

2013-2017 Subaru Crosstrek | Easy | 15-30 minutes

TOOLS

New cabin air filter (OE 72880FG000 for 2013-2017 Crosstrek) Handheld vacuum or shop vac (optional, for cleaning the filter tray) Microfiber cloth Work gloves (optional)

PARTS

Cabin air filter (OE 72880FG000, 2013-2017 Crosstrek)

STEPS

- 1 Open and empty the glovebox - Park the Crosstrek, set the parking brake, and turn the ignition off.** Open the passenger-side glovebox and remove everything inside, because the entire glovebox assembly has to drop down and swing free to expose the cabin filter housing be...
- 2 Detach the glovebox dampener arm - Look at the right side of the open glovebox door and** find the small plastic dampener arm that slows the door as it opens. Gently pop the arm off its mounting post by sliding it sideways; on this 1st-gen Crosstrek it is a simple snap-on joi...
- 3 Squeeze the glovebox sides to release it - Press inward on both side walls of the** glovebox so the plastic stoppers clear the dashboard opening. Slowly lower the glovebox door until it hangs down past its normal open position, fully revealing the filter housing cover in the cavity b...
- 4 Remove the filter housing cover - Pinch the two retaining tabs on the sides of the** rectangular filter housing cover and pull the cover straight out toward you. The cover unclips without tools, and behind it you will see the pleated cabin air filter seated in its tray. Keep...
- 5 Pull out the old filter - Grip the old cabin air filter by its edges and slide it** straight out of the housing. Take note of which way the airflow arrow printed on its frame points, because the new filter must go in the same way. Inspect the dirty filter and vacuum...
- 6 Install the new filter with the arrow up - Slide the new 2013-2017 Crosstrek cabin air** filter (OE 72880FG000) into the tray until it seats fully on both side rails. The blower motor sits below this filter and pulls air downward through it, so the printed UP arrow, or the airflow ar...
- 7 Reinstall the housing cover and glovebox - Snap the filter housing cover back onto the** tray until both side tabs click, confirming it is sealed against the filter frame. Lift the glovebox back up, guiding the bottom hinges into their slots in the dash. Squeeze the glovebox sides in...
- 8 Reattach the dampener arm and test - Snap the dampener arm back onto its mounting post on** the right side of the glovebox door. Open and close the glovebox a few times to confirm it swings smoothly with damping restored and does not drop abruptly. Start the engine, run the HVA...