2015-2021 Volkswagen Golf S - Replace Cabin Air

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TOOLS

Flathead Screwdriver Phillips Head Screwdriver Trim Removal Tool 10mm Socket Ratchet Wrench Gloves Flashlight

PARTS

Activated Charcoal Cabin Air Filter CUK26009 $25.00
OEM Cabin Air Filter 5Q0819653A $18.00

STEPS

1. **Release the glovebox via top tabs - The 2018-2023 Golf S (Mk7) cabin filter is BEHIND THE** GLOVEBOX. You need a new pollen filter. Open and empty the glovebox, press the two TOP-CORNER tabs inward, and let it swing down. Detach the stopper strap if present.
2. **Locate the filter box - With the glovebox down, look behind it for the filter box/cover** on the HVAC housing. Note: Mk7 forums also discuss cowl/intake-area filters - those are aftermarket secondary filters, NOT the main cabin filter.
3. **Carefully remove the filter cover - Remove the filter cover by pressing or gently prying** its clips/tabs - the tabs snap off easily, so work carefully around the cover. Set the cover aside; the pollen filter is now visible.
4. **Remove the old filter - Pull the old pollen filter out. Note the airflow direction - the** arrow points toward the bulkhead (firewall). A dirty filter is why the HVAC feels weak. Handle the cover tabs delicately; they’re fragile.
5. **Install the new filter - Slide the new filter in with the airflow arrow toward the** bulkhead (firewall), fully seated. Reinstall the filter cover - engage the clips/tabs gently; don’t force, they break easily. The cover should sit flush.
6. **Reassemble and test - Swing the glovebox back up until the top-corner tabs click.** Reattach the stopper strap if your version has one. Close the glovebox and test the HVAC. Replace every 15,000-20,000 miles.

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