battery terminal Phillips screwdriver (cabin air cover retaining screw) Socket set for the junction block bracket bolts (test-fit before forcing) Flashlight Phone camera

PARTS

Cabin air filter for 1997-2002 Hyundai Tiburon; verify arrows, size, and VIN/trim fitment $28.00

STEPS

1. **Understand the Tiburon’s unusual two-element setup - Order matters in both directions -** the upper element comes out first and goes back in last. Knowing about the stacked pair before you start is what separates a 30-minute job from an hour of confusion.
2. **Disconnect the battery ground cable first - This isn’t optional caution: you’ll have live** fuse-box wiring in your hands, and one slipped wrench across two terminals is a short circuit you really don’t want.
3. **Move the junction block aside for access - Unbolt the bracket and ease the junction block** aside - you don’t need to disconnect every connector, move the assembly enough to expose the blower case and the cabin air cover.
4. **Note the airflow arrow direction - Before you disturb anything, note the airflow arrow on** the cover or the elements: the arrow must always point in the direction of airflow, and on the Tiburon that’s downward through the blower case.
5. **Pull the upper element first, then the lower - Grip the upper element - the one you can** see first - and slide it straight out of the blower case. Once it’s out, the lower element will have slid down into the vacated space; grip it and pull it out too.
6. **Install the lower element first, then the upper, arrows correct - Installation is the** mirror image: slide the new LOWER element in first, pushing it up into the far position, then slide the new UPPER element in behind it. If an element binds halfway in, pull it back and realign it rather than forcing it.
7. **Reassemble everything and verify - Refit the cabin air cover and snug its retaining screw** - firm, not gorilla-tight, into the plastic. Remount the junction block and its bracket, double-checking that every connector you disturbed is fully seated, then reconnect the batter...

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