2005-2015 Nissan Xterra - Cabin Air Filter

2005-2015 Nissan Xterra | Easy | 10 minutes | $28 DIY

TOOLS
None required - hand work only

PARTS
Cabin air filters (pair) for 2005-2015 Nissan Xterra; verify arrows, size, and VIN/trim fitment Fram CF10553 $28.00

STEPS

1. **Park, shut down, and empty the glove box - Park on level ground, engine fully off,** passenger door open. The Xterra's cabin microfilter sits behind the glove box and takes no tools. Empty the glove box so nothing spills when it swings down.
2. **Swing the glove box down on its cord - Open the glove box and press both side walls** inward until the stop pins clear the frame, then swing the box down. It hangs by its retaining cord - by design - so don't unhook it; let it dangle.
3. **Unfasten the filter access door - Behind the lowered glove box you'll see the HVAC** housing and the cabin filter access door held shut by a clasp. Unfasten the clasp and remove the door - keep them together so neither disappears behind the dash.
4. **Remove the two stacked filters - Slide the old filters out - the Xterra uses two short** filters stacked together (not one long one), like its Frontier and Pathfinder platform siblings. Note which way the airflow arrows point so the new filters match.
5. **Install both new filters flat - Slide both new filters in one at a time, airflow arrows** matching the old filters' direction. Seat each fully flat before adding the next - they should slide in without force.
6. **Close the door and raise the glove box - Reinstall the access door and fasten its clasp -** tug it to confirm the latch, since a loose door rattles over bumps. Press both sides of the glove box inward and raise it until the stop pins reengage.
7. **Test the blower on high - Close the glove box, ignition on, and run the blower to high** with the A/C on. Confirm strong, even airflow and no rattling - weak airflow usually means a filter isn't seated flat or the access door didn't latch.

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