2011-2016 Scion tC - Cabin Air Filter Replacement

2011-2016 Scion tC | Easy | 10-15 minutes | $18 DIY

TOOLS

Flashlight or phone light Clean shop towel or rag Small vacuum nozzle (helpful for leaves and debris)

PARTS

Cabin air filter (correct for 2011-2016 Scion tC) $18.00

STEPS

1. **Empty and open the glove box - Park the tC, set the parking brake, ignition off. On this** second-generation tC (ANT20), the filter sits behind the passenger-side glove box. Empty the glove box - past its stops, anything left inside falls into the dash and rattles.
2. **Pop off the hydraulic-style damper cylinder - At the bottom-right of the open glove box,** find the damper - a small cylinder. It pops off its ball stud: pull outward with your fingers while steadying the box with the other hand. Set it where it won't roll.
3. **Squeeze the side tabs and drop the glove box - Squeeze one glove box side tab inward and** pull that side free, then do the other - one side at a time. Rotate the box down on its lower hinges until it hangs fully open, exposing the filter housing cover.
4. **Unlatch the filter housing cover - Unlatch both top-edge tabs of the filter housing cover** and swing it down and out - work both tabs together; forcing one side snaps the other. Set the cover aside.
5. **Slide the old filter out and note the arrow - Note the airflow arrow on the old filter** first - on this car it points downward toward the footwell. Pull the filter straight toward you, level and slow, so pleat dust doesn't spill into the clean side of the duct.
6. **Install the new filter and close the cover - Vacuum leaves and debris from the housing.** Slide the new filter in arrow-down toward the footwell until flat and square. Swing the cover up; press its two top tabs until they click - a gap lets unfiltered air bypass.
7. **Reassemble the glove box and verify - Swing the glove box closed, squeezing the side tabs** past the dash. Snap the damper onto its ball stud - feel it seat. Run the HVAC on high; airflow should be strong and even. Replace the filter every 15,000-30,000 miles.

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