2005-2012 Acura RL - Cabin Air Filter Replacement

2005-2012 Acura RL | Easy | 20-30 minutes | $28 DIY

TOOLS

Phillips screwdriver Small flat-head screwdriver (for the light connector and clips) Magnetic parts tray for the screws and bolt Vacuum with a crevice attachment

PARTS

Cabin air filter for 2005-2012 Acura RL; verify arrows, size, and VIN/trim fitment $28.00

STEPS

1. **Prep and empty the glovebox - The 2005-2012 Acura RL is the second-generation RL, sold as** the KB1 from 2005-2008 and the facelifted KB2 from 2009-2012. Open and empty both the glovebox and the small document tray above it, and park with the ignition off.
2. **Remove the dashboard under cover - First remove the passenger's dashboard under cover. Do** not let the cover dangle by the light wire - support it with one hand while you work the connector free with the other.
3. **Remove the glovebox housing - With the under cover off, open the glovebox and the** document tray and remove the lid. Lift the whole glovebox housing out of the car and set it aside; you are now looking at the evaporator with the filter assembly inside it.
4. **Pull the filter assembly - Pull the dust and pollen filter assembly straight out of the** evaporator. The assembly is two parts: the filter (A) sitting inside a housing (B).
5. **Inspect and clean the housing - Vacuum any leaves or debris out of the evaporator opening** while you have access. Slide the old filter out of its housing and give the housing a wipe.
6. **Install the new filter - Set the new filter into the housing exactly as the old one sat,** with the airflow arrow facing the same way. Slide the assembly back into the evaporator and push it fully home. The factory service procedure specifically warns to make sure t...
7. **Reassemble and verify - Reinstall in reverse: glovebox housing with its screws and bolt,** the lid and document tray, the dashboard under cover (reconnect the ambient light first, then seat the pins and clips). Start the car and run the HVAC through the vents on hi...

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