

2017-2020 Kia Cadenza | Easy | 15-30 minutes

TOOLS

Flashlight Trim tool or flat-blade
screwdriver (optional, for stubborn tabs)

PARTS

Cabin air filter for 2017-2020 Kia Cadenza
(AQ1240 type / OE 97133-3R000 equivalent)

STEPS

- 1 Park, switch off, and empty the glove box - Park the Cadenza on level ground and switch the ignition fully off so the blower motor cannot run while you work. Open the front passenger door for working room and take everything out of the glove b...**
- 2 Detach the glove box damper arm - Look at the right side of the open glove box for the small plastic damper arm that slows the glove box as it drops. Pull the damper arm straight off its mounting pin on the glove box side rather than...**
- 3 Lower the glove box past its stoppers - Place one hand on each side wall of the glove box and squeeze them inward toward the center. This flexes the plastic enough for the side stoppers to clear the dashboard opening, letting the glove box...**
- 4 Locate the cabin filter cover - Look into the cavity behind the lowered glove box for the rectangular plastic filter cover on the HVAC housing. On the YG Cadenza it sits on the back wall of the glove box opening, held by tabs or sm...**
- 5 Remove the filter cover - Release the tabs or clips holding the filter cover and pull the cover straight out of the housing. Set the cover aside somewhere it will not get stepped on. If a tab feels stuck, wiggle the cover sid...**
- 6 Slide out the old filter and note its direction - Pull the old cabin filter straight out of the slot and look at the airflow arrow printed on its frame. Note whether the arrow points up or down, because the new filter must go in the same way. Take a...**
- 7 Compare the new filter to the old one - Hold the new filter next to the old one and confirm the size, shape, and pleat direction match. A filter for the 2017-2020 Cadenza should drop into the slot without forcing. If the new filter looks l...**
- 8 Install the new filter with the arrow correctly oriented - Slide the new filter into the housing with its airflow arrow pointing the same direction as the old one. Push it in until it seats fully and evenly in the slot. A filter installed backwards still fit...**
- 9 Reinstall the filter cover - Fit the filter cover back over the housing and press until its tabs or clips click into place. Tug gently on the cover to confirm it is locked and there are no gaps around its edges. An unsealed cove...**
- 10 Raise the glove box and reattach the damper - Lift the glove box back up, squeezing the side walls inward so the stoppers clear the dashboard opening again. Push the damper arm back onto its mounting pin until it seats. Close the glove box, star...**