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**BMW 3-Series (92-98) & Z3 (96-98) Haynes Online Manual**

## 16 Pollen filter replacement

### Models without air conditioning

- 1 Working in the engine compartment, remove the rubber seal from the top of the heating/ventilation system inlet and release the grille from the inlet. On models where the grille is an integral part of the windshield wiper motor cover panel, to improve access remove the wiper arms and remove the one-piece cover panel (see [Chapter 12](#) ).
- 2 Remove the retaining screws and free the wiring harness duct from the inlet duct.
- 3 Loosen and remove the retaining screws and retaining plate and remove the inlet from the firewall. **Note:** *On six-cylinder engines it may be necessary to remove the injector and spark plug covers from the engine to enable the inlet to be removed.*
- 4 Depress the retaining clips and remove the pollen filter(s) from the side of the blower motor housing.
- 5 Clip the new filter(s) onto the housing and install all disturbed components by reversing the removal procedure.

### Models with air conditioning

- 6 Remove the heating/ventilation system control unit (see [Chapter 3](#) ).
- 7 Remove the retaining screws then slide the driver's side lower dash panel to the side, to release its retaining clips, and remove it from the vehicle.
- 8 Unclip the air duct from the side of the air distribution housing.
- 9 Remove the retaining screws and pivot the control unit mounting bracket forwards to gain access to the pollen filter housing.
- 10 Release the retaining clip by rotating it counterclockwise then remove the cover from the side of the air distribution housing and slide out the pollen filter.

**11** Install the new pollen filter then install the cover, securing it in position with the retaining clip.

**12** Install the control unit mounting bracket screws and tighten them securely.

**13** Install the air duct and lower dash panel.

**14** Install the control unit (see [Chapter 3](#)).

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