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INTRODUCTION

Cabin air filter inspection is recommended every maintenance interval, with replacement every 12,000 miles (more often if parking under trees or driving on dirt roads). Neglected filters may become clogged, resulting in either decreased airflow or reduced air quality into the vehicle interior.

Replacing your own cabin air filter is both economically resourceful and time-saving. You could perform this service yourself, excluding part shipping, usually in less time than it would take to schedule the service.

Aftermarket cabin filters often perform just as well as OEM filters, sometimes better, and often for less. They may also incorporate additional enhancements, such as the inclusion of carbon particles for improved odor filtration.

Overall, this is a simple procedure only requiring a standard flat screwdriver. Other than recommending the vehicle be switched off, no safety concerns have been identified.



TOOLS:

- [Flathead Screwdriver](#) (1)



PARTS:

- [Cabin Air Filter \(OEM\), Subaru \(Forester\)](#) (1)
72880FG000
- [Optional: Reusable K&N aftermarket Cabin Air Filter](#) (1)
VF2055
washable and reusable
- [Purolator, C36115](#) (1)
- [EPAuto CP285](#) (1)
Charcoal Cabin Air Filter

Step 1 — Cabin Air Filter



- ⓘ Ensure the vehicle is shut off with the key removed from the ignition before you begin.
- Open the glovebox located on the passenger side.

Step 2



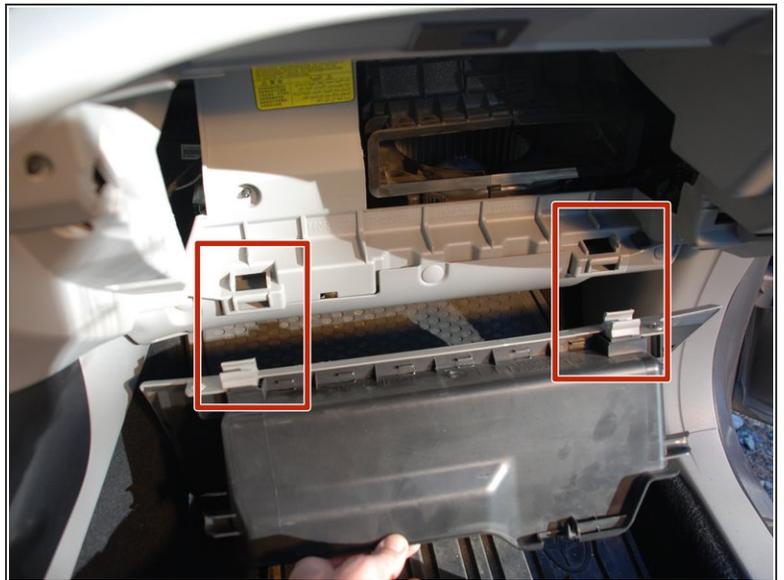
- Unhook the glovebox retention arm from the side of the glovebox by squeezing the clip together with your fingertips, and prying the arm off the lower connection point only.
- Gently push the arm up and half way in to prevent accidental breakage.

Step 3



- Starting on either the left or right side, insert screwdriver blade tip into the small catch ramp until it releases.
- Repeat inserting screwdriver blade tip on opposite side of glovebox and catch ramp until both sides are released and glovebox falls freely open.

Step 4



- Remove the glovebox by pulling horizontally away from its (C shaped) hinge points.

Step 5



- Open door to filter compartment to access filter.
- Remove filter media.
- ☑ Note orientation of filter for reinsertion.

Finally, to reinstall the clean cabin air filter, simply follow these same instructions, but in reverse order.

Purchasing and replacing your own cabin filter is simple, time-saving, and resourceful. Congratulations on a job well done!