

# AutoShack Weekly Tip



- If you start sneezing or coughing when you turn on your AC or heat it may be time to change your **cabin air filter**.
- On most vehicles the cabin air filter usually sits behind the glove box on the front passenger side.
- Most people confuse this with the engine air filter.
- This confusion stems from the fact that the engine air filter is usually referred to as air filter-obscuring the fact that there is another air filter called the cabin air filter.
- The cabin air filter cleans the air entering the passenger compartment (cabin) by catching dust, pollen and other respiration unfriendly air borne material.

The cabin air filter is usually located behind the glove box on the passenger side of the vehicle.



## A clean vs clogged cabin air filter



- **How often should I replace my cabin air filter?**

- It is recommended that you change your cabin air filter once a year or every 12000 to 15000 miles, whichever comes first.
- If you have allergy problems with dust and pollen or any respiratory problems, it is advisable to change at least twice a year. For instance people who suffer dust-induced asthma should change it more often.

- **How can I tell I need a new cabin air filter?**

- The best way to track the need for a new air filter is to make a note of the last change. You can then change it again after 1 year, 6 months, or at whatever interval you choose.
- Getting a pungent smell in the cabin area when you turn your AC or heat on may indicate it is time for cabin air filter replacement.
- Reduced flow of air into the cabin when you turn your AC or heat on may be indicative of a clogged air filter.
- Sometimes a low whistling sound when the AC or heat is turned on indicates a clogged air filter. It's the air trying to force its way through the filter

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