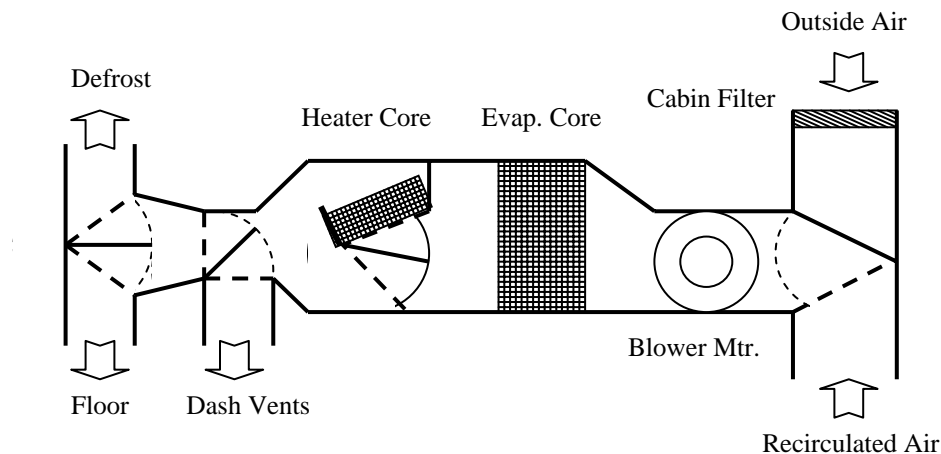


TECH TIP

Cabin Air Filters

When the customer complaint is lack of airflow from the vents, the cure can be as simple as changing the air filter. No, not the engine air filter, but the cabin air filter. Many late model cars and light trucks now use a cabin air filter to clean the air entering the passenger compartment. Depending on location, the cabin filter will filter outside air only or be positioned to filter both outside and recirculated air. And just like other filters, the cabin air filter can become clogged with dirt and restrict airflow. Maintenance service intervals may start at 12 months or 12,000 miles (check vehicle manufacturers specifications). Some vehicles started using these filters as early as 1992 and may still have the factory original filter installed.



Note: If the vehicle does not have a cabin air filter, then refer to [Tech Tip #329 Insufficient Airflow from Dash](#)