

AutoFrontiers

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Retrofit Cabin Air Filter Kit - Installation, Safety, Airflow, Warranty, and Legal Notice

IMPORTANT: READ BEFORE INSTALLING OR OPERATING THE HVAC FAN. Do not operate the blower fan unless the filter housing is fully seated, secure, flush with the intake opening, and clear of the blower fan.

Purpose and Scope

Thank you for purchasing an AutoFrontiers retrofit cabin air filter kit. AutoFrontiers is a brand of Layerforge Industries LLC. This product is an independent aftermarket retrofit filtration product for certain vehicles that were not originally equipped with this specific cabin air filter system. This notice supplements, and does not replace, the included Installation Guide, product-page instructions, and AutoFrontiers Terms and Conditions available at autofrontiers.com/terms-and-conditions. If anything is unclear, stop installation and contact AutoFrontiers before operating the HVAC system.

Proper Installation and Clearance Required

This filter installs in the HVAC intake area above the blower motor/squirrel-cage fan. Correct installation is required for safe operation. Before operating the fan, confirm that: (1) the vehicle is one of the listed compatible applications; (2) the metal intake/duct opening is round, intact, unobstructed, and not bent, distorted, cracked, damaged, or modified; (3) the housing is inserted with the panel facing downward, fully seated in the circular intake opening, and flush with the intake rim when the blower is reinstalled; (4) all tabs, protrusions, or seating features are fully engaged; (5) the housing and filter media are secure and cannot fall, tilt, shift, or move into the blower area; and (6) no portion of the installed housing or filter media contacts, rubs, or interferes with the blower fan at any speed. Do not operate the fan if the housing is loose, crooked, partially seated, not flush, misaligned, or contacting the blower.

Foreign Objects and Work Area

Tools, screws, mounting fasteners, packaging, loose filter material, and debris should never be left in or near the blower motor, squirrel-cage fan, HVAC duct, or intake opening. Before reinstalling the blower and before turning the fan on, remove all foreign objects from the work area and confirm the blower spins freely without obstruction.

Mandatory Safety Check After Installation

After installation and blower reinstallation, start the blower on LOW speed only. Listen for whirring, grinding, rubbing, scraping, clicking, vibration, fan contact, or any abnormal sound or behavior. If anything abnormal occurs, turn the blower and HVAC system off immediately. Do not continue operating the vehicle HVAC system with the product installed until the installation has been inspected, corrected, and confirmed to have adequate clearance. Continued operation after warning signs may increase the risk of damage or unsafe conditions.

Recirculation Setting and Vehicle Differences

If the vehicle has a recirculation/fresh-air setting, set the HVAC system to cabin air recirculation, not fresh air, before installing the product when directed by the Installation Guide. You may change the setting again after the filter is installed. Because older vehicles may vary due to age, prior repair, aftermarket blower motors, non-original HVAC components, manufacturing tolerances, deformation, missing parts, or modifications, fitment and clearance must be verified on the specific vehicle.

Spacer Notice

Some vehicles may require an additional spacer because of aftermarket blowers or other fitment differences. Use only a spacer or corrective method supplied or specifically approved in writing by AutoFrontiers for the particular issue. Do not improvise with rope, tape, glue, wedges, loose plastic, cardboard, or other materials that could move, degrade, detach, or enter the blower area.

Customer and Installer Responsibility

The customer and/or installer is responsible for verifying fitment, installation, clearance, and safe operation before use. By installing or using the product, the customer confirms that the product is compatible with the vehicle condition and accepts responsibility for inspection, maintenance, and safe operation. Installation by a professional mechanic does not eliminate the need to verify fitment and clearance on the vehicle.

Do Not Modify or Force Product

Do not force the product into place. Do not trim, heat, bend, glue, tape, wedge, drill, fasten, or otherwise modify the housing, filter media, tabs, HVAC duct, or blower components unless AutoFrontiers provides written instructions for that specific issue. Do not use this product with damaged, loose, missing, altered,

non-original, or incompatible blower assemblies, ducting, covers, or surrounding HVAC components unless clearance and safe operation have been independently verified.

Airflow, Odor, and Filtration Notice

Because this product adds filtration to a vehicle that previously had no cabin air filter, some airflow reduction may be noticeable and is normal for cabin air filters. Reduced airflow may also be caused by a dirty filter, clogged evaporator, debris in the HVAC system, blocked vents, a weak blower motor, or other vehicle-specific conditions. This product is not a medical device, HEPA respirator, or guarantee against allergens, odors, smoke, fumes, gases, mold, bacteria, viruses, carbon monoxide, exhaust, or hazardous substances. Filter performance depends on installation, maintenance, vehicle condition, and use environment.

Inspection and Maintenance

Inspect the housing and filter periodically, including at oil changes or every few months, and replace filter media as needed. Stop using the product immediately if there is unusual noise, vibration, rubbing, blower contact, looseness, movement, a burning smell, excessive restriction beyond normal filtration resistance, or any sign that the product has shifted from its installed position.

Warranty Exclusions

Layerforge Industries LLC warrants this AutoFrontiers-branded product only against defects in materials or workmanship. To the maximum extent permitted by law, all other warranties, express or implied, including implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, are disclaimed. Warranty coverage does not include improper installation, misuse, vehicle modifications, damaged or deformed HVAC openings, failure to verify clearance, failure to maintain or replace the filter, continued operation after warning signs, use with incompatible aftermarket components, ordinary wear, or vehicle-specific conditions unrelated to a product defect.

Limitation of Liability and Assumption of Risk

To the maximum extent permitted by law, Layerforge Industries LLC's total liability for any claim related to this AutoFrontiers-branded product is limited to repair, replacement, or refund of the purchase price of the product. Layerforge Industries LLC and its AutoFrontiers brand shall not be liable for incidental, indirect, special, punitive, exemplary, or consequential damages, including vehicle repair costs, labor charges, diagnostic fees, towing, rental vehicle expenses, loss of use, lost time, lost profits, personal property damage, injury, or claims arising from improper installation, incorrect fitment, misuse, modification, pre-existing vehicle damage, continued operation after warning signs, or failure to follow instructions. Installation and use are at the customer's own risk to the extent permitted by law.

Indemnity

To the maximum extent permitted by law, the customer and/or installer agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Layerforge Industries LLC, AutoFrontiers, and their owners, officers, employees, contractors, and affiliates from claims, damages, losses, liabilities, costs, and expenses arising from improper installation, misuse, modification, resale, inaccurate fitment selection, failure to follow instructions, or operation after abnormal noise or other warning signs.

No Vehicle Manufacturer Affiliation

AutoFrontiers is an independent aftermarket parts brand of Layerforge Industries LLC and is not affiliated with, endorsed by, sponsored by, or approved by any vehicle manufacturer. Vehicle make, model, and year references are used only to describe intended compatibility. All vehicle trademarks are the property of their respective owners.

Questions, Concerns, and Returns

If you have any questions, concerns, abnormal noise, fitment uncertainty, or possible need for a spacer, stop using the product and contact AutoFrontiers before continuing use or initiating a return. We answer quickly and will help troubleshoot. For installation photos, replacement filters, support, and current product information, visit autofrontiers.com/shop.

Required notice: Customer must read this notice and the Installation Guide in full before installing or operating the HVAC fan. Additional Terms and Conditions are available at autofrontiers.com/terms-and-conditions.