2010-2024 Toyota 4Runner - Cabin Air Filter

2010-2024 Toyota 4Runner | Easy | 10-15 minutes | $28 DIY

TOOLS
Phillips #2 screwdriver shop vacuum or damp cloth flashlight

PARTS
Cabin air filter for 2010-2024 Toyota 4Runner; verify arrows, size, and VIN/trim fitment $28.00

STEPS

1. **Confirm fitment and locate the filter - Fifth-gen 4Runner (2010-2024) dashboards barely** changed: the cabin (A/C) filter sits behind the glove box on all of them. Tool-light job - one Phillips screw on the damper arm. Buy a filter listed for your year and clear the passenger...
2. **Prep the car and empty the glove box - Ignition off, key or fob with you so the blower** stays off. Empty the glove box completely - it'll hang on its hinges and dump everything. You need only a Phillips screwdriver, plus a flashlight to see the housing.
3. **Detach the damper arm and drop the glove box - Press both glove-box side walls inward** together to slip the stoppers past the dash frame; let it hang on its hinges - it doesn't need to come off.
4. **Open the housing cover and remove the old filter - Press latches inward, pull the cover,** slide the old filter out. Note its orientation - the lid is marked UP, and many filters print UP rather than an airflow arrow; install the new one exactly as the old sat.
5. **Clean the housing and prep the new filter - Vacuum or wipe the empty housing and cover -** trail dust, leaves, crumbs. Peek at the blower wheel below the slot for debris; dirt-road 4Runners collect it there.
6. **Install the filter and reassemble - Slide the new filter in flat so it seals evenly;** press the cover until both latches click. Open and close the box to confirm smooth motion and that the damper slows its fall.
7. **Test the HVAC and set your interval - Start up, run the fan low to high on fresh-air** mode: strong airflow at the passenger vents, no whistling (whistling = cover latches unseated). Inspect yearly per Toyota's schedule; trail and dust use means checking every few months.

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