

2010-2012 Acura RDX | Easy | 10-15 minutes

TOOLS

New cabin air filter (80292-STK-A01 or AQ1058) Flashlight (optional, for visibility) Shop vacuum (optional, to clean housing)

PARTS

Cabin air filter 80292-STK-A01 (or AQ1058 equivalent)

STEPS

- 1 Open the glove box - Sit in the passenger seat of your 2010-2012 Acura RDX and open the glove box fully.** The cabin air filter is located behind the glove box on the passenger side of the dashboard. Empty any contents from the glove box to prevent items from falling out.
- 2 Detach the glove box damper - Locate the small damper arm on the right side of the glove box that controls how quickly it opens.** Gently unhook the damper arm from the glove box by pulling it outward. This allows the glove box to swing down further than normal, providing access to the filter.
- 3 Release the glove box stops - Push inward on both sides of the glove box to release the stop tabs that prevent it from dropping fully.** Once both sides are released, the glove box will pivot downward on its hinges, hanging freely. This exposes the rectangular cabin filter housing.
- 4 Remove the filter access cover - Locate the plastic cover on the HVAC housing behind where the glove box was.** Press the tabs on the sides of the cover to release it, then pull the cover straight out. Set the cover aside in a safe place. You will now see the edge of the filter housing.
- 5 Remove the old cabin filter - Grasp the exposed edge of the old cabin filter and slide it straight out of the housing.** Note the orientation of the filter, particularly the airflow direction arrows printed on the frame. The 2010-2012 RDX uses filter part 80292-STK-A01 or AQ1058.
- 6 Install the new cabin filter - Insert the new cabin air filter into the housing slot with the airflow arrows pointing in the same direction as the old filter (typically pointing down or toward the rear).** Slide the filter fully into the housing until it seats properly. Ensure the filter is fully seated.
- 7 Reinstall the access cover - Align the filter access cover with the housing opening and press it firmly until the side tabs click into place.** Tug gently on the cover to confirm it is secure. A loose cover can allow unfiltered air to bypass the filter, reducing HVAC performance.
- 8 Reattach the glove box - Lift the glove box back into position and push inward on the sides to re-engage the stop tabs.** Reconnect the damper arm on the right side by snapping it back onto the glove box post. Close the glove box and verify it opens and closes smoothly.