2003-2007 Saturn Ion - Cabin Air Filter Replacement

2003-2007 Saturn Ion | Easy | 15-30 minutes | $16 DIY

TOOLS
Flashlight Small vacuum or damp cloth

PARTS
Cabin air filter for 2003-2007 Saturn Ion
$16.00

STEPS

1. **Empty the glovebox - Empty the Ion's glovebox completely and open the passenger door for** light and access. Confirm the replacement filter matches the old one's dimensions before starting. Switch the ignition fully off.
2. **Lower the glovebox past its stops - Pop the glovebox's side guides or stops inward and** lower it past its normal travel. Let it hang on its hinges without forcing it - the cabin filter cover is now visible on the HVAC housing behind the opening.
3. **Open the cover and remove the old filter - Flip open the tab or unclip the filter cover;** slide the old filter straight out. Note the airflow arrow on its edge. Keep it level during removal so trapped dust doesn't spill into the blower motor.
4. **Install the new filter arrow-down - Vacuum the empty filter slot to remove accumulated** dust and any leaves. Slide the new filter in sideways with the airflow arrow pointing down, matching the original orientation. Push it fully into the slot so its edges seal.
5. **Reassemble and check airflow - Close the filter cover until its tab latches, then lift** the glovebox up and snap the side guides back into their tracks. Confirm the glovebox opens, closes, and latches properly. Run the blower on high and verify strong, fresh-smelling air...
6. **Verify on a short drive - Return the glovebox contents and drive with the HVAC on** fresh-air a few minutes - musty odors should be gone and airflow stronger. If the fan sounds strained, reopen the cover and reseat the filter.

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