

Replaced my filters and figured I'd post some pics. It's very basic and simple wrenching so I guess a lot of people don't need it but for anyone that want to do this but have doubts on going at anything under the hood: enjoy.

The replacement interval on my car is 60.000kms, on smaller engines even up to 90.000kms. Knowing how dirty it gets though I replace mine yearly regardless of mileage.

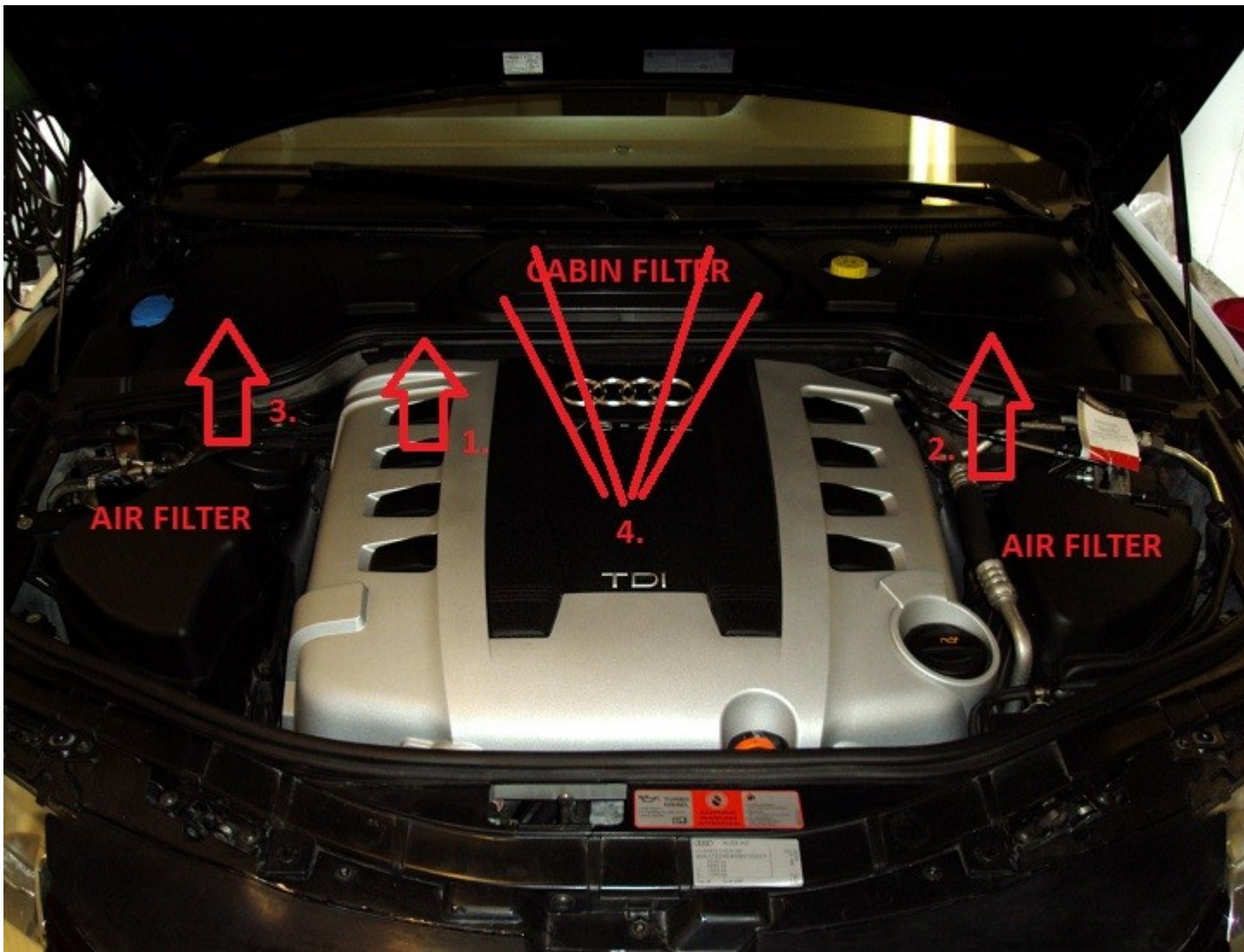
I paid around 120bucks for 2 air filters and a charcoal cabin filter, all made by Hengst Germany who is an OE manufacturer. I tried cheaper non-charcoal cabin filters on other cars but always ended up disappointed so no more cheaping out for me. Especially not on this kind of car.

Procedure takes around 30min and only requires a vacuum cleaner, philips screwdriver for the air filter and the cabin filter screws can be removed with a quarter :-)) I'd rate the difficulty a 0,5 on a 10 level scale.

The car is new to me so the current filters had around 60kkm on them. I will not wait until they get this dirty again...



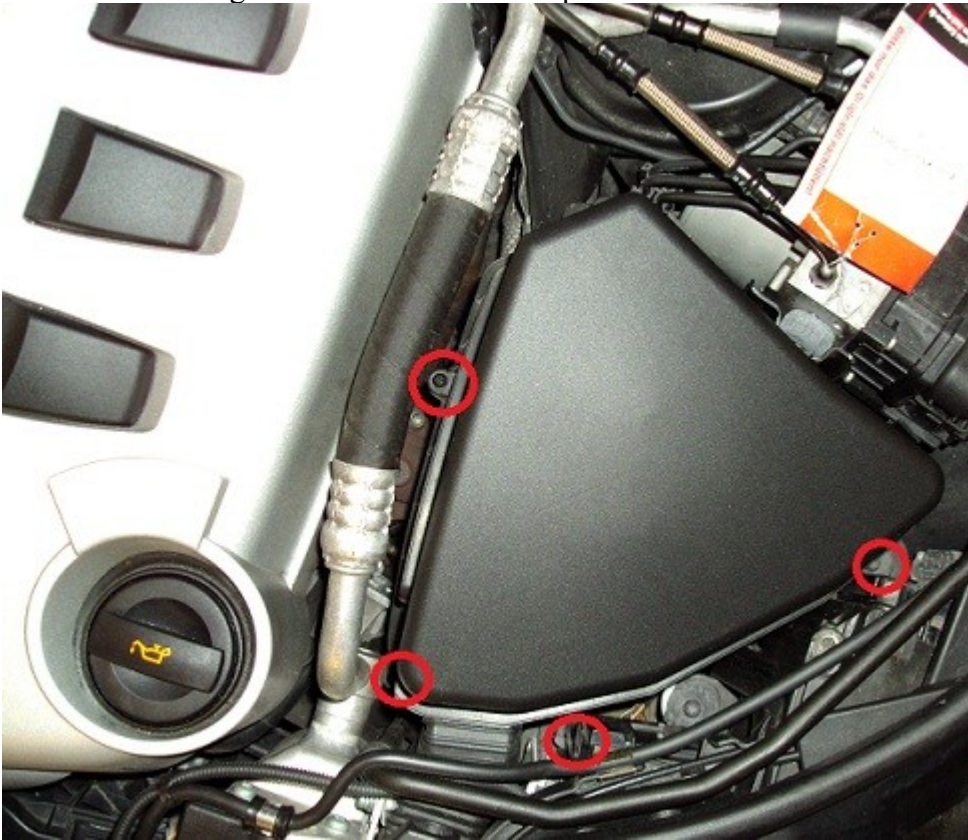
Off to work starting with the cabin filter.



1. Remove the black rubber strip. Just pull it off.
2. Remove the black cover for coolant and brake fluid containers
3. Remove the other side of the cover
4. Take a flat screwdriver, coin or similar and turn the 4 plastic screws on the filter cover 1/4 turn
5. Remove the filter housing, replace the filter and reverse the above. Done!

On to the air filters.

1. The cover sits with 5 philips screws, see picture. Remove them and then remove the cover + filter. The plastic tube directing air into the box is only pushed in place. Behold the mess inside the box....clean out cigarette butts and other crap.



2. Remove the little air duct in the cover and put it back in the box. Note there are slots to guide it right. Put the new filter there, put the cover back and tighten the screws. Repeat on the other filter box, if you have one. Done!

