2014-2020 Acura RLX - Cabin Air Filter Replacement

2014-2020 Acura RLX | Easy | 10 minutes | $28 DIY

TOOLS
Flashlight Small vacuum or shop towel

PARTS
Cabin air filter for 2014-2020 Acura RLX; verify arrows, size, and VIN/trim fitment
$28.00

STEPS

1. **Prep the passenger footwell - The RLX - base and Sport Hybrid alike - puts its single** cabin filter behind the glove box. This is a five-to-ten-minute job with no tools required; keep the new filter and a flashlight within reach.
2. **Lower the glove box past its stops - Detach the damper arm on the right by pressing it** off its pin, then squeeze both sides of the glove box inward to clear the stop tabs. Let the box swing down - do not pull it off its hinges.
3. **Press the tabs and remove the cover - Press the tabs on each side of the filter housing** cover and pull it off by hand. If you see screws, you are looking at the fuse panel - not the filter housing.
4. **Swap the filter, matching the arrow - Slide the old filter out and snap a photo of the** airflow arrow on its frame. Vacuum the empty housing - the wide slot collects plenty of leaf debris. Slide the new filter in arrow pointing the same way, pressed home so the edges seal.
5. **Click the cover back into place - Set the cover back on and press until both side tabs** click - an unlatched cover will buzz or whistle at higher blower speeds. Give it a light tug to confirm it is seated.
6. **Rehang the glove box and damper - Swing the glove box up, squeeze the sides so the stop** tabs clear the dash, and push until they snap home. Reattach the damper arm and close the box - resistance means a stop tab missed its slot.
7. **Test every blower speed - Cycle the HVAC through every blower speed, including defrost -** airflow should feel strong and even, with no whistling. If mustiness lingers after a few drives, the evaporator needs cleaning. Change the filter yearly or about every 15,000...

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