

MiTo Cabin Pollen Filter

The cabin filter (or pollen filter) performs an important role for your MiTo and should be changed with every service or at least annually. The filter traps dust, pollen, pollutants and mould spores that come through the MiTo's HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) system.

All MiTos have the same filter which is part number 55702456 and is readily available typically for no more than £15. But people often don't bother to change it – they just change the oil and filter and possibly the air filter and think their MiTo is serviced.

If you have recently bought a used MiTo, be sure to check the cabin filter and replace it if it does not look new.

Accessing and replacing the filter could not be simpler, though it could be slightly more convenient. It is in the passenger footwell, behind the access panel, and no tools are required to change it. However, I strongly recommend that you wear disposable gloves and carefully put the used filter in a carrier bag, seal it and put it in the dustbin. Whilst the materials used the manufacture of the filter are recyclable, the nature of the pollutants contained within it are such that it is best to dispose of in the rubbish rather than recycling.

1. Remove Trim Panel

In the passenger footwell, remove the side trim panel by gently pulling the grille at the bottom of the panel (see Pic. 1.) until it pops out, then gently pull from the top until the panel pops out.

2. Remove Cabin Filter Cover

The cabin filter is housed behind a cover which is a vertical black plastic component visible up in the corner of the footwell (see Pic. 2).

No tools are needed to remove the cover; simply pull the plastic retaining clip at the bottom of the cover outwards until it comes free, then lift the cover as it basically 'hangs' from the top.

3. Remove Old Cabin Filter

With the cover off, you will see your existing cabin filter and it will likely look dirty like Pic. 3. Do not remove the filter unless you are wearing disposable gloves as the filter could contain harmful contaminants and spores. And have a bin bag, plastic bag or carrier bag ready to put the filter in.

Gently pull the filter out, alternating the pulling between the top and the bottom of the filter. Do this process gently and slowly to avoid any contaminants entering your car or your carpets, and immediately put the filter gently into your bag for disposal and

seal the bag by either tying it or taping the top to retain any nasty stuff.

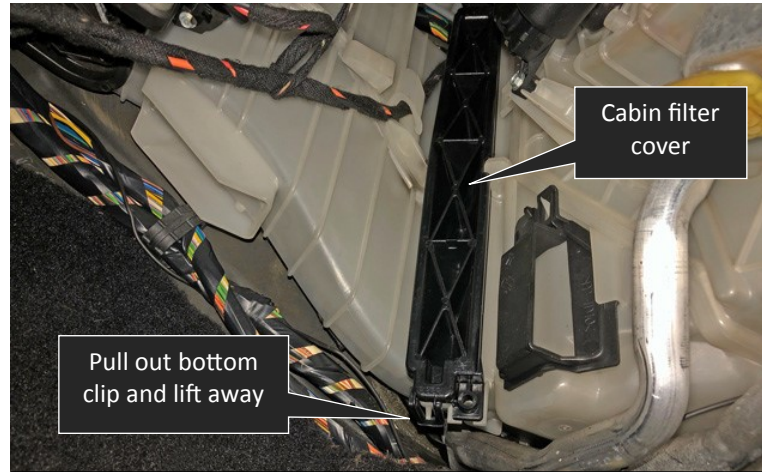
4. Insert New Cabin Filter

Gently push the new filter in, alternating pushing the top and bottom until it goes in complete-

ly and securely (see Pic. 4).

5. Replace Cabin Filter Cover

Replace the filter cover by 'hanging' the top of the cover on the filter housing then clipping the bottom retaining clip firmly into place (so it looks like Pic. 2).



Pic. 2. - Remove cabin filter cover (pull out from bottom and lift)



Pic. 3. Cabin filter is exposed, remove with gloves and bag it



Pic. 1 - Gently remove the trim panel by pulling away



Pic. 4. Gently push new filter into the housing