2013-2022 Acura ILX - Cabin Air Filter Replacement

2013-2022 Acura ILX | Easy | 15-25 minutes | $20 DIY

TOOLS

Trim tool or flat screwdriver (optional) Flashlight Gloves Vacuum or rag for debris

PARTS

Cabin air filter $20.00

STEPS

1. **Prep and empty the glovebox - Park the ILX on level ground with the parking brake set and** ignition off. The cabin filter sits behind the glovebox - empty it completely. Acura's typical schedule is a new filter every 12 months or 15,000 miles.
2. **Expose the filter door - Press inward on both sides of the open glovebox near the back** and pull it toward you - the box drops out of its side tracks. Behind it, squeeze the cover's two side tabs and pull straight off.
3. **Remove the old filter and clean - Slide the old filter out, noting its airflow arrow** direction first. Wipe or vacuum the empty slot so debris doesn't reach the blower wheel. Squeeze both cover tabs simultaneously - working one side at a time binds the cover.
4. **Install the new filter - Push the new filter fully in with the airflow arrow pointing** DOWN - backward installation is the classic ILX error and cuts cooling noticeably. Seat it flat with no bent frame or edge gaps, then clip the cover until both tabs latch.
5. **Reassemble and verify airflow - Push the glovebox forward while squeezing the side slits** so it re-seats into its tracks, then close it. Run the fan through several speeds on fresh air - confirm strong, clean airflow with no rattles or odor.

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