2010-2014 Volkswagen Golf - Cabin Air Filter

2010-2014 Volkswagen Golf | Easy | 15-25 minutes | $14 DIY

TOOLS
Dust mask

PARTS
Cabin air filter, charcoal type for Mk6 Golf $14.00

STEPS

1. **Position for footwell access - Open the front passenger door of the 2010-2014 Volkswagen** Golf and slide the seat fully rearward for working room. FCP Euro's Mk6 guide confirms no tools are needed - the twist fasteners and sliding lid are all hand-operated.
2. **Drop the carpeted trim panel - Look under the glovebox near the lower air vents for the** two twist fasteners in the carpeted trim panel. Confirm both fasteners are actually loose before you pull; yanking against a fastener that's still threaded is how the trim cracks.
3. **Slide the housing lid toward the wheel well - Push it steadily sideways until it clears** the opening. Years of heat cycling can make it stiff, so use firm, even pressure rather than a hard yank that could break the lid's rails.
4. **Remove the old filter - Pull the old filter straight down and out of the housing. The Mk6** Golf and GTI share this exact housing, so GTI walkthrough videos apply directly to the Golf.
5. **Install the new filter straight and true - Keep it straight as it goes in - don't bend or** force it, because a kinked filter leaks unfiltered air around its frame. A properly seated filter sits flush with no gaps.
6. **Reassemble and test on high - VW's pollen-filter schedule is typically every two years or** 20,000 miles; city drivers should check it yearly.

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