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pollen filters



What is a pollen filter?

We actually do more than filter out just pollen. I stop all kinds of debris, pollution and odours from entering and clogging up the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning system. I am a mechanically driven sieve with an electrostatic paper filter (or sometimes an active carbon filter) that attracts dust and plant particles such as pollen, spores and fungus, as well as chemical pollution in the air.

What if I don't change my filter on a regular basis?

Without sufficient filtration, the air in your car will carry high levels of pollutants and allergens, which could affect your health.

It's not just asthmatics and hay fever sufferers who will be at risk – the high concentration of dirt particles and fumes circulating in an unfiltered cabin can cause headaches, giddiness, nausea and fatigue. In addition, smells from agricultural fertilizers, sewage plants and chemicals in your washer fluid and coolant are best filtered out for a more pleasant journey. Grime inside your car is also reduced by filtration.

When should I change my filter?

It is recommended that you change your pollen filter every 12–15,000 miles (about once a year), or more frequently if you live in a highly polluted area or regularly park beneath a tree.

Many of us suffer from hayfever and allergies when the pollen count is high, and although we might think we're safe in our cars, pollen can still enter via the air conditioning or heater system. ▶

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When changed regularly, we can extend the lifetime of several vital components in your car, as well as giving you a healthier, more comfortable ride. Usually located in the engine compartment or cabin, beneath the windscreen.

Luckily, the introductions of pollen filters have been helping people who suffer from irritation even whilst in their cars. Pollen filters work to remove pollen particles from the outside air before they're passed into the car's cabin.

As with any filter, pollen filters need changing regularly in order to work properly and keep your car free from outside irritants.

We stock pollen filters for all makes and model of car, whether you shop in store or online, you can order the parts you need on click and collect for delivery to your local store.

Over the last couple of years, considerable developments have taken place on the pollen filter market. Although now present in most vehicles, this filter is often overlooked in cars. It is however the filter which contributes to your health. The pollen filter or cabin air filter stops various particulates in the air, including dust, bacteria and pollen but also traffic exhaust fumes and odours from getting to the passenger compartment. This is important as these particulates, depending on their nature, can cause headaches, fatigue, nausea or allergic reactions.

Placed in the outside air intake of the car, a pollen filter is usually rectangular however in some cases it is adapted to the air-intake of your car. Over time, the filter can become blocked by dirt, leaves and insects, which causes it to work less efficiently. In addition, the air-conditioning system cannot work properly if the pollen filter is clogged. On top of that, regular pollen filter replacement will extend the lifetime of air-conditioning and heating systems.

Overall, a pollen filter will need changing every 9–12,000 miles. If you tend to drive in urbanised areas however, your pollen filter might need replacing more frequently. Pollen filter replacement will often take place at the same time as the replacement of the air filter and oil filter, for example during servicing. ■

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