Getting to Know Your 2008 G5



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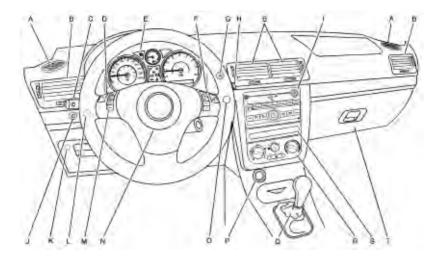
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Congratulations on your purchase of a Pontiac G5. Please read this information and your Owner Manual to ensure an outstanding ownership experience. Note that your vehicle may not include all the features described in this booklet. Keep this booklet with your Owner Manual for easy reference.

DRIVER INFORMATION

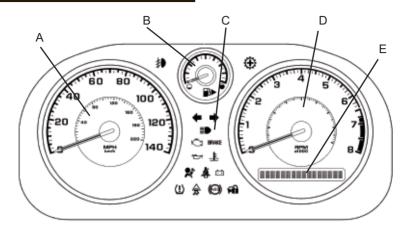
Instrument Panel



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Instrument Panel Cluster



Your vehicle's instrument panel is equipped with this cluster or one very similar to it. The instrument panel cluster includes these key features:

- A. Speedometer
- B. Fuel Gauge
- C. Warning Lights
- D. Tachometer
- E. Odometer/Driver Information Center

Note: The instrument panel cluster is designed to let you know about many important aspects of your vehicle's operation. It is important to read your Owner Manual and become familiar with the information being relayed to you by the lights, gauges and indicators, as well as what action can be taken to ensure safety and to prevent damage.

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Driver Information Center



Your vehicle's Driver Information Center (DIC) provides vehicle information, vehicle feature personalization and vehicle warning messages. To operate the DIC, the ignition switch must be in the Run position.

The DIC is controlled through two buttons located on the steering wheel. The DIC messages will be shown on your instrument panel cluster display.



(Information): Press this button to scroll through the vehicle information mode displays.

← (Reset/Set): Press this button to select a mode option or to acknowledge a warning message.

Press both buttons for one second to enter the Menu mode.

Vehicle Information

Press the (Information) button to scroll through the following vehicle information:

- Trip A
- Trip B
- Fuel Range (until empty)
- Average Fuel Economy
- · Average Speed
- Engine Oil Life
- Engine Coolant Temperature
- Outside Temperature/Odometer

Press and hold the - (Reset/Set) button to reset the information while it is displayed.

Vehicle Feature Personalization

A variety of your vehicle's features can be personalized to your preference. To personalize features:

- Press and hold both the to button and → button for one second to enter the Menu mode.
- 2. Press the button to scroll through the available personalization features.
- Press the
 → button to toggle between the available options for each feature.
- 4. Press the button to record your selection and move to the next feature.

Vehicle Features that may be personalized to your preference include:

- Oil Life Reset
- Units Selection (English/Metric)
- Remote Start Capability
- Horn Chirp During Remote Keyless Entry Locking or Unlocking
- Exterior Light Flash During Remote Keyless Entry Locking or Unlocking
- Delayed Locking

- Automatic Vehicle Unlocking: Specific Doors
- Automatic Vehicle Unlocking: When Key Is Off or When Shift To Park (Automatic Transmission Only)
- Exterior Perimeter Lighting During Remote Keyless Entry Unlock
- Security System: Passive or Remote Keyless Entry Arming
- Select Language (English, French, Spanish or German)

Warnings and Messages

If a problem is sensed in one of your vehicle's systems, a warning or message will appear in the DIC display (see your Owner Manual for a complete list of possible warnings and messages).

After a warning or message appears, press the - button to clear the display screen for further use. Remember, pressing the - button only makes the message disappear; it does not resolve the problem.

Note: Your vehicle's warnings and messages provide critical information that can prevent damage to your vehicle. Review your Owner Manual to become familiar with the information displayed and the action required.

If your Check Engine light or any other warning message appears, you can press the OnStar button and speak to an OnStar Advisor. In many vehicles, OnStar Advisors can access certain diagnostic information and tell you how serious the problem is and what you should do about it.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

SAFETY & SECURITY

Remote Keyless Entry (if equipped)



 Ω (Remote Start) (if equipped): If your vehicle has this feature, it can be used to start the engine. (See Remote Vehicle Start.)

(Lock): Press this button when all doors are closed to immediately lock all the doors. The interior lamps will also turn off. If enabled through the Driver Information Center (DIC), the parking lamps will flash once and/or the horn will chirp to indicate locking has occurred.

If the Lock button is pressed while any door is open and the Delayed Lock feature is enabled, the doors will not lock. Instead, a chime will sound. Once all doors are closed, the doors will lock. To cancel this delay, press the Lock button a second time within five seconds or press the power door lock switch.

G (Unlock): Press this button to unlock the driver's door. Press it again within five seconds to unlock all remaining doors. (This is the default DIC setting for Vehicle Unlocking.) The interior lamps will illuminate and remain on for 20 seconds or until the ignition is turned on. If enabled through the DIC, the parking lamps will flash twice and the horn will chirp twice to indicate unlocking has occurred. **Note:** To arm or disarm the content theftdeterrent alarm system, use the RKE transmitter. The alarm system will not be armed or disarmed if the doors are locked or unlocked with a key, the manual door lock or the power door lock switch.

(Trunk Release): Press and hold this button for approximately one second to unlatch the trunk. The trunk can be unlatched with the transmitter when the vehicle is stationary.

The trunk may also be opened using the Trunk Release button located in the storage bin on the left side of the instrument panel.



← (Vehicle Locator/Panic Alarm):

Press and hold this button for approximately one second to locate your vehicle. The horn will sound three times and the parking lamps will flash three times.

To sound the panic alarm, press and hold the button for three seconds. The horn will sound and the parking lamps will flash for 30 seconds. Press the button again or turn the ignition key to any position to cancel the panic alarm.

Note: The vehicle must be turned off to use the vehicle locator/panic alarm.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Automatic Door Locks (if equipped)

For your safety, all doors will automatically lock when the shift lever is moved out of Park with an automatic transmission, or when the vehicle speed is greater than 5 mph (8 km/h) with a manual transmission.

This feature cannot be disabled; however, you can personalize the unlock features by using the Driver Information Center.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Theft-Deterrent System

Your G5 is equipped with the PASS-Key®III theft-deterrent system, which prevents vehicle theft if the ignition lock cylinder is forced to rotate without the correct key. If someone attempts to start the vehicle without authorization from the PASS-Key®III system, the vehicle's fuel system or starter will be disabled.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

OnStar[®] (if equipped)

Your vehicle may feature the OnStar Safe & Sound Plan or the uplevel OnStar Directions & Connections Plan, with one year of OnStar service from the date you purchased your new vehicle. OnStar offers a variety of capabilities, such as Remote Door Unlock, Automatic Airbag Notification, and Hands-Free Calling. In addition, most vehicles can get driving directions using Turn-by-Turn Navigation. Press the OnStar button to ask an OnStar Advisor about the service plan you have or to upgrade your plan. For more information, refer to your OnStar Owner's Guide, call 1-888-40NSTAR (1-888-466-7827), or visit onstar.com.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Passenger Airbag Status Indicator

Your vehicle is equipped with a Passenger Sensing System located in the front passenger seat for the front airbag. There is also a passenger airbag status indicator located on the instrument panel center stack.

Note: It is recommended that children not be placed in the front passenger seat, even with the Passenger Sensing System. All children should be secured in a rear seat, including an infant riding in a rear-facing infant seat, a child riding in a forward-facing child seat or an older child riding in a booster seat.

See Sections 1 and 3 of your Owner Manual.

Child Restraints (LATCH)

Your vehicle is equipped with LATCH anchors, and may have top tethers for use with a LATCH-compatible child restraint. If your child restraint is not compatible with the LATCH system, you may still use it by installing the child restraint with the safety belt system.

Choose a child restraint that is appropriate for the child's age and size (weight and height).

See Section 1 of your Owner Manual.

Emergency Trunk Release

The trunk lid can be opened from inside the trunk by pulling on the emergency trunk release handle located in the center of the inside trunk lid.



See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

COMFORT

Seat Adjustments



Height Adjuster

To raise the driver's seat, lift and release the front lever (A) on the left side of the seat. Each time you raise the lever, the seat will move up. Repeat until the seat is at the desired height.

To lower the driver's seat, push down and release the lever. Repeat until the seat is at the desired height.

Forward or Rearward Adjuster

To move the front seats forward or rearward, lift and hold the bar under the front of each seat (B) and manually slide the seat. Release the bar to lock the seat in place. Try to move the seat to ensure it is locked in place.

Recliner

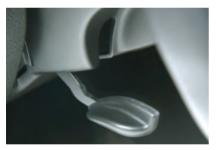
To recline the front seats, lift the recline lever (C) to release the seatback; then move the seatback to where you want it. Release the lever to lock the seatback in place. Press rearward on the seatback to ensure it is locked in place.

Lumbar Adjuster (if equipped)

To adjust the driver's seat lumbar support, use the knob located on the front-right side of the driver's seat cushion. Turn the knob until the desired lumbar support is reached.

See Section 1 of your Owner Manual.

Tilt Steering Wheel



To adjust the steering wheel:

- 1. Pull down the lever located on the left side of the steering column.
- 2. Adjust the wheel to a comfortable position. The wheel can be moved up or down.
- 3. Push the lever all the way up to lock the wheel in place.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Adjustable Front Head Restraints

The head restraints on the front seats are adjustable. Press the button on the side of the post to adjust the head restraint. Slide the head restraint up or down.

See Section 1 of your Owner Manual.

Heated Seats (if equipped)



There is one heated seat control button for each front seat located on the instrument panel center stack below the audio system.

I (Low): Press the switch to this position to turn the system on low.

II (High): Press the switch to this position to turn the system on high.

Press the button again to the center position to turn off the heated seat.

Climate Controls



The climate control system includes the following features:

(Fan): Turn the fan knob (A) to increase or decrease fan speed.

○ (Off): Turn the fan knob to the Off position to turn the system off. Only the heated seats and the rear defogger will function when the fan knob is off.

Temperature: Turn the temperature knob (B) to raise or lower the temperature setting.

(Air Conditioning): Press this button to turn the air conditioning system on or off.

(Recirculation): Press this button to recirculate inside air throughout the vehicle. This mode keeps outside air from entering the vehicle.

Airflow Modes

Turn the airflow control knob (C) to one of the following modes to change the direction of the airflow:

Vent): This mode directs air to the instrument panel outlets.

(Bi-Level): This mode directs air to the instrument panel outlets and floor outlets.

i, **i** (Floor): This mode directs most of the air to the floor outlets and some air to the side window outlets and windshield.

(Defog): This mode directs air to the windshield, side window outlets and floor outlets. Recirculation will not function in this mode.

(Defrost): This mode directs most of the air to the windshield and some air to the side window outlets. Recirculation will not function in this mode.

(If the activate the rear window defogger. The defogger will shut off automatically after about 15 minutes.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Preventing Window Fogging

To keep the vehicle glass fog-free, turn the airflow control knob to the Defog ()) mode or the Defrost ()) mode. Recirculation will not function in these modes, allowing outside air into the vehicle to help reduce moisture.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Cabin Air Filter

Your G5 is equipped with a cabin air filter that removes most of the common allergens and pollutants from outside air, such as dust and pollen, before they reach the vehicle cabin.

The filter is located behind the glove box. The glove box door must be removed to access the filter from inside the vehicle. See your Owner Manual for scheduled maintenance and replacement instructions.

ENTERTAINMENT

Audio System Features



While most of the features on your radio will look familiar, following are some that may be new:

() (Power/Volume): Press this knob to turn the system on or off. Turn the knob to adjust the volume.

i (Information): Press this button to toggle the radio display between station frequency and time. If equipped, it will also display additional text information related to the current FM-RDS or XM station, or MP3 song.

√ (Tune): Turn this knob to select radio stations or, when a CD is playing, to select a track or MP3 file.

Press the knob to display the tone control (bass/treble) or speaker control (balance/fade) setting. Press the pushbutton under the desired label on the display. Turn the knob to adjust the setting.

 Gelance/Fade): Press this button, or the Tune knob, to adjust the speaker control. Adjust the setting using the Tune knob, SEEK, FWD or REV button.

BAND: Press this button to switch to FM1, FM2, AM, or XM1 and XM2 (if equipped). With a CD loaded or a portable audio player connected, press this button to switch to radio operation.

To enter the scan mode, press and hold either arrow button for a few seconds (a beep will sound). Radio stations will be scanned. Press either arrow button again to stop scanning.

(Reverse): Press and hold this button to reverse playback quickly within a track or MP3 file.

 $\stackrel{\flat\flat}{_{FWD}}$ (Forward): Press and hold this button to advance playback quickly within a track or MP3 file.

CD/AUX: Press this button to play a CD instead of the radio. Press again and the system will automatically search for a portable audio player connected to the auxiliary input jack.

RDM (Random): Press this button to play CD tracks in random order. Press again to turn off random play.

RPT (Repeat): Press this button to hear the current CD track again. Press again to turn off repeat play.

EQ (Equalization): Press this button to select preset equalization settings.

CAT (Category) (if equipped): Press this button to find XM stations within a desired category.

Setting Preset or Favorite Stations

Before setting your preset or favorite stations, shift the vehicle into Park (automatic transmission) or into Neutral and set the parking brake (manual transmission). **Note:** Choosing to engage in extended searching for specific audio stations or songs by using buttons and knobs — or giving extended attention to entertainment tasks — can lead you to look away from the road frequently or longer than usual. Looking away from the road for prolonged periods may cause you to miss seeing things on the road that you need to see. Be sure to keep your eyes on the road and mind on the drive — and avoid engaging in extended searching for specific items while driving.

To preset up to 18 stations:

- 1. Turn on the radio.
- 2. Press BAND to select FM1, FM2 or AM.
- 3. Tune in the desired radio station.
- 4. Press and hold one of the six numbered pushbuttons until a beep sounds to store the station.

Setting Favorite Stations (if equipped)

Press the FAV (Favorite) button to go through up to six pages of any combination (AM, FM or XM, if equipped) of favorite radio stations. On each page, up to six stations are available by using the six pushbuttons below the radio station frequency labels on the radio display.

To set up the number of favorite station pages:

- 1. Press the MENU button to display the radio setup menu.
- Press the pushbutton located below the FAV 1–6 label on the radio display.

- 3. Select the desired number of favorite station pages.
- 4. Press the FAV button. You may now begin storing your favorite stations for the chosen number of pages.
- To store favorite stations:
- 1. Tune in the desired radio station.
- Press the FAV button to display the page where the station is to be stored.
- 3. Press and hold one of the six pushbuttons until a beep sounds to store the station.
- 4. Repeat the steps for each pushbutton on each page.

Setting the Speed Compensated Volume

With Speed Compensated Volume, the radio automatically adjusts the volume to compensate for road noise as vehicle speed changes.

To set Speed Compensated Volume:

- 1. Adjust the radio volume to the desired level.
- 2. Press the MENU button to display the radio setup menu.
- 3. Press the pushbutton below the auto volume label on the radio display.
- 4. Press the pushbutton under the desired setting label (Off, Low, Medium or High) to select the level of compensation.
- The compensation will be set once the display times out after 10 seconds.

Setting the Time

To set the time (without date display):

- Press the
 (Clock) button until the hour numbers begin flashing on the radio display. Press the button again to adjust the minute numbers.
- With either the hour or minute numbers flashing, use the J (Tune) knob to select the time.
- 3. Press the Clock button again to set the currently displayed time.

To set the time (with date display, if equipped):

- 1. Turn on the radio.
- Press the (1) (Clock) button. Or, if equipped, press the MENU button until the clock option is displayed; and then press the pushbutton located under the clock option label. The HR, MIN, MM, DD, YYYY labels will appear on the display.
- 3. Press the pushbutton under any of the labels to be changed.
- 4. Press the pushbutton again or the FWD button to increase the numbers. Press the REV button to decrease the numbers. Rotating the J (Tune) knob also will increase or decrease the numbers of the selected label.
- 5. Press the Clock or MENU button again to set the currently displayed time and date.

Portable Audio Player

A portable audio player (iPod[®], Palm[®], MP3 player or other portable-type player) can be connected to the auxiliary input jack located on the radio. When connected, the audio system automatically begins playing audio from the portable player over the vehicle speakers. To optimize volume, fully increase the volume on your portable player.

MP3 Capability (if equipped)

If your AM/FM stereo with CD has MP3 playing capability, a CD-R or CD-RW containing MP3 audio tracks will play automatically when inserted into the CD player. An MP3 label will be displayed.

Radio Data System (if equipped)

When you tune to a Radio Data System (RDS) station, the station name and call letters will appear on the display instead of the frequency. RDS stations may also provide the time of day, a program type for current programming and the name of the program being broadcast.

RDS features are available for use only on FM stations that broadcast RDS information. RDS relies on receiving specific information from these stations and will work only when the information is available.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

XM[®] Satellite Radio

XM Satellite Radio offers more than 170 channels of digital-quality sound that goes wherever you go — coast to coast. XM displays song title, artist and entertainment genre.

After a free, three-month trial period, activation fee and service subscription are extra. Service is based in the continental United States and Canada. For more information, visit XM online at www.XMradio.com or call 1-800-852-XMXM (9696).

Multiple-Disc CD Player (if equipped)

With the in-dash 6-disc CD player, you cannot directly load a CD as in single-play systems.

To load a single CD:

 Press and release the LOAD button. Wait for the display prompt to load the CD.

To load multiple CDs:

To play a specific CD:

• Press the pushbutton below the arrow label on the display to select the desired CD number.

To eject a CD:

- Press the EJECT button once to eject the CD that is currently playing.
- Press and hold the <u>EJECT</u> button for two seconds to eject all CDs.

If a CD is not removed after several seconds, it will be pulled back into the player automatically.

Note: CDs with any affixed labels may jam in the CD player. Label a CD using a permanent marker. If more than one CD is inserted into the slot at one time, or if scratched or damaged CDs are played, the CD player could be damaged. When using the CD player, use only CDs in good condition without labels; load one CD at a time; and keep the CD player and the loading slot free of foreign materials, liquids or debris.

Audio Steering Wheel Controls (if equipped)

The following audio controls are located on the steering wheel:



+ - (Volume): Press the plus or minus button to increase or decrease the volume.

 $\triangle \nabla$ (Seek/Scan): Press the up or down arrow to go to the next or previous preset radio station or, when a CD is playing, to the next or previous track.

Press and hold the up or down arrow for one second to advance to the next or previous radio station in the selected band or, when a CD is playing, to continue moving to the next or previous track on the CD.

(**Mute/Voice Activation**): Press this button to silence the system. Press it again to turn on the sound.

Press and hold the button for two seconds to interact with the OnStar system.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

CONVENIENCE

Remote Vehicle Start (Automatic Transmissions only) (if equipped)

This feature allows you to start the engine from outside the vehicle by



using the Remote Keyless Entry (RKE) transmitter. (Remote Vehicle Start transmitter range is within 200 feet of the vehicle.) The remote start capability can be turned on or off using the Driver Information Center. (See Driver Information Center.)

The vehicle's climate control system also will turn on at the same setting as when the vehicle was last turned off to heat or cool the vehicle interior.

After a remote start, the engine will run for about 10 minutes before turning itself off, but can be extended 10 minutes by performing another remote start sequence at any time. After two consecutive remote starts, no additional remote starts are allowed until the vehicle has been started with the ignition key.

Starting the Vehicle

- 1. Aim the RKE transmitter at the vehicle.
- 2. Press and release the **(**Lock) button on the transmitter.
- 3. Immediately press and hold the Ω (Remote Start) button for about four seconds.
- 4. When the vehicle starts, the parking lamps will light and stay on while the engine is running.

5. Repeat these steps for a 10-minute time extension.

When you enter the vehicle after a remote start, the key must be inserted in the ignition and turned to the Run position before driving.

Note: The Remote Vehicle Start feature will not operate if the key is in the ignition, a door or the hood is open, or the Check Engine light is illuminated on the instrument panel cluster.

Canceling a Remote Start

To turn off the engine instead of driving after a remote start:

- Press and hold the Ω button until the parking lamps turn off.
- Press and release the Hazard Warning Flashers button inside the vehicle. Press the button again to turn off the flashers.
- Turn the key in the ignition switch on and then off.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Exterior Lamps



Automatic Headlamp System

Your G5 is equipped with an Automatic Headlamp System, which turns on the headlamps and other exterior lamps at night or when necessary. The exterior lamps also can be operated manually. The Automatic Headlamp System's light sensor is located on top of the instrument panel. To ensure proper system operation, avoid placing any objects on or near the sensor.

Exterior Lamp Control Switch

The exterior lamp control switch, used to manually operate the exterior lamps, is located on the lever to the left of the steering column. The switch can be rotated to the following positions:

AUTO (Automatic Headlamp System):

Automatically turns on Daytime Running Lamps in the daytime, and headlamps, parking lamps and taillamps at night.

() (On/Off): When operating in the *AUTO* position, a momentary turn of the lamp control switch to this position will turn off the Automatic Headlamp System and all the exterior lights. The Driver Information Center will display an AUTO LIGHTS OFF message.

To activate the Automatic Headlamp System, turn the switch to this position again. An AUTO LIGHTS ON message will be displayed. The Automatic Headlamp System is always turned on when the vehicle is started.

D (**Parking Lamps**): Turns on parking lamps and taillamps only.

≣D (Headlamps): Turns on the headlamps, parking lamps and taillamps.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Interior Lamps

Overhead Lamps: The overhead lamp switch, located on the dome lamp, can be set to three positions: Off, On or Door Open. In the Door Open position, the dome lamp (or reading lamps, depending on equipment) will illuminate when any of the doors are opened. When you enter or exit your car through the driver's door, the interior lamp(s) will stay on for a short time after the doors have been closed.

Instrument Panel Lamps Brightness: To adjust the brightness of the instrument panel lamps, turn the dial on



the left side of the steering wheel.

Map Lights (if equipped): The map light switches are located under the rearview mirror.

Note: If any interior lamp is left on and the ignition turned off, the lamps will turn off after 20 minutes to protect the battery.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Retained Accessory Power

Retained Accessory Power (RAP) allows certain features, such as the radio and power windows, on your vehicle to continue working for up to 10 minutes after the key is turned to Off or removed from the ignition, and until the driver's door (or any door, depending on equipment) is opened.

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Accessory Power Outlets

Your G5 is equipped with two Accessory Power Outlets (APO) on the center console that provide



power for a number of electronic devices.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Cruise Control (if equipped)

The following cruise control buttons are located on the steering wheel:



(On/Off): Press this button to turn

the cruise control system on or off.

– SET (Set): Press this button to set a speed, or to decrease the speed if the system is set. When the cruise control is set, the CRUISE ENGAGED message will appear on the DIC.

+ RES (Resume): Press this button to resume a set speed, or to increase the speed if the system is set.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Cupholders

Your G5 features cupholders at the front and rear of the center console for front and rear seat passengers.

Interior Storage Features

There are several handy storage areas located throughout your vehicle. These include the front passenger's seatback pocket, center console storage bin, instrument panel storage bin, door pockets and glove box.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Split-Folding Rear Seatbacks

Your G5 features 60/40 split-folding rear seatbacks that increase cargo space.

To fold the seatback(s):

- 1. Open the trunk and pull one or both of the small handles located in the center of the trunk.
- 2. Push the seatback forward from the trunk area or lower the seatback from inside the vehicle.



To close either seatback:

- 1. Rotate the seatback up and rearward until you hear a click.
- 2. Push and pull on the seatback to be sure it is locked in place.

See Section 1 of your Owner Manual.

Sunroof (if equipped)

The control switch for the sunroof is located on the headliner between the sun visors. It will operate only while the ignition is on.

Vent Position: Open the sunshade manually. Press the rear part of the switch.

Open Position: Press and hold the rear part of the switch until the sunroof opens to the desired position. If the sunshade is closed, it will open automatically when the sunroof is opened.

Closed Position: Press and hold the front part of the switch until the sunroof closes. Close the sunshade manually.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Parking Brake



The parking brake lever is located between the driver's and front passenger's seats. If your vehicle is equipped with the folding armrest between the seats, it is necessary to lift the armrest to set the parking brake.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

PERFORMANCE & MAINTENANCE

Electric Power Steering

The speed-sensitive electric power steering system offers variable-effort steering assistance based on vehicle speed, providing more assistance at lower speeds and less assistance at higher speeds.

If you turn the steering wheel in either direction several times until it stops, or hold the steering wheel in the stopped position for an extended time, you may notice a reduced amount of power steering assistance. The regular amount of power steering assistance should return shortly after a few normal steering movements.

See Section 4 of your Owner Manual.

Traction Control (if equipped)

The Traction Control system activates every time you start your vehicle. When one or more of the drive wheels begin to spin from traction loss, the Traction Control system will illuminate a light on the instrument panel and reduce engine power until traction is regained. If your vehicle becomes stuck and rocking the vehicle is required, the system should be turned off.

To deactivate the Traction Control system, move the gearshift lever to the Low (L) position.

StabiliTrak[®] – Stability Control System (if equipped)

StabiliTrak is an advanced computercontrolled vehicle stability system that assists with directional control of the vehicle in difficult driving conditions. It turns on automatically every time you start your vehicle.

When the system senses a discrepancy between your intended path and the direction the vehicle is actually traveling, it selectively applies brake pressure at any one of the wheels to help steer the vehicle.

See Section 4 of your Owner Manual.

Parking Your Vehicle

Your vehicle is equipped with an electronic shift lock release system.

Automatic Transmission

When parking your vehicle, the system prevents the ignition key from being removed unless the shift lever is in Park with the shift lever button fully released.

When shifting into Park, press down the brake pedal. Then move the shift lever into Park by pressing the button on the shift lever and pushing the lever all the way forward. With the vehicle in Park, turn the ignition key to Lock and remove the key.

Your vehicle is equipped with an electric BTSI (Brake Transmission Shift Interlock). The shift lever cannot be moved out of Park position without first pressing the brake. To shift out of Park, press down the brake pedal before shifting. Then press the button on the shift lever and move the lever to the desired gear position. The shift lever will not move from the Park position if the button is pressed before the brake. The shift lever also will not shift out of Park if the ignition is in the Lock position.

Manual Transmission

To park your vehicle, press down the clutch pedal. Then move the shift lever into Reverse and apply the parking brake. Turn the ignition key to Lock and remove the key.

To start your vehicle, hold down the clutch pedal and shift into Neutral. Your vehicle will not start if the clutch pedal is not all the way down.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Battery Location



The battery is located in the spare tire well, under the load floor in the trunk. Should it be necessary to jump-start your vehicle, use the remote positive terminal in the engine compartment. The negative cable can be connected to the ground terminal located behind the engine coolant surge tank or to a heavy, unpainted metal part of the vehicle.

Tire Pressure Monitor

The Tire Pressure Monitor alerts you when a significant reduction in pressure occurs in one or more of your vehicle's tires by illuminating the (!) (Low Tire Pressure) warning light on the instrument panel cluster. The low tire pressure warning light will remain on until you correct the tire pressure.

A CHECK TIRE PRESSURE message may also appear on the Driver Information Center (DIC) (if equipped).

Correcting the Tire Pressure

When the low tire pressure warning light illuminates, you must fill the tire to the proper inflation pressure (just as you must refuel the vehicle when the low fuel warning light illuminates). The Tire and Loading Information label shows the correct inflation pressure for the tires when they're cold. "Cold" means your vehicle has been sitting for at least three hours or driven no more than one mile.

You can temporarily clear the DIC message by acknowledging it with your DIC controls. However, at the next vehicle start-up, the DIC message will reappear if the tire pressure has not been corrected.

During cooler conditions, the low tire pressure warning light may appear when the vehicle is first started and then turn off as you start to drive the vehicle. This could be an early indicator that your tire pressures are getting low and need to be inflated to the proper pressure.

Note: The Tire Pressure Monitor can alert you about low tire pressure, but it doesn't replace normal monthly tire maintenance.

Securing the Fuel Cap

If the Check Gas Cap message is displayed on the Driver Information Center when the engine is running, check that your fuel cap is securely fastened. If the cap is not secure, turn it clockwise until a clicking sound is heard, indicating that it is properly installed.

The Check Gas Cap message will turn off after a few driving trips with the cap properly installed.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Resetting the Oil Life System

The Oil Life System calculates engine oil life based on vehicle use and displays CHANGE OIL SOON in the Driver Information Center (DIC) when it's necessary to change your engine oil and filter. The Oil Life System should be reset to 100% only following an oil change.

To reset the Oil Life System:

- 2. Press and hold the ← (Reset/Set) button for at least one second.
- 3. An ACKNOWLEDGED message will display when the system resets.

See Section 5 of your Owner Manual.

OWNER INFORMATION

Roadside Assistance

1-800-ROADSIDE

(1-800-762-3743) TTY Users: 1-888-889-2438

As the owner of a new Pontiac vehicle, you are automatically enrolled in the Pontiac Roadside Assistance program. This value-added service is intended to provide you with peace of mind as you drive in the city or travel the open road.

Pontiac's Roadside Assistance toll-free number is staffed by a team of technically trained advisors who are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to provide minor repair information or make arrangements to tow your vehicle to the nearest Pontiac dealer.

Pontiac will provide the following services for 5 years/100,000 miles at no expense to you:

- · Fuel delivery
- Lockout service (identification required)
- Tow to nearest dealership for warranty service
- Flat tire assistance
- Jump starts

In many instances, mechanical failures are covered under Pontiac's comprehensive warranty. However, when other services are utilized, our advisors will explain any payment obligations you might incur. For prompt and efficient assistance when calling, please provide the following information to the advisor:

- · Location of the vehicle
- Telephone number and your location
- · Vehicle model, year and color
- · Vehicle mileage
- Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)
- · Vehicle license plate number

Pontiac reserves the right to limit services or reimbursement to an owner or driver when, in Pontiac's judgment, the claims become excessive in frequency or type of occurrence.

Roadside Assistance and OnStar

If you have a current OnStar subscription, press the OnStar button and the vehicle will send your current GPS location to an OnStar Advisor who will speak to you, assess your problem, contact Roadside Assistance and relay your exact location so you will get the help you need.

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