2004-2012 Mitsubishi Galant - Cabin Air Filter

2004-2012 Mitsubishi Galant | Easy | 15-20 minutes | $28 DIY

TOOLS

Phillips screwdriver Flashlight New cabin air filter for 2004-2012 Galant (or OE-style retrofit kit with snap-on cover) Box cutter (retrofit only) Small vacuum or shop towel

PARTS

Cabin air filter for 2004-2012 Mitsubishi Galant; verify arrows, size, and VIN/trim fitment $28.00

STEPS

1. **Gather tools and know the equipment split - Empty the glove box. The filter hides above** the blower fan - but early-2004 cars left the factory filterless with the opening sealed. You need a Phillips screwdriver and flashlight; retrofitting needs a box cutter and the OE-style filter...
2. **Remove the glove box completely - Detach the tension cord on the right side, then squeeze** both sides inward to release the stops. Unhook the box from the dash and lift it clear - the Galant's box comes fully off rather than just hanging.
3. **Remove the screwed-on backing panel - Behind the glove box sits a backing panel held by** Phillips screws - the Galant-specific quirk, since most cars expose the housing directly. Remove the screws and pull the panel out; don't try to work around it.
4. **Check: filter cover or sealed knockout? - Look above the blower fan for a 2-by-12-inch** opening. A snapped-on cover means your car has the filter - snap it off and note the arrow. A flat rectangle with an indentation is the sealed knockout: no filter ever installed.
5. **Replace the filter or retrofit the opening - Slide the filter in with the arrow matching** the old one and snap the cover on. To retrofit a knockout, cut the rectangle with a box cutter, keeping shavings out of the blower; the Mitsubishi kit includes the snap-on cover.
6. **Reinstall the panel and glove box - Reinstall the backing panel and its screws, then** rehang the glove box: hook it to the dash, squeeze the sides past the stops, and reattach the tension cord. Confirm the box latches smoothly - a pinched cord makes it droop.
7. **Test the blower at every speed - Run the blower through all speeds - airflow should be** strong and even, no rattling behind the dash. If you retrofitted, expect a big improvement. Replace the filter about once a year; TYC lists a 12,000-mile interval.

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