2000-2006 Mazda MPV - Cabin Air Filter Replacement

2000-2006 Mazda MPV | Easy | 15-20 minutes | $28 DIY

TOOLS

flashlight handheld vacuum or shop vac plastic bag for the old filters nitrile gloves

PARTS

Cabin air filters (pair) for 2000-2006 Mazda MPV; verify arrows, size, and VIN/trim fitment $28.00

STEPS

1. **Park and switch off - Every 2000-2006 Mazda MPV has its cabin filter housing tucked** behind the glove box on the passenger side. Park on level ground, switch the ignition off, and open the glove box.
2. **Unhook the damper so the box can swing freely - Don’t yank the box down while the damper** is still attached or that nub snaps off and the box will flop open hard forever after.
3. **Release the stops and tilt the box down - Push inward on both side walls of the glove box** to clear the stopper tabs, then let the box tilt down on its bottom hinge toward the floor. On many 2000-2001 MPVs you can go one step further: the lower-left hinge is a pull-out design - pul...
4. **Pull the tab to release the filter cover - The filter housing has a plastic cover with a** pull tab on one side - no screws involved. Grab the tab and pull the cover straight off toward you.
5. **Pull out both filters - the MPV takes two - Pull the first filter straight out toward** you. Then slide the second filter sideways to clear its groove and pull it out too. Before discarding them, note the airflow arrows on their frames.
6. **Slide the first filter in and press the cover on - Take the first new filter and slide it** into the housing, pushing it to the right so it seats fully in its groove. Press the plastic cover back on until its tab clicks home - a loose cover lets unfiltered air bypass the filters entirely.
7. **Reinstall the glove box and verify - Tilt the glove box back up and push it past the side** stops until they engage, or reverse the hinge procedure (right hinge in, slide right, seat the left pull-out hinge). Rehook the damper arm onto its pivot. Close the box and check it open...

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