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Safety Warnings and Symbols

Warning Messages found on vehicle labels and in this manual describe hazards and what to do to avoid or reduce them.

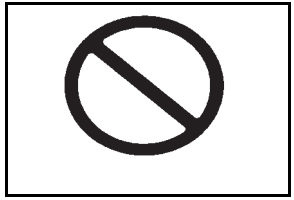
Danger indicates a hazard with a high level of risk which will result in serious injury or death.

Warning or **Caution** indicates a hazard that could result in injury or death.

⚠ WARNING:

These mean there is something that could hurt you or other people.

Notice: **This means there is something that could result in property or vehicle damage. This would not be covered by the vehicle's warranty.**



A circle with a slash through it is a safety symbol which means “Do Not,” “Do not do this,” or “Do not let this happen.”

Vehicle Symbols

The vehicle has components and labels that use symbols instead of text. Symbols are shown along with the text describing the operation or information relating to a specific component, control, message, gage, or indicator.

: This symbol is shown when you need to see your owner manual for additional instructions or information.

: This symbol is shown when you need to see a service manual for additional instructions or information.

Vehicle Symbol Chart

Here are some additional symbols that may be found on the vehicle and what they mean. For more information on the symbol, refer to the index.

: Airbag Readiness Light

: Air Conditioning

: Antilock Brake System (ABS)

: Audio Steering Wheel Controls or OnStar®

: Brake System Warning Light

: Charging System

: Cruise Control

: Engine Coolant Temperature

: Exterior Lamps

: Fog Lamps

: Fuel Gage

: Fuses

: Headlamp High/Low-Beam Changer

: LATCH System Child Restraints

: Malfunction Indicator Lamp

: Oil Pressure

: Power

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Front Seats

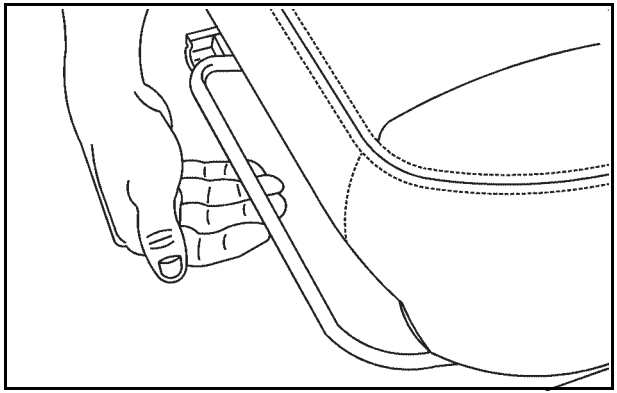
Bucket Seats

On vehicles with bucket seats, you can adjust the seats several different ways.

Fore-and-Aft Adjustment

⚠ WARNING:

You can lose control of the vehicle if you try to adjust the seat while the vehicle is moving. The sudden movement could startle and confuse you, or make you push a pedal when you do not want to. Adjust the driver's seat only when the vehicle is not moving.

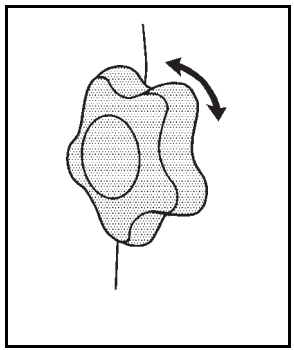


You can adjust the seat forward or rearward with the bar located under the front of the seat cushion.

Lift the bar to unlock the seat. Slide the seat to where you want it and release the bar. Try to move the seat with your body to be sure the seat is locked in place.

Lumbar Adjustment

Your seats may have this feature.



The lumbar adjustment knob is located on the seatback, on the inboard side of the driver's seat and on the outboard side of the passenger's seat.

For more support to your lower back, turn the lumbar adjustment knob clockwise. To decrease the amount of lumbar support, turn the knob counterclockwise.

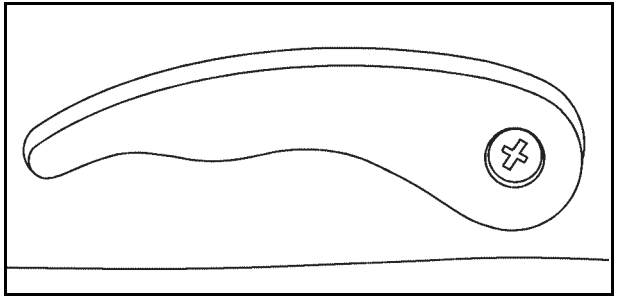
Seatback Adjustment

⚠ WARNING:

You can lose control of the vehicle if you try to adjust a manual driver's seat while the vehicle is moving. The sudden movement could startle and confuse you, or make you push a pedal when you do not want to. Adjust the driver's seat only when the vehicle is not moving.

⚠ WARNING:

If either seatback is not locked, it could move forward in a sudden stop or crash. That could cause injury to the person sitting there. Always push and pull on the seatbacks to be sure they are locked.



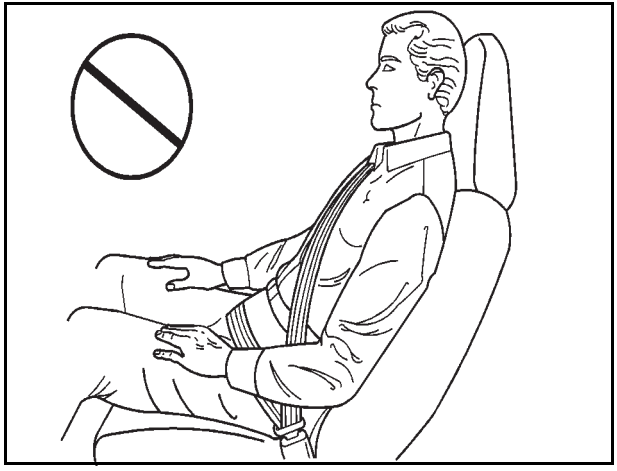
The recline lever is located on the outboard side of the driver's and passenger's seat cushions.

To recline the seatback, do the following:

1. Lift the recline lever.
2. Move the seatback to the desired position, then release the lever to lock the seatback in place.
3. Push and pull on the seatback to make sure it is locked.

To return the seatback to an upright position, do the following:

1. Lift the lever fully without applying pressure to the seatback and the seatback will return to the upright position.
2. Push and pull on the seatback to make sure it is locked.



⚠ WARNING:

Sitting in a reclined position when your vehicle is in motion can be dangerous. Even if you buckle up, your safety belts cannot do their job when you are reclined like this.

The shoulder belt cannot do its job. In a crash, you could go into it, receiving neck or other injuries.

The lap belt cannot do its job either. In a crash the belt could go up over your abdomen. The belt forces would be there, not at your pelvic bones. This could cause serious internal injuries.

For proper protection when the vehicle is in motion, have the seatback upright. Then sit well back in the seat and wear your safety belt properly.

Do not have a seatback reclined if your vehicle is moving.

Split Bench Seat (80/20 Split)

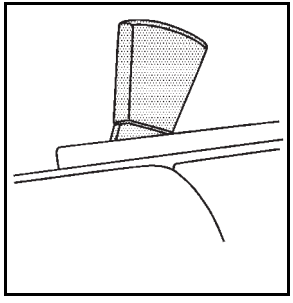
If your vehicle has a split bench seat, the passenger seat is not adjustable.

There is a storage area underneath the seat cushion. See *Storage Areas on page 2-50*.

Air Suspension Seats

Your vehicle may have a low-back or high-back air suspension seat. There are several ways to adjust the seat.

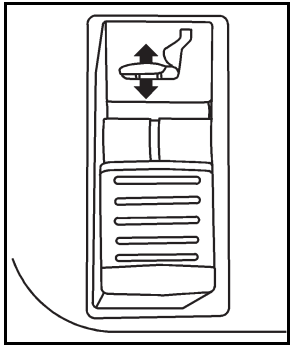
Fore-and-Aft Adjustment



If your vehicle has this lever it is located underneath the front of the driver's seat.

To slide the seat forward or rearward, move the lever toward the outboard side of the seat. The seat will lock in at 1/2 inch (1.5 cm) increments. Try to move the seat with your body to be sure the seat is locked in place.

Height Adjustment

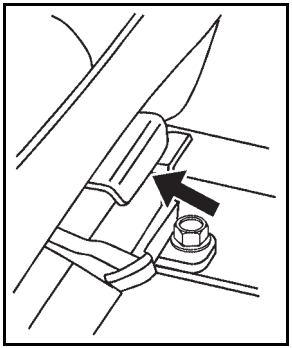


Seat Height Adjustment Lever

On a vehicle with an air suspension seat height adjustment lever, it is located on the front inboard side of the seat.

To adjust the height of the air suspension seat, pull the lever up to inflate. Push the lever down to deflate.

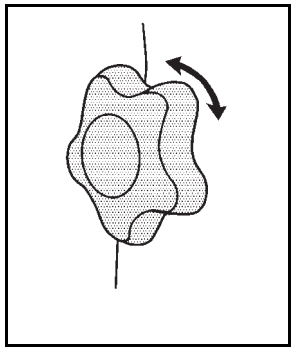
Your seat cushion may also be able to be raised or lowered.



If your vehicle has this feature, the seat cushion height adjustment handle is located underneath the front of the seat.

To adjust the height of the cushion, lift the handle up and pull it forward. You can choose between two settings.

Lumbar Adjustment



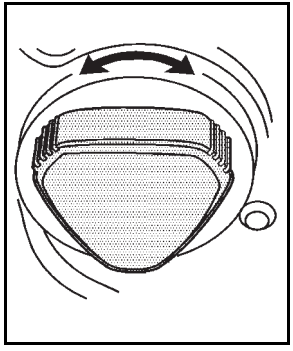
Lumbar Adjustment Knob

If your vehicle has a lumbar adjustment knob, it is located on the inboard side of the driver's seatback, or on the outboard side of the passenger's seatback.

For more support to your lower back, turn the lumbar adjustment knob clockwise. To decrease the amount of lumbar support, turn the knob counterclockwise.

Seatback Adjustment

Your vehicle has a seatback adjustment control located on the outboard side of the seat.



Recline the seatback by turning the control counterclockwise.

Return the seatback to an upright position by turning the control clockwise.

⚠ WARNING:

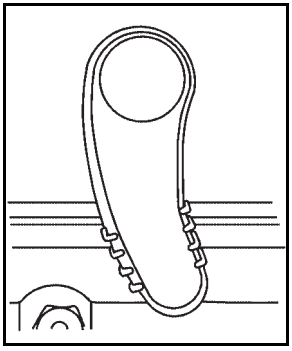
Sitting in a reclined position when your vehicle is in motion can be dangerous. Even if you buckle up, your safety belts cannot do their job when you are reclined like this.

The shoulder belt cannot do its job. In a crash, you could go into it, receiving neck or other injuries.

The lap belt cannot do its job either. In a crash the belt could go up over your abdomen. The belt forces would be there, not at your pelvic bones. This could cause serious internal injuries.

For proper protection when the vehicle is in motion, have the seatback upright. Then sit well back in the seat and wear your safety belt properly.

Chugger-Snubber Lock-Out Feature



If your vehicle has this feature, the handle is located on the outboard side of the driver's and passenger's seats.

Move the handle down to reduce any backslap experienced while in tractor/trailer operation or while operating a dump truck application.

Rear Seats

Rear Seat Operation

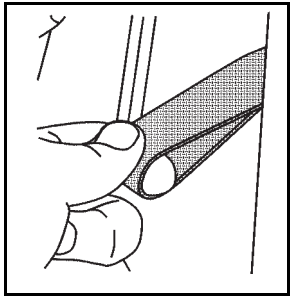
Folding the Rear Seat (Crew Cab)

⚠ WARNING:

A safety belt that is improperly routed, not properly attached, or twisted will not provide the protection needed in a crash. The person wearing the belt could be seriously injured. After raising the rear seatback, always check to be sure that the safety belts are properly routed and attached, and are not twisted.

Notice: **Folding a rear seat with the safety belts still fastened may cause damage to the seat or the safety belts. Always unbuckle the safety belts and return them to their normal stowed position before folding a rear seat.**

The rear bench seat on the crew cab can be folded down to provide more cargo space.



To fold down the seatback, pull the strap located on the rear of the seat, while pulling the seatback down.

To raise a seatback, pull the nylon strap while raising the seatback until it locks upright.

⚠ WARNING:

If either seatback is not locked, it could move forward in a sudden stop or crash. That could cause injury to the person sitting there. Always push and pull on the seatbacks to be sure they are locked.

After raising a seatback to an upright position, push and pull on the seatback to check that it is locked in place.

Safety Belts

Safety Belts: They Are for Everyone

This section of the manual describes how to use safety belts properly. It also describes some things not to do with safety belts.

⚠ WARNING:

Do not let anyone ride where a safety belt cannot be worn properly. In a crash, if you or your passenger(s) are not wearing safety belts, the injuries can be much worse. You can hit things inside the vehicle harder or be ejected from the vehicle. You and your passenger(s) can be seriously injured or killed. In the same crash, you might not be, if you are buckled up. Always fasten your safety belt, and check that your passenger(s) are restrained properly too.

⚠ WARNING:

It is extremely dangerous to ride in a cargo area, inside or outside of a vehicle. In a collision, people riding in these areas are more likely to be seriously injured or killed. Do not allow people to ride in any area of your vehicle that is not equipped with seats and safety belts. Be sure everyone in your vehicle is in a seat and using a safety belt properly.

This vehicle has indicators as a reminder to buckle the safety belts. See *Safety Belt Reminders on page 3-24* for additional information.

In most states and in all Canadian provinces, the law requires wearing safety belts. Here is why:

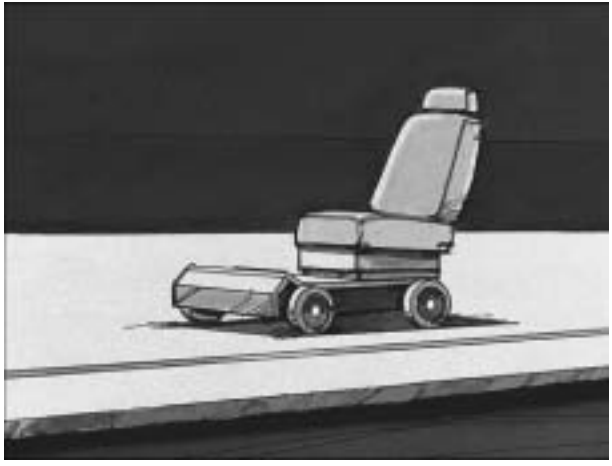
You never know if you will be in a crash. If you do have a crash, you do not know if it will be a serious one.

A few crashes are mild, and some crashes can be so serious that even buckled up, a person would not survive. But most crashes are in between. In many of them, people who buckle up can survive and sometimes walk away. Without safety belts, they could have been badly hurt or killed.

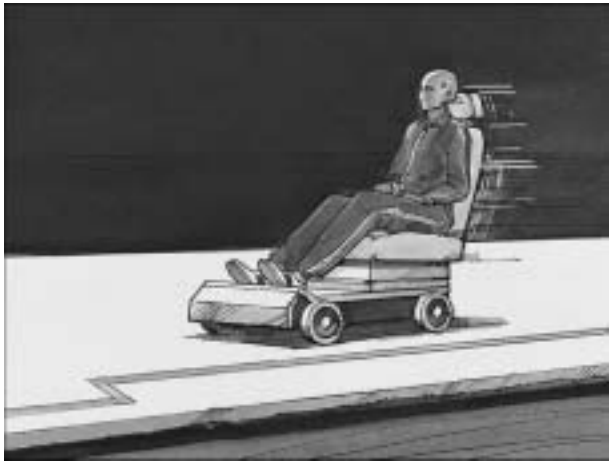
After more than 40 years of safety belts in vehicles, the facts are clear. In most crashes buckling up does matter ... a lot!

Why Safety Belts Work

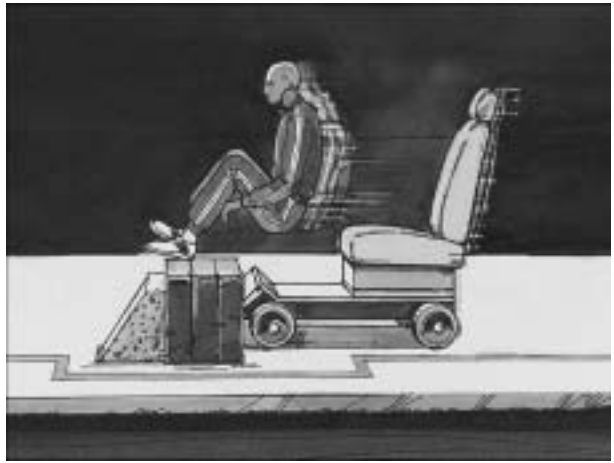
When you ride in or on anything, you go as fast as it goes.



Take the simplest vehicle. Suppose it is just a seat on wheels.

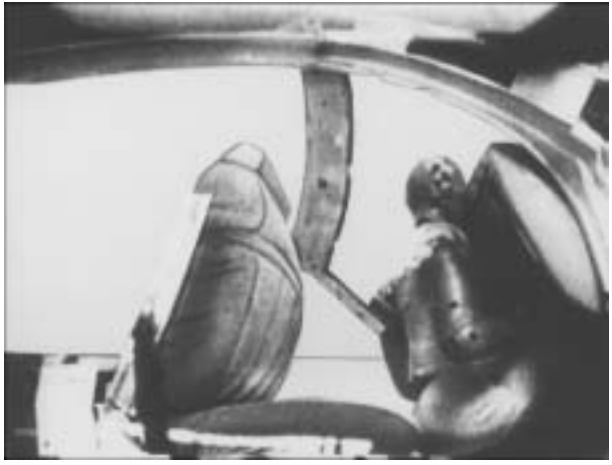


Put someone on it.



Get it up to speed. Then stop the vehicle. The rider does not stop.

The person keeps going until stopped by something. In a real vehicle, it could be the windshield...



or the instrument panel...

or the safety belts!

With safety belts, you slow down as the vehicle does. You get more time to stop. You stop over more distance, and your strongest bones take the forces. That is why safety belts make such good sense.

Questions and Answers About Safety Belts

Q: Will I be trapped in the vehicle after a crash if I am wearing a safety belt?

A: You *could* be — whether you are wearing a safety belt or not. But your chance of being conscious during and after an accident, so you *can* unbuckle and get out, is *much* greater if you are belted. And you can unbuckle a safety belt, even if you are upside down.

Q: If my vehicle has airbags, why should I have to wear safety belts?

A: Airbags are supplemental systems only; so they work *with* safety belts — not instead of them. Whether or not an airbag is provided, all occupants still have to buckle up to get the most protection. That is true not only in frontal collisions, but especially in side and other collisions.

Q: If I am a good driver, and I never drive far from home, why should I wear safety belts?

A: You may be an excellent driver, but if you are in a crash — even one that is not your fault — you and your passenger(s) can be hurt. Being a good driver does not protect you from things beyond your control, such as bad drivers.

Most accidents occur within 25 miles (40 km) of home. And the greatest number of serious injuries and deaths occur at speeds of less than 40 mph (65 km/h).

Safety belts are for everyone.

How to Wear Safety Belts Properly

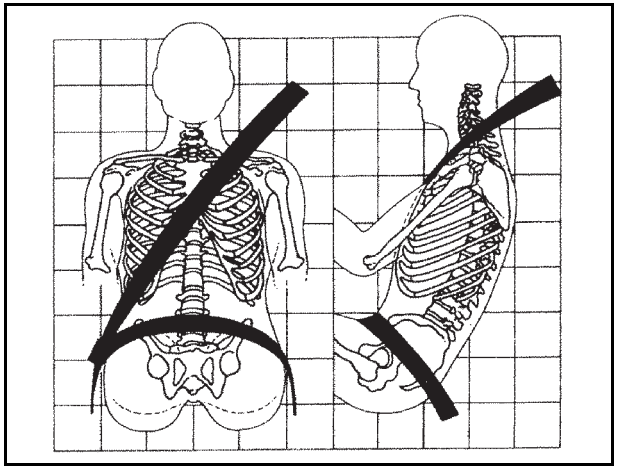
This section is only for people of adult size.

Be aware that there are special things to know about safety belts and children. And there are different rules for smaller children and infants. If a child will be riding in the vehicle, see *Older Children on page 1-29* or *Infants and Young Children on page 1-33*. Follow those rules for everyone's protection.

It is very important for all occupants to buckle up. Statistics show that unbelted people are hurt more often in crashes than those who are wearing safety belts.

Occupants who are not buckled up can be thrown out of the vehicle in a crash. And they can strike others in the vehicle who are wearing safety belts.

First, before you or your passenger(s) wear a safety belt, there is important information you should know.

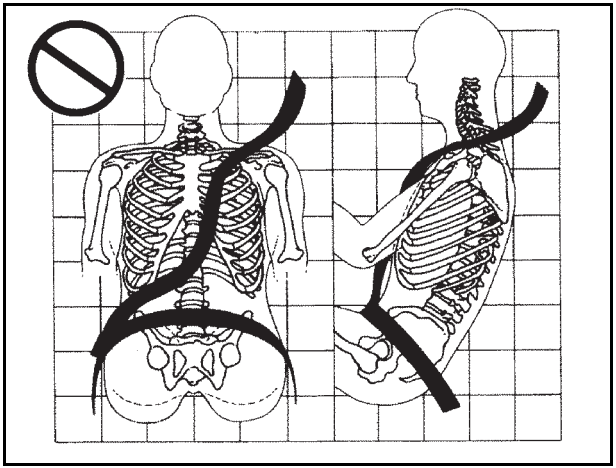


Sit up straight and always keep your feet on the floor in front of you. The lap part of the belt should be worn low and snug on the hips, just touching the thighs. In a crash, this applies force to the strong pelvic bones and you would be less likely to slide under the lap belt.

If you slid under it, the belt would apply force on your abdomen. This could cause serious or even fatal injuries. The shoulder belt should go over the shoulder and across the chest. These parts of the body are best able to take belt restraining forces.

The shoulder belt locks if there is a sudden stop or crash.

Q: What is wrong with this?

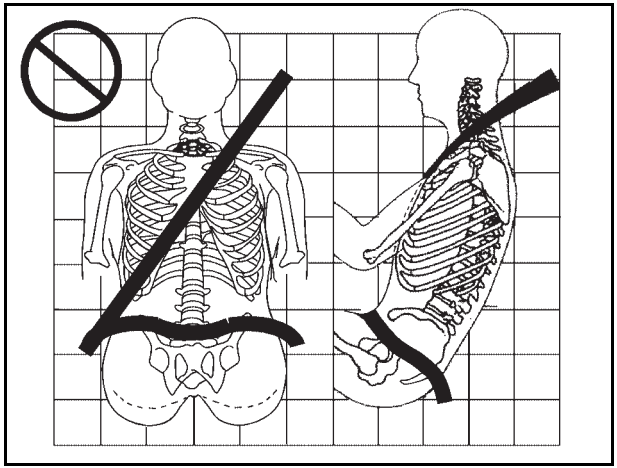


A: The shoulder belt is too loose. It will not give as much protection this way.

⚠ WARNING:

You can be seriously hurt if your shoulder belt is too loose. In a crash, you would move forward too much, which could increase injury. The shoulder belt should fit snugly against your body.

Q: What is wrong with this?

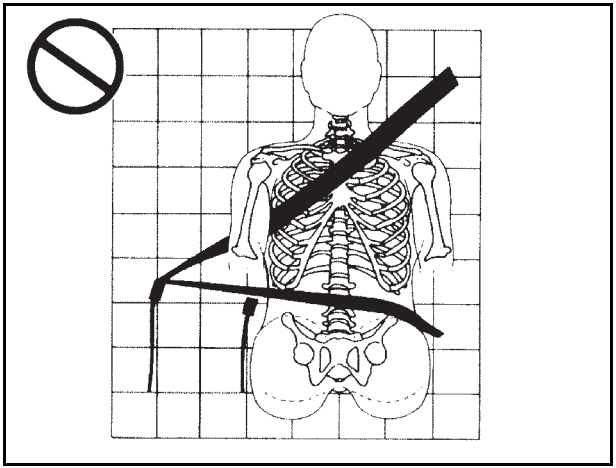


A: The lap belt is too loose. It will not give nearly as much protection this way.

⚠ WARNING:

You can be seriously hurt if your lap belt is too loose. In a crash, you could slide under the lap belt and apply force on your abdomen. This could cause serious or even fatal injuries. The lap belt should be worn low and snug on the hips, just touching the thighs.

Q: What is wrong with this?

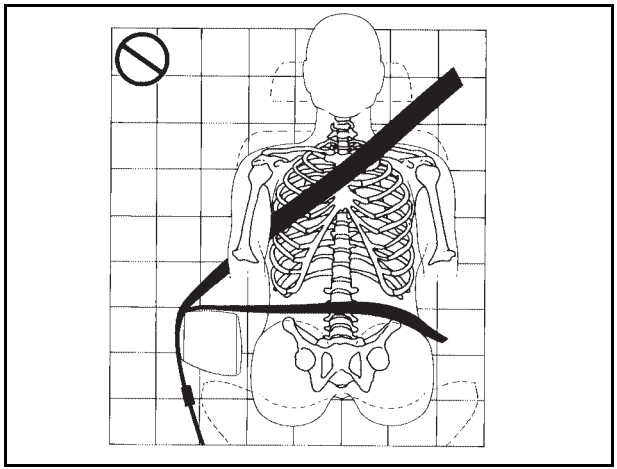


A: The belt is buckled in the wrong buckle.

⚠ WARNING:

You can be seriously injured if your belt is buckled in the wrong place like this. In a crash, the belt would go up over your abdomen. The belt forces would be there, not on the pelvic bones. This could cause serious internal injuries. Always buckle your belt into the buckle nearest you.

Q: What is wrong with this?

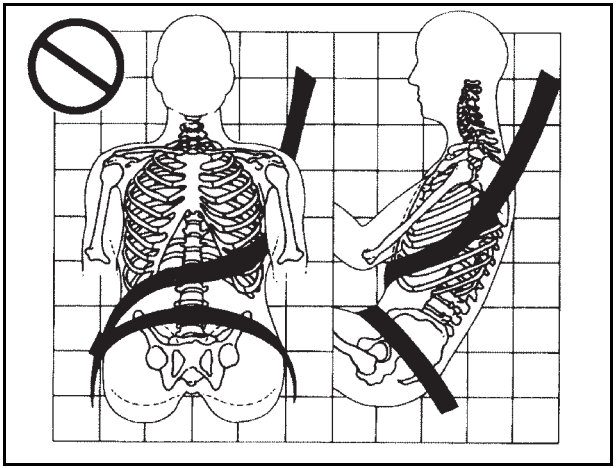


A: The belt is over an armrest.

⚠ WARNING:

You can be seriously injured if your belt goes over an armrest like this. The belt would be much too high. In a crash, you can slide under the belt. The belt force would then be applied on the abdomen, not on the pelvic bones, and that could cause serious or fatal injuries. Be sure the belt goes under the armrests.

Q: What is wrong with this?

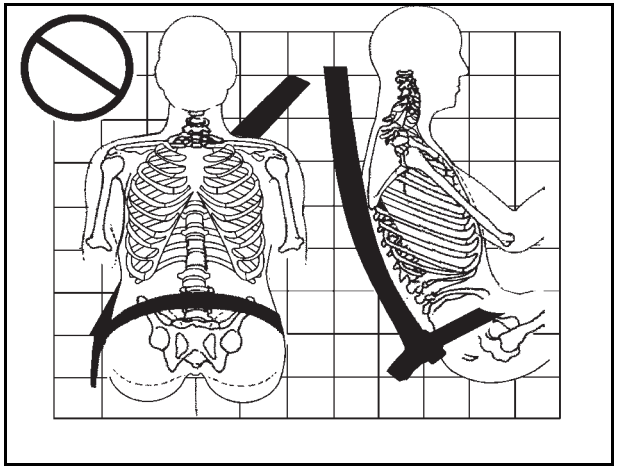


A: The shoulder belt is worn under the arm. It should be worn over the shoulder at all times.

⚠ WARNING:

You can be seriously injured if you wear the shoulder belt under your arm. In a crash, your body would move too far forward, which would increase the chance of head and neck injury. Also, the belt would apply too much force to the ribs, which are not as strong as shoulder bones. You could also severely injure internal organs like your liver or spleen. The shoulder belt should go over the shoulder and across the chest.

Q: What is wrong with this?

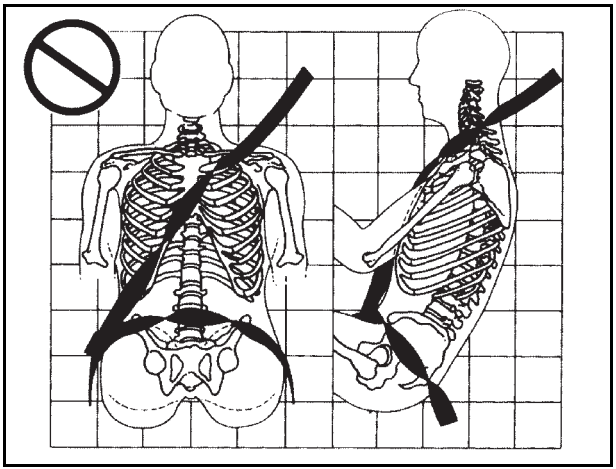


A: The belt is behind the body.

⚠ WARNING:

You can be seriously injured by not wearing the lap-shoulder belt properly. In a crash, you would not be restrained by the shoulder belt. Your body could move too far forward increasing the chance of head and neck injury. You might also slide under the lap belt. The belt force would then be applied right on the abdomen. That could cause serious or fatal injuries. The shoulder belt should go over the shoulder and across the chest.

Q: What is wrong with this?



A: The belt is twisted across the body.

⚠ WARNING:

You can be seriously injured by a twisted belt. In a crash, you would not have the full width of the belt to spread impact forces. If a belt is twisted, make it straight so it can work properly, or ask your dealer/retailer to fix it.

Lap-Shoulder Belt

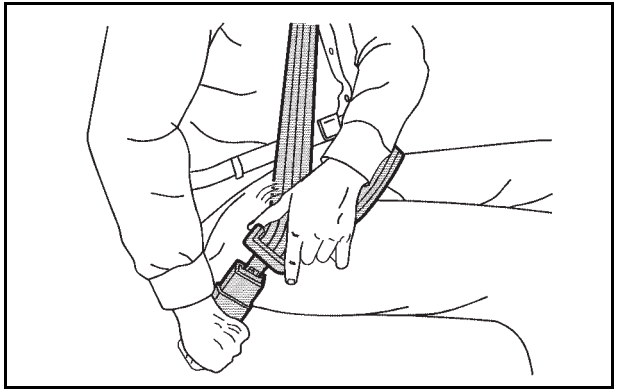
All seating positions in the vehicle have a lap-shoulder belt except for the center passenger positions (if equipped), which have a lap belt. See *Lap Belt on page 1-28* for more information.

The following instructions explain how to wear a lap-shoulder belt properly.

1. Adjust the seat, if the seat is adjustable, so you can sit up straight. To see how, see “Seats” in the Index.
2. Pick up the latch plate and pull the belt across you. Do not let it get twisted.

   The lap-shoulder belt may lock if you pull the belt across you very quickly. If this happens, let the belt go back slightly to unlock it. Then pull the belt across you more slowly.

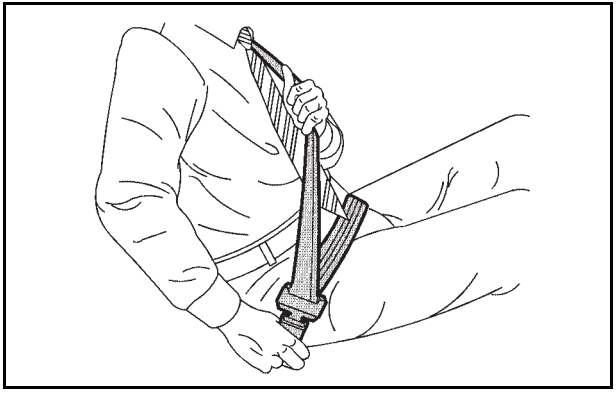
   If the shoulder portion of a passenger belt is pulled out all the way, the child restraint locking feature may be engaged. If this happens, let the belt go back all the way and start again.

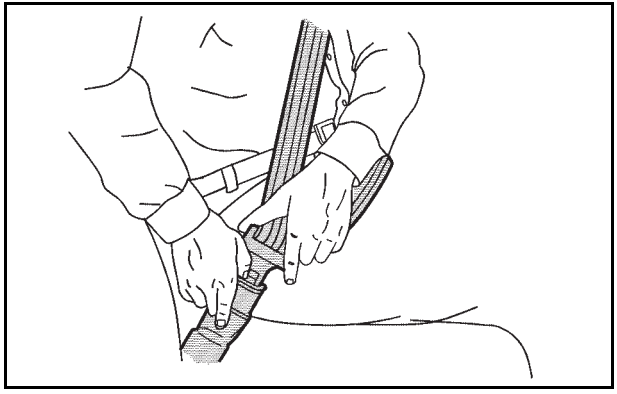


3. Push the latch plate into the buckle until it clicks.

   Pull up on the latch plate to make sure it is secure. If the belt is not long enough, see *Safety Belt Extender on page 1-29*.

   Position the release button on the buckle so that the safety belt could be quickly unbuckled if necessary.
4. If equipped with a shoulder belt height adjuster, move it to the height that is right for you. See “Shoulder Belt Height Adjustment” later in this section for instructions on use and important safety information.





5. To make the lap part tight, pull up on the shoulder belt.

   It may be necessary to pull stitching on the safety belt through the latch plate to fully tighten the lap belt on smaller occupants.

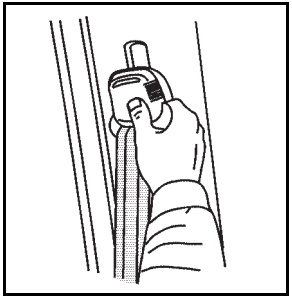
To unlatch the belt, push the button on the buckle. The belt should return to its stowed position.

Before a door is closed, be sure the safety belt is out of the way. If a door is slammed against a safety belt, damage can occur to both the belt and the vehicle.

Shoulder Belt Height Adjustment

The vehicle has a shoulder belt height adjuster for each seating position next to a window.

Adjust the height so that the shoulder portion of the belt is centered on the shoulder. The belt should be away from the face and neck, but not falling off the shoulder. Improper shoulder belt height adjustment could reduce the effectiveness of the safety belt in a crash.

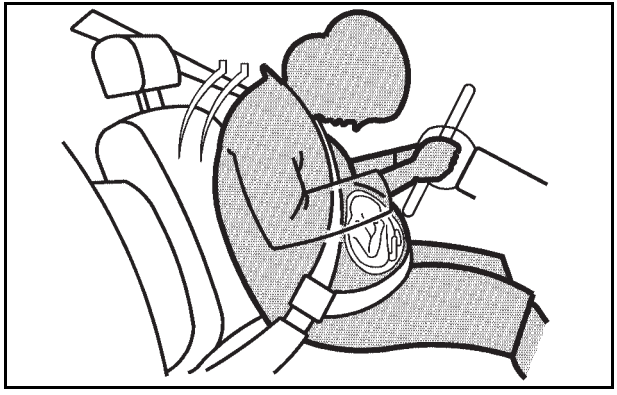


To move it down, press in at the top of the arrows and move the height adjuster to the desired position. You can move the height adjuster up just by pushing up on the shoulder belt guide.

After you move the height adjuster to where you want it, try to move it down without pressing in to make sure it has locked into position.

Safety Belt Use During Pregnancy

Safety belts work for everyone, including pregnant women. Like all occupants, they are more likely to be seriously injured if they do not wear safety belts.



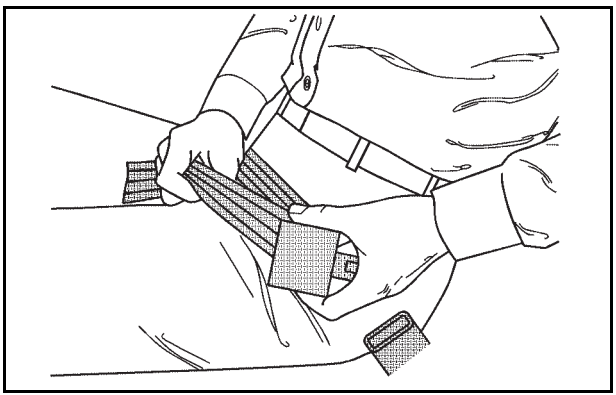
A pregnant woman should wear a lap-shoulder belt, and the lap portion should be worn as low as possible, below the rounding, throughout the pregnancy.

The best way to protect the fetus is to protect the mother. When a safety belt is worn properly, it is more likely that the fetus will not be hurt in a crash. For pregnant women, as for anyone, the key to making safety belts effective is wearing them properly.

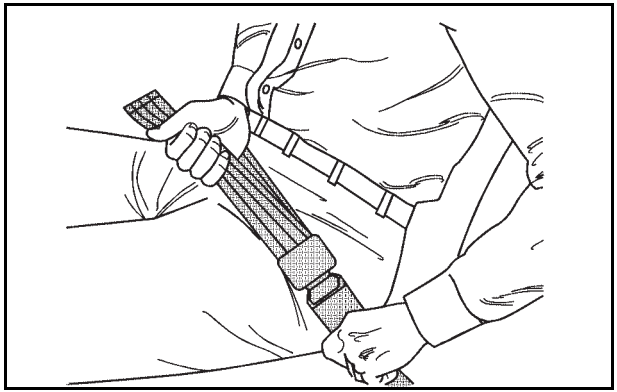
Lap Belt

This part is only for the lap belt. To learn how to wear a lap-shoulder belt, see *Lap-Shoulder Belt on page 1-25*.

You vehicle may have a center seating position. When you sit in the center front or rear seating position, you may have a lap safety belt, which has no retractor.



To make the belt longer, tilt the latch plate and pull it along the belt.



To make the belt shorter, pull its free end as shown until the belt is snug.

Buckle, position and release it the same way as the lap part of a lap-shoulder belt. If the belt is not long enough, see *Safety Belt Extender on page 1-29*.

Make sure the release button on the buckle is positioned so you would be able to unbuckle the safety belt quickly if you ever had to.

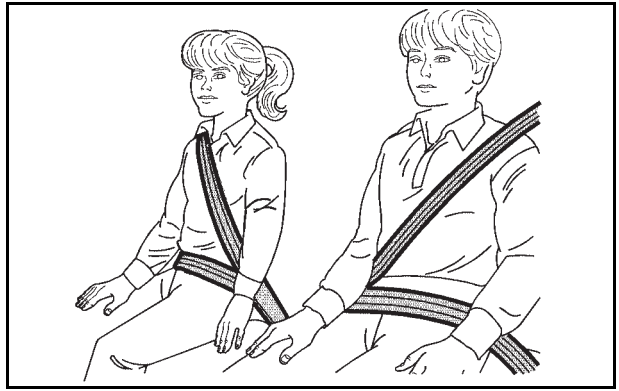
Safety Belt Extender

If the vehicle's safety belt will fasten around you, you should use it.

But if a safety belt is not long enough, your dealer/retailer will order you an extender. When you go in to order it, take the heaviest coat you will wear, so the extender will be long enough for you. To help avoid personal injury, do not let someone else use it, and use it only for the seat it is made to fit. The extender has been designed for adults. Never use it for securing child seats. To wear it, attach it to the regular safety belt. For more information, see the instruction sheet that comes with the extender.

Child Restraints

Older Children



Older children who have outgrown booster seats should wear the vehicle's safety belts.

The manufacturer's instructions that come with the booster seat, state the weight and height limitations for that booster. Use a booster seat with a lap-shoulder belt until the child passes the below fit test:

- Sit all the way back on the seat. Do the knees bend at the seat edge? If yes, continue. If no, return to the booster seat.
- Buckle the lap-shoulder belt. Does the shoulder belt rest on the shoulder? If yes, continue. If no, then return to the booster seat.
- Does the lap belt fit low and snug on the hips, touching the thighs? If yes, continue. If no, return to the booster seat.
- Can proper safety belt fit be maintained for length of trip? If yes, continue. If no, return to the booster seat.

If you have the choice, a child should sit in a position with a lap-shoulder belt and get the additional restraint a shoulder belt can provide.

Q: What is the proper way to wear safety belts?

A: An older child should wear a lap-shoulder belt and get the additional restraint a shoulder belt can provide. The shoulder belt should not cross the face or neck. The lap belt should fit snugly below the hips, just touching the top of the thighs. This applies belt force to the child's pelvic bones in a crash. It should never be worn over the abdomen, which could cause severe or even fatal internal injuries in a crash.

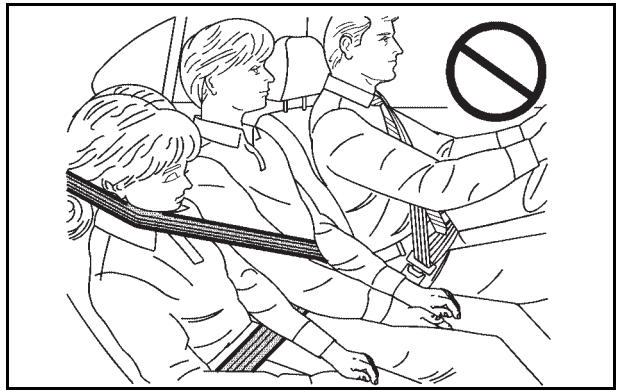
According to accident statistics, children and infants are safer when properly restrained in the rear seating positions than in the front seating positions.

In a crash, children who are not buckled up can strike other people who are buckled up, or can be thrown out of the vehicle. Older children need to use safety belts properly.

⚠ WARNING:

Never do this.

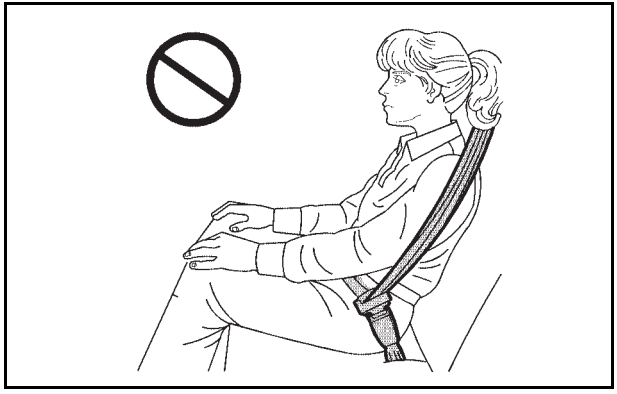
Never allow two children to wear the same safety belt. The safety belt can not properly spread the impact forces. In a crash, the two children can be crushed together and seriously injured. A safety belt must be used by only one person at a time.



⚠ WARNING:

Never do this.

Never allow a child to wear the safety belt with the shoulder belt behind their back. A child can be seriously injured by not wearing the lap-shoulder belt properly. In a crash, the child would not be restrained by the shoulder belt. The child could move too far forward increasing the chance of head and neck injury. The child might also slide under the lap belt. The belt force would then be applied right on the abdomen. That could cause serious or fatal injuries. The shoulder belt should go over the shoulder and across the chest.



Infants and Young Children

Everyone in a vehicle needs protection! This includes infants and all other children. Neither the distance traveled nor the age and size of the traveler changes the need, for everyone, to use safety restraints. In fact, the law in every state in the United States and in every Canadian province says children up to some age must be restrained while in a vehicle.

⚠ WARNING:

Children can be seriously injured or strangled if a shoulder belt is wrapped around their neck and the safety belt continues to tighten. Never leave children unattended in a vehicle and never allow children to play with the safety belts.

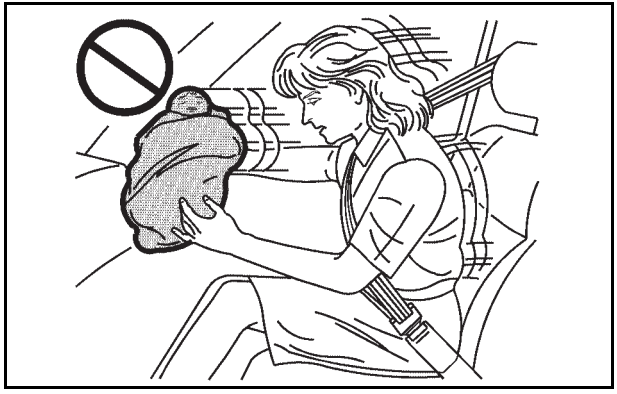
Airbags plus lap-shoulder belts offer protection for adults and older children, but not for young children and infants. Neither the vehicle's safety belt system nor its airbag system is designed for them. Every time infants and young children ride in vehicles, they should have the protection provided by appropriate child restraints.

Children who are not restrained properly can strike other people, or can be thrown out of the vehicle.

⚠ WARNING:

Never do this.

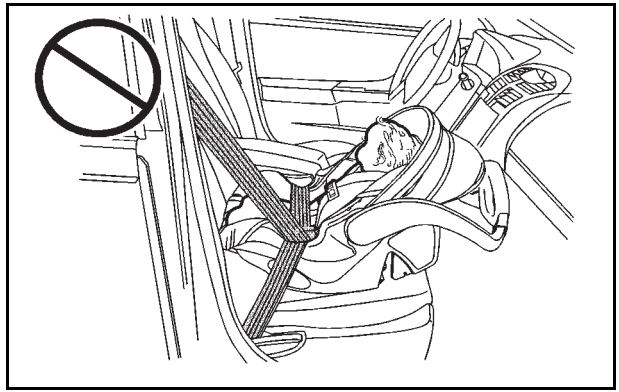
Never hold an infant or a child while riding in a vehicle. Due to crash forces, an infant or a child will become so heavy it is not possible to hold it during a crash. For example, in a crash at only 40 km/h (25 mph), a 5.5 kg (12 lb) infant will suddenly become a 110 kg (240 lb) force on a person's arms. An infant should be secured in an appropriate restraint.



⚠ WARNING:

Never do this.

Children who are up against, or very close to, any airbag when it inflates can be seriously injured or killed. Never put a rear-facing child restraint in the right front seat. Secure a rear-facing child restraint in a rear seat. It is also better to secure a forward-facing child restraint in a rear seat. If you must secure a forward-facing child restraint in the right front seat, always move the front passenger seat as far back as it will go.



Q: What are the different types of add-on child restraints?

A: Add-on child restraints, which are purchased by the vehicle's owner, are available in four basic types. Selection of a particular restraint should take into consideration not only the child's weight, height, and age but also whether or not the restraint will be compatible with the motor vehicle in which it will be used.

For most basic types of child restraints, there are many different models available. When purchasing a child restraint, be sure it is designed to be used in a motor vehicle. If it is, the restraint will have a label saying that it meets federal motor vehicle safety standards.

The restraint manufacturer's instructions that come with the restraint state the weight and height limitations for a particular child restraint. In addition, there are many kinds of restraints available for children with special needs.

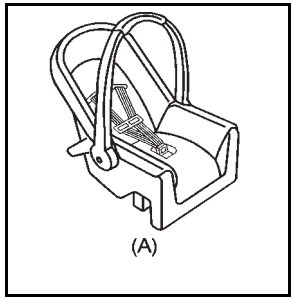
⚠ WARNING:

To reduce the risk of neck and head injury during a crash, infants need complete support. This is because an infant's neck is not fully developed and its head weighs so much compared with the rest of its body. In a crash, an infant in a rear-facing child restraint settles into the restraint, so the crash forces can be distributed across the strongest part of an infant's body, the back and shoulders. Infants should always be secured in rear-facing child restraints.

⚠ WARNING:

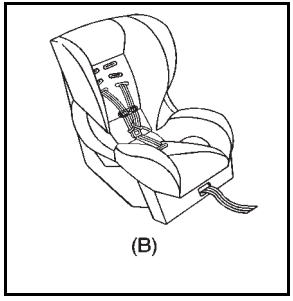
A young child's hip bones are still so small that the vehicle's regular safety belt may not remain low on the hip bones, as it should. Instead, it may settle up around the child's abdomen. In a crash, the belt would apply force on a body area that is unprotected by any bony structure. This alone could cause serious or fatal injuries. To reduce the risk of serious or fatal injuries during a crash, young children should always be secured in appropriate child restraints.

Child Restraint Systems

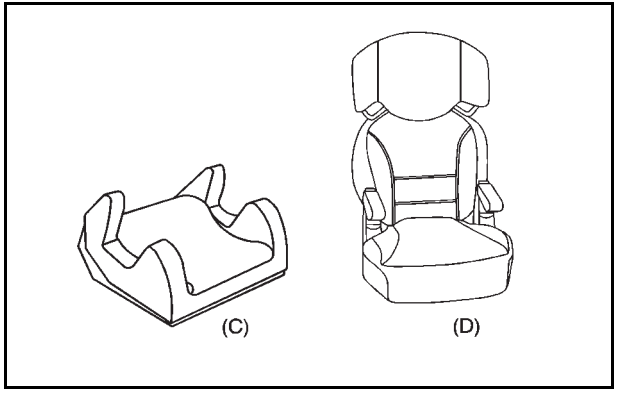


A rear-facing infant seat (A) provides restraint with the seating surface against the back of the infant.

The harness system holds the infant in place and, in a crash, acts to keep the infant positioned in the restraint.



A forward-facing child seat (B) provides restraint for the child's body with the harness.



A booster seat (C-D) is a child restraint designed to improve the fit of the vehicle's safety belt system. A booster seat can also help a child to see out the window.

Securing an Add-on Child Restraint in the Vehicle

⚠ WARNING:

A child can be seriously injured or killed in a crash if the child restraint is not properly secured in the vehicle. Secure the child restraint properly in the vehicle using the vehicle's safety belt, following the instructions that came with that child restraint and the instructions in this manual.

To help reduce the chance of injury, the child restraint must be secured in the vehicle. Child restraint systems must be secured in vehicle seats by lap belts or the lap belt portion of a lap-shoulder belt. A child can be endangered in a crash if the child restraint is not properly secured in the vehicle.

When securing an add-on child restraint, refer to the instructions that come with the restraint which may be on the restraint itself or in a booklet, or both, and to this manual. The child restraint instructions are important, so if they are not available, obtain a replacement copy from the manufacturer.

Keep in mind that an unsecured child restraint can move around in a collision or sudden stop and injure people in the vehicle. Be sure to properly secure any child restraint in your vehicle — even when no child is in it.

Securing the Child Within the Child Restraint

⚠ WARNING:

A child can be seriously injured or killed in a crash if the child is not properly secured in the child restraint. Secure the child properly following the instructions that came with that child restraint.

Where to Put the Restraint

Accident statistics show that children are safer if they are restrained in the rear rather than the front seat.

We recommend that children and child restraints be secured in a rear seat, including: an infant or a child riding in a rear-facing child restraint; a child riding in a forward-facing child seat; an older child riding in a booster seat; and children, who are large enough, using safety belts.

Air Suspension Seats

⚠ WARNING:

A child restraint cannot be secured properly in an air-suspension type seat. This is because an air-suspension seat is designed to move up and down for an adult passenger. Do not use a child restraint in an air-suspension seat.

If your vehicle is a regular cab model with an air-suspension seat in the right front passenger's position, there is no place in your vehicle to secure a child restraint. The only answer is to have infants and young children make the trip in another vehicle, where they can get the protection they need.

Bucket or Bench Seats

If your vehicle is a regular cab model with a bucket or bench seat in the right front passenger's position, the child restraint must be secured properly.

If your vehicle has airbags and you need to secure a child restraint in the right front passenger's seat, there is a switch on the instrument panel that you can use to turn off the passenger's airbag. See *Airbag Off Switch on page 1-56* and *Securing a Child Restraint in the Right Front Seat Position on page 1-46* for more on this, including important safety information.

A label on your sun visor says, “Never put a rear-facing child seat in the front.” This is because the risk to the rear-facing child is so great, if the airbag deploys.

⚠ WARNING:

A child in a rear-facing child restraint can be seriously injured or killed if the right front passenger airbag inflates. This is because the back of the rear-facing child restraint would be very close to the inflating airbag. A child in a forward-facing child restraint can be seriously injured or killed if the right front passenger airbag inflates and the passenger seat is in a forward position.

Even if the airbag switch has turned off the right front passenger frontal airbag, no system is fail-safe. No one can guarantee that an airbag will not deploy under some unusual circumstance, even though it is turned off.

Secure rear-facing child restraints in a rear seat, even if the airbag is off. If you secure a forward-facing child restraint in the right front seat, always move the front passenger seat as far back as it will go. It is better to secure the child restraint in a rear seat.

When securing a child restraint in a rear seating position, study the instructions that came with your child restraint to make sure it is compatible with this vehicle.

Wherever you install a child restraint, be sure to secure the child restraint properly.

Keep in mind that an unsecured child restraint can move around in a collision or sudden stop and injure people in the vehicle. Be sure to properly secure any child restraint in your vehicle — even when no child is in it.

Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children (LATCH)

Some child restraints have a LATCH system. As part of the LATCH system, your child restraint may have lower attachments and/or a top tether. The LATCH system can help hold the child restraint in place during driving or in a crash. Some vehicles have lower and/or top tether anchors designed to secure a child restraint with lower attachments and/or a top tether.

Some child restraints with a top tether are designed to be used whether the top tether is anchored or not. Other child restraints require that the top tether be anchored. A national or local law may require that the top tether be anchored.

In Canada, the law requires that forward-facing child restraints have a top tether, and that the tether be attached.

Your vehicle does not have lower anchors or top tether anchors to secure a child restraint with the LATCH system. If a national or local law requires that your top tether be anchored, do not use a child restraint in this vehicle because a top tether cannot be properly anchored. You must use the safety belts to secure your child restraint in this vehicle, unless a national or local law requires that the top tether be anchored. Refer to your child restraint instructions and instructions in this manual for securing a child restraint using the vehicle's safety belts.

Securing a Child Restraint in a Rear Outside Seat Position (Crew Cab)

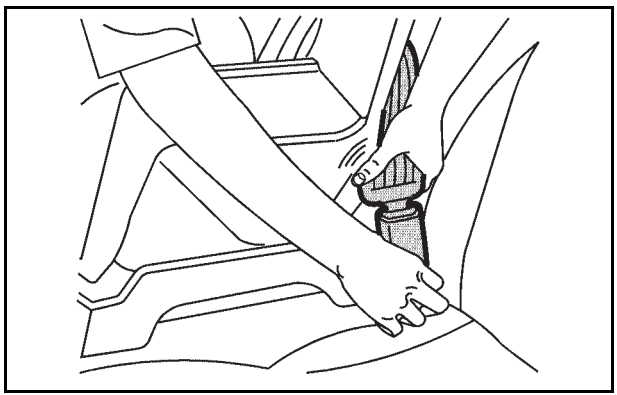
When securing a child restraint in a rear seating position, study the instructions that came with your child restraint to make sure it is compatible with this vehicle.

Do not secure a child restraint in a position without a top tether anchor if a national or local law requires that the top tether be anchored, or if the instructions that come with the child restraint say that the top strap must be anchored.

In Canada, the law requires that forward-facing child restraints have a top tether, and that the tether be attached.

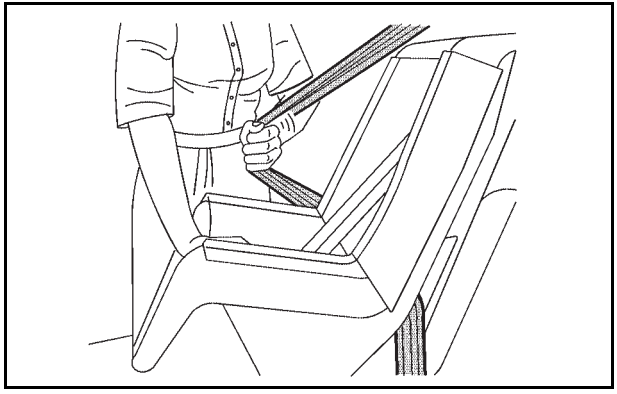
If you need to install more than one child restraint in the rear seat, be sure to read *Where to Put the Restraint on page 1-40*.

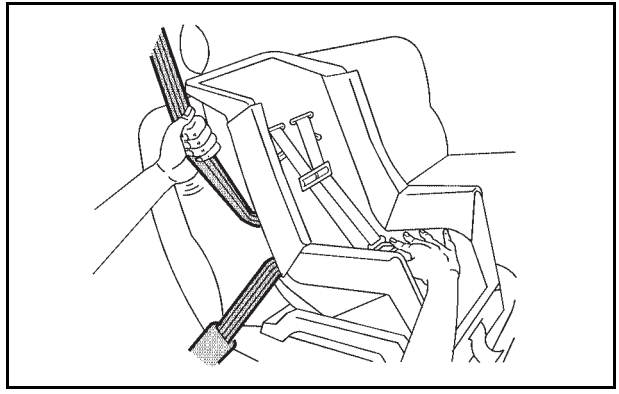
1. Put the child restraint on the seat.
2. Pick up the latch plate, and run the lap and shoulder portions of the vehicle's safety belt through or around the restraint. The child restraint instructions will show you how.



3. Push the latch plate into the buckle until it clicks.

   Make sure the release button is positioned so you would be able to unbuckle the safety belt quickly if necessary.





4. Pull the rest of the shoulder belt all the way out of the retractor to set the lock.

5. To tighten the belt, push down on the child restraint, pull the shoulder portion of the belt to tighten the lap portion of the belt, and feed the shoulder belt back into the retractor. If you are using a forward-facing child restraint, you may find it helpful to use your knee to push down on the child restraint as you tighten the belt.

6. Push and pull the child restraint in different directions to be sure it is secure.

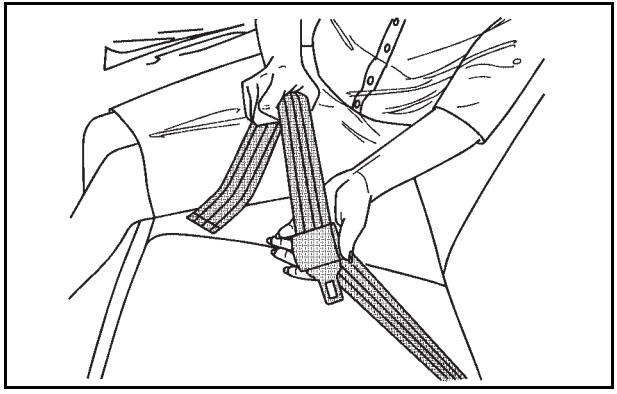
To remove the child restraint, unbuckle the vehicle's safety belt and let it go back all the way.

Securing a Child Restraint in the Center Rear Seat Position (Crew Cab)

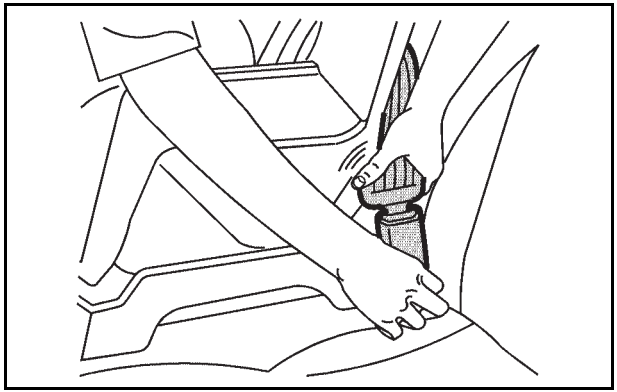
This vehicle does not have top tether anchors. Some national or local laws require that top tethers be anchored. In Canada, the law requires that forward-facing child restraints have a top tether, and that the tether be attached.

Be sure to follow the instructions that came with the child restraint. Secure the child in the child restraint when and as the instructions say.

You will be using the lap belt.



1. Make the belt as long as possible by tilting the latch plate and pulling it along the belt.
2. Put the child restraint on the seat.
3. Run the vehicle's safety belt through or around the restraint. The child restraint instructions will show you how.



4. Push the latch plate into the buckle until it clicks.

   Make sure the release button is positioned so you would be able to unbuckle the safety belt quickly if necessary.

5. To tighten the belt, pull its free end while you push down on the child restraint. If you are using a forward-facing child restraint, you may find it helpful to use your knee to push down on the child restraint as you tighten the belt.
6. Push and pull the child restraint in different directions to be sure it is secure.

To remove the child restraint, unbuckle the vehicle's safety belt.

Securing a Child Restraint in the Center Front Seat Position

⚠ WARNING:

A child in a child restraint in the center front seat can be badly injured or killed by the frontal airbags if they inflate. Never secure a child restraint in the center front seat if your vehicle has airbags or if it interferes with shifting gears. It is always better to secure a child restraint in a rear seat.

Do not use child restraints in the center front seat position if your vehicle has airbags. If your vehicle does not have airbags, use the instructions for *Securing a Child Restraint in the Center Rear Seat Position (Crew Cab) on page 1-44* to install a child restraint in the center front position.

Securing a Child Restraint in the Right Front Seat Position

This vehicle may have airbags. A rear seat is a safer place to secure a forward-facing child restraint. See *Where to Put the Restraint on page 1-40*.

There may be a switch on the instrument panel that you can use to turn off the right front passenger frontal airbag. See *Airbag Off Switch on page 1-56* for more information, including important safety information.

A label on your sun visor says, “Never put a rear-facing child seat in the front.” This is because the risk to the rear-facing child is so great, if the airbag deploys.

⚠ WARNING:

A child in a rear-facing child restraint can be seriously injured or killed if the right front passenger airbag inflates. This is because the back of the rear-facing child restraint would be very close to the inflating airbag. A child in a forward-facing child restraint can be seriously injured or killed if the right front passenger airbag inflates and the passenger seat is in a forward position.

Even if the airbag switch has turned off the right front passenger frontal airbag, no system is fail-safe. No one can guarantee that an airbag will not deploy under some unusual circumstance, even though it is turned off.

Secure rear-facing child restraints in a rear seat, even if the airbag is off. If you secure a forward-facing child restraint in the right front seat, always move the front passenger seat as far back as it will go. It is better to secure the child restraint in a rear seat.

⚠ WARNING:

If the airbag readiness light ever comes on and stays on, it means that something may be wrong with the airbag system. For example, the right front passenger airbag could inflate even though the airbag on-off switch is turned off.

To help avoid injury to yourself or others, have the vehicle serviced right away. See *Airbag Readiness Light on page 3-25* for more information, including important safety information.

If the vehicle does not have a rear seat that will accommodate a rear-facing child restraint, a rear-facing child restraint should not be installed in the vehicle, even if the airbag is off.

Do not secure a child restraint in a position without a top tether anchor if a national or local law requires that the top tether be anchored, or if the instructions that come with the child restraint say that the top strap must be anchored.

In Canada, the law requires that forward-facing child restraints have a top tether, and that the tether be attached.

You will be using the lap-shoulder belt to secure the child restraint in this position. Follow the instructions that came with the child restraint.

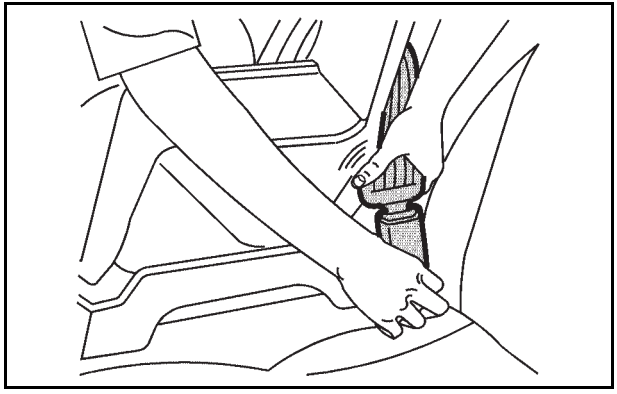
1. Move the seat as far back as it will go before securing the forward-facing child restraint.

   If you have no other choice but to install a rear-facing child restraint in this seat, make sure the airbag is off once the child restraint has been installed.

   When the airbag off switch has turned off the right front passenger frontal airbag, the off indicator in the airbag off light should light and stay lit when you start the vehicle. See *Airbag Off Light on page 3-26*.

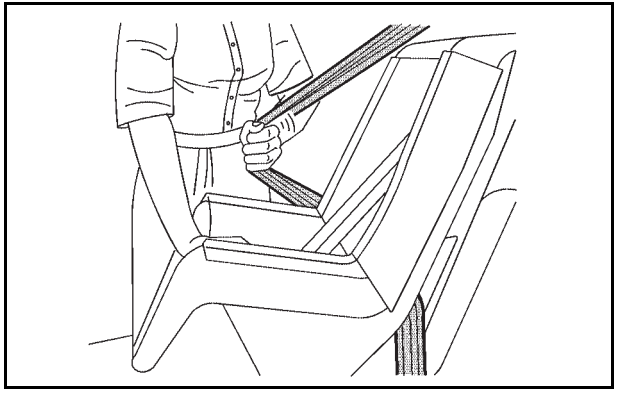
2. Put the child restraint on the seat.

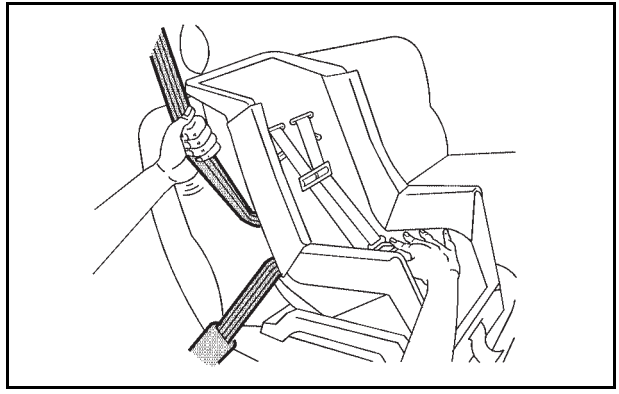
3. Pick up the latch plate, and run the lap and shoulder portions of the vehicle's safety belt through or around the restraint. The child restraint instructions will show you how.



4. Push the latch plate into the buckle until it clicks.

   Position the release button on the buckle so that the safety belt could be quickly unbuckled if necessary.





5. Pull the rest of the shoulder belt all the way out of the retractor to set the lock.

6. To tighten the belt, push down on the child restraint, pull the shoulder portion of the belt to tighten the lap portion of the belt and feed the shoulder belt back into the retractor. When installing a forward-facing child restraint, it may be helpful to use your knee to push down on the child restraint as you tighten the belt.

7. Push and pull the child restraint in different directions to be sure it is secure.

To remove the child restraint, unbuckle the vehicle safety belt and let it return to the stowed position. If the top tether is attached to a top tether anchor, disconnect it.

If you turned the airbag off with the switch, turn on the right front passenger airbag when you remove the child restraint from the vehicle unless the person who will be sitting there is a member of a passenger airbag risk group. See *Airbag Off Switch on page 1-56* for more information, including important safety information.

⚠ WARNING:

If the right front passenger's airbag is turned off for a person who is not in a risk group identified by the national government, that person will not have the extra protection of an airbag. In a crash, the airbag will not be able to inflate and help protect the person sitting there.

Do not turn off the passenger's airbag unless the person sitting there is in a risk group identified by the national government. See *Airbag Off Switch on page 1-56* for more on this, including important safety information.

Airbag System

The vehicle may have the following airbags:

- A frontal airbag for the driver.
- A frontal airbag for the right front passenger.

For frontal airbags, the word AIRBAG will appear on the middle part of the steering wheel for the driver and on the instrument panel for the right front passenger.

Airbags are designed to supplement the protection provided by safety belts. Even though today's airbags are also designed to help reduce the risk of injury from the force of an inflating bag, all airbags must inflate very quickly to do their job.

Here are the most important things to know about the airbag system:

⚠ WARNING:

You can be severely injured or killed in a crash if you are not wearing your safety belt — even if you have airbags. Airbags are designed to work with safety belts, but do not replace them. Also, airbags are not designed to deploy in every crash. In some crashes safety belts are your only restraint. See *When Should an Airbag Inflate? on page 1-53*.

Wearing your safety belt during a crash helps reduce your chance of hitting things inside the vehicle or being ejected from it. Airbags are "supplemental restraints" to the safety belts. Everyone in your vehicle should wear a safety belt properly — whether or not there is an airbag for that person.

⚠ WARNING:

Airbags inflate with great force, faster than the blink of an eye. Anyone who is up against, or very close to, any airbag when it inflates can be seriously injured or killed. Do not sit unnecessarily close to the airbag, as you would be if you were sitting on the edge of your seat or leaning forward. Safety belts help keep you in position before and during a crash. Always wear your safety belt, even with airbags. The driver should sit as far back as possible while still maintaining control of the vehicle.

⚠ WARNING:

Children who are up against, or very close to, any airbag when it inflates can be seriously injured or killed. Airbags plus lap-shoulder belts offer protection for adults and older children, but not for young children and infants. Neither the vehicle's safety belt system nor its airbag system is designed for them. Young children and infants need the protection that a child restraint system can provide. Always secure children properly in your vehicle. To read how, see *Older Children on page 1-29* or *Infants and Young Children on page 1-33*.

There is an airbag readiness light on the instrument panel cluster, which shows the airbag symbol.

The system checks the airbag electrical system for malfunctions. The light tells you if there is an electrical problem. See *Airbag Readiness Light on page 3-25* for more information.

Where Are the Airbags?

The driver's airbag is in the middle of the steering wheel.

The right front passenger's airbag is in the instrument panel on the passenger's side.

⚠ WARNING:

If something is between an occupant and an airbag, the bag might not inflate properly or it might force the object into that person causing severe injury or even death. The path of an inflating airbag must be kept clear. Do not put anything between an occupant and an airbag, and do not attach or put anything on the steering wheel hub or on or near any other airbag covering.

When Should an Airbag Inflate?

Frontal airbags are designed to inflate in moderate to severe frontal or near-frontal crashes to help reduce the potential for severe injuries mainly to the driver's or right front passenger's head and chest. However, they are only designed to inflate if the impact exceeds a predetermined deployment threshold. Deployment thresholds are used to predict how severe a crash is likely to be in time for the airbags to inflate and help restrain the occupants.

Whether your frontal airbags will or should deploy is not based on how fast your vehicle is traveling. It depends largely on what you hit, the direction of the impact, and how quickly your vehicle slows down.

Frontal airbags may inflate at different crash speeds. For example:

- If the vehicle hits a stationary object, the airbags could inflate at a different crash speed than if the vehicle hits a moving object.
- If the vehicle hits an object that deforms, the airbags could inflate at a different crash speed than if the vehicle hits an object that does not deform.
- If the vehicle hits a narrow object (like a pole), the airbags could inflate at a different crash speed than if the vehicle hits a wide object (like a wall).
- If the vehicle goes into an object at an angle, the airbags could inflate at a different crash speed than if the vehicle goes straight into the object.

Thresholds can also vary with specific vehicle design.

Frontal airbags are not intended to inflate during vehicle rollovers, rear impacts, or in many side impacts.

In any particular crash, no one can say whether an airbag should have inflated simply because of the damage to a vehicle or because of what the repair costs were. For frontal airbags, inflation is determined by what the vehicle hits, the angle of the impact, and how quickly the vehicle slows down.

What Makes an Airbag Inflate?

In a deployment event, the sensing system sends an electrical signal triggering a release of gas from the inflator. Gas from the inflator fills the airbag causing the bag to break out of the cover and deploy. The inflator, the airbag, and related hardware are all part of the airbag module.

Frontal airbag modules are located inside the steering wheel and instrument panel.

How Does an Airbag Restrain?

In moderate to severe frontal or near frontal collisions, even belted occupants can contact the steering wheel or the instrument panel. In moderate to severe side collisions, even belted occupants can contact the inside of the vehicle.

Airbags supplement the protection provided by safety belts. Frontal airbags distribute the force of the impact more evenly over the occupant's upper body, stopping the occupant more gradually.

But airbags would not help in many types of collisions, primarily because the occupant's motion is not toward those airbags. See *When Should an Airbag Inflate? on page 1-53* for more information.

Airbags should never be regarded as anything more than a supplement to safety belts.

What Will You See After an Airbag Inflates?

After a frontal airbag inflates, it quickly deflates, so quickly that some people may not even realize the airbag inflated. Some components of the airbag module may be hot for several minutes. For location of the airbag modules, see *What Makes an Airbag Inflate? on page 1-54*.

The parts of the airbag that come into contact with you may be warm, but not too hot to touch. There may be some smoke and dust coming from the vents in the deflated airbags. Airbag inflation does not prevent the driver from seeing out of the windshield or being able to steer the vehicle, nor does it prevent people from leaving the vehicle.

⚠ WARNING:

When an airbag inflates, there may be dust in the air. This dust could cause breathing problems for people with a history of asthma or other breathing trouble. To avoid this, everyone in the vehicle should get out as soon as it is safe to do so.

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If you have breathing problems but cannot get out of the vehicle after an airbag inflates, then get fresh air by opening a window or a door. If you experience breathing problems following an airbag deployment, you should seek medical attention.

In many crashes severe enough to inflate the airbag, windshields are broken by vehicle deformation. Additional windshield breakage may also occur from the right front passenger airbag.

- Airbags are designed to inflate only once. After an airbag inflates, you will need some new parts for the airbag system. If you do not get them, the airbag system will not be there to help protect you in another crash. A new system will include airbag modules and possibly other parts. The service manual for your vehicle covers the need to replace other parts.
- Your vehicle has a crash sensing and diagnostic module which records information after a crash. See *Vehicle Data Recording and Privacy (Isuzu 7.8L L6 Engine) on page 7-12* and *Event Data Recorders (Isuzu 7.8L L6 Engine) on page 7-12*.

- Let only qualified technicians work on the airbag system. Improper service can mean that an airbag system will not work properly. See your dealer/retailer for service.

Airbag Off Switch

If the vehicle has a right front passenger airbag, it has an airbag on-off switch that you can use to manually turn on or off the right front passenger airbag.

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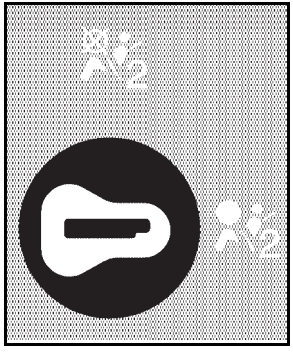

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This switch should only be turned to the off position if the person in the right front passenger position is a member of a passenger risk group identified by the national government as follows:

Infant. An infant (less than 1 year old) must ride in the front seat because:

- *My vehicle has no rear seat;*
- *My vehicle has a rear seat too small to accommodate a rear-facing infant seat; or*
- *The infant has a medical condition which, according to the infant's physician, makes it necessary for the infant to ride in the front seat so that the driver can constantly monitor the child's condition.*

Child Age 1 to 12. A child age 1 to 12 must ride in the front seat because:

- *My vehicle has no rear seat;*
- *Although children ages 1 to 12 ride in the rear seat(s) whenever possible, children ages 1 to 12 sometimes must ride in the front because no space is available in the rear seat(s) of my vehicle; or*
- *The child has a medical condition which, according to the child's physician, makes it necessary for the child to ride in the front seat so that the driver can constantly monitor the child's condition.*

Medical Condition. A passenger has a medical condition which, according to his or her physician:

- *Causes the passenger airbag to pose a special risk for the passenger; and*
- *Makes the potential harm from the passenger airbag in a crash greater than the potential harm from turning off the airbag and allowing the passenger, even if belted, to hit the dashboard or windshield in a crash.*

⚠ WARNING:

If the right front passenger's airbag is turned off for a person who is not in a risk group identified by the national government, that person will not have the extra protection of an airbag. In a crash, the airbag will not be able to inflate and help protect the person sitting there. Do not turn off the passenger's airbag unless the person sitting there is in a risk group.

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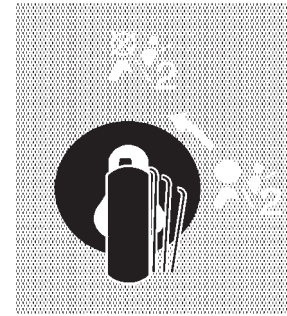

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To turn off the right front passenger frontal airbag, insert your ignition key into the switch, push in, and move the switch to the off position.

The airbag off light will come on and stay on to let you know that the right front passenger airbag is off. See *Airbag Off Light on page 3-26*. The airbag off light will stay on to remind you that the airbag is off. The right front passenger airbag will remain off until you turn it back on again.

⚠ WARNING:

If the airbag readiness light ever comes on and stays on, it means that something may be wrong with the airbag system. For example, the right front passenger airbag could inflate even though the airbag on-off switch is turned off.

To help avoid injury to yourself or others, have the vehicle serviced right away. See *Airbag Readiness Light on page 3-25* for more information, including important safety information.

⚠ WARNING:

If the airbag readiness light ever comes on when you have turned off the airbag, it means that something may be wrong with the airbag system. The right front passenger's airbag could inflate even though the switch is off. If this ever happens, do not let anyone whom the national government has identified as a member of a passenger airbag risk group sit in the right front passenger's position (for example, do not secure a rear-facing child restraint in the right front passenger's seat) until you have your vehicle serviced. See *Airbag Readiness Light on page 3-25* for additional information.

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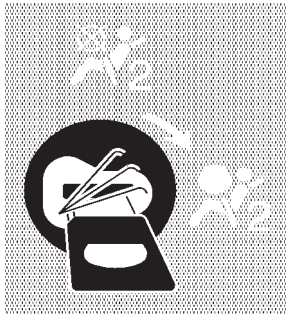

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To turn the right front passenger airbag on again, insert the ignition key into the switch, push in, and move the switch to the on position.

The right front passenger frontal airbag is now enabled (may inflate). See *Airbag Off Light on page 3-26* for more information.

Servicing Your Airbag-Equipped Vehicle

Airbags affect how the vehicle should be serviced. There are parts of the airbag system in several places around the vehicle. Your dealer/retailer and the service manual have information about servicing the vehicle and the airbag system. To purchase a service manual, see *Service Publications Ordering Information on page 7-10*.

⚠ WARNING:

For up to 10 seconds after the ignition is turned off and the battery is disconnected, an airbag can still inflate during improper service. You can be injured if you are close to an airbag when it inflates. Avoid yellow connectors. They are probably part of the airbag system. Be sure to follow proper service procedures, and make sure the person performing work for you is qualified to do so.

Adding Equipment to Your Airbag-Equipped Vehicle

Q: Is there anything I might add to or change about the vehicle that could keep the airbags from working properly?

A: Yes. If you add things that change your vehicle's frame, bumper system, height, front end or side sheet metal, they may keep the airbag system from working properly. Changing or moving any parts of the front seats, safety belts, the airbag sensing and diagnostic module, steering wheel, instrument panel, front sensors, or airbag wiring can affect the operation of the airbag system.

If you have any questions about this, you should contact Customer Assistance before you modify your vehicle. The phone numbers and addresses for Customer Assistance are in Step Two of the Customer Satisfaction Procedure in this manual. See *Customer Satisfaction Procedure on page 7-2*.

Q: Because I have a disability, I have to get my vehicle modified. How can I find out whether this will affect my airbag system?

A: If you have questions, call Customer Assistance. The phone numbers and addresses for Customer Assistance are in Step Two of the Customer Satisfaction Procedure in this manual. See *Customer Satisfaction Procedure on page 7-2*.

In addition, your dealer/retailer and the service manual have information about the location of the airbag sensors, sensing and diagnostic module and airbag wiring.

Restraint System Check

Checking the Restraint Systems

Safety Belts

Now and then, check that the safety belt reminder light, safety belts, buckles, latch plates, retractors, and anchorages are all working properly.

Look for any other loose or damaged safety belt system parts that might keep a safety belt system from doing its job. See your dealer/retailer to have it repaired. Torn or frayed safety belts may not protect you in a crash. They can rip apart under impact forces. If a belt is torn or frayed, get a new one right away.

Make sure the safety belt reminder light is working. See *Safety Belt Reminders on page 3-24* for more information.

Keep safety belts clean and dry. See *Care of Safety Belts on page 5-88*.

Airbags

The airbag system does not need regularly scheduled maintenance or replacement. Make sure the airbag readiness light is working. See *Airbag Readiness Light on page 3-25* for more information.

Notice: **If an airbag covering is damaged, opened, or broken, the airbag may not work properly. Do not open or break the airbag coverings. If there are any opened or broken airbag covers, have the airbag covering and/or airbag module replaced. For the location of the airbag modules, see *What Makes an Airbag Inflate? on page 1-54*. See your dealer/retailer for service.**

Replacing Restraint System Parts After a Crash

⚠ WARNING:

A crash can damage the restraint systems in your vehicle. A damaged restraint system may not properly protect the person using it, resulting in serious injury or even death in a crash. To help make sure your restraint systems are working properly after a crash, have them inspected and any necessary replacements made as soon as possible.

If you have had a crash, do you need new belts?

After a very minor crash, nothing may be necessary. But the belt assemblies that were used during any crash may have been stressed or damaged. See your dealer/retailer to have your safety belt assemblies inspected or replaced.

New parts and repairs may be necessary even if the belt was not being used at the time of the crash.

If an airbag inflates, if your vehicle has these, you will need to replace airbag system parts. See the part on the airbag system earlier in this section.

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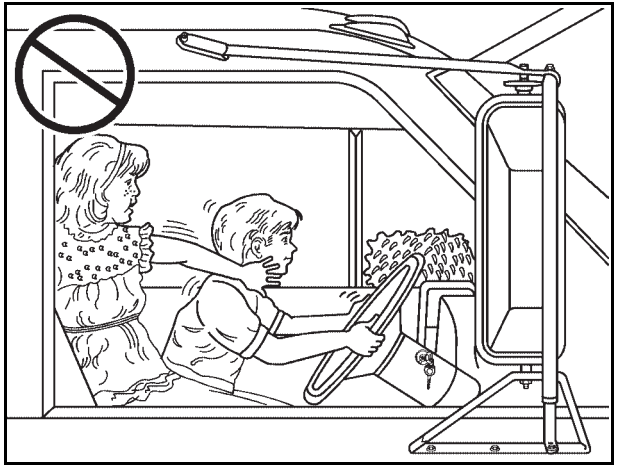
Keys

⚠ WARNING:

Leaving children in a vehicle with the ignition key is dangerous for many reasons, children or others could be badly injured or even killed. They could operate the power windows or other controls or even make the vehicle move. The windows will function with the keys in the ignition and children could be seriously injured or killed if caught in the path of a closing window. Do not leave the keys in a vehicle with children.



Your vehicle has one double-sided key for the ignition and all door locks.

If you ever lose your key, your dealer/retailer will be able to assist you with obtaining a new one.

Notice: **If you ever lock your keys in the vehicle, you may have to damage the vehicle to get in. Be sure you have spare keys.**

If you ever do get locked out of your vehicle, call Roadside Assistance Center. See *Roadside Assistance Program on page 7-6*.

Remote Keyless Entry (RKE) System

See *Radio Frequency Statement on page 7-14* for information regarding Part 15 of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Rules and RSS-210/211 of Industry and Science Canada.

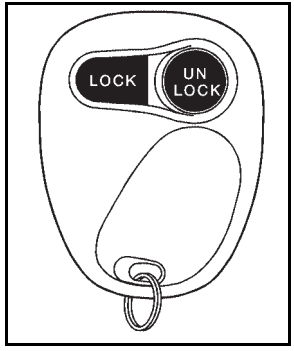
Changes or modifications to this system by other than an authorized service facility could void authorization to use this equipment.

If there is a decrease in the RKE operating range, try this:

- Check the distance. The transmitter may be too far from the vehicle. Stand closer during rainy or snowy weather.
- Check the location. Other vehicles or objects may be blocking the signal. Take a few steps to the left or right, hold the transmitter higher, and try again.
- Check the transmitter's battery. See “Battery Replacement” later in this section.
- If the transmitter is still not working correctly, see your dealer/retailer or a qualified technician for service.

Remote Keyless Entry (RKE) System Operation

For vehicles with the Remote Keyless Entry (RKE) System, transmitter functions work up to 30 feet (9 m) away from the vehicle.



LOCK : Press to lock all the doors.

UNLOCK : Press once to unlock the driver door.

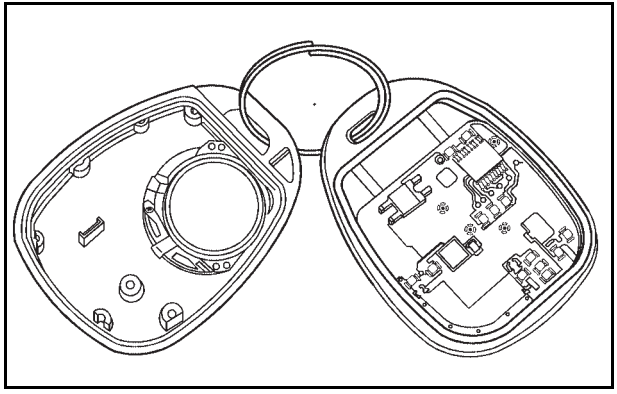
Press this button again within five seconds to unlock all the doors. The interior dome lamp comes on for about 40 seconds or until the ignition switch is activated.

Programming Transmitters to the Vehicle

Only RKE transmitters programmed to the vehicle will work. If a transmitter is lost or stolen, a replacement can be purchased and programmed through your dealer/retailer. When the replacement transmitter is programmed to the vehicle, all remaining transmitters must also be programmed. Any lost or stolen transmitters no longer work once the new transmitter is programmed. Each vehicle can have up to four transmitters programmed to it.

Battery Replacement

Notice: **When replacing the battery, do not touch any of the circuitry on the transmitter. Static from your body could damage the transmitter.**



1. Separate the transmitter with a flat, thin object inserted into the slot near the key ring hole.
2. Remove the battery.
3. Insert the new battery, positive (+) side down. Replace with a CR2032 or equivalent battery.
4. Align the transmitter back together.
5. Check the operation of the transmitter. If the transmitter does not work after battery replacement, it may need to be resynchronized to the vehicle. See *Resynchronization* following.

Resynchronization

Resynchronization may be necessary due to the security method used by this system. The transmitter does not send the same signal twice to the receiver. The receiver will not respond to a signal it has been sent previously. This prevents anyone from recording and playing back the signal from the transmitter.

To resynchronize the transmitter, stand close to the vehicle and simultaneously press and hold the LOCK and UNLOCK buttons on the transmitter for at least five seconds. The door locks should cycle to confirm resynchronization. If the locks do not cycle, see your dealer/retailer for service.

Doors and Locks

Door Locks

⚠ WARNING:

Unlocked doors can be dangerous.

- Passengers, especially children, can easily open the doors and fall out of a moving vehicle. When a door is locked, the handle will

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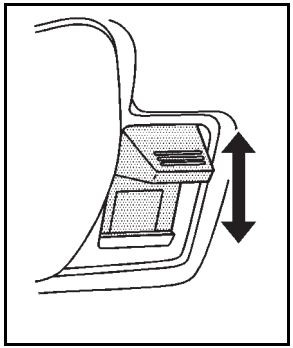
not open it. The chance of being thrown out of the vehicle in a crash is increased if the doors are not locked. So, all passengers should wear safety belts properly and the doors should be locked whenever the vehicle is driven.

- Young children who get into unlocked vehicles may be unable to get out. A child can be overcome by extreme heat and can suffer permanent injuries or even death from heat stroke. Always lock the vehicle whenever leaving it.
- Outsiders can easily enter through an unlocked door when you slow down or stop your vehicle. Locking your doors can help prevent this from happening.

There are several ways to lock and unlock your vehicle.

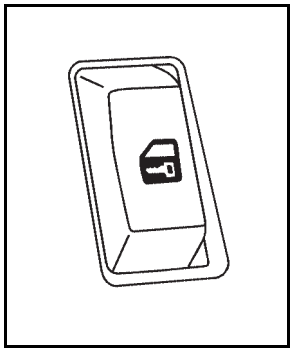
On a vehicle equipped with keyless entry, you can use your transmitter to lock or unlock your vehicle. See *Remote Keyless Entry (RKE) System Operation on page 2-3*.

To lock or unlock the door from the outside, use the key.



To lock the door from the inside, slide the manual lever on the door down. To unlock the door, slide the manual lever up.

Power Door Locks



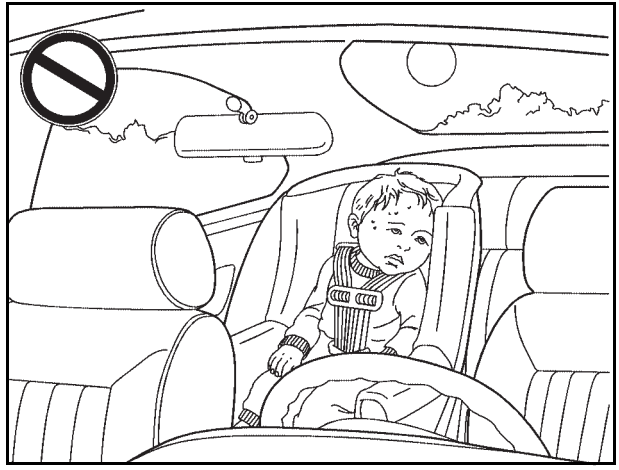
If your vehicle has power door locks, press the bottom of the power door lock switch to lock all the doors at once. To unlock all the doors at once, press the top of the power door lock switch.

When a door is locked, the inside door handle will not work.

Windows

⚠ WARNING:

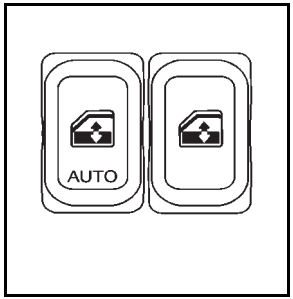
Leaving children, helpless adults, or pets in a vehicle with the windows closed is dangerous. They can be overcome by the extreme heat and suffer permanent injuries or even death from heat stroke. Never leave a child, a helpless adult, or a pet alone in a vehicle, especially with the windows closed in warm or hot weather.



Manual Windows

Turn the hand crank on each door to raise or lower the window.

Power Windows



If your vehicle has power windows, the switches for both windows are located on the driver's door. In addition, the passenger door has a switch for its own window.

Press the rearward part of the switch to lower the window. Press the forward part of the switch to raise the window.

The power windows will operate when the ignition is in ACC/ACCESSORY or ON/RUN.

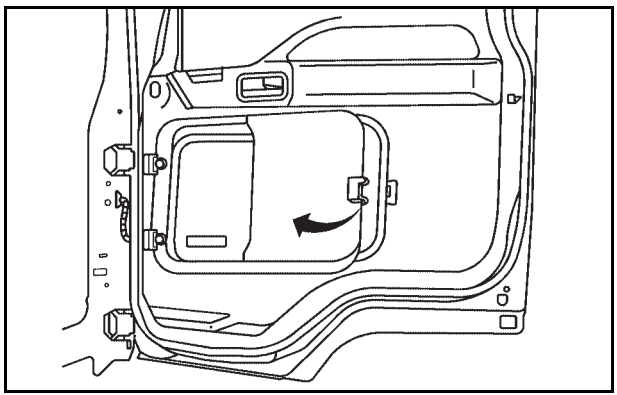
Power Window Lock Switch

Pressing the power window lock switch once locks the passenger side window and prevents it from opening or closing. Pressing the switch a second time unlocks the passenger side window.

Express-Down

The driver's window has an express-down feature. This allows the window to be lowered fully without continuously holding the switch. Press the switch down fully to initiate the express-down feature. Press the top of the switch to stop the window from lowering.

Passenger Side Door Glass



If your vehicle has this feature, the cover on the passenger's side lower window will open so that the glass can be cleaned.

⚠ WARNING:

Never open the passenger side door glass with the ignition on. You can be injured if the window linkage moves. Open this glass only with the ignition off.

To open the window cover, pull on the latch at the rear of the window and swing the window cover open. When closing the window cover, push firmly at the latch to close completely.

Sun Visors

To block out glare, you can swing down the visors. You can also swing them out to block glare from the side.

Starting and Operating Your Vehicle

New Vehicle Break-In

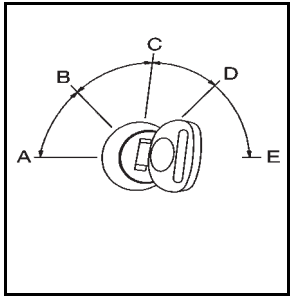
Notice: **The vehicle does not need an elaborate break-in. But it will perform better in the long run if you follow these guidelines:**

- **Let the engine warm up before operating the vehicle under load.**
- **Keep vehicle speed at 88 km/h (55 mph) or less for the first 805 km (500 miles).**
- **Do not drive at any one speed, fast or slow, for the first 805 km (500 miles). Do not make full-throttle starts.**
- **Avoid making hard stops for the first 322 km (200 miles) or so. During this time the new brake linings are not yet broken in. Hard stops with new linings can mean premature wear and earlier replacement. Follow this breaking-in guideline every time you get new brake linings.**
- **Use the lowest gear you can when you start a loaded vehicle in motion and when going up hills to avoid overloading the engine.**

- **Check and adjust engine and transmission fluid levels often and be sure tires are properly inflated for the load you are carrying.**
- **When new, parking brake linings have not yet been broken in. When linings are new, it is possible that the vehicle could move while the parking brake is applied. Before using the parking brake on grades, follow the parking brake burnish procedure. See *Parking Brake Burnish Procedure on page 2-42*.**

Ignition Positions

The ignition switch has five different positions.



A (ACC/ACCESSORY) : This position allows you to use the radio, power windows and the windshield wipers when the engine is off. To get into ACC/ ACCESSORY, push in the key and turn it toward you. The steering wheel will remain locked, just as it was before you inserted the key.

B (LOCK) : This position locks the ignition, steering wheel and transmission. You will only be able to remove the key when the ignition is turned to LOCK.

C (OFF) : This position turns off the engine, but leaves the steering wheel unlocked. Use OFF if you must have the vehicle in motion while the engine is off.

D (ON/RUN) : This position can be used to operate the electrical accessories and to display some instrument panel cluster warning and indicator lights. The switch stays in this position when the engine is running.

If you leave the key in the ACC/ACCESSORY or ON/RUN position with the engine off, the battery could be drained. You may not be able to start the vehicle if the battery is allowed to drain for an extended period of time.

E (START) : This is the position that starts the engine. When the engine starts, release the key. The ignition switch returns to ON/RUN for driving.

A warning tone will sound when the driver door is opened, the vehicle is parked, and the key is in the ignition.

Engine Starter Over-Crank Protection

The vehicle may have an engine starter over-crank protection system. If the starter motor overheats and shuts off due to over-cranking, the motor must cool down before it will reset and allow starter operation. It can take up to six minutes before the starter will work again.

Starting the Gasoline Engine

The 8th digit of the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) shows the code letter for the engine. Use this number to verify the type of engine in the vehicle. See *Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) on page 5-91*. Follow the proper steps to start the engine.

To start a diesel engine, see *Starting the Diesel Engine on page 2-13*.

Automatic Transmission

Set the parking brake and move the shifter to N (Neutral) or P (Park), if so equipped. The engine will not start in any other position.

Manual Transmission

Set the parking brake, shift to N (Neutral) and hold the clutch pedal to the floor while starting the engine.

Starter Motor Operation

- The starter motor will disengage if you release the key or the engine reaches a predetermined engine speed.
- To prevent overheating, the starter motor will disengage after continuously operating for 15 seconds. You must release the key from the start position to re-engage the starter.
- The starter motor will not engage if the engine is already running.
- The starter motor will disengage if, after two seconds, the starter pinion gear does not engage the flywheel or there is no engine rpm signal from the engine speed sensor.

Starting the Engine

1. Without pushing the accelerator pedal, turn the ignition key to START. When the engine starts, let go of the key. The idle speed will go down as the engine gets warm.
2. If the engine does not start in 10 seconds, push the accelerator pedal all the way down and crank the engine for five more seconds, unless it starts sooner.
3. If the engine still will not start, or starts but then stops, it could be flooded with too much gasoline.

   Wait 15 seconds to let the starter motor cool down. Do Steps 1 through 3 again.

   When the engine starts, let go of the key and the accelerator pedal.

Notice: **The engine is designed to work with the electronics in the vehicle. If you add electrical parts or accessories, you could change the way the engine operates. Before adding electrical equipment, check with your dealer/retailer. If you do not, the engine might not perform properly. Any resulting damage would not be covered by the vehicle warranty.**

If you ever need to have the vehicle towed, see *Towing Your Vehicle on page 4-21*.

Gasoline Engine Warm-Up

When the engine starts, let it run for 20 or 30 seconds to warm up before putting a load on it.

Drive at moderate speeds for the first 2 to 3 miles (3.2 to 4.8 km), especially in cold weather. See *High Idle System on page 2-19*.

Restarting the Gasoline Engine While Moving (Automatic Transmission)

If you have to restart the engine while the vehicle is moving, shift to N (Neutral).

Stopping the Gasoline Engine

Let the engine idle for a few seconds before turning it off after you have finished driving the vehicle.

If you shift to N (Neutral) or P (Park), set the parking brake.

If the vehicle has a two-speed axle, put the range selector in low. To be sure the axle has shifted into low, engage the clutch and transmission; the vehicle may move slightly when you do this.

While the engine is idling and before you turn it off, you can make a list of any operational or handling concerns to give to responsible maintenance personnel so they can handle them right away.

Moisture will condense in a fuel tank that is almost empty if the engine has not run for a while, even just overnight under some conditions. So, it is always best to refuel the vehicle at the end of each run.

Starting the Diesel Engine

The vehicle's diesel engine starts differently than a gasoline engine. Read the following pages to learn how to start, restart, warm-up, and stop the diesel engine.

The information applies to the 6.6L DURAMAX® Diesel Engine and the Isuzu 6H Diesel Engine, unless otherwise noted.

Automatic Transmission

Move the shifter to P (Park) or N (Neutral). The engine will not start in any other position. To restart the engine when the vehicle is already moving, use N (Neutral) only.

Notice: **Do not try to shift to P (Park) if the vehicle is moving. If you do, you could damage the transmission. Shift to P (Park) only when the vehicle is stopped.**

Manual Transmission

Move the shift lever to N (Neutral) and hold the clutch pedal to the floor while starting the engine. The vehicle will not start if the clutch pedal is not all the way down.

Starting the Engine

1. Turn your ignition key to ON/RUN.

   Observe the wait to start light. See *Wait to Start Light on page 3-33*. This light may not come on if the engine is hot.

2. As soon as the wait to start light goes off, immediately turn the ignition key to START. When the engine starts, let go of the key.

   If the vehicle is equipped with a DURAMAX® 6.6L Diesel Engine, it has a fast warm-up glow plug system. The wait to start light will illuminate for a much shorter time than most diesel engines, due to the rapid heating of the glow plugs.

Notice: **Holding the key in START for longer than 15 seconds at a time will cause the battery to be drained much sooner. And the excessive heat can damage the starter motor.**

Notice: **If the wait to start light stays on after starting the vehicle, the vehicle may not run properly. Have the vehicle serviced right away.**

3. If the engine does not start after 15 seconds of cranking, turn the ignition key to OFF. Wait one minute for the starter to cool, then try the same steps again.

If you are trying to start the engine after you have run out of fuel, see *Running Out of Fuel on page 5-18*.

When the engine is cold, let it run for a few minutes before you move the vehicle. This lets oil pressure build up. The engine will sound louder when it is cold.

Notice: **If you are not in an idling vehicle and the engine overheats, you would not be there to see the overheated engine indication. This could damage the vehicle. Do not let the engine run when you are not in the vehicle.**

Cold Weather Starting

If the vehicle has the 6.6L DURAMAX® Diesel Engine or the Isuzu 6H Diesel Engine, the following notice applies:

Notice: **The diesel engine has an electric air intake heater system which reduces white smoke and helps start the engine in cold weather. Do not spray starting fluid into the air intake where it can contact the heater elements.**

If you do not have the GM Automatic Ether Injection System, do not use starting fluid or you could damage the engine. If you have the GM system, use only GM approved starting fluid that has been tested to establish compatibility with the air inlet heater system.

The following tips will help with engine starting in cold weather.

- Use the recommended engine oil when the outside temperature drops below freezing. See *Engine Oil (Gasoline Engine) on page 5-22* or *Engine Oil (DURAMAX Diesel Engine) on page 5-26* or *Engine Oil (Isuzu Diesel Engine) on page 5-29*. When the outside temperature drops below −18°C (0°F), use of the optional engine coolant heater is recommended.
- If you experience longer cranking times, notice an unusual amount of exhaust smoke or are at higher altitudes (over 2 135 m or 7,000 ft.), you may use the optional engine coolant heater. See *Engine Coolant Heater on page 2-23*.
- See *What Fuel to Use in The U.S. on page 5-9* or *What Fuel to Use in Canada and Mexico on page 5-11* for information on what fuel to use in cold weather.

Restarting the Diesel Engine While Moving (Automatic Transmission)

If you have to restart the engine while the vehicle is moving, shift to N (Neutral).

Stopping the Diesel Engine

1. Apply the parking brake. See *Parking Brake (With Hydraulic Brakes) on page 2-37* or *Parking Brake (With Air Brakes) on page 2-39* for parking brake apply procedure.
2. Shift into N (Neutral) for a manual transmission or P (Park) for an automatic transmission.
3. Turn the ignition key to OFF.

   If the vehicle has a two-speed axle, see *Two-Speed Rear Axle on page 2-35*.

Diesel Engine Warm-Up

Several factors affect how quickly the diesel engine warms up. These can include outside temperature, engine load, idle time and the vehicle's option content. The vehicle may be equipped with some features that can help the engine reach operating temperature sooner. Some of these features are discussed below.

Also, remember that an automatic transmission adds heat to the cooling system through the heat exchanger in the radiator. Because of this, vehicles equipped with automatic transmissions are often able to retain engine coolant heat better than manual transmission vehicles.

If the Diesel Engine Will Not Start

If you have run out of fuel, see *Running Out of Fuel on page 5-18*.

If you are not out of fuel, and the engine will not start, do this:

Turn the ignition key to ON/RUN. Immediately after the wait to start light goes off, turn the ignition key to START.

If the light does not go off, wait a few seconds, then try starting the engine again. And, see your dealer/retailer as soon as you can for a starting system check.

If the light comes on and then goes off and you know the batteries are charged, but the engine still will not start, the vehicle needs service.

If the light does not come on when the engine is cold, the vehicle needs service.

If the batteries do not have enough charge to start the engine, see *Battery on page 5-60*.

Be sure you have the right oil for the engine, and that you have changed the oil at the proper times. If you use the wrong oil, the engine may be harder to start.

Be sure you are using the proper fuel for existing weather conditions. See *What Fuel to Use in The U.S. on page 5-9* or *What Fuel to Use in Canada and Mexico on page 5-11*.

If the engine starts, runs a short time, then stops, the vehicle needs service.

⚠ WARNING:

Do not use gasoline or starting aids, such as ether, in the air intake. They could damage the engine. There could also be a fire, which could cause serious personal injury.

Engine Alarm and Automatic Shutdown

The check gages warning light will come on if the system senses high engine temperature, and a low or high engine oil pressure. If high engine temperature, low engine oil pressure or high engine oil pressure is detected, you will hear a tone alarm at two beats per second. The alarm and the light will remain on until the condition is fixed. If the engine temperature or oil pressure condition worsens, the tone alarm will go to five beats per second.

If the system senses low engine coolant, the five beat per second alarm and the low coolant warning light will come on.

The five beats per second tone alarm means that the engine will shut down in about 25 to 30 seconds. There is also an engine shutdown light to indicate that the engine will shut down. See *Engine Shutdown Warning Light on page 3-37*.

Pull off the road and shut off the engine. Do not start it until the reason for the problem is known, and the problem is fixed. If the engine shuts down when you are still in traffic, you can restart the engine and get another 25 to 30 seconds of operation. Do this only if you have to, since there is a problem that can harm the engine if it is not fixed. Engine automatic shutdown, for gasoline engines, requires activation by your dealer/retailer.

Notice: **If you try to operate the vehicle after the engine automatically shuts down, you may damage the vehicle. Have the vehicle repaired as soon as possible.**

Ambulance, Fire, and Rescue Packages

The check gages warning light will come on if the system senses high engine temperature or low engine oil pressure. If high engine temperature or low engine oil pressure is detected, you will also hear a tone alarm at two beats per second. The alarm and the light will remain on until the condition is fixed. If the engine temperature or oil pressure condition worsens, the tone alarm will go to five beats per second.

If the system senses low engine coolant, the five beat per second alarm and the low coolant warning light will come on.

The engine will not shutdown, but you should have the vehicle checked as soon as you can. See *Check Gages Warning Light on page 3-40* for more information.

Idle Shutdown

If the vehicle has a diesel engine it could have an engine idle shutdown feature.

This feature automatically shuts down the engine after it idles continuously for five minutes and if the following conditions are met:

- The parking brake is set.
- The vehicle is at a complete stop.
- The automatic transmission is in N (Neutral) or P (Park).

If the parking brake is not engaged, then the engine shuts down after 15 minutes of continuous idling operation.

The driver can reset the engine shutdown timer by momentarily changing the position of the accelerator, brake, or clutch pedal or by shifting the transmission out of P (Park) or N (Neutral). Once reset, the engine idle shutdown will restart the shutdown sequence described above, and will continue to do so until the engine shuts down or the vehicle is driven.

The engine will not go into idle shutdown mode if:

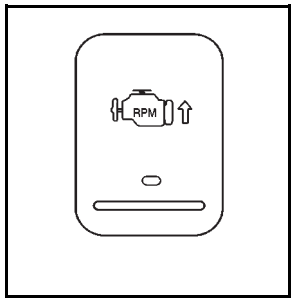
- The Power Take-Off (PTO) equipment is operating. See *Power Take-Off (PTO) on page 2-28* for more information.
- The engine coolant temperature is below 60°F. The engine idle shutdown will be activated once the vehicle coolant reaches 60°F or above.
- The Diesel Particulate Filter (DPF) is in regeneration mode and the green DPF lamp is illuminated to notify the driver that DPF is regenerating. The engine idle shutdown mode will be overridden for the time necessary to complete the regeneration process, up to a maximum of 30 minutes.
- Service or maintenance is being performed on the engine. The engine idle shutdown mode may be deactivated, by using a diagnostic scan tool, for a period of up to a maximum of 60 minutes.

The ENGINE SHUTDOWN WARNING LIGHT will come on and a continuous chime will alert the driver 30 seconds before the engine goes into idle shutdown mode. The engine shutdown warning light and chime will stay on for the entire duration of the idle shutdown event to inform the driver that the engine is in idle shutdown mode. See *Engine Shutdown Warning Light on page 3-37* for more information.

After the engine shutdown occurs, the engine is no longer running, and the ignition is still in the ON/RUN position, all accessories can be used. Turn the ignition switch to START to restart the engine or turn it to LOCK or OFF to prevent the battery from draining.

High Idle System

High Idle System with Switch



If the vehicle has this feature, the manual high idle switch is located in the instrument panel switchbank.

This system can be used to increase the engine idle speed whenever the following conditions are met:

- The brake pedal is not pressed.
- The vehicle is at a complete stop for vehicles with diesel engines. The vehicle must not be moving and the accelerator must not be pressed for vehicles with gasoline engines.
- If the vehicle has manual transmission the clutch pedal is not pressed or, if the vehicle has the automatic transmission it is in N (Neutral) or P (Park).

The manual high idle feature is activated by pressing the switch on the instrument panel. When the switch is pressed again, or any of the previous conditions are not met, manual high idle will be deactivated.

The manual high idle has been preset at the factory. Your dealer/retailer may change the setting to fit your needs.

Automatic High Idle System

The automatic high idle feature will engage whenever you start the vehicle and the engine is below the preset operating temperature. This will help decrease engine warm-up time.

Idle speed will then return to normal when the engine reaches the preset operating temperature or has been operating for at least 10 minutes.

Exhaust Restrictor

Exhaust Restrictor

If the vehicle has a Isuzu 6H Diesel Engine, it may have a feature called an Exhaust Restrictor (NPE), which uses an air actuated valve in the exhaust system to restrict exhaust gas flow which enhances the engine and heater warm-up.

Automatic Quick Warm-Up

If the vehicle has a DURAMAX® 6.6L engine, it has a feature called an Automatic Quick Warm-Up, which uses the turbocharger to restrict the exhaust gas flow which enhances the engine and heater warm-up.

In both systems, exhaust restrictor or automatic quick warm-up, the cold temperature high idle feature elevates the engines idle speed, up to 1500 rpm, and restricts the exhaust gas flow, when outside temperatures are below 10°C (50°F), and the engine coolant temperature is below certain levels. This feature enhances heater performance by raising the engine coolant temperature faster.

For all engines this feature is already turned on. The automatic quick warm-up on the DURAMAX® engine can be turned off and on by doing the following procedure:

1. Turn the ignition to ON/RUN, with the vehicle off.
2. Press the accelerator pedal to the floor and hold it while quickly pressing and fully releasing the brake pedal three times in less than eight seconds.
3. Release the accelerator pedal and start the engine. The green exhaust brake/restrictor light below the radio controls will be lit for 10 seconds.

   If this feature is turned off, by doing the procedure described previously, and then the engine is started, the exhaust brake/restrictor light will flash for 10 seconds and then it will turn off.

When the engine is started, it will slowly increase to the high idle speed after a delay of a few seconds; up to about two minutes. For this method to work properly there must be no throttle or brake pedal faults, and the throttle pedal must not fall below 75 percent of wide open throttle while pressing the brake pedal.

The engine idle speed will return to normal once the following conditions are met:

- Once engine coolant temperature reaches about 65°C (150°F).
- The intake temperature reaches a certain level.

The high idle speed will be temporarily interrupted and the engine speed will return to normal if any of the following conditions occur:

- The brake pedal is applied.
- The accelerator pedal is pressed.
- The automatic transmission is shifted out of P (Park) or N (Neutral).
- The clutch pedal on the manual transmission is pressed.
- Vehicle speed is detected.

Once these conditions no longer exist, the engine idle speed will slowly increase to high idle after the normal delay, if the conditions for engine coolant temperature and air intake temperature are still met.

Engine Checks Before Operating

When you have started the engine, let it run for 20 to 30 seconds before you put a load on the engine. But do not leave the vehicle while the engine is running.

Avoid unnecessary idling of diesel engine equipped vehicles.

If the engine idles too long, the temperature of the engine coolant will fall below the normal operating range. Low engine operating temperature causes several conditions which affect engine operation and reduce engine life.

The engine should be permitted to go through a warm-up period. Operate the vehicle at a minimum of 600 rpm during the warm-up period. During this period and during operation, the following observations should be made.

During this warm-up period, check the warning lights and gages:

- If oil pressure does not begin to rise within 15 seconds of starting, stop the engine and find the cause. See *Oil Pressure Gage on page 3-35* for more information.
- If the engine coolant temperature gage needle goes into the hot area on the gage, stop the engine and find the cause of the overheating. See *Engine Coolant Temperature Gage on page 3-32* for more information.
- If you have air brakes, the dual-needle air pressure gage should read at least 115 psi (790 kPa) for both service systems before you try to move the vehicle. When air pressure is below 60 psi (420 kPa), the LOW AIR light will come on and you will hear a tone alarm. See *Brake System Warning Light on page 3-29* for more information. If the pressure does not build up or drops during warm-up, stop the engine and find the cause before you try to move the vehicle. Recommended air pressure before driving is 120 psi (830 kPa). See *Air Pressure Gage on page 3-43* for more information.
- The charging system light should come on when the ignition key is turned to ON/RUN or START and should go out when the engine is running above idle. If the light does not go out or comes back on during normal engine operation, have the charging system checked right away. (This light tells you if the generator is not charging; it does not reflect the condition of the battery.) See *Charging System Light on page 3-27* for more information.
- The voltmeter charge indicator gage tells you the condition of the battery's charge. The gage should be in the center area during engine operation. The red area on the left indicates an undercharge condition; the red area on the right indicates an overcharge. If the gage is in either red area, have the battery and charging system checked right away. See *Voltmeter Gage on page 3-27* for more information.

Notice: **Do not allow the engine to operate at low idle for more than five minutes. This can cause low engine operating temperatures which can affect engine operation and reduce engine life. Engine idle speed should be increased to 1200 rpm whenever extended idle is required. Once started, the engine should be placed under load to allow the engine coolant temperature to reach 150°F (66°C) before shutting off the engine.**

Engine Coolant Heater

The engine coolant heater can provide easier starting and better fuel economy during engine warm-up in cold weather conditions at or below 0°F (−18°C). Vehicles with an engine coolant heater should be plugged in at least four hours before starting.

To Use the Engine Coolant Heater

1. Turn off the engine.
2. Find the plug-in outlet located under the driver door.
3. Plug it into a normal, grounded 110-volt AC outlet.

⚠ WARNING:

Plugging the cord into an ungrounded outlet could cause an electrical shock. Also, the wrong kind of extension cord could overheat and cause a fire. You could be seriously injured. Plug the cord into a properly grounded three-prong 110-volt AC outlet. If the cord will not reach, use a heavy-duty three-prong extension cord rated for at least 15 amps.

4. Before starting the engine, be sure to unplug and store the cord as it was before to keep it away from moving engine parts, and prevent damage.

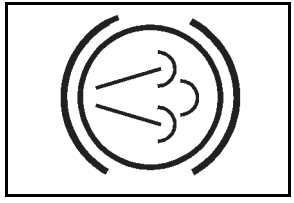
The length of time the heater should remain plugged in depends on several factors. Ask a dealer/retailer in the area where you will be parking the vehicle for the best advice on this.

Diesel Engine Exhaust Brake

If the vehicle has a Isuzu 6H Diesel Engine, it may have an exhaust brake, which is located in the exhaust system.

If the vehicle has a Durmax 6.6L Diesel Engine, it may have an exhaust brake, which is controlled through the turbocharger.

The exhaust brake for both engines operates the same.



The exhaust brake switch is located in the instrument panel switchbank.

Push the bottom of the switch to turn the exhaust brake on. When you push the top of the switch, the exhaust brake will turn off.

There is an indicator light on the instrument panel similar to the symbol on the switch, that comes on when the exhaust brake is active. See *Exhaust Brake Indicator Light on page 3-38* for more information.

While using the exhaust brake, the proper gear range selection is important. The exhaust brake is most effective if the gear range selected is the lowest possible range that does not allow the engine rpm to go more than 200 rpm above rated (full load) rpm. If you have an Isuzu 6H Diesel engine, do not exceed 2550 rpm. If the vehicle has a DURAMAX® 6.6L Diesel Engine, do not exceed 3600 rpm.

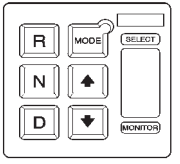
If the vehicle has an Allison® automatic transmission and this button is pressed, the transmission downshifts to a factory default setting of third gear. To change the default setting, or for more information on factory default settings, contact your dealer/retailer for assistance.

The accelerator and clutch pedals must be released in order for the exhaust brake to engage. The exhaust brake will automatically shut off when the antilock brake system is active.

If the vehicle has a DURAMAX® 6.6L Diesel Engine, the exhaust brake will become active in cruise control when you exceed the set speed by 3 to 5 mph.

Automatic Transmission Operation

If the vehicle has an Allison® automatic transmission, you will also find an Allison® Transmission Operator's Manual in the vehicle which goes into more detail. On the headliner, in front of and above the driver, or in some other place near the driver, you will see a label that describes important operating facts about the automatic transmission in the vehicle. Make sure you follow the instructions on this label.



Vehicles equipped with an Allison® 3000 or 3500 Series transmission come with a push button shift selector that will display transmission information. Refer to the Allison® Transmissions Operator's Manual for more information on transmission diagnostics and shift selector operation.

Be sure to keep the parking brake set until you are ready to shift into D (Drive). See *Parking Brake (With Hydraulic Brakes) on page 2-37* or *Parking Brake (With Air Brakes) on page 2-39* for parking brake procedure. Press the brake pedal while shifting from N (Neutral) or P (Park) to a drive gear.

All vehicles with automatic transmission can be started in P (Park), if equipped, or in N (Neutral). See the Allison® Transmission Operator's Manual for additional information.

⚠ WARNING:

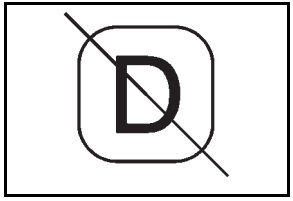
It can be dangerous to get out of the vehicle without the parking brake firmly set. The vehicle can roll. If you have left the engine running, the vehicle can move suddenly. You or others could be injured. To be sure the vehicle will not move, even when you are on fairly level ground, always set the parking brake.

⚠ WARNING:

Shifting into a drive gear while the engine is running at high speed is dangerous. Unless your foot is firmly on the brake pedal, the vehicle could move very rapidly. You could lose control and hit people or objects. Do not shift into a drive gear while the engine is running at high speed.

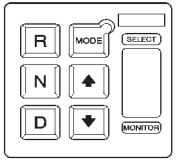
Overdrive Defeat

If your vehicle has this feature, you can select not to shift up to fifth or sixth gear. This is useful when towing or under a heavy load.



The overdrive defeat switch is located in the instrument panel to the right of the steering column.

Press the switch to limit the transmission to fourth gear. This will allow for fewer downshifts while pulling a trailer or under a heavy load. The indicator light in the switch comes on whenever overdrive defeat is active.



If the vehicle is equipped with a push button shift selector, refer to the Allison® Transmission Operator's Manual for shift selector operating instructions.

Manual Transmission Operation

Using the Clutch

When you are starting to move the vehicle, it is important to begin with the engine speed at idle. Then start to engage the clutch and listen for an engine speed drop of about 100 rpm. At this point, the clutch is engaging, so you should increase the engine speed and fully engage the clutch. It is important not to increase the engine speed sooner or before the clutch begins its engagement. If you do, you can cause damage to the vehicle.

Double-Clutching

You must use the double-clutching method when you shift an unsynchronized gear set. Disengage the clutch, shift to N (Neutral) and engage the clutch. When upshifting, slow the engine until the engine rpm and road speed match. When downshifting, accelerate the engine until the engine rpm and road speed match. Then quickly disengage the clutch and move the shift lever to the next gear position and engage the clutch.

Eaton® Fuller® Five and Six-Speed Transmissions

These transmissions have gears that automatically synchronize when you shift up or down (except 1 (First) gear on the five-speed transmission which is unsynchronized). Choose the gear that will maintain the road speed you want while keeping the engine above two-thirds of the governed speed. When the engine speed drops below two-thirds of the governed speed, shift into the next lower gear before your engine begins to lug. When you shift down, be sure to double-clutch if required.

Eaton® Fuller® Nine and Ten-Speed Non-Synchronized Manual Transmissions

If the vehicle has one of these transmissions the engine rpm and road speed must match when upshifting and downshifting. The label above the windshield will tell you the operating basics you need to know.

The following are driving tips.

- Always choose an initial starting gear suitable for the load and terrain.
- Always use double-clutching procedures when shifting.
- Never move the range shift lever to the LO speed gear position after HI range preselection, or anytime the transmission is in the HI range.
- Never move the range knob or lever with the shift lever in N (Neutral) while the vehicle is moving.
- Never make a range shift while moving in R (Reverse).

Clutch Brake (Vehicles with Non-Synchronized Transmission)

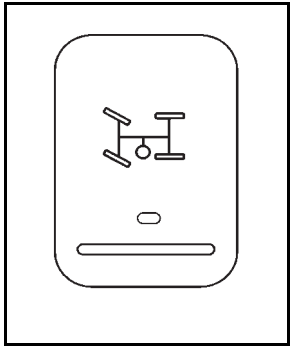
A clutch brake is used to stop transmission input shaft rotation so that 1 (First) or R (Reverse) gear selection can be initiated when the vehicle is at a standstill and the engine is idling.

Press the clutch pedal all the way down to the floorboard to apply the clutch brake.

When using the clutch brake, disengage the clutch pedal and shift the transmission into either the initial starting gear or R (Reverse). If the tooth-butting occurs between the clutching teeth, re-engage the clutch while applying light pressure to the shift lever. This will provide for a smooth shift into either 1 (First) or R (Reverse) gear.

Notice: **Using the clutch brake for shifting into any gear other than 1 (First) or R (Reverse) may cause premature wear of the clutch brake and make gear shift effort more difficult. Do not use the clutch brake for shifting after engaging 1 (First) or R (Reverse).**

Power Take-Off (PTO)



The vehicle may have power take-off (PTO). The PTO switch is located on the instrument panel.

An indicator in the switch comes on to show PTO is active. See *High Idle System on page 2-19* for more information.

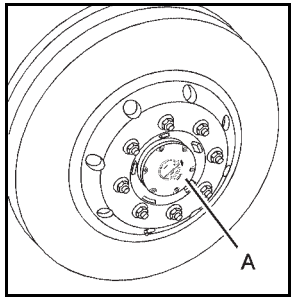
A PTO is a gearbox or mechanical device used to transmit mechanical power from the powertrain, through gears or a transmission, to another mechanical or hydraulic device. Before using a PTO, refer to the manufacturer's or installer's instructions.

Four-Wheel Drive

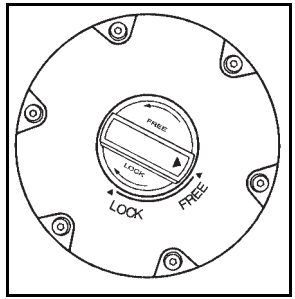
If the vehicle has four-wheel drive, you can send the engine's driving power to all four wheels for extra traction. To get the most satisfaction out of four-wheel drive, you must be familiar with its operation. Read the part that follows before using four-wheel drive. You should use two-wheel drive high for most normal driving conditions.

Notice: **Driving on clean, dry pavement in four-wheel drive for an extended period of time can cause premature wear on the vehicle's powertrain. Do not drive on clean, dry pavement in Four-Wheel Drive for extended periods of time.**

Locking Hubs



Hublock Dial Location

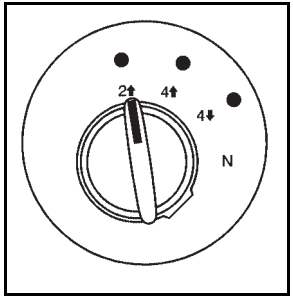


Hublock Dial

Turn the dial of the hublock (A) from the FREE position to the LOCK position to lock the front axle.

Turn the dial of the hublock (A) from the LOCK position to the FREE position to unlock the axle.

You do not have to back the vehicle up to disengage the hublocks.



If the vehicle has four-wheel drive, the transfer case knob is located to the right of the steering wheel on the instrument panel. Use this knob to shift into and out of four-wheel drive.

An indicator light shows you which position the transfer case is in. The indicator lights come on briefly when you turn on the ignition and one stays on. If the lights do not come on, you should take the vehicle to your dealer/retailer for service. An indicator light flashes while shifting the transfer case. It will remain on when the shift is complete. If for some reason the transfer case cannot make a requested shift, it returns to the last chosen setting.

Recommended Transfer Case Settings

Driving Conditions	Transfer Case Settings			
	2↑	4↑	4↓	N
Normal	YES			
Severe		YES		
Extreme			YES	
Vehicle in Tow*				YES

*See *Towing Your Vehicle on page 4-21* for further information.

2↑ (Two-Wheel High) : This setting is for driving in most street and highway situations. The transfer case does not drive the front axle in two-wheel drive. The front-axle spins if the front wheel hubs are locked. Be sure to unlock the hubs to achieve the best fuel economy.

4↑ (Four-Wheel High) : Use Four-Wheel High when you need extra traction, such as on snowy or icy roads or in most off-road situations. Be sure the front wheel hubs are locked when you want to drive in Four-Wheel High.

4↓ (Four-Wheel Low) : This setting sends maximum power to all four wheels. You might choose Four-Wheel Low if you are driving off-road in deep sand, deep mud, and climbing or descending steep hills. Be sure the front wheel hubs are locked when you want to drive in Four-Wheel Low.

> **⚠ WARNING:**
>
> Shifting the transfer case to Neutral can cause the vehicle to roll even if the transmission is in P (Park). You or someone else could be injured. If you are going to leave the vehicle, set the parking brake and shift the transmission to P (Park) and make sure the transfer case is in a drive gear.

Notice: **If the vehicle has an Allison® transmission and you try to put the transmission in P (Park) while the transfer case is in Four-Wheel Low, the transmission might not go into P (Park) and could damage the vehicle. When parking the vehicle, make sure the transfer case is in Two-Wheel High or Four-Wheel High.**

N (Neutral) : Shift the vehicle's transfer case to N (Neutral) only when towing the vehicle.

Shifting Into Four-Wheel High

Turn the knob to four-wheel high. This can be done at 3 mph or less. The indicator light flashes while shifting. It remains on after the shift is complete. Be sure to lock the front hubs.

Shifting Into Two-Wheel High

Turn the knob to Two-Wheel High. This can be done at 3 mph or less.

Shifting Into Four-Wheel Low

To shift to Four-Wheel Low, the vehicle's engine must be running and the vehicle must be stopped or moving less than 3 mph (5 km/h) with the transmission in N (Neutral). The preferred method for shifting into Four-Wheel Low is to have the vehicle moving 1 or 2 mph (1.6 to 3.2 km/h). Turn the knob to Four-Wheel Low. You must wait for the Four-Wheel Low indicator light to stop flashing and remain on before shifting the transmission into gear. Be sure to lock the front hubs.

Notice: **Shifting the transmission into gear before the Four-Wheel Drive Low indicator light has stopped flashing could damage the transfer case. To help avoid damaging the vehicle, always wait for the Four-Wheel Drive Low indicator light to stop flashing before shifting the transmission into gear.**

If you turn the knob to Four-Wheel Low while the vehicle is in gear and/or moving, the Four-Wheel Low indicator light flashes for 30 seconds and does not complete the shift unless the vehicle is moving less than 3 mph (4.8 km/h) and the transmission is in N (Neutral). After 30 seconds, the transfer case returns to the setting last chosen. If the vehicle is in gear and moving less than 3 mph (4.8 km/h), the transfer case shifts to Four-Wheel High.

Shifting Out of Four-Wheel Low

To shift from Four-Wheel Low to Four-Wheel High or Two-Wheel High, the vehicle must be stopped or moving less than 3 mph (5 km/h) with the transmission in N (Neutral) with the engine running. The preferred method for shifting out of Four-Wheel Low is to have the vehicle moving 1 or 2 mph (1.6 to 3.2 km/h). Turn the knob to Four-Wheel High or Two-Wheel High. You must wait for the Four-Wheel High or Two-Wheel High indicator light to stop flashing and remain on before shifting the transmission into gear.

Notice: **Shifting the transmission into gear before the Four-Wheel High or Two-Wheel High indicator light has stopped flashing could damage the transfer case. To help avoid damaging the vehicle, always wait for the Four-Wheel High or Two-Wheel High indicator light to stop flashing before shifting the transmission into gear.**

If the knob is turned to Four-Wheel High or Two-Wheel High while the vehicle is in gear and/or moving, the Four-Wheel High or Two-Wheel high indicator light flashes for 30 seconds. It will not complete the shift unless the vehicle is moving less than 3 mph (5 km/h) with the transmission in N (Neutral).

Shifting Into Neutral

Before shifting the transfer case to N (Neutral), first make sure the vehicle is parked so that it will not roll.

1. Set the parking brake. See *Parking Brake (With Hydraulic Brakes) on page 2-37* or *Parking Brake (With Air Brakes) on page 2-39* for parking brake apply procedure.
2. Start the vehicle.
3. Put the transmission in N (Neutral).
4. Shift the transfer case to Two-Wheel High.
5. Turn the transfer case knob all of the way past Four-Wheel Low and hold it there for a minimum of 10 seconds. The N (Neutral) indicator light comes on.
6. Shift the transmission to R (Reverse) for one second, then shift the transmission to D (Drive) for one second.
7. Turn the ignition to OFF.
8. Place the transmission shift lever in P (Park).
9. Turn the ignition to LOCK.

Shifting Out of Neutral

To shift the transfer case out of N (Neutral), do the following:

1. Set the parking brake. See *Parking Brake (With Hydraulic Brakes) on page 2-37* or *Parking Brake (With Air Brakes) on page 2-39* for parking brake apply procedure.
2. Apply the regular brake pedal.
3. Turn the ignition to ON/RUN with the engine off.
4. Put the transmission in N (Neutral).
5. Turn the transfer case knob to the desired shift position (Two-Wheel High, Four-Wheel High, Four-Wheel Low).
6. After the transfer case has shifted out of N (Neutral), the indicator light goes out.

Notice: **Driving with the parking brake on can overheat the brake system and cause premature wear or damage to brake system parts. Verify that the parking brake is fully released and the brake warning light is off before driving.**

7. Release the parking brake.
8. Start the engine and shift the transmission lever to the desired position.

Excessively shifting the transfer case into or out of the different modes can cause the transfer case to enter the shift protection mode. This protects the transfer case from possible damage and only allows the transfer case to respond to one shift per 10 seconds. The transfer case can stay in this mode for up to three minutes.

Parking

⚠ WARNING:

If you do not park the vehicle properly, it can roll. If you have left the engine running, it can move very quickly. You or others could be injured. To be sure the vehicle will not move, even when you are on level ground, follow the steps below.

Parking a Vehicle With the Two-Speed Rear Axle

1. With the engine running, shift the two-speed rear axle into low. To be sure it is in low, you will need to move the vehicle in gear just a little.
2. Hold the brake pedal down.
3. Apply the parking brake. See *Parking Brake (With Hydraulic Brakes) on page 2-37* or *Parking Brake (With Air Brakes) on page 2-39* for parking brake apply procedure.
4. Shift the transmission to N (Neutral) for manual transmission or P (Park) for automatic transmission.

Two-Speed Rear Axle

The Two-Speed rear axle lets the driver select Low Range and High Range. Low Range provides good starting torque and pulling power. When selecting High Range the axle allows for higher road speed and fuel economy.

For better performance during off-road or under a heavy load, shift the axle into Low Range and then operate the transmission normally.

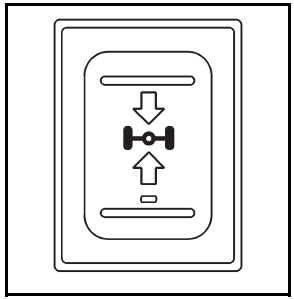
For better performance on the highway, shift the axle to High Range and operate the transmission normally.

High or Low Range can be used when additional shifts between transmission gears is needed while driving on grades and for better fuel economy.

Notice: **Driving in Low Range above 50 mph (80.5 kph) will damage driveline components. Drive below 50 mph (80.5 kph) in Low Range.**

If the vehicle has this feature, there is a label on the headliner above the windshield or in another place near the driver that shows how to use it. Be sure to follow the directions carefully.

Two-Speed Rear Axle Shift Control Operation



The rear axle shift control switch for automatic and manual transmissions is located in the instrument panel switchbank.

Press the bottom of the switch for High Range and the top of the switch for Low Range. The switch indicator light comes on when the High Range is selected.

Always start the vehicle in motion with the two-speed axle in low range.

Shifting on a Downgrade

Do not shift the two-speed axle when driving on a downgrade. The speed of the vehicle moving downhill may make it hard to shift the axle into either Low or High Range.

Shifting

Upshifting the Axle

To shift from Low to High Range:

1. Press the bottom of the switch to shift the axle control from Low to High.
2. Release the accelerator pedal until the shift applies.
3. Then push the accelerator pedal.

Axle upshift can be abrupt, causing the vehicle to jerk. Release the accelerator slowly for a smooth shift. For manual transmissions, use the clutch while pressing the accelerator for a smooth shift.

Downshifting the Axle

To shift from High to Low Range:

1. Press the top of the switch to shift from High to Low Range.
2. Release the accelerator pedal.
3. Then push the accelerator pedal slowly until the axle shifts.

Split Upshift (Manual Transmissions Only)

To downshift the axle with a transmission upshift:

1. Push the clutch.
2. Shift the Transmission to a higher gear.
3. Shift the axle control from High to Low Range.
4. Release the clutch.
5. Push the accelerator pedal until the axle shifts.

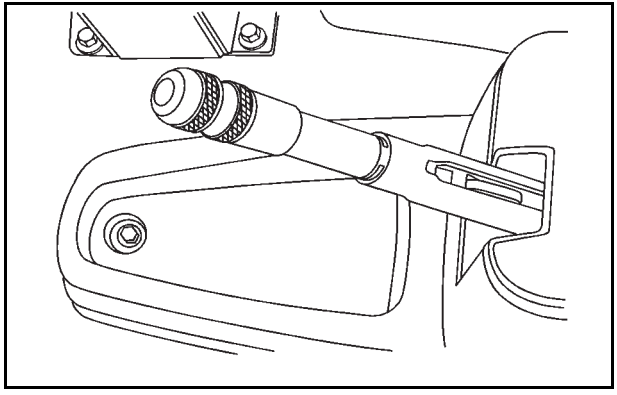
Split Downshift (Manual Transmission Only)

To upshift the axle with a transmission downshift:

1. Shift the axle control from Low to High Range.
2. Push the clutch.
3. Shift the transmission to a lower gear.
4. Release the clutch.
5. Push the accelerator pedal until the axle shifts.

Parking Brake (With Hydraulic Brakes)

If the vehicle has hydraulic brakes, it has either a parking brake foot pedal or hand lever. If you have the parking brake foot pedal, it is located below the instrument panel to the left of the steering column.



Parking Brake Hand Lever Shown

If you have the parking brake hand lever, it is located to the right of the driver, on the floor.

To set the foot pedal parking brake, hold the regular brake pedal down, then push down the parking brake pedal.

⚠ WARNING:

It can be dangerous to get out of the vehicle without the parking brake firmly set. The vehicle can roll. If you have left the engine running, the vehicle can move suddenly. You or others could be injured. To be sure the vehicle will not move, even when you are on fairly level ground, always set the parking brake.

To set the hand lever parking brake, hold the regular brake pedal down, then pull up on the handle, until it stops.

If the ignition is on when the parking brake is set, the brake system warning light will come on.

Once the parking brake is applied, slowly remove your foot from the regular brake pedal, while checking to see if the vehicle moves. If the vehicle does start to move, press the regular brake pedal and adjust the parking brake holding force. See “Parking Brake Adjustment” later in this section.

If the parking brake still does not set, take the vehicle to your dealer/retailer for service.

To release the foot pedal parking brake, hold the regular brake pedal down. Pull the brake release handle, located just above the parking brake pedal.

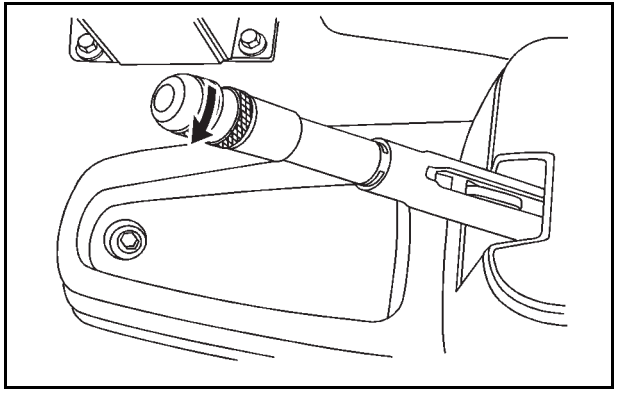
To release the hand lever parking brake, hold the regular brake pedal down and push down on the handle until it stops.

If the ignition is on when the parking brake is released, the brake system warning light will go off.

Parking Brake Adjustment (Hand Lever System Only)

Make sure the parking brake burnish procedure has been previously followed before continuing with any park brake adjustment. See *Parking Brake Burnish Procedure on page 2-42* for more information. Parking brake adjustment may be necessary after the burnish procedure or at the scheduled maintenance intervals.

If the vehicle is has a hand-lever park brake system, an in-cab adjustment may be made to the park brake system. This will adjust the parking brake holding force. The adjustment is made with the knob located at the end of the hand lever.



To make an adjustment:

1. Press and hold the regular brake pedal
2. Release the parking brake
3. Turn the knob only up to a half turn to the left, top of knob toward the driver. This will increase the holding force of the system.
4. Check to see if the vehicle moves by slowly removing your foot from the regular brake pedal.
5. If the vehicle moves, press the regular brake and repeat the adjustment procedure.

Notice: **Over-tightening the park brake lever can cause damage to the park brake system. Over-tightening is possible by turning the knob more than half a turn.**

Over-tightening is similar to driving down the road with your regular brakes applied. If the park brake system is over-tightened the vehicle may seem sluggish to accelerate, and/or the park brake hand lever maybe very hard to pull up and apply the park brake.

If the park brake is over-tightened turn the knob to the right until it stops and follow the parking brake adjustment procedure.

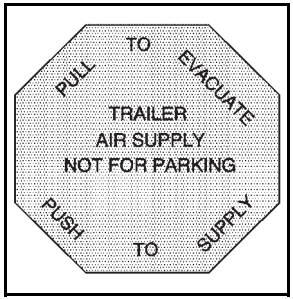
Vehicles with a foot-pedal park brake system must be serviced to make this adjustment. See *Scheduled Maintenance on page 6-5* for more information.

Parking Brake (With Air Brakes)

If the vehicle has air brakes, you will have this parking brake. It is located above the audio system in the instrument panel.

Pulling it out applies the parking brake. The parking brake light will come on when the air parking brake is applied.

Vehicles built for use as tractors or towing vehicles have two air brake controls. They look like this:



⚠ WARNING:

When the yellow PARKING BRAKE and the red TRAILER AIR SUPPLY knobs are both pushed in, the rig will be free to move. It could strike someone or something. When both of these knobs are pushed in, hold the regular brake pedal down to keep the rig from moving.

To charge a trailer's air brake system do the following:

1. Move the vehicle into the proper position.
2. Apply the parking brake by pulling the yellow parking brake knob out.
3. Hook up the trailer air system properly.
4. Get into the vehicle.
5. Push and hold down the regular brake pedal.
6. Push in both the yellow parking brake and the red trailer air supply knobs. This will charge the trailer's air system.

After a few minutes, the trailer system should be fully charged. When it is, the air pressure gage will show about 125 to 135 psi (862 to 931 kPa). See *Air Pressure Gage on page 3-43* for more information.

For driving with a trailer, the yellow and red knobs, if equipped, must be pushed in. When you are not pulling a trailer, the red trailer air supply knob must be pulled out.

⚠ WARNING:

If you apply any one of the air brake parking controls while the vehicle is moving, the rig will stop suddenly. If you are not ready for this, you or others could be injured. Do not apply any one of these controls while you are driving, unless you have to make an emergency stop.

If the air pressure drops below 60 to 70 psi (413 to 482 kPa), the primary brake warning light and buzzer will come on. If the air pressure drops to 35 to 45 psi (241 to 310 kPa), the red trailer air supply knob will automatically pop out and apply the spring brakes on the trailer.

If the air pressure drops to 35 to 45 psi (241 to 310 kPa), the yellow park brake knob will automatically pop out and apply the spring brakes on the truck or tractor.

If you ever have a complete loss of air so that the air brakes automatically apply, there is a way that the tow operator can release the parking brakes to tow the vehicle. See *Towing Your Vehicle on page 4-21*.

Parking Brake Burnish Procedure

All vehicles which have hydraulic brakes have a parking brake. It is recommended that the parking brake be burnished as part of the new vehicle break-in. The parking brake will work best after it has been burnished following these instructions:

1. Make sure that there is no other traffic around, bring the vehicle speed up to 20 mph (32 km/h) and apply the parking brake. Let the vehicle come to a complete stop. Apply the base brakes and disengage the parking brake.
2. Repeat the burnishing procedure in Step 1 a total of 10 times.
3. Between stops, drive the vehicle about 2.5 miles (4 km).

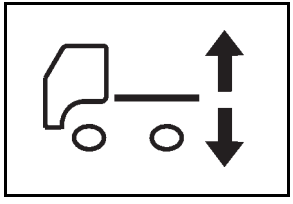
Notice: **Driving with the parking brake on can damage the transmission and brake system parts. Verify that the parking brake is fully released and the brake warning light is off before driving.**

Air Suspension

The vehicle may have the Hendrickson HAS Series single-axle air suspension which is designed for a single-axle on-highway use. This feature is available in 19,000 lb (8 613.3 kg), 21,000 lb (9 525.4 kg) and 23,000 lb (10 432.6 kg) capacities.

Rear Air Suspension Dump Control

If the vehicle is equipped with the Hendrickson HAS Series single-axle air suspension, you may have this control. The air suspension dump control allows the operator to lower the deck height approximately 4.5 inches (11.5 cm) from the normal frame height.



The switch to deflate and inflate the air suspension is located on the instrument panel.

Press the bottom of the switch to deflate the air suspension and lower the deck height. Press the top of the switch to return the suspension to normal deck height.

An indicator light will come on and stay on whenever the switch is in the dump position.

Parking Over Things That Burn

⚠ WARNING:

Things that can burn could touch hot exhaust parts under the vehicle and ignite. Do not park over papers, leaves, dry grass, or other things that can burn.

Engine Exhaust

⚠ WARNING:

Engine exhaust contains Carbon Monoxide (CO) which cannot be seen or smelled. Exposure to CO can cause unconsciousness and even death.

Exhaust may enter the vehicle if:

- The vehicle idles in areas with poor ventilation (parking garages, tunnels, deep snow that may block underbody airflow or tail pipes).
- The exhaust smells or sounds strange or different.

(Continued)

WARNING: (Continued)

- The exhaust system leaks due to corrosion or damage.
- The vehicle's exhaust system has been modified, damaged or improperly repaired.
- There are holes or openings in the vehicle body from damage or after-market modifications that are not completely sealed.

If unusual fumes are detected or if it is suspected that exhaust is coming into the vehicle:

- Drive it only with the windows completely down.
- Have the vehicle repaired immediately.

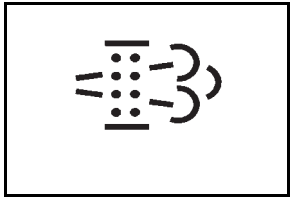
Never park the vehicle with the engine running in an enclosed area such as a garage or a building that has no fresh air ventilation.

Diesel Particulate Filter

The vehicle has a Diesel Particulate Filter (DPF) as part of the exhaust system to reduce vehicle emissions. The DPF requires a unique exhaust tailpipe with an exhaust cooler. The exhaust cooler mixes air with the exhaust to lower the temperature before it leaves the tailpipe.

The DPF, the tailpipe, or other exhaust system components must not be altered. Inspect regularly and clean any mud or dirt from the exhaust cooler, especially where the exhaust cooler connects to the tailpipe and the openings where fresh air enters the cooler. See “Exhaust System Inspection” under *At Least Twice a Year on page 6-28*.

The DPF will clean itself as part of normal operation. Several factors including fuel consumed, hours of engine operation and miles driven are monitored by the Engine Control Module (ECM). The self cleaning occurs approximately once per tank of fuel.



During self cleaning, the green DPF indicator light will come on. See *Diesel Particulate Filter Warning Light on page 3-42*.

To clean the filter, either drive the vehicle above 30 mph (50 km/h) to activate self cleaning, or stop the vehicle and perform the manual cleaning procedure. For self cleaning, drive until the green DPF indicator light goes off. This will take approximately 20 minutes. Once self cleaning has started, drive until the green indicator light goes off to complete the cleaning in a single operation if possible.

Extended idling can cause exhaust parts and gases to become very hot. Keep the exhaust area clear of material that could ignite or burn. See *Parking Over Things That Burn on page 2-43* for more information.

⚠ WARNING:

During DPF self cleaning or during extended idling in P (Park), the exhaust system and exhaust gases are very hot. Things that burn could touch hot exhaust parts under the vehicle and ignite. You or others could be burned. Do not park, or idle for an extended period of time, near or over papers, leaves, dry grass, or other things that can burn. Keep the exhaust area clear of material that could ignite or burn. See *Parking Over Things That Burn on page 2-43* for more information.

Notice: **Extended idle should be avoided because the DPF system is not capable of self cleaning at idle. During extended idle operation, monitor the instrument panel telltale lights and Driver Information Center for messages and take appropriate indicated action. Continued idling with the warning light/message on could cause irreversible damage to the DPF requiring repair and possible replacement that might not be covered by the vehicle warranty.**

When the yellow DPF indicator comes on, the filter is dirty and needs cleaning. You will also notice a change in the exhaust sound and engine idle speed. This is normal. If you continue to drive and the exhaust filter is not cleaned as required, the DPF indicator will change from yellow to red. Continuing to drive the vehicle with the red indicator can cause filter damage.

Vehicles with DPF have specific fuel and engine oil requirements. See *What Fuel to Use in The U.S. on page 5-9* or *What Fuel to Use in Canada and Mexico on page 5-11* and *Engine Oil (Gasoline Engine) on page 5-22* or *Engine Oil (DURAMAX Diesel Engine) on page 5-26* or *Engine Oil (Isuzu Diesel Engine) on page 5-29* for more information on those requirements.

Notice: **Permanent damage can occur to the DPF or related components if the required Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel (15 ppm sulfur maximum) or low ash CJ-4 engine oil is not used. This damage would not be covered by the vehicle warranty.**

For vehicles with Power Take-Off (PTO), monitor the instrument panel cluster for lights related to the DPF.

All engines consume some amount of engine oil. Ash is the by-product of engine oil consumption. The ash will become trapped in the DPF over the life of the vehicle. Eventually, the buildup of ash will restrict the exhaust gases and the DPF will need to be cleaned or replaced.

See *Accessories and Modifications on page 5-3* for important information if you are considering adding accessories or modifying the vehicle.

Manual Cleaning Procedure

⚠ WARNING:

During DPF self cleaning, the exhaust system and exhaust gases are very hot. Stay clear of the tailpipe area and do not park over things that burn. You or others could be burned or the vehicle could catch fire. See *Parking Over Things That Burn on page 2-43*.

If the yellow or red DPF indicator is on, you can clean the DPF by performing a manual cleaning.

When it is safe to do so, stop the vehicle. Perform DPF manual cleaning in a well ventilated area. DPF Manual cleaning must be performed outdoors, as follows. Once manual cleaning is started, complete the manual cleaning in a single operation if possible. If manual cleaning is not completed, as indicated by the green DPF indicator going off, and the yellow or red indicator light remains on, self cleaning might not be allowed until the vehicle is stopped and manual cleaning is performed until completed.

1. Check engine oil and engine coolant levels to be sure they are at proper operating levels.
2. To prevent running out of fuel during manual cleaning, make sure there is at least a quarter of a tank of fuel.
3. Check to make sure the area near the exhaust tailpipe and under the exhaust system are clear of any materials that could catch fire. Keep people away from the area of the exhaust system and exhaust gases.
4. Fully set the parking brake.
5. Shift the transmission to P (Park) or N (Neutral).
6. Idle the engine. If you used the idling control knob to increase the engine speed, restore it all the way to the left to reduce the engine speed.
7. If the vehicle has a Power Take Off (PTO), turn the PTO off. See *Power Take-Off (PTO) on page 2-28*.
8. Press the DPF switch in the instrument panel switchbank. See *Instrument Panel Switchbank on page 3-16*. The green DPF indicator light comes on, the exhaust gas control valve operates, engine idle speed automatically increases, and DPF cleaning begins. Do not leave the vehicle unattended during manual cleaning.

9. When both the green and the yellow or red DPF indicator lights go off, cleaning is completed. Manual cleaning is normally completed in about 30 minutes.

Under certain operating conditions, manual cleaning might not be able to be performed, even if the soot level in the DPF requires cleaning. This can occur because of low coolant temperature, low battery voltage, high exhaust temperature or immediately after starting the vehicle. When manual cleaning is requested and coolant temperature is low, an engine warm-up cycle is started. The green indicator light will come on, the exhaust gas control valve operates, and engine rpm increases to help raise engine coolant temperature. When operating conditions allow, cleaning will begin.

Running the Vehicle While Parked

It is better not to park with the engine running. But if you ever have to, here are some things to know.

⚠ WARNING:

Idling a vehicle in an enclosed area with poor ventilation is dangerous. Engine exhaust may enter the vehicle. Engine exhaust contains Carbon Monoxide (CO) which cannot be seen or

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smelled. It can cause unconsciousness and even death. Never run the engine in an enclosed area that has no fresh air ventilation. For more information, see *Engine Exhaust on page 2-43*.

⚠ WARNING:

It can be dangerous to get out of the vehicle if the automatic transmission shift lever is not fully in P (Park) with the parking brake firmly set. The vehicle can roll. Do not leave the vehicle when the engine is running unless you have to. If you have left the engine running, the vehicle can move suddenly. You or others could be injured. To be sure the vehicle will not move, even when it is on fairly level ground, always set the parking brake and move the automatic transmission shift lever to P (Park), or the manual transmission shift lever to Neutral.

Follow the proper steps to be sure the vehicle will not move.

Mirrors

Manual Rearview Mirror

Hold the inside rearview mirror in the center to move it for a clearer view behind your vehicle. Adjust the mirror to avoid glare from the headlamps behind you. Push the tab forward for daytime use and pull it for nighttime use.

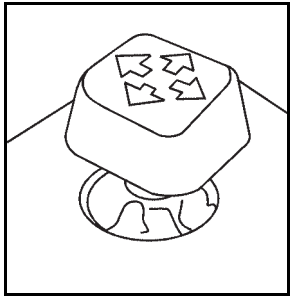
Outside Manual Mirrors

Adjust the outside rearview mirrors to see a little of the side of your vehicle, and the area beside your vehicle.

Manually fold the mirrors inward to prevent damage when going through an automatic car wash. To fold, push the mirror toward the vehicle. Push the mirror outward, to return to its original position.

Outside Power Mirrors

If the vehicle has outside power mirrors, they can be adjusted from the inside of the vehicle.



Controls for the outside power mirrors are located on the driver door.

Select the mirror you want to move by turning the switch clockwise or counterclockwise to adjust the driver or passenger side mirror. The center position is neutral.

Then, adjust the mirror by pressing the outer arrows on the switch until the mirror is in the desired position.

Outside Convex Mirrors

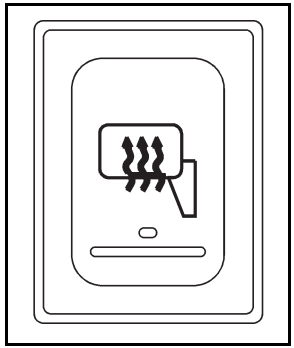
⚠ WARNING:

A convex mirror can make things (like other vehicles) look farther away than they really are. If you cut too sharply into the right or left lane, you could hit a vehicle. Check the regular outside mirrors (or the inside mirror, if you have one) before changing lanes.

The vehicle may have convex mirrors on both the driver side and the passenger side. They are curved to allow more to be seen from the driver seat.

Outside Heated Mirrors

If your vehicle has this feature, the outside rearview mirrors can be defrosted.



The switch is located in the instrument panel switchbank.

Press the bottom of the switch to turn the outside heated rearview mirrors on. The switch indicator light comes on and stays on whenever the outside heated rearview mirrors are activated.

Storage Areas

Your vehicle includes a number of storage compartments.

Some vehicles have storage areas in the instrument panel. Another small storage area may be located overhead. Other models may have more storage area underneath the front passenger bench seat. Lift the seat cushion to use the storage area.

Your vehicle may have a storage tray located behind the driver and passenger seats.

All models also have storage compartments located beneath the floorboard on both sides of the vehicle.

Center Console Storage

Your vehicle may have a center console compartment.

The back of your center bench seat may also fold forward to reveal a console compartment.

The release strap for the center console is located between the center seat and passenger seat.

To expose the storage compartment, pull the strap to release the seatback. Then fold the seatback forward.

To open the storage compartment, press the release button and lift the lid rearward. With the lid closed, it can be used as a clipboard to hold papers in place.

Before returning the seatback to the upright position, make sure the console is closed. Lift the seatback all the way up until it clicks. Push and pull on the seatback to make sure the seat is locked in place.

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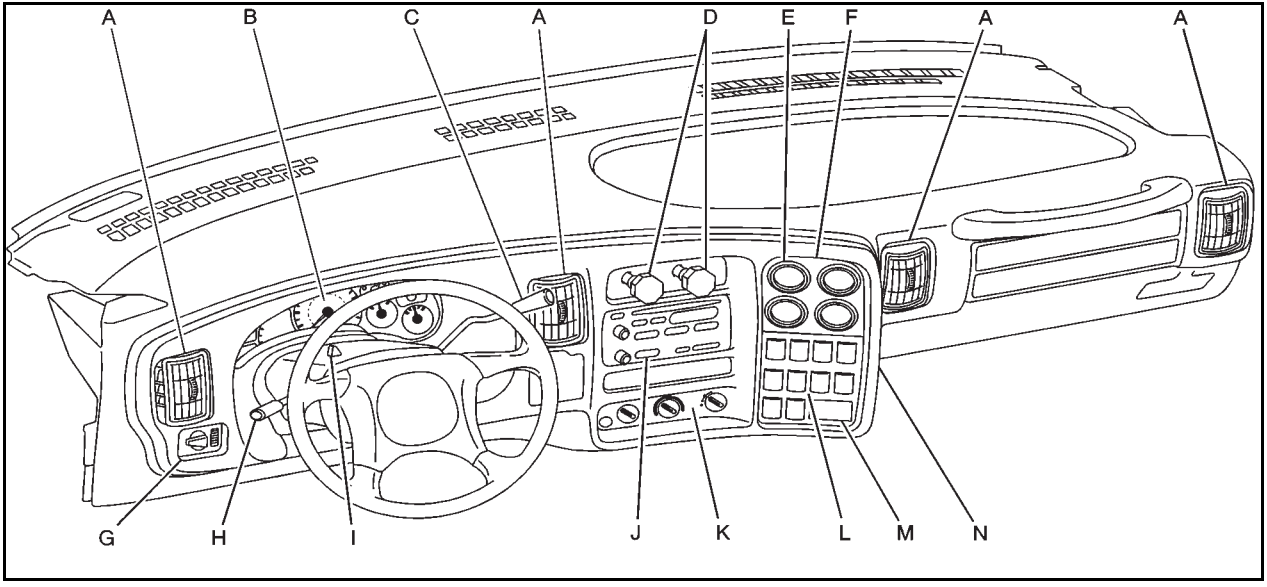

Automatic Transmission Shown, Manual Transmission Similar

The main components of the instrument panel are the following:

A. *Outlet Adjustment on page 3-20*.

B. *Instrument Panel Cluster on page 3-22*.

C. Shift Lever. See *Automatic Transmission Operation on page 2-24* or *Manual Transmission Operation on page 2-26*.

D. Air Brake Controls. See *Parking Brake (With Hydraulic Brakes) on page 2-37* or *Parking Brake (With Air Brakes) on page 2-39*.

E. Transfer Case Controls (If Equipped). See *Four-Wheel Drive on page 2-29*. Air Filter Gage (If Equipped). See *Air Filter Restriction Indicator on page 3-43*.

F. Auxiliary Gages. See *Warning Lights, Gages, and Indicators on page 3-21*.

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L. *Instrument Panel Switchbank on page 3-16*.

M. *Airbag Off Switch on page 1-56*.

N. *Accessory Power Outlet(s) on page 3-17*.

Hazard Warning Flashers

⚠ **(Hazard Warning Flasher):** Press this button located on top of the steering column, to make the front and rear turn signal lamps flash on and off. This warns others that you are having trouble. Press again to turn the flashers off.

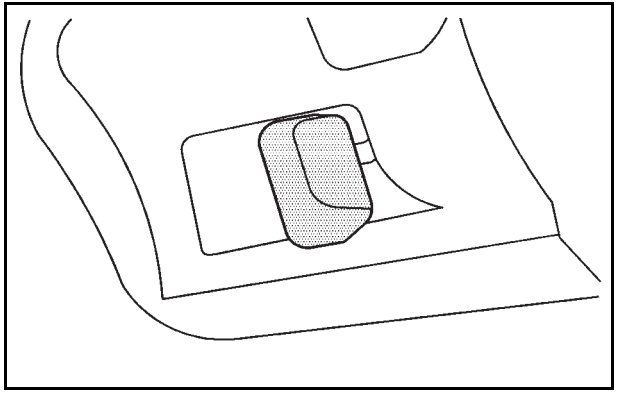
When the hazard warning flashers are on, the vehicle's turn signals will not work.

Horn

Sound the horn by pushing the center of the steering wheel. If you have the optional air horn, it is controlled by a cord that you will find up above and to the left of the driver. The harder the cord is pulled, the louder the air horn will sound. The air horn works only after the air brake system pressure gets up to about 115 psi (790 kPa). The air horn will work properly unless the air brake system pressure drops below 60 psi (415 kPa). See *Scheduled Maintenance on page 6-5*.

Tilt Wheel

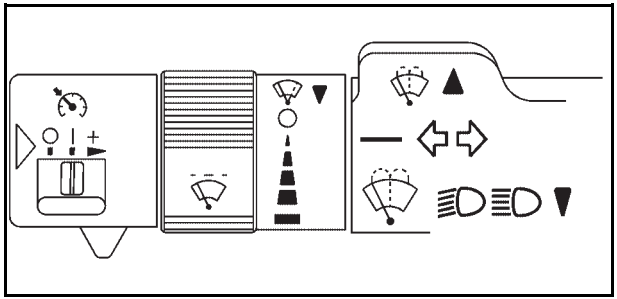
A tilt wheel lets the steering wheel be adjusted.



The tilt lever is located on the left side of the steering column.

To tilt the wheel, hold the wheel and pull the lever. Then move the wheel to a comfortable position and release the lever to lock the wheel in place.

Turn Signal/Multifunction Lever



The lever located on the left side of the steering column includes the following:

: Turn and Lane-Change Signals

: Headlamp High/Low-Beam Changer

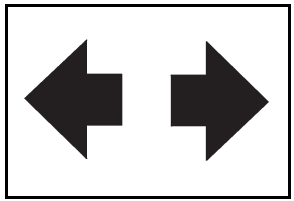
: Windshield Wipers

: Windshield Washer

: Cruise Control (If Equipped)

Information for these features is on the pages following.

Turn and Lane-Change Signals



An arrow on the instrument panel cluster flashes in the direction of the turn or lane change.

Move the lever all the way up or down to signal a turn.

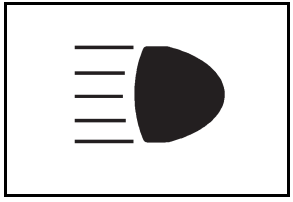
Raise or lower the lever until the arrow starts to flash to signal a lane change. Hold it there until the lane change is complete.

The lever returns to its starting position whenever it is released.

If after signaling a turn or lane change the arrow flashes rapidly or does not come on, a signal bulb may be burned out. Check the turn signal flasher and circuit breaker. See *Fuses and Circuit Breakers on page 5-93*. Check for burned out bulbs that may need replacing.

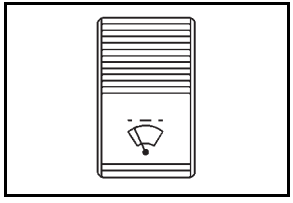
Headlamp High/Low-Beam Changer

To change the headlamps from low to high beam or high to low beam, pull the multifunction lever all the way toward you, then release it.



When the high beams are on, this light on the instrument panel cluster will also be on.

Windshield Wipers



The windshield wipers are controlled by turning the band with the wiper symbol on it.

○ **(Off) :** Turns off the windshield wipers.

(Mist) : For a single wiping cycle. Hold it there until the wipers start, then let go. The wipers will stop after one cycle. If more wipes are needed, hold the band on mist longer.

The wiper speed can be set for long or short delays between wipes. Turn the band to select the delay time. The farther the band is turned upward or downward, the longer or shorter the delay.

For steady wiping at low speed, turn the band toward you to the first solid band below the delay settings.

For high-speed wiping, turn the band farther, to the last solid band below the delay settings.

Clear ice and snow from the wiper blades before using them. If the wipers are frozen to the windshield, carefully loosen or thaw them. If they become worn or damaged, get new blades or blade inserts. For more information, see *Windshield Wiper Blade Replacement on page 5-69*.

The windshield wiper motor is protected from overload by a circuit breaker and a fuse. If the motor overheats due to heavy snow or ice the wiper will stop until the motor cools. Although the circuit is protected from electrical overload, overload due to heavy snow or ice may cause wiper linkage damage.

Windshield Washer

(Washer Fluid) : There is a paddle marked with the windshield washer symbol at the top of the multifunction lever. Press the paddle to spray washer fluid on the windshield. The wipers will clear the window and then either stop or return to the preset speed.

⚠ WARNING:

In freezing weather, do not use your washer until the windshield is warmed. Otherwise the washer fluid can form ice on the windshield, blocking your vision.

Cruise Control

With cruise control, a speed of about 40 km/h (25 mph) or more can be maintained without keeping your foot on the accelerator. Cruise control does not work at speeds below about 40 km/h (25 mph).

If the brakes or clutch pedal, if the vehicle has a manual transmission, is applied, the cruise control will shut off.

⚠ WARNING:

Cruise control can be dangerous where you cannot drive safely at a steady speed. So, do not use the cruise control on winding roads or in heavy traffic.

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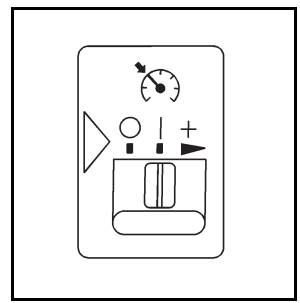
Cruise control can be dangerous on slippery roads. On such roads, fast changes in tire traction can cause excessive wheel slip, and you could lose control. Do not use cruise control on slippery roads.



For vehicles with this feature, it is located at the end of the multifunction lever.

(Set) : Press this button at the end of the lever to set the cruise control speed.

○ **(Off) :** Turns off the cruise control.

| **(On) :** Turns on the cruise control.

+ **(Resume/Accelerate) :** Turns on resume/accelerate.

Setting Cruise Control

⚠ WARNING:

If you leave your cruise control on when you are not using cruise, you might hit a button and go into cruise when you do not want to. You could be startled and even lose control. Keep the cruise control switch off until you want to use cruise control.

1. Move the cruise control switch to |.
2. Get up to the desired speed.
3. Press at the end of the lever and release it.
4. Take your foot off the accelerator pedal. The accelerator pedal will not go down.

Resuming a Set Speed

If the cruise control is set at a desired speed and then the brake is applied, this shuts off the cruise control. But it does not need to be reset.

Once the vehicle is going about 40 km/h (25 mph) or more, move the cruise control switch briefly from | to +.

The vehicle returns to the previously chosen speed and stays there.

If the switch is held at resume/accelerate, the vehicle keeps going faster until the switch is released or apply the brake. So unless you want the vehicle to go faster, do not hold the switch at resume/accelerate.

Increasing Speed While Using Cruise Control

There are two ways to go to a higher speed:

- Use the accelerator pedal to get to the higher speed. Press at the end of the lever, then release the button and the accelerator pedal. The vehicle now cruises at the higher speed.
- Move the cruise switch from | to +. Hold it there until the desired speed is reached, and then release the switch. To increase the vehicle speed in small amounts, move the switch briefly to +. Each time this done, the vehicle goes about 1 mph (1.6 km/h) faster.

Reducing Speed While Using Cruise Control

Press ⊖ at the end of the lever until the lower speed desired is reached, then release it.

To slow down in small amounts, tap the button briefly. Each time this is done, the vehicle goes about 1.6 km/h (1 mph) slower.

Passing Another Vehicle While Using Cruise Control

Use the accelerator pedal to increase your speed. When you take your foot off the pedal, your vehicle will slow down to the cruise control speed you set earlier.

Using Cruise Control on Hills

How well the cruise control works on hills depends upon the vehicles speed, load and the steepness of the hills. When going up steep hills, you may want to step on the accelerator pedal to maintain your speed. When going downhill, you may have to brake or shift to a lower gear to keep your speed down. When the brake or clutch is applied the cruise control will shut off.

For vehicles with the exhaust brake option and the exhaust brake is turned on, the exhaust brake may come on and try to slow down the vehicle to the set cruise control speed if the vehicle has accelerated past the set cruise control speed while going downhill.

Ending Cruise Control

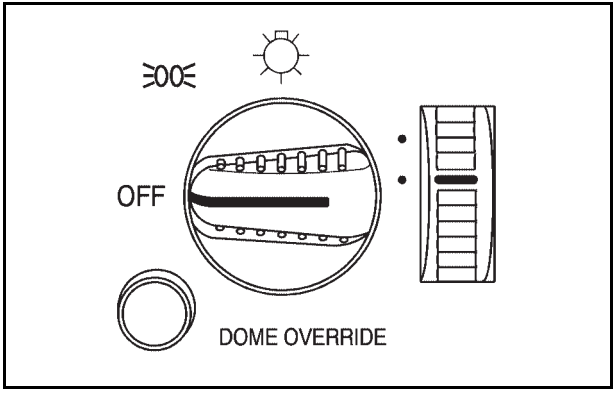
There are four different ways to turn off the cruise control:

- Step lightly on the brake pedal (manual and automatic transmissions).
- Press the clutch pedal to the floor (manual transmissions).
- Move the cruise switch to ◯ .
- Shift the transmission to NEUTRAL (N).

Erasing Speed Memory

The cruise control set speed memory is erased when the ignition is turned off.

Exterior Lamps



The control located to the left of the steering column operates the exterior lamps.

The exterior lamp control has three positions:

OFF : Turns off all lamps except the Daytime Running Lamps (DRL).

(Parking Lamps) : Turns on the parking lamps, together with the following:

- Marker Lamps
- Taillamps
- License Plate Lamps
- Instrument Panel Lights

(Headlamps) : Turns on the headlamps, together with the previously listed lamps and lights.

Change the headlamps from low to high beam by pulling the turn signal/multifunction lever toward you. Pull the lever toward you again to return to low beam.

A circuit breaker protects the headlamps. If there is an electrical overload, the headlamps will flicker on and off. Have the headlamp wiring checked right away if this ever happens.

Headlamps on Reminder

For vehicles with this system, a tone will sound when the headlamps and/or parking lamps are turned on and the ignition is in LOCK/OFF or ACC/ACCESSORY.

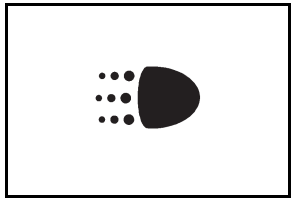
Daytime Running Lamps (DRL)

Daytime Running Lamps (DRL) can make it easier for others to see the front of your vehicle during the day. Fully functional daytime running lamps are required on all vehicles first sold in Canada.

The DRL system will make the headlamps come on at reduced brightness when the following conditions are met:

- The ignition is on,
- the exterior lamp control is off, and
- the parking brake is released.

When the DRL are on, only the headlamps will be on. The taillamps, sidemarker, instrument panel lights, and other lamps will not be on.



When it gets dark, the DRL indicator light is a reminder to turn the headlamps on.

When the headlamps are turned on, the other lamps that come on with the headlamps will be on.

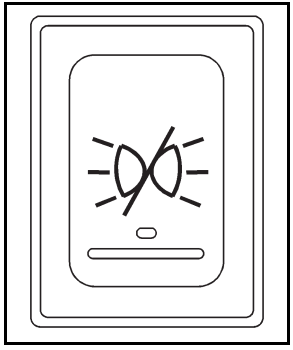
When the headlamps are turned off, the regular lamps will go off, and the low-beam headlamps will change to the reduced brightness of DRL.

To idle the vehicle with the DRL off, set the parking brake. The DRL will stay off until the parking brake is released.

Turn on the regular headlamp system when it is needed.

Marker Lamps

For vehicles with this feature, the marker and clearance lamps can be manually blinked.



The marker lamp defeat switch is located in the instrument panel switchbank.

Press and hold the bottom of the switch to turn off the marker and clearance lamps. When the switch is released, the marker and clearance lamps will come back on.

Instrument Panel Brightness

This feature controls the brightness of the instrument panel lights.

The thumbwheel for this feature is located to the right of the exterior lamp control.

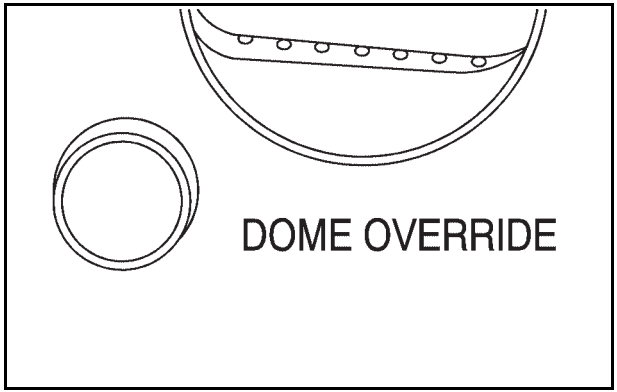
Turn the thumbwheel up to brighten the lights. When the thumbwheel is moved to the first position, the radio display and transmission selection display will go to full intensity. The instrument panel cluster will also be dimly lit. Moving the thumbwheel up to the next position will activate the interior dome lamps.

Dome Lamps

The dome lamps will come on when a door is opened.

The dome lamps can be turned on by moving the thumbwheel, located to the right of the exterior lamp control, all the way up to the second position. In this position, the dome lamps will remain on whether a door is open or closed.

The dome override button can set the dome lamps to automatically come on when a door is open, or to remain off.



The dome override button is located below the exterior lamp control.

If the dome override button is pushed in, the dome lamps will not come on. If a door is left open for an extended period of time and this helps to prevent the battery running down.

If the dome override button is in the out position, the interior lamps will work as usual.

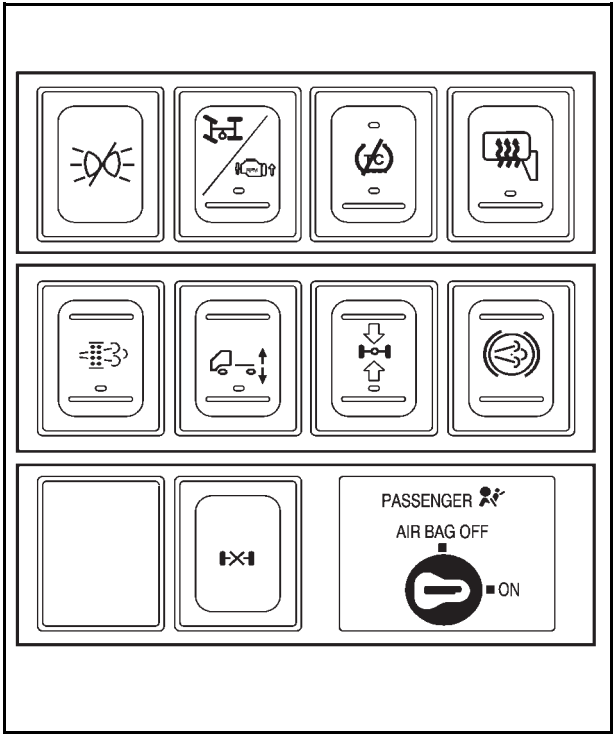
Entry Lighting

The delayed illumination feature allows you to enter or exit the vehicle with the lights on for about 20 seconds, after the door is closed or the ignition is cycled.

Reading Lamps

For vehicles with reading lamps, press the button next to the lamp to turn the lamp on or off.

Instrument Panel Switchbank



This switchbank is located in the center of the instrument panel.

: *Marker Lamps on page 3-14*.

/ : *Power Take-Off (PTO) on page 2-28* and *High Idle System on page 2-19*.

: *Traction Control System (TCS) on page 4-8*.

: *Outside Heated Mirrors on page 2-49*.

: *Diesel Particulate Filter on page 2-44*.

: Rear Air Suspension Dump Control Switch. See *Air Suspension on page 2-42*.

: Rear Axle Shift Control Switch. See *Two-Speed Rear Axle on page 2-35*.

: *Diesel Engine Exhaust Brake on page 2-23*.

: Differential Lock Control Switch. See *Rear Axle Differential Lock Control on page 4-7*.

: *Airbag Off Switch on page 1-56*.

If the vehicle does not have some of the features controlled by these switches, a blank switch marker is in its place.

Accessory Power Outlet(s)

Accessory power outlets let you plug in auxiliary electrical equipment, such as a cellular telephone.

The accessory power outlet is located on the passenger's side of the instrument panel.

To use an outlet, pull the cover down. When not using it, always cover the outlet with the protective cap.

This circuit is protected by a fuse and has a maximum current level.

Notice: **Leaving electrical equipment on for extended periods will drain the battery. Always turn off electrical equipment when not in use and do not plug in equipment that exceeds the maximum amperage rating.**

Certain electrical accessories may not be compatible with the accessory power outlet and could result in blown vehicle or adapter fuses. If you experience a problem, see your dealer/retailer for additional information on accessory power outlets.

Notice: **Adding any electrical equipment to the vehicle can damage it or keep other components from working as they should. The repairs would not be covered by the vehicle warranty. Do not use equipment exceeding maximum amperage rating of 20 amperes. Check with your dealer/retailer before adding electrical equipment.**

When adding electrical equipment, be sure to follow the proper installation instructions included with the equipment.

Notice: **Improper use of the power outlet can cause damage not covered by the vehicle warranty. Do not hang any type of accessory or accessory bracket from the plug because the power outlets are designed for accessory power plugs only.**

Ashtray(s) and Cigarette Lighter

For vehicles with an ashtray and a cigarette lighter, they are located in the center floor console. To open the removable ashtray, flip open the top.

Notice: **If papers, pins, or other flammable items are put in the ashtray, hot cigarettes or other smoking materials could ignite them and possibly damage the vehicle. Never put flammable items in the ashtray.**

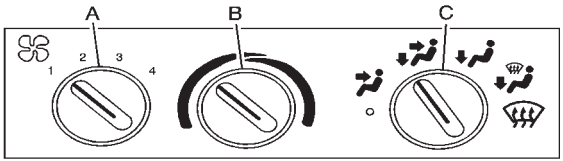
To use the cigarette lighter, push it in all the way and let it go. When it's ready, it will pop back out by itself.

Notice: **Holding a cigarette lighter in while it is heating does not let the lighter back away from the heating element when it is hot. Damage from overheating can occur to the lighter or heating element, or a fuse could be blown. Do not hold a cigarette lighter in while it is heating.**

Climate Controls

Climate Control System

The heating, cooling, and ventilation for the vehicle can be controlled with these systems.



Vehicles Without Air Conditioning

A. Fan Control

B. Temperature Control

C. Air Delivery Mode Control

(Off) : Turns the system off.

Temperature Control : Turn clockwise or counterclockwise to increase or decrease the temperature.

(Fan) : Turn clockwise or counterclockwise to increase or decrease the fan speed. To turn the fan off, turn the air delivery control counterclockwise to the off position.

Air Delivery Mode Control : Turn clockwise or counterclockwise to change the direction of the airflow inside the vehicle.

To change the current mode, select one of the following:

(Vent) : Air is directed to the instrument panel vents.

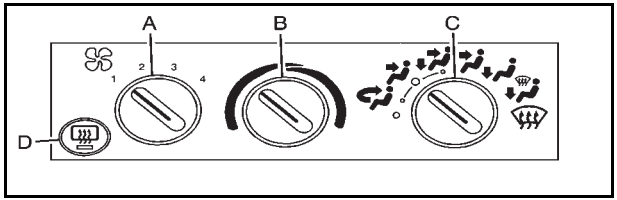
(Bi-Level) : Air is divided between the instrument panel and floor vents. Cooler air is directed to the upper vents and warmer air to the floor vents.

(Floor) : Air is directed to the floor vents. Use this mode to send air to the rear of the vehicle. Keep the area under the front seats free of objects that could obstruct airflow to the rear of the vehicle.

(Defog) : This mode clears the windows of fog or moisture. Outside air is directed to the floor and defroster outlets. Adjust the temperature knob for warmer or cooler air. The air conditioning compressor may operate in this setting to dehumidify the air.

(Defrost) : This mode removes fog or frost from the windshield more quickly. Air is directed to the windshield, with some going to the floor outlets and front side windows. The air conditioning compressor may operate in this setting to dehumidify the air.

The temperature knob should be in the red area and the fan control toward high. Do not drive the vehicle until all the windows are clear.



Vehicles With Air Conditioning

A. Fan Control

B. Temperature Control

C. Air Delivery Mode Control

D. Rear Window Defogger

On hot days, open the windows to let hot inside air escape; then close them. This helps to reduce the time it takes for the vehicle to cool down. It also helps the system to operate more efficiently.

Air Delivery Mode Control : Turn clockwise or counterclockwise to change the direction of the airflow inside the vehicle.

Select from the following modes:

(Maximum Air Conditioning) : For maximum cooling. The system goes into recirculation mode and helps to maximize the air conditioner's performance and the vehicle's fuel economy. This setting also cools the air the fastest.

(Air Conditioning) : For normal cooling on hot days. Outside air is cooled and directed to the instrument panel vents.

(Bi-Level Air Conditioning) : Air is divided between the floor and instrument panel vents. The air conditioning compressor cycles continuously in this setting as long as the outside temperature is warm enough to activate the compressor.

(Vent) : Air is directed to the instrument panel vents.

(Floor) : Air is directed to the floor vents. Use this mode to send air to the rear of the vehicle. Keep the area under the front seats free of objects that could obstruct airflow to the rear of the vehicle.

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Rear Window Defogger

For vehicles with a rear window defogger, a warming grid is used to remove fog or frost from the rear window.

The rear window defogger only works when the ignition is in ON/RUN.

(Rear) : Press to turn the rear window defogger on or off. An indicator light comes on to show that the rear window defogger is on. Be sure to clear as much snow from the rear window as possible.

The rear window defogger turns off several minutes after the button is pressed. The defogger can also be turned off by turning off the engine.

Notice: **Do not use anything sharp on the inside of the rear window. If you do, you could cut or damage the warming grid, and the repairs would not be covered by the vehicle warranty. Do not attach a temporary vehicle license, tape, a decal or anything similar to the defogger grid.**

Outlet Adjustment

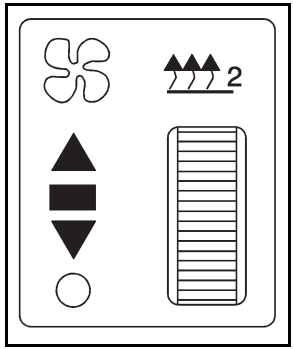
The vehicle has air outlets on the instrument panel that adjust the direction and amount of airflow inside the vehicle.

Move the lever on the outlet up or down to direct the airflow. Increase or reduce the amount of airflow by opening and closing the louvers. The outlets can be moved side-to-side to direct the airflow.

Operation Tips

- Keep the hood and front air inlets free of ice, snow, or any other obstruction (such as leaves). The heater and defroster will work far better, reducing the chance of fogging the inside of the windows.
- Keep the air path under the front seats clear of objects. This helps air to circulate throughout the vehicle.
- Adding outside equipment to the front of the vehicle, such as hood-air deflectors, may affect the performance of the heating and air conditioning system. Check with your dealer/retailer before adding equipment to the outside of the vehicle.

Rear Heating System



If the vehicle has a crew cab and has a rear heater, the thumbwheel for this feature is located on the headliner.

To increase and decrease the flow of heated air to the rear floor vents, turn the thumbwheel to the desired fan speed. To turn the fan off, turn the thumbwheel all the way down.

Warning Lights, Gages, and Indicators

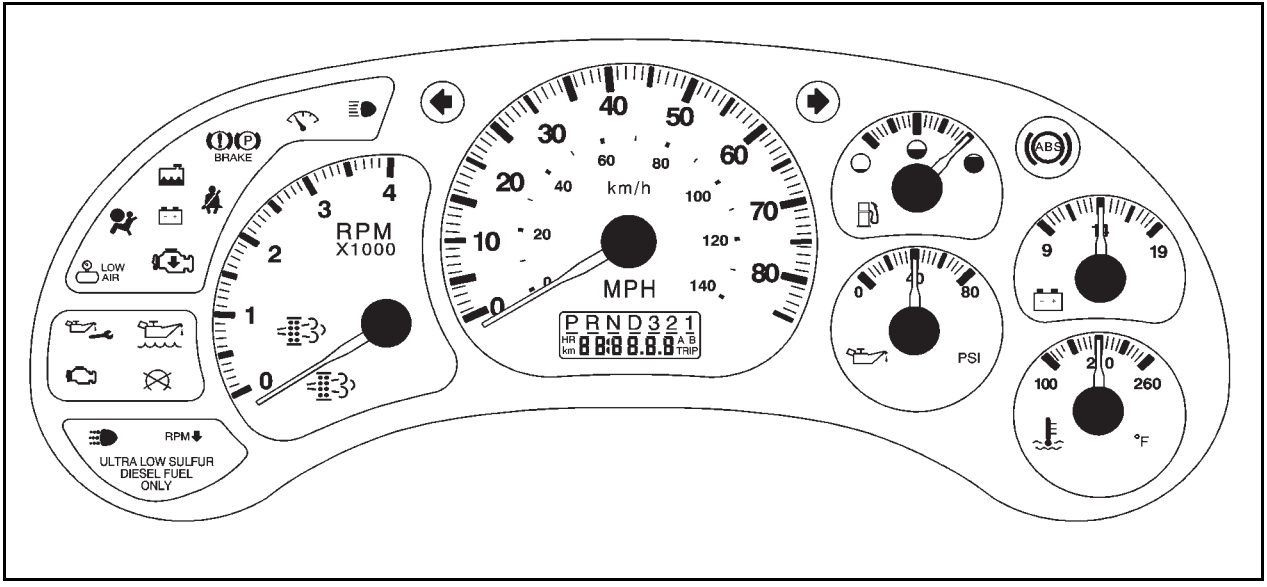
Warning lights and gages can signal that something is wrong before it becomes serious enough to cause an expensive repair or replacement. Paying attention to the warning lights and gages could prevent injury.

Warning lights come on when there might be or there is a problem with one of the vehicle's functions. Some warning lights come on briefly when the engine is started to indicate they are working.

Gages can indicate when there might be or there is a problem with one of the vehicle's functions. Often gages and warning lights work together to indicate a problem with the vehicle.

When one of the warning lights comes on and stays on while driving, or when one of the gages shows there could be a problem, check the section that explains what to do. Follow this manual's advice. Waiting to do repairs can be costly and even dangerous.

Instrument Panel Cluster



United States Isuzu 6H Diesel Engine shown, Canada, 6.6L and Gasoline Engine similar

Speedometer and Odometer

The speedometer shows the vehicle's speed in both kilometers per hour (km/h) and miles per hour (mph).

The odometer shows how far the vehicle has been driven, in either kilometers (used in Canada) or miles (used in the United States).

Trip Odometer

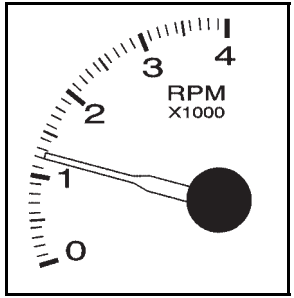
The trip odometer can tell you how far your vehicle has been driven since you last set the trip odometer to zero.

While the engine is running, press the reset button, located to the right of the trip odometer, to toggle between the trip odometer and the regular odometer. Holding the reset button for two seconds while the engine is running and the trip odometer is displayed, will reset it.

To display the odometer reading with the ignition off, press the reset button.

The hourmeter gage is accessed through the trip odometer, for more information see *Hourmeter Gage on page 3-44*.

Tachometer



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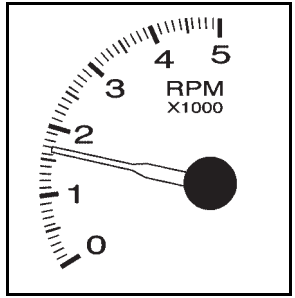

Gasoline and 6.6L DURAMAX® Diesel Engines

This gage shows the safe operating range for the engine speed in revolutions per minute (rpm).

Engine Speed Limiter

All engines have electronic engine speed limiting. The engine limited speeds range between 2,900 and 4,400 rpm depending on engine option content.

Engine Road Speed Governor

This system controls maximum vehicle speed automatically and reduces engine power until vehicle speed gets down to maximum governed speed.

The default setting for C4500 and C5500 models up to 19,500 lbs GVWR is 80 to 85 mph (128 to 136 km/h). Most other models have a default setting of 75 mph (120 km/h), although some tire sizes and tread patterns may limit maximum speed to 55 to 65 mph (86 to 105 km/h). You may have a label on the headliner of your vehicle with more information on your engine road speed governor. See your GM dealer for assistance with programming your engine limited speed.

Safety Belt Reminders

Safety Belt Reminder Light

When the engine is started, a light will come on for several seconds to remind people to fasten their safety belts.

The safety belt light will also come on and stay on for several seconds.

Safety Belt Reminder Tone

If your vehicle has this feature, when the engine is started, a tone will sound for several seconds to remind people to fasten their safety belts.

Airbag Readiness Light

If your vehicle has airbags, there is an airbag readiness light on the instrument panel, which shows the airbag symbol. The system checks the airbag's electrical system for malfunctions. The light tells you if there is an electrical problem. The system check includes the airbag sensors, the airbag modules, the wiring, the passenger airbag suppression circuit and the crash sensing and diagnostic module. For more information on the airbag system, see *Airbag System on page 1-50*.

This light will come on when you start your vehicle, and it will flash for a few seconds. Then the light should go out. This means the system is ready.

If the airbag readiness light stays on after you start the vehicle or comes on when you are driving, your airbag system may not work properly. Have your vehicle serviced right away.

The airbag readiness light should flash for a few seconds when you turn the ignition key to ON/RUN or START. If the light doesn't come on then, have it fixed so it will be ready to warn you if there is a problem.

⚠ WARNING:

If the airbag readiness light stays on after the vehicle is started or comes on while driving, it means the airbag system might not be working properly. The airbags in the vehicle might not inflate in a crash, or they could even inflate without a crash. To help avoid injury, have the vehicle serviced right away.

Airbag Off Light

If the vehicle has an airbag on-off switch, it also has a passenger airbag status indicator located in the instrument panel.

When the right front passenger airbag is manually turned off using the airbag on-off switch on the instrument panel, the indicator light OFF or the off symbol will come on and stay on to remind you that the airbag has been turned off. This light will go off when you turn the airbag on. See *Airbag Off Switch on page 1-56* for more on this, including important safety information.

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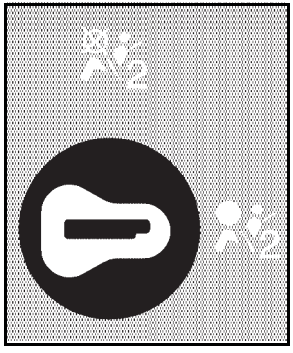

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⚠ WARNING:

If the right front passenger's airbag is turned off for a person who is not in a risk group identified by the national government, that person will not have the extra protection of an airbag. In a crash, the airbag will not be able to inflate and help protect the person sitting there.

Do not turn off the passenger's airbag unless the person sitting there is in a risk group identified by the national government. See *Airbag Off Switch on page 1-56* for more on this, including important safety information.

⚠ WARNING:

If the airbag readiness light ever comes on and stays on, it means that something may be wrong with the airbag system. For example, the right front passenger airbag could inflate even though the airbag on-off switch is turned off.

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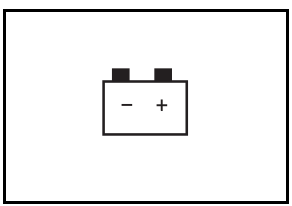
WARNING: (Continued)

To help avoid injury to yourself or others, have the vehicle serviced right away. See *Airbag Readiness Light on page 3-25* for more information, including important safety information.

If the word ON or the on symbol is lit, it means that the right front passenger frontal airbag is enabled (may inflate). See *Airbag Off Switch on page 1-56* for more information, including important safety information.

Charging System Light



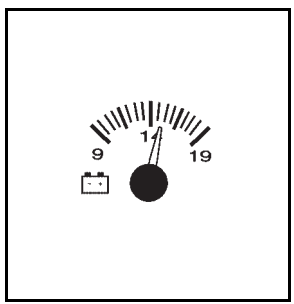
The charging system light may be located in the instrument panel cluster, or with the auxiliary warning lights in the center of the instrument panel.

It should come on briefly when you turn on the ignition, before the engine is running, as a check to show that it is working.

If it stays on, or comes on while you are driving, have your vehicle checked right away. You could have a loose generator drive belt or some other problem.

Driving while this light is on will drain your battery. If you must drive a short distance with the light on, turn off your radio and other accessories. Sustained driving with a generator failure could result in a lack of back-up braking if the engine quits or the power steering pump should fail.

Voltmeter Gage



When your engine is running, the voltmeter gage shows the charging system voltage.

Readings in either warning zone indicate a possible problem in the electrical system.

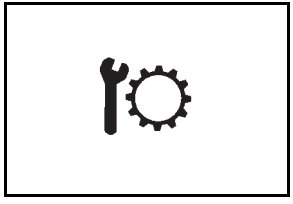
Readings in the low warning zone may occur when a large number of electrical accessories are operating in the vehicle and the engine is left at an idle for an extended period. This condition is normal since the charging system may not be able to provide full power at engine idle. As engine speeds are increased, this condition should correct itself because higher engine speeds allow the charging system to create maximum power.

You can only drive a short time on the battery. Be sure to shut off the radio, the fan or any unnecessary accessories and have the system serviced.

Service Transmission Warning Light

For vehicles with an Allison® automatic transmission, certain transmission malfunctions turn this light on.

See the Allison® Automatic Transmission Operators manual.



This light is located with the auxiliary warning lights in the center of the instrument panel.

If this light comes on while you are driving, do not use the transmission shift control or you may lose forward gears. The computer for the transmission senses a problem and chooses a gear to stay in so that you can drive the vehicle in that gear. You may not be able to drive as fast or back up when this light is on.

Notice: **If you continue driving your vehicle after the transmission warning light comes on, you could damage the transmission. While this light is on, the transmission cannot operate in all gears. If you attempt to shift gears, the vehicle may not continue to move. Do not attempt to shift gears while the transmission warning light is on. Instead, drive directly to an authorized dealer for service. If you cannot drive to a dealer immediately, have the vehicle towed.**

Range Inhibit Warning Indicator

If your vehicle has an Allison 1000/2200/2300/2500 series automatic transmission, a lighted bar under the current gear selected will flash.

If your vehicle has an Allison 3000/3500 series automatic transmission, the current gear selected on the pushbutton display will flash.

The flashing bar or gear selection indicates that transmission range shifts may not occur.

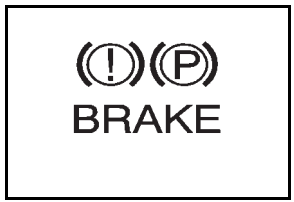
For detailed information on shift inhibit limitations, see the Allison Automatic Transmission Operator's Manual in your vehicle for further information.

Brake System Warning Light

Your vehicle has either hydraulic or air brakes. Each system has different warning lights.

Hydraulic Brake System Warning Lights

Vehicles with hydraulic brake systems have two brake system warning lights on the instrument panel.



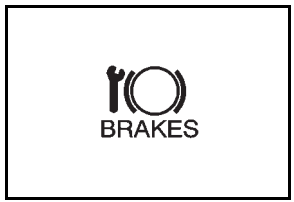
This light should come on briefly when you turn the ignition key to ON/RUN.

If it does not come on, then have it fixed so it will be ready to warn you if there is a problem.

If the brake system warning light comes on, it means that the fluid level in the master cylinder reservoir is low or there is another problem with your hydraulic brakes. When it comes on, you will also hear a warning tone.

If the light comes on while driving, pull off the road and stop carefully. The pedal might be harder to push or might go the floor. It can take longer to stop. If the light remains on, have the vehicle towed for service. See *Towing Your Vehicle on page 4-21* for more information.

The brake system warning light may come on, and the warning tone may sound, when you are turning and braking at the same time. This is normal. See “Hydraulic Brake Systems” under *Braking on page 4-4*.



This light is located above the climate controls in the center of the instrument panel.

If the service brakes soon warning light comes on, it means there may be something wrong in the brake system.

When this light comes on, you will also hear a warning tone. Have the system repaired immediately.

Both of these lights should come on briefly every time you start your engine. If they do not come on then, have them fixed so they will be ready to warn you if there is a problem. If one or both of these warning lights stay on after you start the engine, there could be a brake problem. Have your brake system inspected right away.

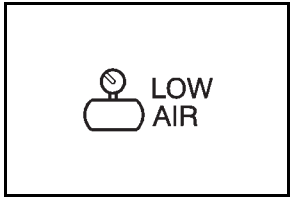
If one or both of these lights come on while you are driving, pull off the road and stop carefully. You may notice that the pedal is harder to push, or the pedal may go closer to the floor. It may take longer to stop. If this light is still on, have the vehicle towed for service. See *Towing Your Vehicle on page 4-21*. See “Hydraulic Brake Systems” under *Braking on page 4-4* for further information.

Parking Brake Warning Light

This light will also come on when you set the parking brake. The light will stay on if your parking brake does not release fully.

Air Brake System Warning Light

Vehicles with air brake systems have a brake system warning light on the instrument panel.



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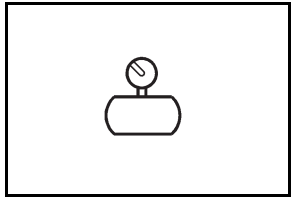

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The LOW AIR warning light should come on, as a check, whenever you start the engine. However, it is designed to come on, and stay on, when brake reservoir pressure has dropped below 60 psi (410 kPa).

When the warning light comes on while you are driving, you should drive only as far as the nearest point of safety and then stop the vehicle.

⚠ WARNING:

If the air brake system warning light comes on and the warning tone sounds, the vehicle can stop suddenly and without further warning. This is because the parking brake will come on if the pressure falls below 35 to 45 psi (240 to 310 kPa). You or others could be injured. If the air brake system warning light comes on and the warning tone sounds, stop as soon as you can. You will not know how quickly the system is losing pressure, so be aware that the parking brake may come on suddenly.

Antilock Brake System (ABS) Warning Light

This light will come on briefly when you start the engine, then it will turn off. This is normal.

If the light stays on, or comes on when you are driving, your vehicle needs service. If the brake or low air warning light is not on, you still have brakes, but you do not have the antilock brake feature. If the brake and/or low air warning light is on, you do not have antilock brakes and there is a problem with your regular brakes. See *Brake System Warning Light on page 3-29* and *Antilock Brake System (ABS) on page 4-5* for more information.

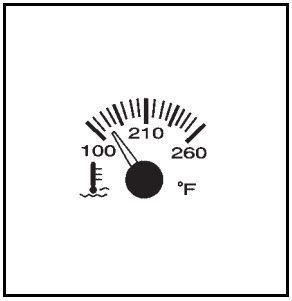
Trailer Antilock Brake System Warning Light

If your vehicle is connected to a trailer with antilock brakes, this light should come on briefly, as a check, when you turn on the ignition.

When this light comes on and stays on, it means there is something wrong in the trailer Antilock Brake System (ABS). Have the system repaired immediately.

If an ABS equipped trailer is not connected, this light is not functional.

Engine Coolant Temperature Gage



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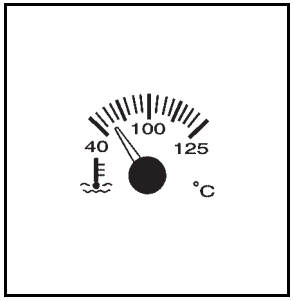

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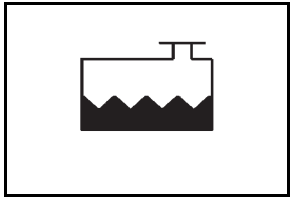
This gage shows the engine coolant temperature. If the gage pointer moves into the red area, your engine coolant might have overheated and your engine may be too hot. You should pull off the road, stop your vehicle and turn off the engine as soon as possible.

See *Engine Overheating on page 5-47*.

Low Coolant Warning Light



A low coolant warning light comes on if the system is low on coolant and the engine may overheat.

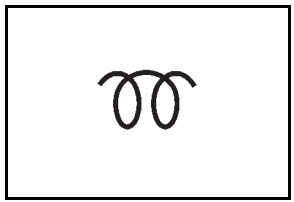
The warning light should come on briefly, as a check, when the ignition is turned on.

When it comes on, a warning tone will sound for 10 seconds.

This light may also come on if the vehicle has the automatic engine shutdown system and engine shutdown has begun. See *Engine Alarm and Automatic Shutdown on page 2-16* for more information.

Wait to Start Light

Vehicles with the DURAMAX® 6.6L diesel engine, have glow plugs and an air intake heater. Vehicles with the Isuzu 6H diesel engine, have glow plugs and an inlet heater.



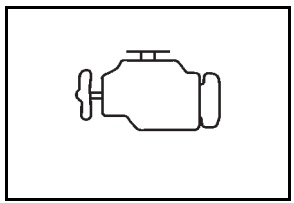
The light in the center of the instrument panel will come on when the inlet heater or glow plugs are on and the ignition key is in ON/RUN.

Wait until the indicator light goes off before turning the ignition key to START.

Malfunction Indicator Lamp

Check Engine Light

A computer system called OBD II (On-Board Diagnostics-Second Generation) monitors operation of the fuel, ignition, and emission control systems.
It makes sure that emissions are at acceptable levels for the life of the vehicle, helping to produce a cleaner environment.



If this light comes on while you are driving, two things can happen.

First, you will not notice any difference in engine performance, but the tail pipe emissions might increase. Second, the engine might not run properly or could stall without warning. If either of these things happen, see your dealer/retailer for service.

This light should come on when the ignition is on, but the engine is not running, as a check to show it is working. If it does not come on at all, have it repaired.

Notice: **If the vehicle is continually driven with this light on, after a while, the emission controls might not work as well, the vehicle's fuel economy might not be as good, and the engine might not run as smoothly. This could lead to costly repairs that might not be covered by the vehicle warranty.**

Notice: **Modifications made to the engine, transmission, exhaust, intake, or fuel system of the vehicle or the replacement of the original tires with other than those of the same Tire Performance Criteria (TPC) can affect the vehicle's emission controls and can cause this light to come on. Modifications to these systems could lead to costly repairs not covered by the vehicle warranty. This could also result in a failure to pass a required Emission Inspection/Maintenance test. See *Accessories and Modifications on page 5-3*.**

If the check engine light comes on and stays on, while the engine is running this indicates that there is an OBD II problem and service is required.

An emission system malfunction might be corrected by doing the following:

- If the vehicle has been driven through a deep puddle of water, the vehicle's electrical system might be wet. The condition is usually corrected when the electrical system dries out. A few driving trips should turn the light off.
- Make sure to fuel the vehicle with quality fuel. Poor fuel quality causes the engine not to run as efficiently as designed and may cause: stalling after start-up, stalling when the vehicle is changed into gear, misfiring, hesitation on acceleration, or stumbling on acceleration. These conditions might go away once the engine is warmed up.

  If one or more of these conditions occurs, change the fuel brand used. It will require at least one full tank of the proper fuel to turn the light off.

  See *Diesel Engine Fuel on page 5-9*.

If none of the above have made the light turn off, your dealer/retailer can check the vehicle. The dealer/retailer has the proper test equipment and diagnostic tools to fix any mechanical or electrical problems that might have developed.

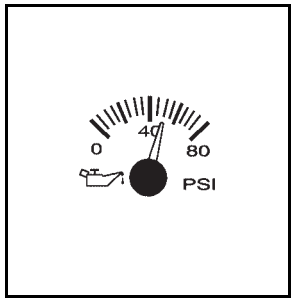
Emissions Inspection and Maintenance Programs

Some state/provincial and local governments have or might begin programs to inspect the emission control equipment on the vehicle. Failure to pass this inspection could prevent getting a vehicle registration.

Here are some things to know to help the vehicle pass an inspection:

- The vehicle will not pass this inspection if the check engine light is on with the engine running, or if the key is in the ON/RUN and the light is not on.
- The vehicle will not pass this inspection if the OBD II (on-board diagnostic) system determines that critical emission control systems have not been completely diagnosed by the system. The vehicle would be considered not ready for inspection. This can happen if the battery has recently been replaced or if the battery has run down. The diagnostic system is designed to evaluate critical emission control systems during normal driving. This can take several days of routine driving. If this has been done and the vehicle still does not pass the inspection for lack of OBD II system readiness, your dealer/retailer can prepare the vehicle for inspection.

Oil Pressure Gage



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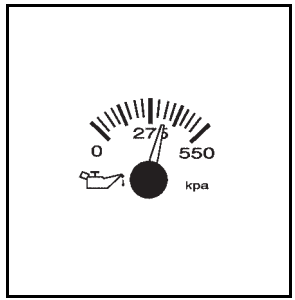

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The engine oil pressure gage, on the lower right portion of your instrument panel cluster, shows engine oil pressure in psi (pounds per square inch) or in kPa (kilopascals). Oil pressure may vary with outside temperature and oil viscosity, but readings of 30 to 40 psi (205 to 275 kPa) on gasoline engines at operating temperature and moderate road speeds are normal. If you have a diesel engine, the normal operating range should be between 35 and 70 psi (240 to 480 kPa).

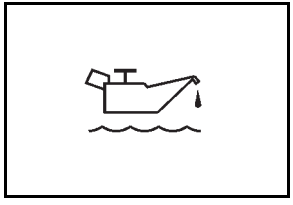
A reading in the low pressure zone may be caused by a dangerously low oil level or other problem.

⚠ WARNING:

Do not keep driving if the oil pressure is low. The engine can become so hot that it catches fire. Someone could be burned. Check the oil as soon as possible and have the vehicle serviced.

Notice: **Lack of proper engine oil maintenance can damage the engine. The repairs would not be covered by the vehicle warranty. Always follow the maintenance schedule in this manual for changing engine oil.**

Low Oil Level Light



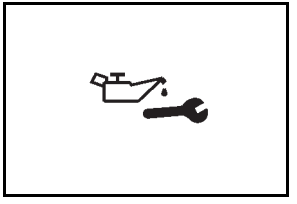
Your vehicle may have a low oil level light.

This light should come on as a check, when you start your engine. If the light fails to come on, have it repaired as soon as possible so you will be aware when the oil level is low.

If this light comes on and stays on, it means your engine is low on oil. You need to check the oil level right away. See *Engine Oil (Gasoline Engine) on page 5-22* or *Engine Oil (DURAMAX Diesel Engine) on page 5-26* or *Engine Oil (Isuzu Diesel Engine) on page 5-29* for further information.

Notice: **Lack of proper engine oil maintenance can damage the engine. The repairs would not be covered by the vehicle warranty. Always follow the maintenance schedule in this manual for changing engine oil.**

Change Engine Oil Light

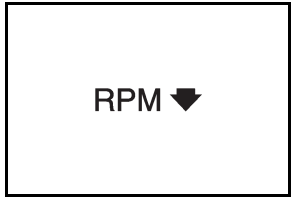


The change engine oil light should come on briefly as a bulb check when you start the engine. If the light does not come on, have it serviced.

If the change engine oil light comes on and stays on after you start the engine, have the oil changed.

For additional information on when to change engine oil for gasoline engines or DURAMAX® diesel engines, see *Engine Oil (Gasoline Engine) on page 5-22* or *Engine Oil (DURAMAX Diesel Engine) on page 5-26* or *Engine Oil (Isuzu Diesel Engine) on page 5-29* and *Scheduled Maintenance on page 6-5*. To reset the change engine oil light, see *Engine Oil Life System (Gasoline Engine) on page 5-33* or *Engine Oil Life System (DURAMAX/Isuzu Diesel Engines) on page 5-34*.

Engine Overspeed Warning Light

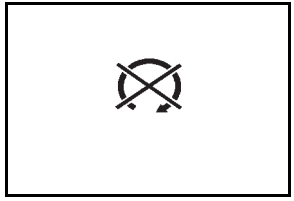


If your vehicle has this light, it will come on if your engine is operating at too many revolutions per minute (rpm).

It will also come on for a moment as a check when you start your engine.

If it comes on when you're driving, reduce your engine speed immediately.

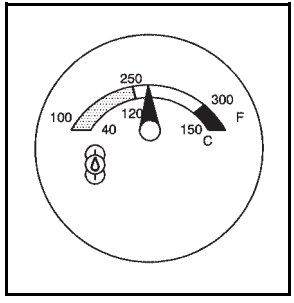
Engine Shutdown Warning Light



If your vehicle has the engine shutdown feature, this light will come on when engine shutdown is active.

See *Engine Alarm and Automatic Shutdown on page 2-16* for more information.

Transmission Temperature Gage

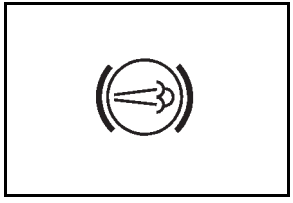


If you have an automatic transmission and this gage, it is located above the switchbank in the center of the instrument panel.

When your ignition is on, the gage shows the temperature of the transmission oil. A reading in the warning zone, the red area beginning at 300°F (150°C), means you must stop driving and check into the cause. One possible cause is a low oil level in the transmission.

Notice: **If you drive your vehicle with the transmission temperature gage above normal operating range, you can damage the transmission. This could lead to costly repairs that would not be covered by your warranty. Do not drive your vehicle while the transmission temperature gage reading is above normal. See your dealer for service.**

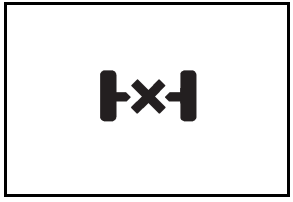
Exhaust Brake Indicator Light



For vehicles with an exhaust brake, this light is located above the climate controls.

The exhaust brake indicator light will come on and stay on whenever the diesel engine exhaust brake or exhaust restrictor is active. For more information, see *Diesel Engine Exhaust Brake on page 2-23* and *Exhaust Restrictor on page 2-20*.

Differential Lock Indicator Light

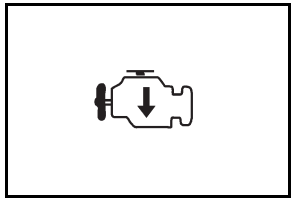


If your vehicle has this feature, this light is located in the center of the instrument panel. The light is on when the rear differential lock system is in use.

The light will come on momentarily during starting. If the light fails to come on, have it repaired as soon as possible so you will be aware when the lock system is in use.

See *Rear Axle Differential Lock Control on page 4-7* for more information.

Reduced Engine Power Light



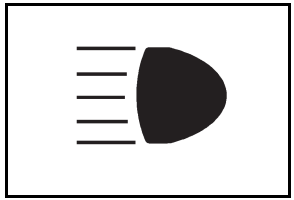
If the check engine and reduced engine power lights are on, the electronic throttle control may be disabled.

A noticeable change in the vehicle's performance may also occur.

If the reduced engine power light is on, but there is no change in performance, proceed to your destination. The performance may be reduced the next time the vehicle is driven. The vehicle may be driven at a slower speed while the reduced engine power light is on, but acceleration and speed may be limited.

Anytime the check engine light stays on, the vehicle should be taken to an authorized dealer/retailer as soon as possible for service.

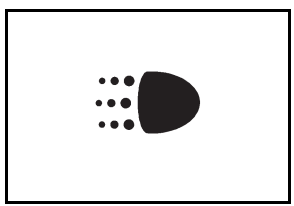
Highbeam On Light



This light comes on when the high-beam headlamps are in use.

See *Headlamp High/Low-Beam Changer on page 3-8* for more information.

Daytime Running Lamps (DRL) Indicator Light



This light turns on whenever the Daytime Running Lamps are on.

See *Daytime Running Lamps (DRL) on page 3-13* for more information.

Low Washer Fluid Warning Light

This light is located above the climate controls in the center of the instrument panel.

This light will come on when your vehicle is low on windshield washer fluid.

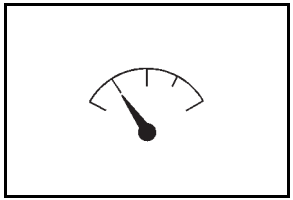
For more information, see *Windshield Washer Fluid on page 5-50*.

Power Take-Off Light (PTO)

For vehicles with Power Take-Off (PTO), this light is located in the center of the instrument panel.

This light will come on when the PTO switch is in the ON/RUN position. See *Power Take-Off (PTO) on page 2-28* for more information.

Check Gages Warning Light



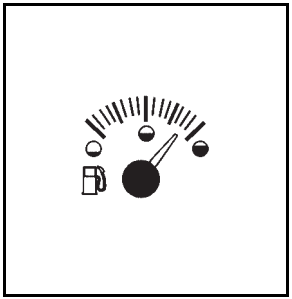
This light will come on briefly when the engine is started.

If this light comes on and stays on while you are driving. It means that either the engine coolant temperature gage or the engine oil pressure gage may be showing a reading in the warning zone.

When the check gages light comes on, you will also hear a warning tone. The tone and the light will stay activated until the problem is corrected.

This light may also come on if your vehicle is has automatic engine shutdown system and engine shutdown has begun. See *Engine Alarm and Automatic Shutdown on page 2-16*.

Fuel Gage



Your fuel gage is located on the right side of your instrument panel cluster.

When the ignition is on, your fuel gage lets you know about how much fuel you have left. When the gage first shows empty, you'll still have a little fuel left, but you should get more fuel soon.

If your vehicle has dual fuel tanks, the reading on the gage is the total fuel left in both tanks.

Here are four concerns of some operators. None of these shows a problem with your fuel gage:

- The gage moves a little when you turn a corner or speed up.
- The gage does not go back to empty when you turn off the ignition.
- At the gas station, the pump shuts off before the gage reads full.
- It takes a little more or less fuel to fill up than the gage indicated.

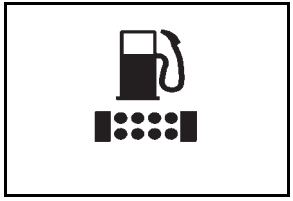
Water in Fuel Warning Light

This light is located above the climate controls in the center of the instrument panel.

If your vehicle has the 6.6L DURAMAX® this light will come on to warn you that there is water in the fuel system.

For more information on how this light works, see *Water in Fuel on page 5-12*.

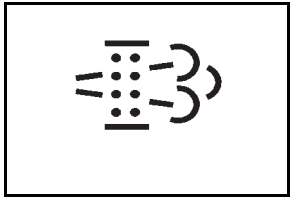
Change Fuel Filter Warning Light



For vehicles with this light, it is located in the center of the instrument panel.

If your vehicle has the DURAMAX® 6.6L engine, this light will come on when the fuel filter needs to be changed. If your vehicle has the Isuzu 6H 7.8L L6 diesel engine, this light will come on when water is detected in the fuel system and when the fuel filter needs to be changed. See *Fuel Filter Replacement on page 5-18* and *Water in Fuel on page 5-12* for more information.

Diesel Particulate Filter Warning Light

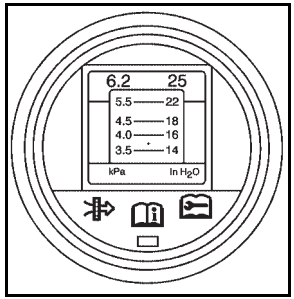


Your vehicle may have two Diesel Particulate Filter (DPF) Warning lights.

These lights will come on briefly when the ignition is turned to ON/RUN. One of these lights will come on green during DPF regeneration. If the other light comes on yellow, perform a manual regeneration or drive the vehicle for automatic regeneration. If the light changes from yellow to red, the DPF requires an immediate regeneration. If the DPF is not regenerated, the service engine soon light will come on and engine power will be reduced.

See *Diesel Particulate Filter on page 2-44* and *Reduced Engine Power Light on page 3-39* for more information.

Air Filter Restriction Indicator

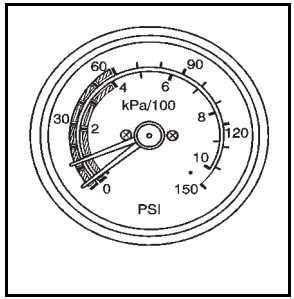


If your vehicle has this feature, the gage is located above the switchbank in the center of the instrument panel. It monitors the engine air filter.

As the filter gets dirty, the yellow indicator will begin to rise. When it reaches the red/orange change area, the filter should be replaced.

After replacing the filter, reset the gage by pressing in the yellow reset button at the bottom of the gage.

Air Pressure Gage



If your vehicle has air brakes, the air pressure gage is located above the switchbank in the center of the instrument panel.

This gage shows the air pressure for both your front and rear brake systems.

If the needle on the gage indicates that the air pressure is below 60 to 75 psi (415 to 517 kPa), the low air warning light will come on. An alarm will also sound if this happens.

The bottom yellow pointer shows the pressure available for the front secondary system, while the top white pointer shows pressure for the rear primary system. There should be no more than 4 psi (28 kPa) difference showing between the systems.

Don't drive until both pointers are showing at least 120 psi (827 kPa), so you'll have enough air if you need to apply your brakes.

Hourmeter Gage

To access the engine hourmeter gage, press the trip odometer button three times.

The instrument panel cluster displays the accumulated engine run time hours using the reconfigurable odometer display. The engine run time hours displays only when the ignition is in the LOCK or ACC/ ACCESSORY position and the trip reset button is pressed for about four seconds. The value of the accumulated hours does not change when the battery is disconnected.

The hourmeter resets to 0.0 when 10,000 hours are accumulated. The instrument panel cluster begins to reaccumulate the engine run time hours from 0.0 hours.

Audio System(s)

If the vehicle came without a radio, the wiring provisions for a radio and an antenna were installed at the assembly plant, so that if you want, a radio can be installed at the dealer/retailer.

Determine which radio the vehicle has and read the following pages to become familiar with its features.

⚠ WARNING:

Taking your eyes off the road for extended periods could cause a crash resulting in injury or death to you or others. Do not give extended attention to entertainment tasks while driving.

This system provides access to many audio and non audio listings.

To minimize taking your eyes off the road while driving, do the following while the vehicle is parked:

- Become familiar with the operation and controls of the audio system.
- Set up the tone, speaker adjustments, and preset radio stations.

For more information, see *Defensive Driving on page 4-2*.

Notice: **Contact your dealer/retailer before adding any equipment.**

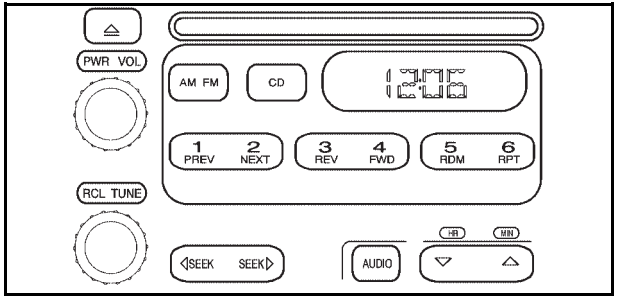
Adding audio or communication equipment could interfere with the operation of the vehicle's engine, radio, or other systems, and could damage them. Follow federal rules covering mobile radio and telephone equipment.

Notice: **The chime signals related to safety belts, parking brake, and other functions of your vehicle operate through the radio/entertainment system. If that equipment is replaced or additional equipment is added to your vehicle, the chimes may not work. Make sure that replacement or additional equipment is compatible with your vehicle before installing it. See *Accessories and Modifications on page 5-3*.**

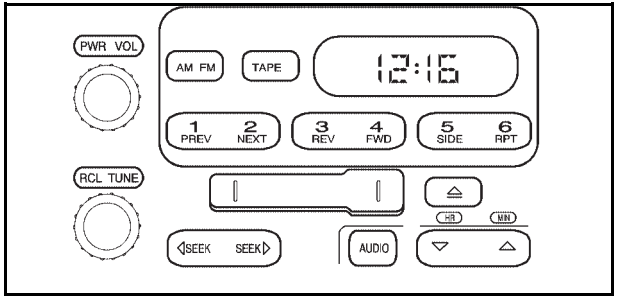
Setting the Clock

Press and hold the HR (down) or MIN (up) arrow for two seconds. Then press HR until the correct hour displays. Press and hold MIN until the correct minute displays. The time can be set with the ignition on or off.

Radio(s)



Radio with CD shown, AM-FM Radio similar



Radio with Cassette

Your vehicle has one of these radios as its audio system.

Playing the Radio

PWR (Power) : Press to turn the system on and off.

VOL (Volume) : Turn clockwise or counterclockwise to increase or to decrease the volume.

RCL (Recall) : Press to switch the display between the radio station frequency and the time. When the ignition is off, press to display the time.

Finding a Station

AM FM : Press to switch between FM1, FM2, and AM. The selection displays.

TUNE : Turn to select radio stations.

◁ **SEEK** ▷ **:** Press the arrows to go to the previous or to the next station.

To scan stations, press and hold either arrow for two seconds until a beep sounds. The radio goes to a station, plays for a few seconds, then goes to the next station. Press either arrow again to stop scanning.

To scan preset stations, press and hold either arrow for more than four seconds until two beeps sound. The radio goes to the first preset station stored on the pushbuttons, plays for a few seconds, then goes to the next preset station. Press either arrow again to stop scanning presets.

The radio only seeks and scans stations, with a strong signal, that are in the selected band.

Setting Preset Stations

Up to 18 stations (six FM1, six FM2, and six AM), can be programmed on the six numbered pushbuttons, by performing the following steps:

1. Turn the radio on.
2. Press AM FM to select FM1, FM2, or AM.
3. Tune in the desired station.
4. Press and hold one of the six numbered pushbuttons until a beep sounds. When that numbered pushbutton is pressed, the station that was set, returns.
5. Repeat Steps 2 through 4 for each pushbutton.

Setting the Tone (Bass/Treble)

AUDIO : To adjust the bass or the treble, press and release the AUDIO button until BAS (bass) or TRE (treble) displays. Then press and hold the up △ or the down ▽ arrow to increase or to decrease. If a station is weak or has static, decrease the treble.

To adjust bass or treble to the middle position, select BAS or TRE. Then press and hold the AUDIO button for more than two seconds until a beep sounds. B and a zero or T and a zero displays.

To adjust both tone controls and both speaker controls to the middle position, first end out of audio mode by pressing another button, causing the radio to perform that function, or by waiting five seconds for the display to return to the time of day. Then press and hold the AUDIO button for more than two seconds until a beep sounds. CEN (center) displays.

Adjusting the Speakers (Balance/Fade)

AUDIO : To adjust the balance between the right and the left speakers, press and release the AUDIO button until BAL (balance) displays. Then press and hold the up △ or the down ▽ arrow to move the sound toward the right or the left speakers.

To adjust the fade between the front and the rear speakers, press and release the AUDIO button until FAD (fade) displays. Then press and hold either arrow to move the sound toward the front or the rear speakers.

To adjust balance or fade to the middle position, select BAL or FAD. Then press and hold AUDIO for more than two seconds until a beep sounds. B (balance) and a zero or F (fade) and a zero displays.

To adjust both tone controls and both speaker controls to the middle position, first end out of audio mode by pressing another button, causing the radio to perform that function, or by waiting five seconds for the display to return to the time of day. Then press and hold the AUDIO button for more than two seconds until a beep sounds. CEN displays.

Fade may not be available if the vehicle is a regular cab model.

Radio Messages

CAL (Calibration) : The audio system has been calibrated for your vehicle from the factory. If CAL displays it means that the radio has not been configured properly for your vehicle and must be returned to your dealer/retailer for service.

LOC (Locked) : This message displays when the THEFTLOCK® system has locked up. Take the vehicle to your dealer/retailer for service.

If any error occurs repeatedly or cannot be corrected, contact your dealer/retailer.

Playing a CD

Insert a CD partway into the slot, label side up. The player pulls it in and the CD should begin playing. CD displays. If you want to insert a CD with the ignition off, first press the eject button or the RCL knob.

If you insert a CD with the radio off and the ignition on, it starts to play.

If the ignition or radio is turned off, with a CD in the player, it stays in the player. When the ignition or radio is turned on, the CD starts playing where it stopped, if it was the last selected audio source.

As each new track starts to play, the track number displays.

The CD player can play the smaller 3 inch (8 cm) single CDs with an adapter ring. Full-size CDs and the smaller CDs are loaded in the same manner.

Care of Your CDs

If playing a CD-R, the sound quality can be reduced due to CD-R quality, the method of recording, the quality of the music that has been recorded, and the way the CD-R has been handled. Handle them carefully. Store CD-R(s) in their original cases or other protective cases and away from direct sunlight and dust. The CD player scans the bottom surface of the disc. If the surface of a CD is damaged, such as cracked, broken, or scratched, the CD does not play properly or not at all. Do not touch the bottom side of a CD while handling it; this could damage the surface. Pick up CDs by grasping the outer edges or the edge of the hole and the outer edge.

If the surface of a CD is soiled, take a soft, lint free cloth or dampen a clean, soft cloth in a mild, neutral detergent solution mixed with water, and clean it. Make sure the wiping process starts from the center to the edge.

Care of Your CD Player

Do not add any label to a CD, it could get caught in the CD player. If a CD is recorded on a personal computer and a description label is needed, try labeling the top of the recorded CD with a marking pen.

The use of CD lens cleaners for CDs is not advised, due to the risk of contaminating the lens of the CD optics with lubricants internal to the CD player mechanism.

Notice: **If a label is added to a CD, or more than one CD is inserted into the slot at a time, or an attempt is made to play scratched or damaged CDs, the CD player could be damaged. While using the CD player, use only CDs in good condition without any label, load one CD at a time, and keep the CD player and the loading slot free of foreign materials, liquids, and debris.**

If an error displays, see “CD Messages” later in this section.

1 PREV (Previous) : Press to go to the beginning of the current track if more than eight seconds have played. The track number displays. If this pushbutton is held or pressed more than once, the player continues moving backward through the CD.

2 NEXT : Press to go to the next track. The track number displays. If this pushbutton is held or pressed more than once, the player continues moving forward through the CD.

3 REV (Reverse) : Press and hold to reverse quickly within a track. Release to play the passage. The elapsed time of the track displays.

4 FWD (Forward) : Press and hold to advance quickly within a track. Release to play the passage. The elapsed time of the track displays.

5 RDM (Random) : Press to hear the tracks in random, rather than sequential, order. RND displays. Press again to turn off random play. OFF displays.

6 RPT (Repeat) : Press once to hear a track over again. RPT displays. The current track continues to repeat. Press again to turn off repeat play. OFF displays.

◁ SEEK ▷ : Press the left or right arrow to go to the previous or to the next track. The track number displays. If either arrow is held or pressed more than once, the player continues moving backward or forward through the CD.

RCL (Recall) : Press this to see the current track number or how long the current track has been playing.

AM FM : Press to listen to the radio when a CD is playing. The inactive CD remains inside the radio for future listening.

CD : Press to play a CD when listening to the radio. CD displays if a CD is loaded.

⏏ (Eject): Press to eject a CD. Eject can be activated with either the ignition or radio off. CDs may be loaded with the ignition and radio off if this button is pressed first.

CD Messages

If the CD comes out, it could be for one of the following reasons:

- It is very hot. When the temperature returns to normal, the CD should play.
- You are driving on a very rough road. When the road becomes smoother, the CD should play.
- The CD is dirty, scratched, wet, or upside down.

- The air is very humid. If so, wait about an hour and try again.
- There could have been a problem while burning the CD.
- The label could be caught in the CD player.

If the CD is not playing correctly, for any other reason, try a known good CD.

If any error occurs repeatedly or if an error cannot be corrected, contact your dealer/retailer. If the radio displays an error message, write it down and provide it to your dealer/retailer when reporting the problem.

Playing a Cassette Tape

The tape player is built to work best with tapes that are up to 30 to 45 minutes long on each side. Tapes longer than that are so thin they might not work well in this player. The longer side with the tape visible should face to the right. If you hear nothing or hear a garbled sound, the tape might not be in squarely. Press the ⏏ (eject) button to remove the tape and start over.

If the ignition and the radio are off, press the eject button or the RCL knob to insert and to begin play of a tape. If the ignition is on and the radio is off, the tape can be inserted and begins playing. CAS (cassette) displays when a tape is inserted.

While the tape is playing, use the VOL, AUDIO, and SEEK controls just as you do for the radio. The radio displays UP if the top side of the tape is playing. DN (Down) appears if the bottom side is playing. The tape player plays the other side of the tape when it reaches the end.

Cassette tape adapter kits for portable CD players works in the cassette tape player. See “CD Adapter Kits” later for more information.

The tape bias is set automatically when a metal or chrome tape is inserted.

If an error displays, see “Cassette Tape Messages” later in this section.

1 PREV (Previous) : The tape must have at least three seconds of silence between each selection for previous to work. Press this pushbutton to go to the previous selection on the tape if the current selection has been playing for less than three seconds. If pressed when the current selection has been playing from three to 13 seconds, it goes to the beginning of the previous selection or the beginning of the current selection, depending on the position on the tape. If pressed when the current selection has been playing for more than 13 seconds, it goes to the beginning of the current selection. Pressing this pushbutton multiple times increases the number of selections to be searched back, up to −9. Pressing the NEXT pushbutton cancels the selections.

2 NEXT : The tape must have at least three seconds of silence between each selection for next to work. Press this pushbutton to go to the next selection on the tape. Pressing this pushbutton multiple times in the next mode increases the number of selections to be searched forward. Pressing the PREV pushbutton cancels the selections.

3 REV (Reverse) : Press to quickly reverse the tape. FR displays. The radio plays while the tape reverses. Press it again to return to playing speed. Select stations during reverse operation by using the TUNE or SEEK controls or by using the scan or preset scan features.

4 FWD (Forward) : Press to quickly advance the tape. FF displays. The radio plays while the tape advances. Press again to return to playing speed. Select stations during forward operation by using the TUNE or SEEK controls or by using the scan or preset scan features.

5 SIDE : Press to play the other side of the tape.

6 RPT (Repeat) : The tape must have at least three seconds of silence between each selection for repeat to work. Press and release to hear a selection over again. RPT displays. Press again to turn off repeated play. OFF displays.

◁ SEEK ▷ : The tape must have at least three seconds of silence between each selection for seek to work. The left arrow is the same as the PREV pushbutton and the right arrow is the same as the NEXT pushbutton. If either the left or right arrow is held or pressed more than once, the player continues moving backward or forward through the tape.

AM FM : Press to listen to the radio when a tape is playing. The inactive tape remains inside the radio for future listening.

TAPE : Press to play a cassette tape when listening to the radio. CAS displays when a tape is loaded.

⏏ (Eject): Press to eject a tape. Eject can be activated with the radio off. Cassette tapes can be loaded with the ignition and radio off if this button is pressed first.

Care of the Cassette Tape Player

A tape player that is not cleaned regularly can cause reduced sound quality, ruined cassettes, or a damaged mechanism. Cassette tapes should be stored in their cases away from contaminants, direct sunlight and extreme heat. If they are not properly stored, they may not operate properly or may cause failure of the tape player.

The tape player should be cleaned regularly after every 50 hours of use. The radio may display CLN to indicate that the tape player has been used for 50 hours without resetting the tape clean timer. If this message appears on the display, the cassette tape player needs to be cleaned. It will still play tapes, but it should be cleaned as soon as possible to prevent damage to the tapes and player. If there is a reduction in sound quality, try a known good cassette to see if the tape or the tape player is at fault. If this other cassette has no improvement in sound quality, clean the tape player.

For best results, use a scrubbing action, non-abrasive cleaning cassette with pads which scrub the tape head as the hubs of the cleaner cassette turn. The recommended cleaning cassette is available through your dealer/retailer.

The cut tape detection feature of the cassette tape player may identify the cleaning cassette as a damaged tape. To prevent the cleaning cassette from being ejected, use the following steps:

1. Turn the ignition on.
2. Turn the radio off.
3. Press and hold the TAPE button for two seconds until the radio produces one beep. CAS will flash on the display for five seconds.
4. Insert the scrubbing action cleaning cassette.
5. Eject the cleaning cassette after the manufacturer's recommended cleaning time.

   After the cleaning cassette is ejected, the cut tape detection feature will be active again.

A non-scrubbing action, wet-type cleaner which uses a cassette with a fabric belt to clean the tape head can be used. This type of cleaning cassette will not eject on its own. A non-scrubbing action cleaner may not clean as thoroughly as the scrubbing type cleaner. The use of a non-scrubbing action, dry-type cleaning cassette is not recommended.

After the player is cleaned, press and hold the eject button for three seconds to reset the CLN indicator. The radio will display — to show the indicator was reset.

Cassettes are subject to wear and the sound quality may degrade over time. Always make sure the cassette tape is in good condition before the tape player is serviced.

Cassette Tape Messages

ERR (Error) : If the player detects a tight or broken tape, this message displays and the player ejects the tape. The radio goes back to playing the last station selected.

CLN (Clean) : If this message displays, the cassette tape player needs to be cleaned. It still plays tapes, but it should be cleaned as soon as possible to prevent damage to the tapes and player. See “Care of the Cassette Tape Player” later in this section.

If the cassette is not playing correctly, for any other reason, try a known good cassette.

If any error occurs repeatedly or if an error cannot be corrected, contact your dealer/retailer. If the radio displays an error message, write it down and provide it to your dealer/retailer when reporting the problem.

CD Adapter Kits

It is possible to use a portable CD player adapter kit with the cassette tape player after deactivating the tight/loose tape sensor feature on the tape player.

To deactivate this feature, use the following steps:

1. Turn the ignition on.
2. Turn the radio off.
3. Press and hold the TAPE button for two seconds until one beep is produced. CAS flashes, indicating that the TIGHT/LOOSE TAPE sensor feature is no longer active.
4. Insert the adapter into the cassette slot.

The override feature remains active until the ⏏ button is pressed.

Theft-Deterrent Feature

THEFTLOCK® is designed to discourage theft of the vehicle's radio by learning a portion of the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). The radio does not operate if it is stolen or moved to a different vehicle.

Radio Reception

Frequency interference and static can occur during normal radio reception if items such as cell phone chargers, vehicle convenience accessories, and external electronic devices are plugged into the accessory power outlet. If there is interference or static, unplug the item from the accessory power outlet.

AM

The range for most AM stations is greater than for FM, especially at night. The longer range can cause station frequencies to interfere with each other. For better radio reception, most AM radio stations boost the power levels during the day, and then reduce these levels during the night. Static can also occur when things like storms and power lines interfere with radio reception. When this happens, try reducing the treble on your radio.

FM Stereo

FM stereo gives the best sound, but FM signals reach only about 10 to 40 miles (16 to 65 km). Tall buildings or hills can interfere with FM signals, causing the sound to fade in and out.

Fixed Mast Antenna

The fixed mast antenna can withstand most car washes without being damaged as long as it is securely attached to the base. If the mast becomes slightly bent, straighten it out by hand. If the mast is badly bent, replace it.

Occasionally check to make sure the antenna is tightened to its base. If tightening is required, tighten by hand until fully seated plus one quarter turn.

Chime Level Adjustment

The radio is used to adjust the vehicle's chime level. To change the volume level of the chime, press and hold pushbutton 6 with the ignition on and the radio power off. The volume level will change from the normal level to loud, and HI will appear on the radio display. To change back to the default or normal setting, press and hold pushbutton 6 again. The volume level will change from the loud level to normal, and LO will appear on the radio display. Each time the chime volume is changed, three chimes will sound as an example of the new volume selected. Removing the radio and not replacing it with a factory radio or chime module will disable vehicle chimes.

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Your Driving, the Road, and the Vehicle

Driving for Better Fuel Economy

Driving habits can affect fuel mileage. Here are some driving tips to get the best fuel economy possible.

- Avoid fast starts and accelerate smoothly.
- Brake gradually and avoid abrupt stops.
- Avoid idling the engine for long periods of time.
- When road and weather conditions are appropriate, use cruise control, if equipped.
- Always follow posted speed limits or drive more slowly when conditions require.
- Keep vehicle tires properly inflated.
- Combine several trips into a single trip.
- Replace the vehicle's tires with the same TPC Spec number molded into the tire's sidewall near the size.
- Follow recommended scheduled maintenance.

Defensive Driving

Defensive driving means “always expect the unexpected.” The first step in driving defensively is to wear your safety belt — See *Safety Belts: They Are for Everyone on page 1-11*.

⚠ WARNING:

Assume that other road users (pedestrians, bicyclists, and other drivers) are going to be careless and make mistakes. Anticipate what they might do and be ready. In addition:

- Allow enough following distance between you and the driver in front of you.
- Focus on the task of driving.

Driver distraction can cause collisions resulting in injury or possible death. These simple defensive driving techniques could save your life.

Drunk Driving

⚠ WARNING:

Drinking and then driving is very dangerous. Your reflexes, perceptions, attentiveness, and judgment can be affected by even a small amount of alcohol. You can have a serious — or even fatal — collision if you drive after drinking. Do not drink and drive or ride with a driver who has been drinking. Ride home in a cab; or if you are with a group, designate a driver who will not drink.

Death and injury associated with drinking and driving is a global tragedy.

Alcohol affects four things that anyone needs to drive a vehicle: judgment, muscular coordination, vision, and attentiveness.

Police records show that almost 40 percent of all motor vehicle-related deaths involve alcohol. In most cases, these deaths are the result of someone who was drinking and driving. In recent years, more than 17,000 annual motor vehicle-related deaths have been associated with the use of alcohol, with about 250,000 people injured.

For persons under 21, it is against the law in every U.S. state to drink alcohol. There are good medical, psychological, and developmental reasons for these laws.

The obvious way to eliminate the leading highway safety problem is for people never to drink alcohol and then drive.

Medical research shows that alcohol in a person's system can make crash injuries worse, especially injuries to the brain, spinal cord, or heart. This means that when anyone who has been drinking — driver or passenger — is in a crash, that person's chance of being killed or permanently disabled is higher than if the person had not been drinking.

Control of a Vehicle

The following three systems help to control the vehicle while driving — brakes, steering, and accelerator. At times, as when driving on snow or ice, it is easy to ask more of those control systems than the tires and road can provide. Meaning, you can lose control of the vehicle.

Braking

See *Brake System Warning Light on page 3-29*.

Braking action involves perception time and reaction time. Deciding to push the brake pedal is perception time. Actually doing it is reaction time.

Average reaction time is about three-fourths of a second. But that is only an average. It might be less with one driver and as long as two or three seconds or more with another. Age, physical condition, alertness, coordination and eyesight all play a part. So do alcohol, drugs and frustration. But even in three-fourths of a second, a vehicle moving at 100 km/h (60 mph) travels 20 m (66 feet). That could be a lot of distance in an emergency, so keeping enough space between the vehicle and others is important.

And, of course, actual stopping distances vary greatly with the surface of the road, whether it is pavement or gravel; the condition of the road, whether it is wet, dry or icy; tire tread; the condition of the brakes; the weight of the vehicle; the weight of the load; and the amount of brake force applied.

Avoid needless heavy braking. Some people drive in spurts, heavy acceleration followed by heavy braking, rather than keeping pace with traffic. This is a mistake. The brakes might not have time to cool between hard stops. The brakes will wear out much faster with a lot of heavy braking. Keeping pace with the traffic and allowing realistic following distances eliminates a lot of unnecessary braking. That means better braking and longer brake life.

If the engine ever stops while the vehicle is being driven, brake normally but do not pump the brakes. If the brakes are pumped, the pedal could get harder to push down. If the engine stops, there will still be some power brake assist but it will be used when the brake is applied. Once the power assist is used up, it can take longer to stop and the brake pedal will be harder to push.

Hydraulic Brake Systems

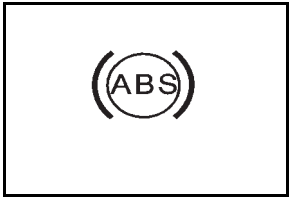
If the engine stops running, or if the primary brake system stops working, your vehicle has a reserve power assist system to help you slow down. Just slowly and steadily apply the brake pedal until you can safely get off the road. The pedal will seem harder to push down. Do not pump the pedal; the system will not work well that way.

You might find that the steering wheel seems hard to turn when you are turning and braking at the same time. Also, the primary brake warning light might come on and the warning tone might sound. This is normal because the main hydraulic brake system and power steering both use the power steering pump. If this ever happens, let up on the brake pedal a little. When you let up on the brake pedal in that situation, it lets the steering get a little more help from the pump.

Antilock Brake System (ABS)

This vehicle has the Antilock Brake System (ABS), an advanced electronic braking system that helps prevent a braking skid.

When the engine is started and the vehicle begins to drive away, ABS checks itself. A momentary motor or clicking noise might be heard while this test is going on. This is normal.



If there is a problem with ABS, this warning light stays on. See *Antilock Brake System (ABS) Warning Light on page 3-31*.

Let us say the road is wet and you are driving safely. Suddenly, an animal jumps out in front of you. You slam on the brakes and continue braking. Here is what happens with ABS:

A computer senses that the wheels are slowing down. If one of the wheels is about to stop rolling, the computer will separately work the brakes at each wheel.

ABS can change the brake pressure to each wheel, as required, faster than any driver could. This can help the driver steer around the obstacle while braking hard.

As the brakes are applied, the computer keeps receiving updates on wheel speed and controls braking pressure accordingly.

Remember: ABS does not change the time needed to get a foot up to the brake pedal or always decrease stopping distance. If you get too close to the vehicle in front of you, there will not be enough time to apply the brakes if that vehicle suddenly slows or stops. Always leave enough room up ahead to stop, even with ABS.

Using ABS

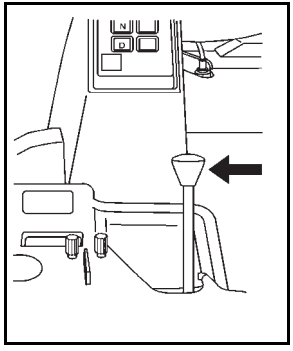
Do not pump the brakes. Just hold the brake pedal down firmly and let antilock work. The brakes might be felt to pulsate, or the sound of air exhausting might be heard if the vehicle has air brakes, but this is normal.

Braking in Emergencies

ABS allows the driver to steer and brake at the same time. In many emergencies, steering can help more than even the very best braking.

Trailer Brake Hand Control Valve

If your vehicle has this feature, the control is mounted on the floor console.



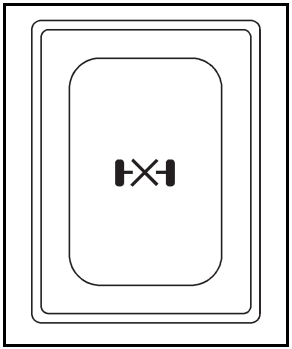
This feature lets you apply the trailer brakes without applying the tractor brakes.

You can apply the trailer brakes a little or apply them all the way if you have to. Use this control only when you are driving. Do not use it for parking or to hold the rig on a hill.

⚠ WARNING:

Using the trailer brake hand control for parking or for holding the vehicle on a hill may not keep the vehicle from rolling. This can happen if someone hits the valve by accident, or if air pressure bleeds from the system. If the vehicle rolls, you or others could be injured. To park the vehicle or hold it on a hill, use the parking brake properly.

Rear Axle Differential Lock Control



If the vehicle has a controlled traction or locking differential axle, the switch is located in the center of the instrument panel.

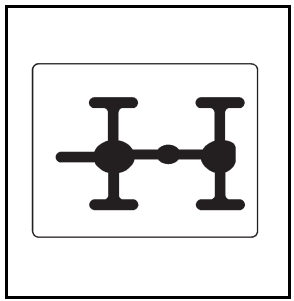
This control is on single rear axle vehicles.

If approaching a slippery surface where one or both wheels may start to slip, press the switch to off. The rear differential locks so power is transmitted equally to both rear wheels.

Let up on the accelerator before turning on the rear axle differential lock.

Notice: **Turning on the inter-axle differential lock while the rear wheels are spinning freely, as they might on snow or ice, can damage the axle(s). Turn on this control only while the wheels are not spinning freely.**

Interaxle Differential Lock



This switch is located on the center instrument panel. This control is on tandem rear axle vehicles.

Press the switch to engage/lock the tandem front axle differential to the rear axle differential. This driver controlled feature improves traction over slippery or uneven surfaces.

Traction Control System (TCS)

The vehicle may have a traction control system that limits wheel spin. This is especially useful in slippery road conditions. The system operates only if it senses that one or both of the rear wheels are spinning or beginning to lose traction. When this happens, the system applies the brake(s) at the affected wheel(s).

The bottom light on TCS on/off button will come on when the TCS is limiting wheel spin. The system may be heard or felt while it is working, but this is normal. TCS will function at speeds up to about 25 mph (42 km/h).

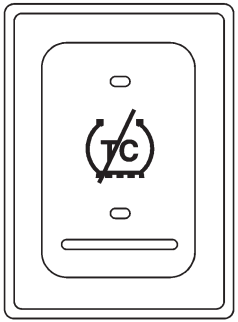
TCS may operate on dry roads under some conditions. When this happens, a reduction in acceleration may be noticed. This is normal and doesn't mean there's a problem with the vehicle. Examples of these conditions include a hard acceleration in a turn, an abrupt upshift or downshift of the transmission or driving on rough roads.

When the light in the top of the TCS button is on, TCS is off and will not limit wheel spin. Adjust your driving accordingly.

The light in the top of the TCS button will come on if TCS is turned off by pressing the TCS on/off button.

The light may also come on if a problem has been detected in either the traction control system or the anti-lock brake system.

The traction control system automatically comes on whenever the vehicle is started. To limit wheel spin, especially in slippery road conditions, the system should always be left on. But the traction control system can be turned off if needed. Turn the system off if the vehicle ever gets stuck in sand, mud or snow and rocking the vehicle is required. See *Rocking Your Vehicle to Get It Out on page 4-18* for more information.



To turn the system on or off, press the traction control button located on the instrument panel.

If the TCS button was used to turn the system off, the light in the top of the button will come on and stay on. TCS can be turned back on at any time by pressing the button again; the light should go off.

Adding non-dealer/non-retailer accessories can affect the vehicle's performance. See *Accessories and Modifications on page 5-3* for more information.

Steering

Power Steering

If power steering assist is lost because the engine stops or the system is not functioning, the vehicle can be steered but it will take more effort.

On vehicles with hydraulic brakes, the power steering and main hydraulic brake system both use the power steering pump. See *Braking on page 4-4*.

Steering Tips

Driving on Curves

It is important to take curves at a reasonable speed.

Traction in a curve depends on the condition of the tires and the road surface, the angle at which the curve is banked, and vehicle speed. While in a curve, speed is the one factor that can be controlled.

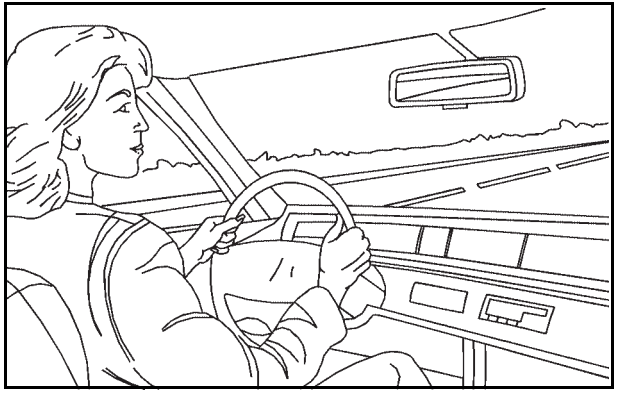
If there is a need to reduce speed, do it before entering the curve, while the front wheels are straight.

Try to adjust the speed so you can drive through the curve. Maintain a reasonable, steady speed. Wait to accelerate until out of the curve, and then accelerate gently into the straightaway.

Steering in Emergencies

There are times when steering can be more effective than braking. For example, you come over a hill and find a truck stopped in your lane, or a car suddenly pulls out from nowhere, or a child darts out from between parked cars and stops right in front of you. These problems can be avoided by braking — if you can stop in time. But sometimes you cannot stop in time because there is no room. That is the time for evasive action — steering around the problem.

The vehicle can perform very well in emergencies like these. First apply the brakes. See *Braking on page 4-4*. It is better to remove as much speed as possible from a collision. Then steer around the problem, to the left or right depending on the space available.

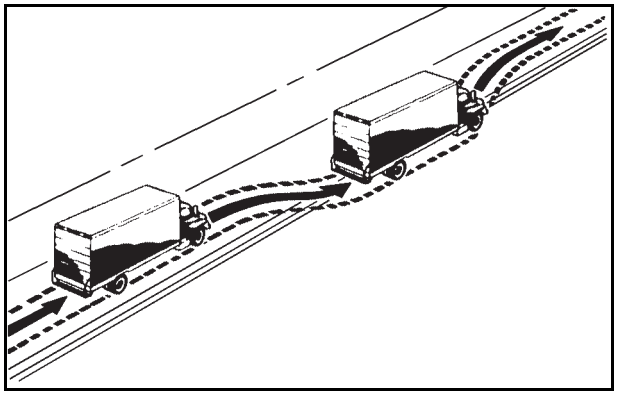


An emergency like this requires close attention and a quick decision. If holding the steering wheel at the recommended 9 and 3 o'clock positions, it can be turned a full 180 degrees very quickly without removing either hand. But you have to act fast, steer quickly, and just as quickly straighten the wheel once you have avoided the object.

The fact that such emergency situations are always possible is a good reason to practice defensive driving at all times and wear safety belts properly.

Off-Road Recovery

The vehicle's right wheels can drop off the edge of a road onto the shoulder while driving.



If the level of the shoulder is only slightly below the pavement, recovery should be fairly easy. Ease off the accelerator and then, if there is nothing in the way, steer so that the vehicle straddles the edge of the pavement. Turn the steering wheel 8 to 13 cm (3 to 5 inches), about one-eighth turn, until the right front tire contacts the pavement edge. Then turn the steering wheel to go straight down the roadway.

Passing

Passing another vehicle on a two-lane road can be dangerous. To reduce the risk of danger while passing:

- A vehicle like yours takes a longer time to reach passing speed, so you will need a longer stretch of clear road ahead than you would with a passenger car.
- Look down the road, to the sides, and to crossroads for situations that might affect a successful pass. If in doubt, wait.
- Watch for traffic signs, pavement markings, and lines that could indicate a turn or an intersection. Never cross a solid or double-solid line on your side of the lane.
- Do not get too close to the vehicle you want to pass. Doing so can reduce your visibility.
- Wait your turn to pass a slow vehicle.
- When you are being passed, ease to the right.

Loss of Control

Let us review what driving experts say about what happens when the three control systems — brakes, steering, and acceleration — do not have enough friction where the tires meet the road to do what the driver has asked.

In any emergency, do not give up. Keep trying to steer and constantly seek an escape route or area of less danger.

Skidding

In a skid, a driver can lose control of the vehicle. Defensive drivers avoid most skids by taking reasonable care suited to existing conditions, and by not overdriving those conditions. But skids are always possible.

The three types of skids correspond to the vehicle's three control systems. In the braking skid, the wheels are not rolling. In the steering or cornering skid, too much speed or steering in a curve causes tires to slip and lose cornering force. And in the acceleration skid, too much throttle causes the driving wheels to spin.

If the vehicle has the Traction Control System (TCS), remember: It helps avoid only the acceleration skid. See *Traction Control System (TCS) on page 4-8*. If the vehicle does not have this system, or if the system is off, then an acceleration skid is best handled by easing your foot off the accelerator pedal.

Of course, traction is reduced when water, snow, ice, gravel, or other material is on the road. For safety, slow down and adjust your driving to these conditions. It is important to slow down on slippery surfaces because stopping distance will be longer and vehicle control more limited.

While driving on a surface with reduced traction, try your best to avoid sudden steering, acceleration, or braking, including reducing vehicle speed by shifting to a lower gear. Any sudden changes could cause the tires to slide. You may not realize the surface is slippery until the vehicle is skidding. Learn to recognize warning clues — such as enough water, ice, or packed snow on the road to make a mirrored surface — and slow down when you have any doubt.

If the vehicle has the Antilock Brake System (ABS), remember: It helps avoid only the braking skid. If the vehicle does not have ABS, then in a braking skid, where the wheels are no longer rolling, release enough pressure on the brakes to get the wheels rolling again. This restores steering control. Push the brake pedal down steadily when you have to stop suddenly. As long as the wheels are rolling, you will have steering control.

Driving at Night

Night driving is more dangerous than day driving because some drivers are likely to be impaired — by alcohol or drugs, with night vision problems, or by fatigue.

Night driving tips include:

- Drive defensively.
- Do not drink and drive.
- Reduce headlamp glare by adjusting the inside rearview mirror.
- Slow down and keep more space between you and other vehicles because headlamps can only light up so much road ahead.
- Watch for animals.
- When tired, pull off the road.
- Do not wear sunglasses.
- Avoid staring directly into approaching headlamps.
- Keep the windshield and all glass on your vehicle clean — inside and out.
- Keep your eyes moving, especially during turns or curves.

No one can see as well at night as in the daytime. But, as we get older, these differences increase.
A 50-year-old driver might need at least twice as much light to see the same thing at night as a 20-year-old.

Driving in Rain and on Wet Roads

Rain and wet roads can reduce vehicle traction and affect your ability to stop and accelerate. Always drive slower in these types of driving conditions and avoid driving through large puddles and deep-standing or flowing water.

⚠ WARNING:

Wet brakes can cause crashes. They might not work as well in a quick stop and could cause pulling to one side. You could lose control of the vehicle.

After driving through a large puddle of water or a car/vehicle wash, lightly apply the brake pedal until the brakes work normally.

Flowing or rushing water creates strong forces. Driving through flowing water could cause your vehicle to be carried away. If this happens, you and other vehicle occupants could drown. Do not ignore police warnings and be very cautious about trying to drive through flowing water.

Hydroplaning

Hydroplaning is dangerous. Water can build up under your vehicle's tires so they actually ride on the water. This can happen if the road is wet enough and you are going fast enough. When your vehicle is hydroplaning, it has little or no contact with the road.

There is no hard and fast rule about hydroplaning. The best advice is to slow down when the road is wet.

Other Rainy Weather Tips

Besides slowing down, other wet weather driving tips include:

- Allow extra following distance.
- Pass with caution.
- Keep windshield wiping equipment in good shape.
- Keep the windshield washer fluid reservoir filled.
- Have good tires with proper tread depth. See *Tires on page 5-73*.
- Turn off cruise control.

Highway Hypnosis

Always be alert and pay attention to your surroundings while driving. If you become tired or sleepy, find a safe place to park your vehicle and rest.

Other driving tips include:

- Keep the vehicle well ventilated.
- Keep interior temperature cool.
- Keep your eyes moving — scan the road ahead and to the sides.
- Check the rearview mirror and vehicle instruments often.

Hill and Mountain Roads

Driving on steep hills or through mountains is different than driving on flat or rolling terrain. Tips for driving in these conditions include:

- Keep the vehicle serviced and in good shape.
- Check all fluid levels and brakes, tires, cooling system, and transmission.
- Going down steep or long hills, shift to a lower gear.

⚠ WARNING:

If you do not shift down, the brakes could get so hot that they would not work well. You would then have poor braking or even none going down a hill. You could crash. Shift down to let the engine assist the brakes on a steep downhill slope.

⚠ WARNING:

Coasting downhill in N (Neutral) or with the ignition off is dangerous. The brakes will have to do all the work of slowing down and they could get so hot that they would not work well. You would then have poor braking or even none going down a hill. You could crash. Always have the engine running and the vehicle in gear when going downhill.

- Stay in your own lane. Do not swing wide or cut across the center of the road. Drive at speeds that let you stay in your own lane.
- Top of hills: Be alert — something could be in your lane (stalled car, accident).
- Pay attention to special road signs (falling rocks area, winding roads, long grades, passing or no-passing zones) and take appropriate action.

Winter Driving

Driving on Snow or Ice

Drive carefully when there is snow or ice between the tires and the road, creating less traction or grip. Wet ice can occur at about 0°C (32°F) when freezing rain begins to fall, resulting in even less traction. Avoid driving on wet ice or in freezing rain until roads can be treated with salt or sand.

Drive with caution, whatever the condition. Accelerate gently so traction is not lost. Accelerating too quickly causes the wheels to spin and makes the surface under the tires slick, so there is even less traction.

Try not to break the fragile traction. If you accelerate too fast, the drive wheels will spin and polish the surface under the tires even more.

For four-wheel-drive vehicles, shift into 4HI. See *Four-Wheel Drive on page 2-29*.

If the vehicle has the *Traction Control System (TCS) on page 4-8*, it improves the ability to accelerate on slippery roads, but slow down and adjust your driving to the road conditions. When driving through deep snow, turn off the traction control system to help maintain vehicle motion at lower speeds.

The *Antilock Brake System (ABS) on page 4-5* improves vehicle stability during hard stops on a slippery roads, but apply the brakes sooner than when on dry pavement.

Allow greater following distance on any slippery road and watch for slippery spots. Icy patches can occur on otherwise clear roads in shaded areas. The surface of a curve or an overpass can remain icy when the surrounding roads are clear. Avoid sudden steering maneuvers and braking while on ice.

Turn off cruise control, if equipped, on slippery surfaces.

Blizzard Conditions

Being stuck in snow can be in a serious situation. Stay with the vehicle unless there is help nearby. If possible, use the *Roadside Assistance Program on page 7-6*. To get help and keep everyone in the vehicle safe:

- Turn on the *Hazard Warning Flashers on page 3-6*.
- Tie a red cloth to an outside mirror.

⚠ WARNING:

Snow can trap engine exhaust under the vehicle. This may cause exhaust gases to get inside. Engine exhaust contains carbon monoxide (CO) which cannot be seen or smelled. It can cause unconsciousness and even death.

If the vehicle is stuck in the snow:

- Clear away snow from around the base of your vehicle, especially any that is blocking the exhaust pipe.
- Check again from time to time to be sure snow does not collect there.
- Open a window about 5 cm (two inches) on the side of the vehicle that is away from the wind to bring in fresh air.
- Fully open the air outlets on or under the instrument panel.
- Adjust the Climate Control system to a setting that circulates the air inside the vehicle and set the fan speed to the highest setting. See Climate Control System in the Index.

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For more information about carbon monoxide, see *Engine Exhaust on page 2-43*.

Snow can trap exhaust gases under your vehicle. This can cause deadly CO (carbon monoxide) gas to get inside. CO could overcome you and kill you. You cannot see it or smell it, so you might not know it is in your vehicle. Clear away snow from around the base of your vehicle, especially any that is blocking the exhaust.

Run the engine for short periods only as needed to keep warm, but be careful.

To save fuel, run the engine for only short periods as needed to warm the vehicle and then shut the engine off and close the window most of the way to save heat. Repeat this until help arrives but only when you feel really uncomfortable from the cold. Moving about to keep warm also helps.

If it takes some time for help to arrive, now and then when you run the engine, push the accelerator pedal slightly so the engine runs faster than the idle speed. This keeps the battery charged to restart the vehicle and to signal for help with the headlamps. Do this as little as possible to save fuel.

If Your Vehicle is Stuck in Sand, Mud, Ice, or Snow

Slowly and cautiously spin the wheels to free the vehicle when stuck in sand, mud, ice, or snow. See *Rocking Your Vehicle to Get It Out on page 4-18*.

If the vehicle has a traction system, it can often help to free a stuck vehicle. Refer to the vehicle's traction system in the Index. If stuck too severely for the traction system to free the vehicle, turn the traction system off and use the rocking method.

⚠ WARNING:

If you let your vehicle's tires spin at high speed, they can explode, and you or others could be injured. The vehicle can overheat, causing an engine compartment fire or other damage. Spin the wheels as little as possible and avoid going above 55 km/h (35 mph) as shown on the speedometer.

Rocking Your Vehicle to Get It Out

Turn the steering wheel left and right to clear the area around the front wheels. For four-wheel-drive vehicles, shift into 4HI. Turn off any traction system. Shift back and forth between R (Reverse) and a forward gear, or with a manual transmission, between 1 (First) or 2 (Second) and R (Reverse), spinning the wheels as little as possible. To prevent transmission wear, wait until the wheels stop spinning before shifting gears. Release the accelerator pedal while shifting, and press lightly on the accelerator pedal when the transmission is in gear. Slowly spinning the wheels in the forward and reverse directions causes a rocking motion that could free the vehicle. If that does not get the vehicle out after a few tries, it might need to be towed out. If the vehicle does need to be towed out, see *Towing Your Vehicle on page 4-21*.

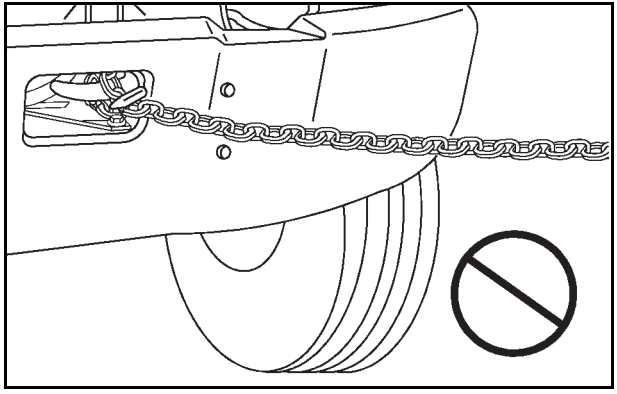
Tow Hooks

⚠ WARNING:

These hooks, when used, are under a lot of force. Always pull the vehicle straight out. Never pull on the hooks at a sideways angle. The hooks could break off and you or others could be injured from the chain or cable snapping back.

Notice: **Never use tow hooks to tow the vehicle. Your vehicle could be damaged and itwould not be covered by warranty.**

If your vehicle has tow hooks, the hooks are at the front and, on some models, the rear of the vehicle. You may need to use them if you are stuck off-road and need to be pulled to some place where you can continue driving.



Loading the Vehicle

It is the responsibility of the Final Stage manufacturer to install a Certification label on your vehicle. This label shows how much weight your vehicle can properly carry. It may also show the size of the vehicle's original tires, and the inflation pressures needed to obtain the gross weight capacity of your vehicle. This is called the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR). The tire information could also be shown on a separate Tire Information label.

The GVWR includes the weight of the vehicle, all occupants, fuel, and cargo.

The Certification label also tells you the maximum weight for the front and rear axles, called the Gross Axle Weight Rating (GAWR). To find out the actual loads on your front and rear axles, go to a weigh station and weigh your vehicle. Your dealer can help you with this. Be sure to spread out your load equally on both sides of the center line.

Never exceed the GVWR for your vehicle, or the GAWR for either the front or rear axle.

And, if you do have a heavy load, spread it out.

⚠ WARNING:

Do not load the vehicle any heavier than the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR), or either the maximum front or rear Gross Axle Weight Rating (GAWR). If you do, parts on the vehicle can break, and it can change the way your vehicle handles. These could cause you to lose control and crash. Also, overloading can shorten the life of the vehicle.

Using heavier suspension components to get added durability might not change the weight ratings. Ask your dealer to help you load your vehicle the right way.

Notice : **Overloading the vehicle may cause damage. Repairs would not be covered by the vehicle warranty. Do not overload the vehicle.**

If you put things inside your vehicle — like suitcases, tools, packages, or anything else — they go as fast as the vehicle goes. If you have to stop or turn quickly, or if there is a crash, they keep going.

⚠ WARNING:

Things you put inside your vehicle can strike and injure people in a sudden stop or turn, or in a crash.

- Put things in the cargo area of your vehicle. Try to spread the weight evenly.
- Never stack heavier things, like suitcases, inside the vehicle so that some of them are above the tops of the seats.
- Do not leave an unsecured child restraint in your vehicle.
- When you carry something inside the vehicle, secure it whenever you can.
- Do not leave a seat folded down unless you need to.

Adding a Snow Plow or Similar Equipment

If you will be installing a snow plow on your vehicle, we recommend that the vehicle have the snow plow prep package (RPO ANQ). Before installing a snow plow, see your dealer/retailer for information on other recommended optional equipment and vehicle weight restrictions.

Notice: **The payload your vehicle can carry will be reduced when a snow plow is installed. Your vehicle can be damaged if either the front or rear axle ratings, or the GVW, are exceeded. See your dealer/retailer for more information.**

⚠ WARNING:

On some vehicles that have certain front mounted equipment, such as a snow plow, it may be possible to load the front axle to the front gross axle weight rating (GAWR) but not have enough weight on the rear axle to have proper braking performance. If your brakes can not work properly, you could have a crash. To help your brakes work properly when a snow plow is installed, always follow the snow plow manufacturer or installer's

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recommendation for rear ballast to ensure a proper front and rear weight distribution ratio, even though the actual front weight may be less than the front GAWR, and the total vehicle weight is less than the gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR). Maintaining a proper front and rear weight distribution ratio is necessary to provide proper braking performance.

Towing

Towing Your Vehicle

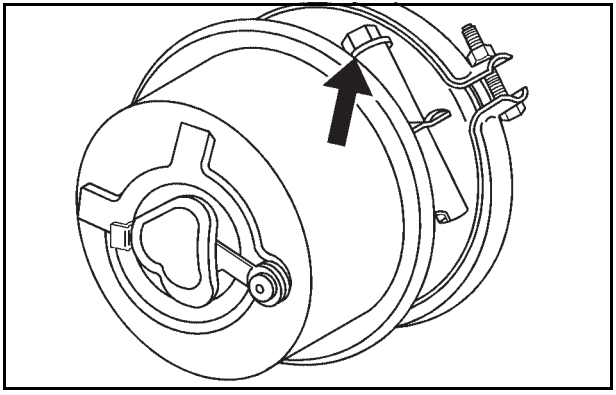
Consult your dealer/retailer or a professional towing service to have the vehicle towed. They can provide the right equipment and know-how to tow it without damage. See *Roadside Assistance Program on page 7-6*.

Releasing Air-Operated Parking Brakes

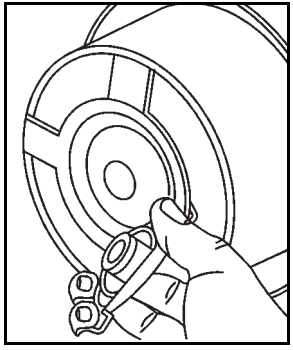
If the vehicle has air brakes, there could be a special towing problem. If the vehicle has to be towed because of a complete loss of air pressure from both systems, the parking brakes will have automatically engaged.

The tow operator can release the brakes manually by using the following steps. Then the vehicle can be towed with all wheels or only the rear wheels on the ground.

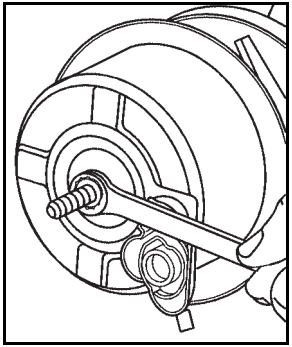
1. Block the wheels of the vehicle.



2. Remove the release stud and nut from the side of the brake chamber. Some chambers have studs which are visible at all times.



3. Remove the rubber cap from the rear of the chamber.
4. Put the release stud, nut and flat washer into the chamber.
5. Turn the stud clockwise a quarter of a turn.



6. Turn the stud nut clockwise several turns to release the brakes. Follow the same procedure to release the other brake or brakes.

7. At the repair facility, apply air pressure of at least 70 psi (480 kPa) to the brake chambers, either from an external air supply or the vehicle's air system.

8. Turn the stud nut counterclockwise several turns. Remove the stud from the chamber.

9. Replace the stud and washer and tighten the nut into the side of the chamber.

10. Replace the rubber cap.

Trailer Connections

Heavy-Duty Trailer Wiring Package

The vehicle may be equipped with an eight-wire trailer towing harness. This harness, with a seven-pin universal heavy-duty trailer connector, is attached to a bracket on the platform hitch.

The Center High-Mounted Stoplamp (CHMSL) wire is tied next to the trailer wiring harness for use with a trailer.

The eight-wire harness contains the following trailer circuits:

- Yellow: Left Stop/Turn Signal
- Dark Green: Right Stop/Turn Signal
- Brown: Taillamps
- White: Ground
- Light Green: Back-up Lamps
- Light Blue: CHMSL
- Red: Battery Feed
- Dark Blue: Trailer Brake

Trailer Connections (C7/C8 Models Only)

If the vehicle has these trailer connections, they are located at the rear of the cab for a tractor and at the rear of the chassis when towing a trailer. There will be an air connection and an electrical connection.

Be sure that the couplings to the trailer are made correctly.

Air Connections

If the trailer air line connections will not be connected to another piece of equipment, be sure to replace their protective caps.

Electrical Connections

This system is a seven-wire cable that will connect to the trailer, supplying power to the trailer's lighting system. When not in use, it is stored in the trailer air-hose storage bracket.

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Service

For service and parts needs, visit your dealer/retailer. You will receive genuine GM parts and GM-trained and supported service people.

Genuine GM parts have one of these marks:

Accessories and Modifications

Adding non-dealer accessories to the vehicle can affect its performance and safety. Such things as airbags, braking, stability, ride and handling, emissions systems, aerodynamics, durability, and electronic systems like anti-lock brakes, traction control, and stability control could be affected. Some non-dealer accessories could even cause malfunction or damage to parts and systems and would not be covered by the vehicle warranty.

Damage to vehicle components resulting from the installation or use of non-GM certified parts, including control module modifications, is not covered under the terms of the vehicle warranty and may affect remaining warranty coverage for affected parts.

GM Accessories are designed to complement and function with other systems on the vehicle. Your GM dealer can accessorize the vehicle using genuine GM Accessories. When you go to your GM dealer and ask for GM Accessories, you will know that GM-trained and supported service technicians will perform the work using genuine GM Accessories.

Also, see *Adding Equipment to Your Airbag-Equipped Vehicle on page 1-60*.

Aftermarket Engine Performance Enhancement Products and Modifications

Some aftermarket engine performance products and modifications promise a way to increase the horsepower and torque levels of the vehicle's powertrain. You should be aware that these products could have harmful effects on the performance and life of the engine, exhaust emission system, transmission, and drivetrain. The engines, transmissions, and drivetrains have been designed and built to offer industry leading durability and performance in the most demanding applications. Engine power enhancement products may enable the engine to operate at horsepower and torque levels that could damage, create failure, or reduce the life of the engine, engine emission system, transmission, and drivetrain. Damage, failure, or reduced life of the engine, transmission, emission system, drivetrain, or other vehicle components caused by aftermarket engine performance enhancement products or modifications might not be covered under the vehicle warranty.

California Proposition 65 Warning

Most motor vehicles, including this one, contain and/or emit chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. Engine exhaust, many parts and systems, many fluids, and some component wear by-products contain and/or emit these chemicals.

California Perchlorate Materials Requirements

Certain types of automotive applications, such as airbag initiators, seat belt pretensioners, and lithium batteries contained in remote keyless transmitters, may contain perchlorate materials. Special handling may be necessary. For additional information, see www.dtsc.ca.gov/hazardouswaste/perchlorate.

Doing Your Own Service Work

⚠ WARNING:

You can be injured and the vehicle could be damaged if you try to do service work on a vehicle without knowing enough about it.

- Be sure you have sufficient knowledge, experience, the proper replacement parts, and tools before attempting any vehicle maintenance task.
- Be sure to use the proper nuts, bolts, and other fasteners. English and metric fasteners can be easily confused. If the wrong fasteners are used, parts can later break or fall off. You could be hurt.

If doing some of your own service work, use the proper service manual. It tells you much more about how to service the vehicle than this manual can. To order the proper service manual, see *Service Publications Ordering Information on page 7-10*.

This vehicle has an airbag system. Before attempting to do your own service work, see *Servicing Your Airbag-Equipped Vehicle on page 1-59*.

Keep a record with all parts receipts and list the mileage and the date of any service work performed. See *Part D: Maintenance Record on page 6-35*.

Engine Fan Breakage

⚠ WARNING:

Changing the Fan Drive Ratio or Engine Governed Speed:

If you change the fan drive ratio or increase the governed speed of the engine, you might increase stress and the fan could eventually fail. If the fan breaks apart while rotating, pieces can cause severe injury to anyone — such as a service technician — who is nearby. And, of course, the pieces can severely damage the vehicle. Do not change the fan drive ratio or increase the governed speed of the vehicle without getting the necessary information from your dealer/retailer.

Winter Fronts, Grille Covers, or Obstructions:

Winter Fronts, grille covers, or other add-on equipment causing obstructions in front of or behind the fan should not be used on this vehicle. If this causes the fan to eventually break apart while rotating, the pieces can cause severe injury to anyone nearby, such as a service technician working on the engine, and, of course, the pieces can severely damage the vehicle.

Fuel

For diesel engine vehicles, see *Diesel Engine Fuel on page 5-9*.

For vehicles with gasoline engines, please read this.

Use of the recommended fuel is an important part of the proper maintenance of this vehicle. To help keep the engine clean and maintain optimum vehicle performance, we recommend the use of gasoline advertised as TOP TIER Detergent Gasoline.

Look for the TOP TIER label on the fuel pump to ensure gasoline meets enhanced detergency standards developed by auto companies. A list of marketers providing TOP TIER Detergent Gasoline can be found at www.toptiergas.com.

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Essences Détergentes

Gasoline Octane

Use regular unleaded gasoline with a posted octane rating of 87 or higher. If the octane rating is less than 87, an audible knocking noise, commonly referred to as spark knock, might be heard when driving. If this occurs, use a gasoline rated at 87 octane or higher as soon as possible. If heavy knocking is heard when using gasoline rated at 87 octane or higher, the engine needs service.

Gasoline Specifications

At a minimum, gasoline should meet ASTM specification D 4814 in the United States or CAN/CGSB-3.5 or 3.511 in Canada. Some gasolines contain an octane-enhancing additive called methylcyclopentadienyl manganese tricarbonyl (MMT). We recommend against the use of gasolines containing MMT. See *Additives on page 5-8* for additional information.

Additives

To provide cleaner air, all gasolines in the United States are now required to contain additives that help prevent engine and fuel system deposits from forming, allowing the emission control system to work properly. In most cases, nothing should have to be added to the fuel. However, some gasolines contain only the minimum amount of additive required to meet U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regulations. To help keep fuel injectors and intake valves clean, or if the vehicle experiences problems due to dirty injectors or valves, look for gasoline that is advertised as TOP TIER Detergent Gasoline.

For customers who do not use TOP TIER Detergent Gasoline regularly, one bottle of GM Fuel System Treatment PLUS, added to the fuel tank at every engine oil change, can help clean deposits from fuel injectors and intake valves. GM Fuel System Treatment PLUS is the only gasoline additive recommended by General Motors.

Also, your dealer/retailer has additives that will help correct and prevent most deposit-related problems.

Gasolines containing oxygenates, such as ethers and ethanol, and reformulated gasolines might be available in your area. We recommend that you use these gasolines, if they comply with the specifications described earlier. However, E85 (85% ethanol) and other fuels containing more than 10% ethanol must not be used in vehicles that were not designed for those fuels.

Notice: **This vehicle was not designed for fuel that contains methanol. Do not use fuel containing methanol. It can corrode metal parts in the fuel system and also damage plastic and rubber parts. That damage would not be covered under the vehicle warranty.**

Some gasolines that are not reformulated for low emissions can contain an octane-enhancing additive called methylcyclopentadienyl manganese tricarbonyl (MMT); ask the attendant where you buy gasoline whether the fuel contains MMT. We recommend against the use of such gasolines. Fuels containing MMT can reduce the life of spark plugs and the performance of the emission control system could be affected. The malfunction indicator lamp might turn on. If this occurs, return to your dealer/retailer for service.

Diesel Engine Fuel

Notice: **Diesel fuel or fuel additives not recommended in this manual could damage the fuel system and engine. Your warranty would not cover this damage. And:**

- **Diesel fuel that has been mixed with engine oil or automatic transmission fluid could damage the engine and emission controls.**
- **We do not test aftermarket diesel fuel additives. Some additives, particularly those which contain alcohol or water emulsifiers, could damage the fuel system. If you believe that unique circumstances call for a fuel additive to be used, consult your dealer/retailer for advice.**
- **If you ever run out of diesel fuel, it can be difficult to restart the engine. To avoid this, never let the tank get empty.**

If gasoline is ever accidentally added to the fuel tank, to avoid severe engine damage, do not run the engine until the fuel tank can be drained.

If you run out of fuel, *Running Out of Fuel on page 5-18* tells you how to restart the engine.

What Fuel to Use in The U.S.

Notice: **Use of diesel fuel other than Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel (15 ppm sulfur maximum) will cause permanent damage to the DPF and related components. This damage would not be covered by your warranty.**

Both Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel and Low Sulfur Diesel fuels are available in the United States. The emission control system requires the use of diesel fuel with ultra low-sulfur (0.0015% by weight, or 15 ppm, maximum) content.

At a minimum, the diesel fuel you use should meet the latest version of ASTM specification D 975 (Grades No. 2-D or No. 1-D S15 commonly known as Ultra Low Sulfur diesel) in the United States. In addition, the Engine Manufacturers Association (EMA) has identified properties of an improved diesel fuel for better engine performance and durability. Diesel fuels corresponding to the EMA Recommended Guideline on Premium Diesel Fuel (FQP-1A) could provide better starting, less noise, and better vehicle performance. If there are questions about the fuel you are using, contact your fuel supplier.

In the United States, for best results use No. 2-D diesel fuel year-round (above and below freezing conditions) as oil companies blend No. 2-D fuel to address climate differences. No. 1-D diesel fuel can be used in very cold temperatures (when it stays below −18°C or 0°F); however, it will produce a power and fuel economy loss. Avoid the use of No. 1-D diesel fuel in warm or hot climates. It can result in stalling, poor starting when the engine is hot, and could damage the fuel injection system.

It is acceptable to use diesel fuel containing up to 5% biodiesel (B5), but the final blended fuel must meet the same specification, ASTM D 975 (Grades No. 2-D or No. 1-D S15 commonly known as Ultra Low Sulfur diesel), as other fuels used in your vehicle, and the biodiesel used for making this fuel must meet the latest version of ASTM specification D 6751. Biodiesel is produced from vegetable oils or animal fat that have been chemically modified to reduce the possibility of damage to the fuel system and engine. Higher concentration (i.e., greater than B5) biodiesel-containing fuels or the use of unmodified bio-oils blended into diesel fuel at any concentration is not recommended and could damage the fuel system and engine. Such damage would not be covered by your warranty. If there are questions about the biodiesel-containing fuels you are using, contact your fuel supplier.

Because of the cleansing properties of biodiesel, switching from straight diesel to a biodiesel blend can prematurely restrict the fuel filter with normal deposits in the fuel system. A fuel filter replacement might be required sooner than the recommended interval.

Diesel fuel can foam when you fill the tank. This can cause the automatic pump nozzle to shut off, even though the tank is not full. If this happens, just wait for the foaming to stop and then try filling the tank more slowly. See *Filling the Tank on page 5-20*.

⚠ WARNING:

Heat coming from the engine can cause the fuel to expand and force the fuel out of the tank. If something ignites the fuel, a fire could start and people could be burned. To help avoid this, try filling the tank more slowly and fill the fuel tank only until the automatic nozzle shuts off. Do not try to top it off.

What Fuel to Use in Canada and Mexico

Notice: **Use of diesel fuel other than Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel (15 ppm sulfur maximum) will cause permanent damage to the DPF and related components. This damage would not be covered by your warranty.**

The emission control system requires the use of diesel fuel with ultra low-sulfur (0.0015% by weight, or 15 ppm, maximum) content. Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel fuel is available in Canada. In Mexico, Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel fuel is not available in all regions.

At a minimum, the diesel fuel you use should meet the latest version of specification CAN/CGSB-3.517 (ULS) in Canada. In addition, the Engine Manufacturers Association (EMA) has identified properties of an improved diesel fuel for better engine performance and durability (FQP-1A). Diesel fuels corresponding to the EMA description could provide better starting, less noise, and better vehicle performance. If there are questions about the fuel you are using, contact your fuel supplier.

Canadian fuels are blended for seasonal changes. Diesel Type “A” fuel is blended for better cold weather starting (below −18°C or 0°F); however, you might notice some power and fuel economy loss. If Type “A” fuel is used in warmer temperatures, stalling and hard starting may occur. Diesel Type “B” fuel is blended for temperatures above −18°C (0°F).

It is acceptable to use diesel fuel containing up to 5% biodiesel (B5), but the final blended fuel must meet the same specification, CAN/CGSB-3.517 (ULS) in Canada, as other fuels used in your vehicle, and the biodiesel used for making this fuel must meet the latest version of ASTM specification D 6751. Biodiesel is produced from vegetable oils or animal fat that have been chemically modified to reduce the possibility of damage to the fuel system and engine. Higher concentration (i.e., greater than B5) biodiesel-containing fuels or the use of unmodified bio-oils blended into diesel fuel at any concentration is not recommended and could damage the fuel system and engine. Such damage would not be covered by your warranty. If there are questions about the biodiesel-containing fuels you are using, contact your fuel supplier.

Very Cold Weather Operation

Follow the instructions listed previously under the heading “What Fuel to Use.”

Notice: **Never use home heating oil or gasoline in your vehicle's diesel engine. They can cause engine damage.**

In cold weather, the fuel filter could become clogged (waxed). To unclog it, move the vehicle to a warm garage area and warm the filter to between 32°F and 50°F (0°C to 10°C). You will not need to replace it. Additional information on the fuel filter follows.

Water in Fuel

⚠ WARNING:

Diesel fuel containing water is still flammable. You could be burned. If you ever try to drain water from the fuel, keep sparks, flames, and smoking materials away from the mixture.

Notice: **If there is water in the diesel fuel and the weather is warm or humid, fungus and bacteria can grow in the fuel. They can damage the fuel system. A diesel fuel biocide can be used to sterilize the fuel system. However, the fuel system may still need to be cleaned. Your dealer/retailer can advise you of the appropriate solution.**

If the fuel tank needs to be purged to remove water, see your dealer/retailer or a qualified technician. Improper purging can damage the fuel system.

Sometimes, water can be pumped into the fuel tank along with the diesel fuel. This can happen if a service station does not regularly inspect and clean its fuel tanks, or if it gets contaminated fuel from its suppliers.

If this happens, the water-in-fuel light, if equipped, will come on in the instrument panel. If it does, the water must be drained. Your dealer/retailer can show you how to do this.

If the light comes on, use this chart to determine what action to take.

Water In Fuel Light

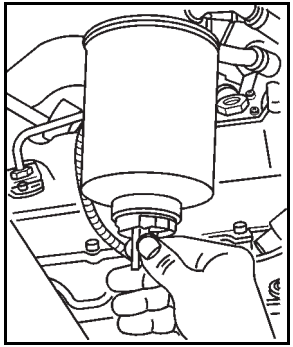
Problem	Recommended Action
Light comes on intermittently.	Drain water from the fuel filter.
Light stays on at temperatures above freezing.	Drain the fuel filter immediately. If no water can be drained and the light stays on, see your dealer/retailer for assistance.
Light stays on at temperatures below freezing.	Drain the fuel filter immediately. If no water can be drained, water may be frozen in the water drain system, or in the fuel lines. Move the vehicle to a warm location to thaw out, and then drain the filter system.
Light stays on immediately after refueling, and a large amount of water was possibly pumped into the fuel tank.	Fuel tank purging is required. See your dealer/retailer for assistance.

Notice: **Driving when this warning indicator is on, can damage the fuel injection system and the engine. If the indicator comes on right after a refuel, it means water was pumped into the fuel tank. Turn off the engine immediately. Then, have the water drained at once.**

To drain water, do the following:

1. Stop and park the vehicle in a safe place. Turn off the engine and apply the parking brake.
2. Remove the fuel cap.
3. Place a fuel-resistant container under the fuel filter. The filter drain valve is located on the bottom of the fuel filter.

   If the vehicle has the 6.6L engine, the fuel filter is located in the engine compartment on the driver side of the vehicle. If the vehicle has the 7.8L engine, the fuel filters are located in the engine compartment on the driver side of the vehicle, and on the driver side frame rail in front of the fuel tank.



4. Open the drain valve by turning two to three turns. When fuel empties from the valve, all the water has been drained. Close the valve hand-tight.

5. Remove the fuel-resistant container and properly dispose of the contaminated fuel. To find out how to properly dispose of contaminated diesel fuel, see *Engine Oil (Gasoline Engine) on page 5-22* or *Engine Oil (DURAMAX Diesel Engine) on page 5-26* or *Engine Oil (Isuzu Diesel Engine) on page 5-29*.
6. Install the fuel cap.
7. Start the engine and let it run for a few minutes. If the engine stalls, the fuel system may need to be primed. While draining the water from the fuel filter, air may enter the fuel system. If air has entered the fuel system, the fuel system will need to be primed.

If the water-in-fuel light comes on again after driving a short distance or the engine runs rough or stalls, a large amount of water has probably been pumped into the fuel tank. The fuel tank should be purged.

Fuel Priming

If the vehicle has tthe 6.6L diesel engine, in order for the fuel system to work properly, the fuel lines must be full of fuel and contain no air. If air gets into the fuel lines, it will be necessary to prime the fuel lines to eliminate air before operating the vehicle.

Air can get into the fuel lines if any of the following happen:

- The vehicle runs out of fuel.
- The fuel filter is removed for servicing or replacement.
- The fuel lines are removed or disconnected for servicing.
- The fuel filter water drain valve is opened while the engine is running.

If one or more of the above occurred, it is very likely that air has entered the fuel system and the fuel system needs to be primed before operating the vehicle.

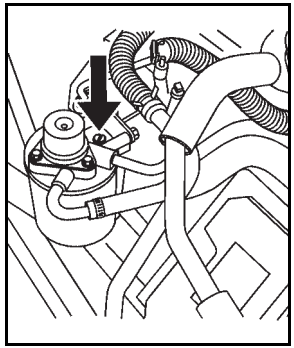
Air in the fuel lines will not harm the engine or the vehicle. However, the engine may not be able to start until the fuel system is primed and the air is removed.

Priming the 6.6L Diesel Engine

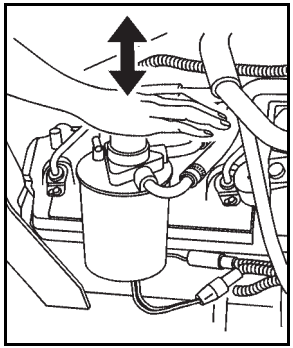
If the vehicle is equipped with the 6.6L diesel engine, it has a priming pump which is part of the engine mounted fuel filter. The vent valve and the fuel filter primer pump are located on top of the fuel filter housing. The priming pump is hand operated and is designed to bring fuel to the engine to eliminate any air in the fuel lines.

To prime the 6.6L diesel engine, do the following:

1. Make sure there is fuel in the tank.
2. Make sure the fuel filter had been installed and properly tightened.
3. Make sure the fuel lines are properly connected and the fuel filter is cool enough to touch.
4. Remove any dirt from the fuel filter head and vent valve by wiping with a cloth.



5. Open the fuel filter vent valve by turning the screw counterclockwise several full turns.

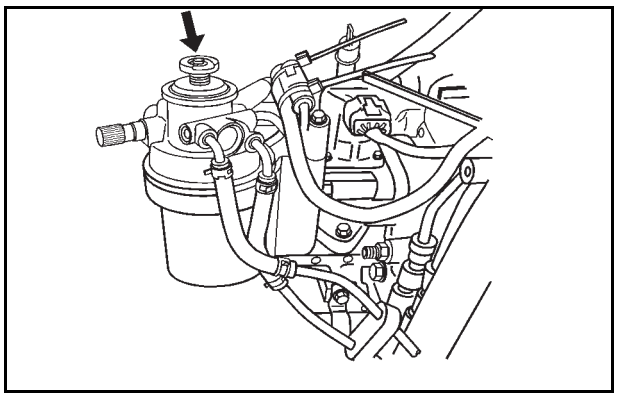


6. Repeatedly push down on the fuel filter primer pump with the palm of your hand. Let the pump return upward between pushes.

7. Operate the priming pump until a small amount of fuel seeps from the vent valve. When fuel is seen, the filter is full of fuel and the system should be primed.
8. Close the vent valve.
9. Clean any fuel that accumulated on the fuel filter.
10. Start the engine and let it idle for a few minutes.
11. Check the filter for leaks.

Priming the 7.8L Diesel Engine

If the vehicle is equipped with the 7.8L diesel engine, use the following procedure to prime the engine:



1. Make sure there is fuel in the fuel tank.
2. Make sure the specified fuel filter is properly installed.
3. Make sure the fuel lines are securely connected.

4. Make sure the fuel filter is cool to the touch.
5. Use a clean cloth to remove dirt and oil from the fuel filter head and breather valve.
6. Use the palm of your hand to repeatedly press and release the plunger at the top of the fuel filter priming pump. Continue until the plunger resistance becomes firm. This may take from 20 to 100 times, depending upon fuel tank location.
7. Turn the fuel filter breather valve screw counterclockwise several turns to open the breather valve.
8. Use the palm of your hand to repeatedly press and release the plunger at the top of the fuel filter priming pump until fuel begins to seep from the breather valve.
9. Tighten the fuel filter breather screw to the specified torque, 4.9 N•m (43 lbs. in.).
10. Use the palm of your hand to press and release the plunger at the top of the fuel filter priming pump about 20 more times. This sends fuel to the engine.
11. Use a clean cloth to remove any fuel from the fuel filter and surrounding area.
12. Start the engine and allow it to idle for a few minutes.
13. Check the fuel filter for leakage.

Running Out of Fuel

If the diesel engine stalls and you think that you have run out of fuel, do this to restart the engine:

> **⚠ WARNING:**
>
> Diesel fuel is flammable. It could start a fire if it gets on hot engine parts. You could be burned. Do not let too much fuel flow from the air bleed valve, and wipe up any spilled fuel with a cloth.

1. If parked on a level surface, add at least 2 gallons (7.6 liters) of fuel. However, if parked on a slope, up to 5 gallons (18.9 liters) of fuel might need to be added.
2. Follow the fuel priming procedure earlier in this section to prime the fuel filter.
3. Close the air bleed valve.
4. Turn the ignition key to START for 10 to 15 seconds at a time until the engine starts. If the engine tries to run, but does not run smoothly, increase the rpm a little using the accelerator pedal. This will help force air through the system.

The service engine soon light may come on if the vehicle has run out of fuel. This light may stay on for a few drive cycles after the condition is corrected, but will eventually clear itself.

Fuel Filter Replacement

If you want to change the diesel engine fuel filter yourself, here is how to do it:

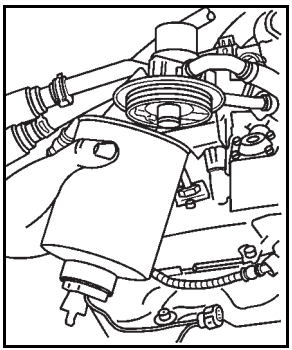
> **⚠ WARNING:**
>
> Diesel fuel is flammable. It could start a fire if something ignites it, and you could be burned. Do not let it get on hot engine parts, and keep matches or other ignition sources away.

First, drain any water from the filter by following the water draining procedure earlier in this section.

The vehicle's engine should be off until the end of this procedure.

If the vehicle has the 6.6L engine, the fuel filter is located in the engine compartment on the driver side of the vehicle. If the vehicle has either the 7.2L or 7.8L engine, the fuel filters are located in the engine compartment on the driver side of the vehicle, and on the driver side frame rail in front of the fuel tank.

1. Apply the parking brake.



2. Unplug the water sensor wire connected to the fuel filter and unscrew the filter element.
3. Remove the filter element. If there is any dirt on the filter sealing surface, clean it off. Remove and reuse the water sensor float switch located on the bottom of the fuel filter.
4. Install the new filter element.
5. Reinstall and tighten the filter container and reconnect the water sensor wire to the filter.
6. Use the fuel filter priming procedure earlier in this section to prime the fuel filter.
7. Tighten the air bleed valve by turning it clockwise until hand-tight.
8. Start the engine and let it idle for five minutes. Check the fuel filter and air bleed valve for leaks.

How to Reset Fuel Filter Change Light - DURAMAX 6.6L (LMM) Engine

The engine controller calculates when to change the fuel filter based on vehicle and fuel use. Whenever the fuel filter is changed, reset the fuel filter light so the engine controller can calculate when the next fuel filter change is required. If the fuel filter is ever changed prior to a change fuel filter light being turned on, reset the fuel filter change light.

To reset the Fuel Filter Change light:

1. Turn the ignition key to ON/RUN with the engine off
2. Fully press the accelerator and brake pedals at the same time for 10 seconds. If the Fuel Filter Change light flashes for 5 seconds, the system is resetting.
3. Turn the key to OFF.

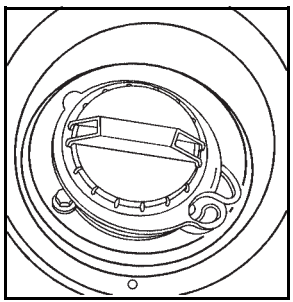
If the Fuel Filter Change light comes back on when you start the vehicle, the light has not been reset. Repeat the procedure. See *Change Fuel Filter Warning Light on page 3-42* for more information.

Fuels in Foreign Countries

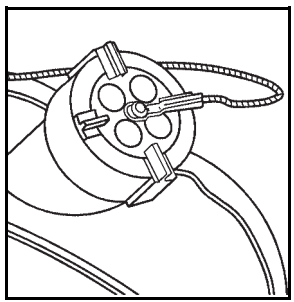
If you plan on driving in another country outside the United States or Canada, the proper fuel might be hard to find. Never use leaded gasoline or any other fuel not recommended in the previous text on fuel. Costly repairs caused by use of improper fuel would not be covered by the vehicle warranty.

To check the fuel availability, ask an auto club, or contact a major oil company that does business in the country where you will be driving.

Filling the Tank



Fuel caps for all gasoline applications, and all diesel between frame rail fuel tank applications



Fuel caps for all side mounted diesel applications

⚠ WARNING:

Fuel vapor is highly flammable. It burns violently, and that can cause very bad injuries. Do not smoke if you are near fuel or refueling the vehicle. Keep sparks, flames and smoking materials away from fuel.

The fuel cap can be on either or both sides of the vehicle depending on option content.

To take off the cap, turn it slowly counterclockwise.

⚠ WARNING:

If you get fuel on yourself and then something ignites it, you could be badly burned. Fuel can spray out on you if you open the fuel cap too quickly. This spray can happen if the tank is nearly full, and is more likely in hot weather. Open the fuel cap slowly and wait for any “hiss” noise to stop. Then unscrew the cap all the way.

When reinstalling the cap, turn it clockwise until it is tight.

Notice: **If you need a new fuel cap, be sure to get the right type. Your dealer/retailer can get one for you. If you get the wrong type, it may not fit properly. This may cause the malfunction indicator lamp to light and may damage the fuel tank and emissions system. See *Malfunction Indicator Lamp on page 3-33*.**

If the vehicle has dual tanks, fill the driver side tank, or forward tank, first. The fuel gage will give better readings this way. The gage will show the total fuel left in both tanks.

If the vehicle is a C4/C5 model and has dual tanks, the engine must be off when refueling or the fuel transfer system may become inoperable.

If the vehicle has a single tank with dual fillers, where there is a filler on each side of the vehicle, do not attempt to fill the tank through both fillers at the same time. Do not fill the tank with both caps removed or over-filling the tank and fuel spillage can result.

Filling a Portable Fuel Container

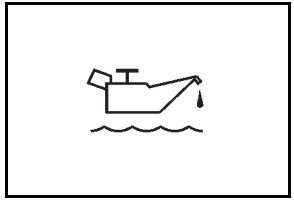
⚠ WARNING:

Never fill a portable fuel container while it is in the vehicle. Static electricity discharge from the container can ignite the fuel vapor. You can be badly burned and the vehicle damaged if this occurs. To help avoid injury to you and others:

- Dispense fuel only into approved containers.
- Do not fill a container while it is inside a vehicle, in a vehicle's trunk, pickup bed, or on any surface other than the ground.
- Bring the fill nozzle in contact with the inside of the fill opening before operating the nozzle. Contact should be maintained until the filling is complete.
- Do not smoke while pumping fuel.
- Do not use a cellular phone while pumping fuel.

Checking Things Under the Hood

Engine Oil (Gasoline Engine)

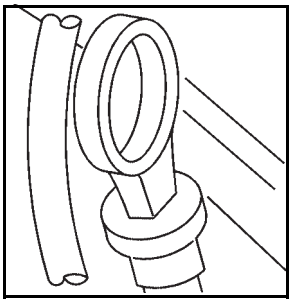


If the low oil light appears on the instrument cluster, check the engine oil level right away.

For more information, see *Low Oil Level Light on page 3-36*. You should check the engine oil level regularly; this is an added reminder.

Checking Engine Oil

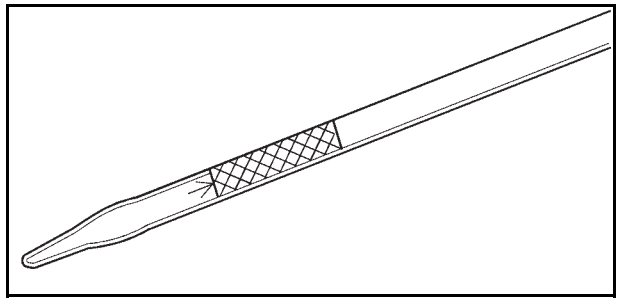
It is a good idea to check the engine oil level at each fuel fill. In order to get an accurate reading, the oil must be warm and the vehicle must be on level ground.



The engine oil dipstick is located in the engine compartment on the driver's side of the vehicle.

1. Turn off the engine and give the oil several minutes to drain back into the oil pan. If this is not done, the oil dipstick might not show the actual level.
2. Pull out the dipstick and clean it with a paper towel or cloth, then push it back in all the way. Remove it again, keeping the tip down, and check the level.

When to Add Engine Oil



If the oil is below the cross-hatched area at the tip of the dipstick, add at least one liter/quart of the recommended oil. This section explains what kind of oil to use. For engine oil crankcase capacity, see *Capacities and Specifications on page 5-99*.

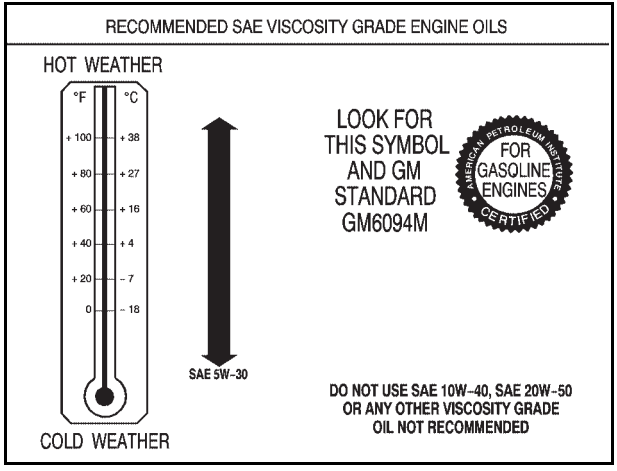
Notice: **Do not add too much oil. If the engine has so much oil that the oil level gets above the cross-hatched area that shows the proper operating range, the engine could be damaged.**

The engine oil fill cap is located near the engine oil dipstick in the engine compartment, on the driver side of the vehicle.

Add enough oil to put the level somewhere in the proper operating range in the cross-hatched area. Push the dipstick all the way back in when through.

What Kind of Engine Oil to Use

Look for three things:



- GM6094M

  Use only an oil that meets GM Standard GM6094M.

- SAE 5W-30

  SAE 5W-30 is best for the vehicle. These numbers on an oil container show its viscosity, or thickness. Do not use other viscosity oils such as SAE 20W-50.

- American Petroleum Institute (API) starburst symbol

Oils meeting these requirements should have the starburst symbol on the container. This symbol indicates that the oil has been certified by the American Petroleum Institute (API).

Notice: **Use only engine oil identified as meeting GM Standard GM6094M and showing the American Petroleum Institute Certified For Gasoline Engines starburst symbol. Failure to use the recommended oil can result in engine damage not covered by the vehicle warranty.**

Cold Temperature Operation

If in an area of extreme cold, where the temperature falls below −29°C (−20°F), use either an SAE 5W-30 synthetic oil or an SAE 0W-30 engine oil. Both provide easier cold starting for the engine at extremely low temperatures. Always use an oil that meets the required specification, GM6094M. See “What Kind of Engine Oil to Use” for more information.

Engine Oil Additives / Engine Oil Flushes

Do not add anything to the oil. The recommended oils with the API service symbol are all that is needed for good performance and engine protection.

Engine oil system flushes are not recommended and could cause engine damage not covered by the vehicle warranty.

Engine Oil (DURAMAX Diesel Engine)

Checking Engine Oil

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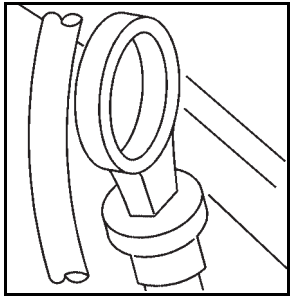


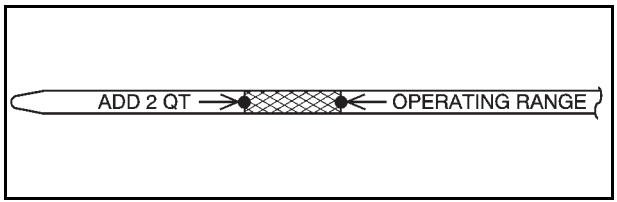
The engine oil dipstick is located in the engine compartment on the driver side of the vehicle.

In order to get an accurate reading, the engine should be at normal operating temperature, so that the oil is warm, and the vehicle must be on level ground.

1. If the engine is at normal operating temperature and the oil is warm, turn off the engine and allow at least five minutes for the oil to drain back into the oil pan. If this is not done, the oil dipstick might not show the actual level.

   If the engine has not been run long enough to bring it up to normal operating temperature and the oil is cool, turn off the engine and allow 30 minutes for the oil to drain back into the oil pan. If this is not done, the oil dipstick might not show the actual level.

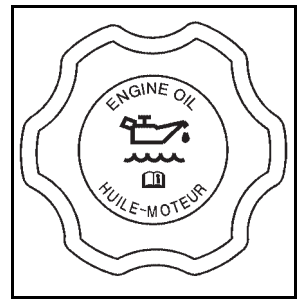
2. Pull out the dipstick and clean it with a paper towel or a cloth, then push it back in all the way.
3. Remove the dipstick again, keeping the tip down, and check the oil level.



When to Add Engine Oil

If the oil is below the cross-hatched area at the tip of the dipstick, add at least two liters/quarts of the recommended oil. This section explains what kind of oil to use. For engine oil crankcase capacity, see *Capacities and Specifications on page 5-99*.

Notice: **Do not add too much oil. If the engine has so much oil that the oil level gets above the cross-hatched area that shows the proper operating range, the engine could be damaged.**

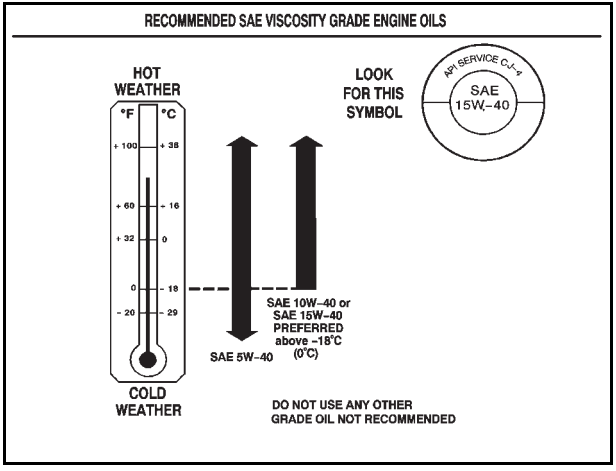


Add oil at the engine oil fill cap in the engine compartment. Install and fully tighten the fill cap when through.

Add enough oil to put the level somewhere in the proper operating range. Push the dipstick all the way back in when through.

What Kind of Engine Oil to Use

Look for three things:



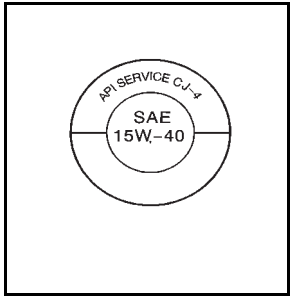
- CJ-4

  Oils designated as API CJ-4 are required for the vehicle. The CJ-4 designation can appear either alone or in combination with other American Petroleum Institute (API) designations, such as API CJ-4/SL. These letters show API levels of quality.

- SAE 15W-40

  SAE 15W-40 is best for the vehicle. When it is very cold, below −18°C (0°F), use SAE 5W-40 to improve cold starting. These numbers on the oil container show its viscosity, or thickness. Do not use other viscosity oils such as SAE 10W-30, SAE 10W-40, or SAE 20W-50.

- American Petroleum Institute (API) symbol



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Look for this on the oil container, and use only those oils that display this logo.

Notice: **Use only engine oils that have the designation CJ-4 for the diesel engine. Failure to use the recommended oil can damage the DPF and result in engine damage not covered by the vehicle warranty.**

Engine Oil Additives

Do not add anything to the oil. The recommended oils with the API service symbol are all you need for good performance and engine protection.

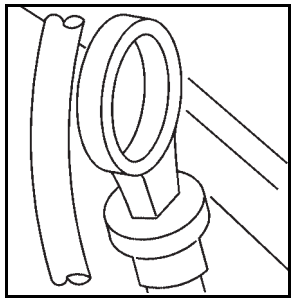
When to Change Engine Oil (Vehicles Without the Engine Oil Life System)

Change the engine oil and filter every 24 000 km (15,000 miles), or every 12 months, or every 750 hours of engine operation, whichever occurs first. See *Scheduled Maintenance on page 6-5*.

Engine Oil (Isuzu Diesel Engine)

Checking Engine Oil

It is a good idea to check the engine oil level at each fuel fill.



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In order to get an accurate reading, the engine should be at normal operating temperature, so that the oil is warm, and the vehicle must be on level ground.

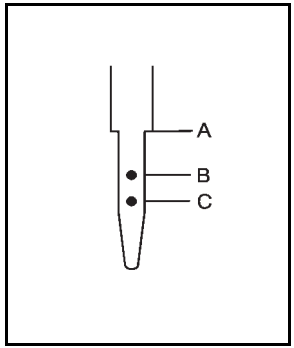
1. If the engine is at normal operating temperature and the oil is warm, turn off the engine and allow at least five minutes for the oil to drain back into the oil pan. If this is not done, the oil dipstick might not show the actual level.

   If the engine has not been run long enough to bring it up to normal operating temperature and the oil is cool, turn off the engine and allow 30 minutes for the oil to drain back into the oil pan. If this is not done, the oil dipstick might not show the actual level.

2. Pull out the dipstick and clean it with a paper towel or a cloth, then push it back in all the way.
3. Remove the dipstick again, keeping the tip down, and check the oil level.

When to Add Engine Oil

Notice: **Do not add too much oil. Keep the oil level between the ADD (C) and FULL (B) marks on the dipstick. Under normal engine operation, the engine oil level can increase above the FULL (B) mark as a result of DPF regeneration. A small increase in the oil level is normal. If the engine has so much oil that the oil level reaches the wider portion (A) on the dipstick, the engine oil must be changed as soon as possible or the engine could be damaged.**



If the oil is below the ADD mark (C) on the dipstick, add at least one liter/quart of the recommended oil.

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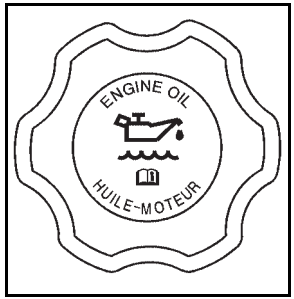

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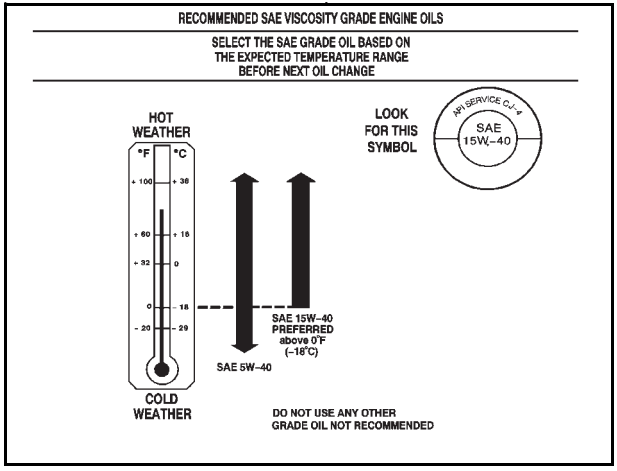

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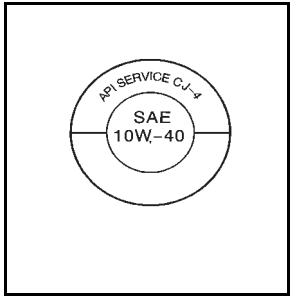

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Engine Oil Additives

Do not add anything to the oil. The recommended oils with the API service symbol are all you need for good performance and engine protection.

When to Change Engine Oil (Vehicles Without the Engine Oil Life System)

Change the engine oil and filter every 24 000 km (15,000 miles), or every 12 months, or every 750 hours of engine operation, whichever occurs first. If the vehicle is used primarily for long trip, highway service, change the engine oil and filter every 28 800 km (18,000 miles), or every 12 months, or every 750 hours of engine operation, whichever occurs first. See *Scheduled Maintenance on page 6-5*.

Engine Oil Life System (Gasoline Engine)

When to Change Engine Oil

This vehicle has a computer system that indicates when to change the engine oil and filter. This is based on engine revolutions and engine temperature, and not on mileage. Based on driving conditions, the mileage at which an oil change is indicated can vary considerably. For the oil life system to work properly, the system must be reset every time the oil is changed.

When the system has calculated that oil life has been diminished, it indicates that an oil change is necessary. A change engine oil light comes on. See *Change Engine Oil Light on page 3-36*. Change the oil as soon as possible within the next 1 000 km (600 miles). It is possible that, if driving under the best conditions, the oil life system might not indicate that an oil change is necessary for over a year. However, the engine oil and filter must be changed at least once a year and at this time the system must be reset. Your dealer/retailer has trained service people who will perform this work using genuine parts and reset the system. It is also important to check the oil regularly and keep it at the proper level.

If the system is ever reset accidentally, the oil must be changed at 5 000 km (3,000 miles) since the last oil change. Remember to reset the oil life system whenever the oil is changed.

How to Reset the Engine Oil Life System

The Engine Oil Life System calculates when to change the engine oil and filter based on vehicle use. Whenever the oil is changed, reset the system so it can calculate when the next oil change is required. If a situation occurs where the oil is changed prior to a change engine oil light being turned on, reset the system.

To reset the change engine oil light:

1. Turn the ignition key to ON/RUN with the engine off.
2. Fully press and release the accelerator pedal slowly three times within 10 seconds.

   If the change engine oil light flashes for five seconds, the system is resetting.
3. Turn the key to OFF.

If the change engine oil light comes back on when the vehicle is started, the engine oil life system has not reset. Repeat the procedure.

What to Do with Used Oil

Used engine oil contains certain elements that can be unhealthy for your skin and could even cause cancer. Do not let used oil stay on your skin for very long. Clean your skin and nails with soap and water, or a good hand cleaner. Wash or properly dispose of clothing or rags containing used engine oil. See the manufacturer's warnings about the use and disposal of oil products.

Used oil can be a threat to the environment. If you change your own oil, be sure to drain all the oil from the filter before disposal. Never dispose of oil by putting it in the trash, pouring it on the ground, into sewers, or into streams or bodies of water. Recycle it by taking it to a place that collects used oil.

Engine Oil Life System (DURAMAX/ Isuzu Diesel Engines)

When to Change Engine Oil

If the vehicle has the Engine Oil Life System, it has a computer system that indicates when to change the engine oil and filter. This is based on injection timing, engine load, and engine temperature, and not on mileage. Based on driving conditions, the mileage at which an oil change is indicated can vary considerably. For the oil life system to work properly, the system must be reset every time the oil is changed.

When the system has calculated that oil life has been diminished, it indicates that an oil change is necessary. A change engine oil light comes on. See *Change Engine Oil Light on page 3-36*. Change the oil as soon as possible within the next 1 000 km (600 miles) or 30 hours of engine operation, whichever occurs first. It is possible that, if driving under the best conditions, the oil life system might not indicate that an oil change is necessary for over a year. However, the engine oil and filter must be changed at least once a year and at this time the system must be reset. Your dealer/retailer has trained service people who will perform this work using genuine parts and reset the system. It is also important to check the oil regularly and keep it at the proper level.

If the system is ever reset accidentally, the oil must be changed at 24 000 km (15,000 miles), or 150 hours of engine operation, whichever occurs first, since the last oil change. Remember to reset the oil life system whenever the oil is changed.

How to Reset the Engine Oil Life System

The Engine Oil Life System calculates when to change the engine oil and filter based on vehicle use. Whenever the oil is changed, reset the system so it can calculate when the next oil change is required. If a situation occurs where oil is changed prior to a change engine oil light being turned on, reset the system.

To reset the Engine Oil Life System:

1. Turn the ignition key to ON/RUN with the engine off.
2. Fully press and release the accelerator pedal slowly three times within five seconds.

   If the change engine oil light is turned off, the system is resetting.
3. Turn the key to OFF.

If the change engine oil light comes back on when the vehicle is started, the Engine Oil Life System has not reset. Repeat the procedure.

What to Do with Used Oil

Used engine oil contains certain elements that can be unhealthy for your skin and could even cause cancer. Do not let used oil stay on your skin for very long. Clean your skin and nails with soap and water, or a good hand cleaner. Wash or properly dispose of clothing or rags containing used engine oil. See the manufacturer's warnings about the use and disposal of oil products.

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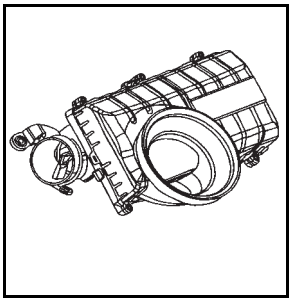
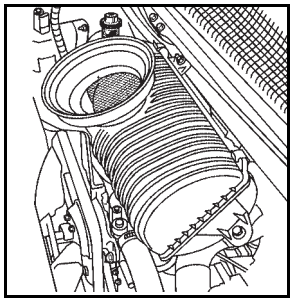
Engine Air Cleaner/Filter



Duramax Diesel 6.6L Engine



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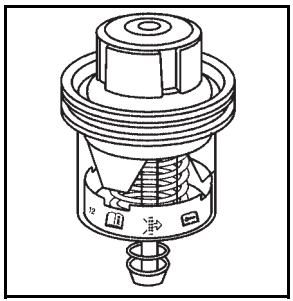
When to Inspect the Engine Air Cleaner/ Filters



For vehicle with this feature, the engine air filter life gage will be located in the engine compartment either on or near the air cleaner or above the switchbank in the center of the instrument panel. It monitors the engine air filter and indicates when the filter should be replaced. If driving in dusty/dirty conditions, inspect the filter each oil change.

As the filter gets dirty, the yellow indicator begins to rise. When it reaches the red/orange change area, replace the filter. Reset the indicator after each filter replacement, refer to *Air Filter Restriction Indicator on page 3-43*.

How to Inspect the Engine Air Cleaner/ Filter (Duramax Diesel 6.6L Engine)

⚠ WARNING:

Operating the engine with the air cleaner/filter off can cause you or others to be burned. The air cleaner not only cleans the air; it helps to stop flames if the engine backfires. If it is not there and the engine backfires, you could be burned. Do not drive with it off, and be careful working on the engine with the air cleaner/filter off.

Notice: **If the air cleaner/filter is off, a backfire can cause a damaging engine fire. And, dirt can easily get into the engine, which will damage it. Always have the air cleaner/filter in place when you are driving.**

The engine air cleaner/filter is located in the center of the engine compartment.

To inspect the engine air cleaner/filter, remove the filter from the vehicle and lightly shake the filter to release loose dust and dirt. If the filter remains caked with dirt, a new filter is required.

How to Inspect the Engine Air Cleaner/ Filters (Gas V8 8.1L and Isuzu 7.8L Diesel Engines)

⚠ WARNING:

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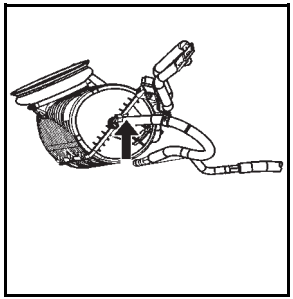
Notice: **If the air cleaner/filter is off, a backfire can cause a damaging engine fire. And, dirt can easily get into the engine, which will damage it. Always have the air cleaner/filter in place when you are driving.**

The engine air cleaner/filter is located in the center of the engine compartment.

To inspect the engine air cleaner/filter:



1. Disconnect the air compressor hose by pinching the connector ring to release the connector lock.

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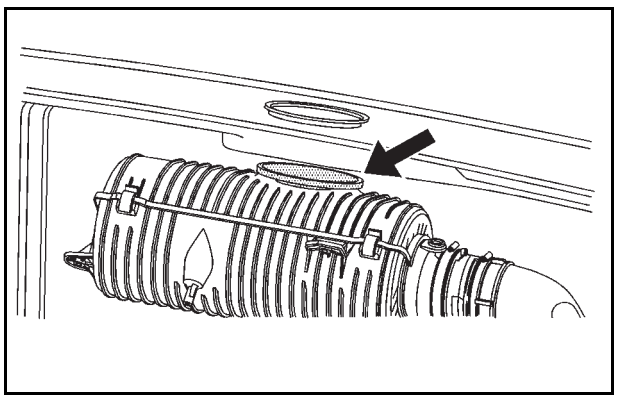
2. Unclip the four clips that hold the upper housing to the lower housing and remove the upper housing.
3. Remove the filter from the vehicle and lightly shake the filter to release loose dust and dirt. If the filter remains caked with dirt, a new filter is required.
4. Reinstall the upper housing and make sure that the air compressor hose is reconnected by pushing the connector back onto the port. Listen for the connector to click to be sure that the air compressor hose is securely locked and connected.

Hood Inlet Seal

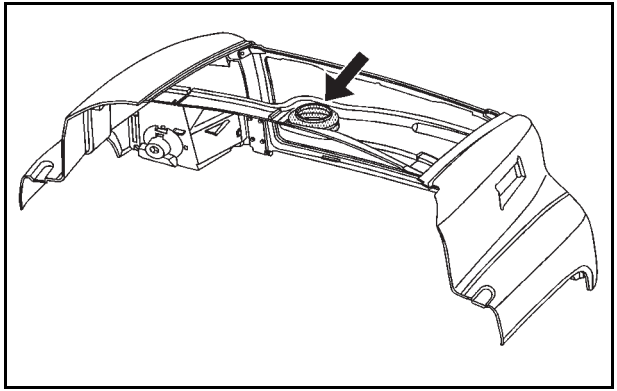
If the vehicle is being used in heavy snow conditions or for snow plowing, there is a possibility of snow and ice build up in the inlet to the air cleaner, which can block airflow to the engine and affect impacting engine performance.

To prevent this from happening, remove the hood inlet seal:

1. Loosen the clamp that holds the seal to the air cleaner.



2. Slide the seal off.



3. Store the seal in the inlet, located on the underside of the hood.
4. Store the air cleaner clamp on the coolant surge tank. Pull the overflow tube out of the white plastic retainer, slip the clamp over and reinstall the hose.

Replace the air cleaner seal during non-snow or non-icy conditions.

Automatic Transmission Fluid

When to Check

A good time to check your automatic transmission fluid level is when the engine oil is checked. See your Allison Automatic Transmission Operator's Manual to find out when to change your transmission fluid and filters.

How to Check and What to Use

The Allison Automatic Transmission Operator's Manual that came with the vehicle shows how to check the automatic transmission fluid and what fluid to use.

Automatic Transmission External Filter

Your automatic transmission filter requires periodic replacement.

Consult the Allison Automatic Transmission Operator's Manual that came with the vehicle for proper change intervals.

Manual Transmission Fluid

When to Check

A good time to have it checked is when the engine oil is checked. Refer to the Maintenance Schedule to find out when to check and change your manual transmission fluid. See *Scheduled Maintenance on page 6-5*.

How to Check and What to Use

Check the fluid level only when your engine is off, the vehicle is parked on a level place, and the transmission is cool enough for you to rest your fingers on the transmission case.

To check the transmission fluid level, do the following:

1. Remove the filler plug.
2. Check to be sure that the lubricant level is up to the bottom of the fill opening. On heavy duty transmissions, an inch of oil level equals about one gallon of fluid.
3. If the fluid level is good, reinstall the plug and be sure it is fully seated. If the fluid level is low, add more fluid as described in the next steps. Refer to the Maintenance Schedule to determine what kind of fluid to use. See *Part C: Recommended Fluids and Lubricants on page 6-32*.

How to Add Fluid

To add transmission fluid, do the following:

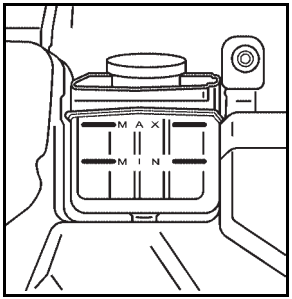
1. Remove the filler plug.
2. Add fluid at the filler plug hole. Add only enough fluid to bring the fluid level up to the bottom of the fill opening. Refer to the Maintenance Schedule to determine the proper fluid to use. See *Part C: Recommended Fluids and Lubricants on page 6-32*.
3. Reinstall the filler plug. Be sure the plug is fully seated.

Hydraulic Clutch

It is not necessary to regularly check clutch fluid unless you suspect there is a leak in the system. Adding fluid will not correct a leak.

A fluid loss in this system could indicate a problem. Have the system inspected and repaired.

When to Check and What to Use



The hydraulic clutch fluid reservoir is located behind the front panel on the driver's side of the vehicle.

Refer to the Maintenance Schedule to determine how often you should check the fluid level in your clutch master cylinder reservoir and for the proper fluid. See *Part B: Owner Checks and Services on page 6-27* and *Part C: Recommended Fluids and Lubricants on page 6-32* for more information.

How to Check and Add Fluid

The proper fluid should be added if the fluid level is not between the MAX (Maximum) and MIN (Minimum) marks.

Cooling System

⚠ WARNING:

If your vehicle has air conditioning, the auxiliary electric fan under the hood can start up even when the engine is not running and can injure you. Keep hands, clothing and tools away from any underhood electric fan.

If the coolant inside the coolant surge tank is boiling, do not do anything else until it cools down. The vehicle should be parked on a level surface.

When the engine is cold, the coolant level should be at the COLD FULL mark. If it is not, you may have a leak at the pressure cap or in the radiator hoses, heater hoses, radiator, water pump, or somewhere else in the cooling system.

⚠ WARNING:

Heater and radiator hoses, and other engine parts, can be very hot. Do not touch them. If you do, you can be burned.

Do not run the engine if there is a leak. If you run the engine, it could lose all coolant. That could cause an engine fire, and you could be burned. Get any leak fixed before you drive the vehicle.

If there seems to be no leak, start the engine again. The engine cooling fan speed should increase when idle speed is doubled by pushing the accelerator pedal down. If it does not, your vehicle needs service. Turn off the engine.

Notice: **Using coolant other than DEX-COOL® can cause premature engine, heater core, or radiator corrosion. In addition, the engine coolant could require changing sooner, at 50 000 km (30,000 miles) or 24 months, whichever occurs first. Any repairs would not be covered by the vehicle warranty. Always use DEX-COOL® (silicate-free) coolant in the vehicle.**

Engine Coolant

The cooling system in your vehicle is filled with DEX-COOL® engine coolant. This coolant is designed to remain in your vehicle for five years or 240 000 km (150,000 miles), whichever occurs first, if you add only DEX-COOL® extended life coolant.

The following explains your cooling system and how to add coolant when it is low. If you have a problem with engine overheating, see *Engine Overheating on page 5-47*.

A 50/50 mixture of clean, drinkable water and DEX-COOL® coolant will:

- Give freezing protection down to −37°C (−34°F).
- Give boiling protection up to 129°C (265°F).
- Protect against rust and corrosion.
- Help keep the proper engine temperature.
- Let the warning lights and gages work as they should.

Notice: **Using coolant other than DEX-COOL can cause premature engine, heater core or radiator corrosion. In addition, the engine coolant may require changing sooner, at 30,000 miles (50 000 km) or 24 months, whichever occurs first. Any repairs would not be covered by the vehicle warranty. Always use DEX-COOL (silicate-free) coolant in your vehicle.**

What to Use

Use a mixture of one-half clean, drinkable water and one-half DEX-COOL® coolant which will not damage aluminum parts. If you use this coolant mixture, you do not need to add anything else.

⚠ WARNING:

Adding only plain water to the cooling system can be dangerous. Plain water, or some other liquid such as alcohol, can boil before the proper coolant mixture will. The vehicle's coolant warning system is set for the proper coolant mixture. With

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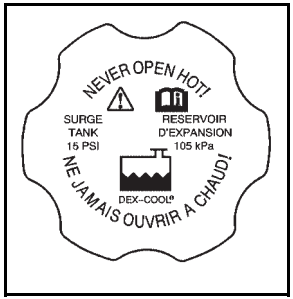
plain water or the wrong mixture, the engine could get too hot but would not get the overheat warning. The engine could catch fire and you or others could be burned. Use a 50/50 mixture of clean, drinkable water and DEX-COOL® coolant.

Notice: **If an improper coolant mixture is used, the engine could overheat and be badly damaged. The repair cost would not be covered by the vehicle warranty. Too much water in the mixture can freeze and crack the engine, radiator, heater core, and other parts.**

If you have to add coolant more than four times a year, have your dealer/retailer check your cooling system.

Notice: **If you use extra inhibitors and/or additives in your vehicle's cooling system, you could damage your vehicle. Use only the proper mixture of the engine coolant listed in this manual for the cooling system. See *Part C: Recommended Fluids and Lubricants on page 6-32* for more information.**

Checking Coolant

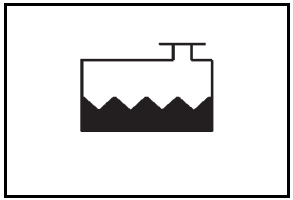


The coolant surge tank pressure cap can be accessed without tilting the cab. It is located behind the cab on the driver's side of the vehicle.

⚠ WARNING:

Turning the surge tank pressure cap when the engine and radiator are hot can allow steam and scalding liquids to blow out and burn you badly. Never turn the surge tank pressure cap — even a little — when the engine and radiator are hot.

The vehicle must be on a level surface. When your engine is cold, the coolant level should be at the COLD FILL mark or higher.



If the low coolant light comes on in the instrument panel cluster and stays on, it means you are low on engine coolant.

See *Low Coolant Warning Light on page 3-32* for further information.

Adding Coolant

If you need more coolant, add the proper DEX-COOL® coolant mixture at the surge tank, but only when the engine is cool.

⚠ WARNING:

You can be burned if you spill coolant on hot engine parts. Coolant contains ethylene glycol, and it will burn if the engine parts are hot enough. Do not spill coolant on a hot engine.

When replacing the pressure cap, make sure it is hand-tight and fully seated.

How to Add Coolant to the Coolant Surge Tank

If you have not found a problem yet, but the coolant level is not at the COLD FULL mark, add a 50/50 mixture of clean, drinkable water and DEX-COOL® coolant at the coolant surge tank, but be sure the cooling system, including the coolant surge tank pressure cap, is cool before you do it. See *Engine Coolant on page 5-42* for more information.

If no coolant is visible in the surge tank, add coolant as follows:

⚠ WARNING:

Steam and scalding liquids from a hot cooling system can blow out and burn you badly. They are under pressure, and if you turn the coolant surge tank pressure cap — even a little — they can come out at high speed. Never turn the cap when the cooling system, including the coolant surge tank pressure cap, is hot. Wait for the cooling system and coolant surge tank pressure cap to cool if you ever have to turn the pressure cap.

⚠ WARNING:

Adding only plain water to the cooling system can be dangerous. Plain water, or some other liquid such as alcohol, can boil before the proper coolant mixture will. The vehicle's coolant warning system is set for the proper coolant mixture. With plain water or the wrong mixture, the engine could get too hot but you would not get the overheat warning. The engine could catch fire and you or others could be burned. Use a 50/50 mixture of clean, drinkable water and DEX-COOL® coolant.

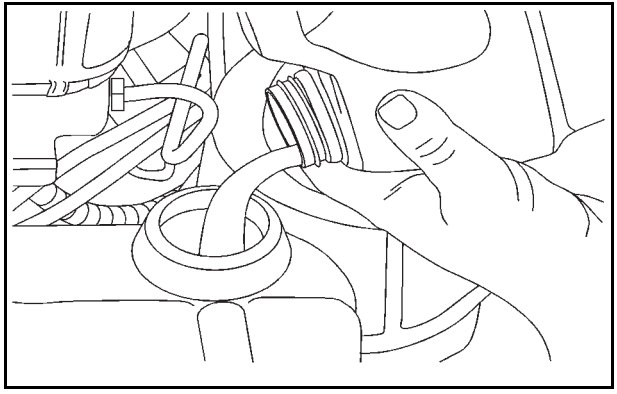
Notice: **In cold weather, water can freeze and crack the engine, radiator, heater core and other parts. Use the recommended coolant and the proper coolant mixture.**

⚠ WARNING:

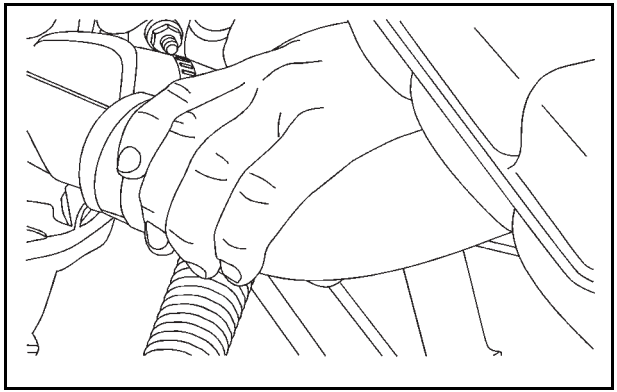
You can be burned if you spill coolant on hot engine parts. Coolant contains ethylene glycol and it will burn if the engine parts are hot enough. Do not spill coolant on a hot engine.

1. You can remove the coolant surge tank pressure cap when the cooling system, including the coolant surge tank pressure cap and upper radiator hose, is no longer hot. Turn the pressure cap slowly counterclockwise about one full turn.

   If you hear a hiss, wait for that to stop. A hiss means there is still some pressure left.
2. Then keep turning the pressure cap slowly, and remove it.



3. Fill the coolant surge tank with the proper mixture, to the COLD FULL mark.



4. With the coolant surge tank pressure cap off, start the engine and let it run until you can feel the upper radiator hose getting hot. Watch out for the engine cooling fan.

   By this time, the coolant level inside the coolant surge tank may be lower. If the level is lower, add more of the proper mixture to the coolant surge tank until the level reaches slightly above the COLD FULL mark.

5. Then replace the pressure cap. Be sure the pressure cap is hand-tight and fully seated.

Engine Overheating

You will find an engine coolant temperature warning gage, as well as a low coolant warning light, on your vehicle's instrument panel. See *Engine Coolant Temperature Gage on page 3-32* and *Low Coolant Warning Light on page 3-32* for more information.

Your vehicle also has a check gages warning light on the instrument panel. See *Check Gages Warning Light on page 3-40* for more information.

If Steam Is Coming From Your Engine

⚠ WARNING:

Steam from an overheated engine can burn you badly, even if you just open the hood. Stay away from the engine if you see or hear steam coming from it. Just turn it off and get everyone away from the vehicle until it cools down. Wait until there is no sign of steam or coolant before you open the hood.

If you keep driving when your engine is overheated, the liquids in it can catch fire. You or others could be badly burned. Stop your engine if it overheats, and get out of the vehicle until the engine is cool.

Notice: **If the engine catches fire because of being driven with no coolant, your vehicle can be badly damaged. The costly repairs would not be covered by the vehicle warranty.**

If No Steam Is Coming From Your Engine

An overheat warning, along with a low coolant light, can indicate a serious problem. See *Low Coolant Warning Light on page 3-32* for more information.

If you get an engine overheat warning with no low coolant light, but see or hear no steam, the problem may not be too serious. Sometimes the engine can get a little too hot when you:

- Climb a long hill on a hot day.
- Stop after high-speed driving.
- Idle for long periods in traffic.

If you get the overheat warning with no sign of steam, try this for a minute or so:

1. In heavy traffic, let the engine idle in N (Neutral) while stopped. If it is safe to do so, pull off the road, shift to P (Park) or N (Neutral) and let the engine idle.
2. Turn on your heater to full hot at the highest fan speed and open the windows as necessary.
3. If climbing a hill, downshift to raise engine and fan speeds.

If you no longer have the overheat warning, you can drive. Just to be safe, drive slower for about 10 minutes. If the warning does not come back on, you can drive normally.

If the warning continues and you have not stopped, pull over, stop, and park your vehicle right away.

If there is still no sign of steam, you can push down the accelerator until the engine speed is about twice as fast as normal idle speed for at least three minutes while you are parked. If you still have the warning, turn off the engine and get everyone out of the vehicle until it cools down.

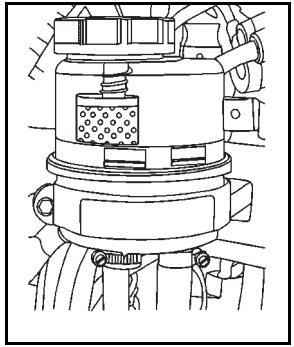
You may decide not to lift the hood but to get service help right away.

Power Steering Fluid

See *Scheduled Maintenance on page 6-5* to determine when to check your power steering fluid.

How To Check Power Steering Fluid

Check your power steering fluid only when the engine is warm. If the engine is not warm, you probably will not get an accurate reading.



If the fluid level is between the MIN (Minimum) and MAX (Maximum) marks, you have enough. If you need fluid, add only enough of the proper fluid to bring it into view in the sight glass.

If your power steering fluid level is low, this can cause the brake or service brake soon warning lights to come on. If either light remains on after you have added power steering fluid to the proper level, then shut off the engine for 10 seconds. This should reset the brake warning lights. If one or both lights stay on though, see “Hydraulic Brake System Warning Lights” under *Brake System Warning Light on page 3-29* for more information.

What to Use

To determine what kind of fluid to use, see *Part C: Recommended Fluids and Lubricants on page 6-32*.

Notice: **When adding power steering fluid or making a complete fluid change, always use the proper fluid. Failure to use the proper fluid can cause leaks and damage hoses and seals.**

Windshield Washer Fluid

What to Use

When you need windshield washer fluid, be sure to read the manufacturer's instructions before use. If you will be operating your vehicle in an area where the temperature may fall below freezing, use a fluid that has sufficient protection against freezing.

Adding Washer Fluid

Open the cap with the washer symbol on it. Add washer fluid until the tank is full.

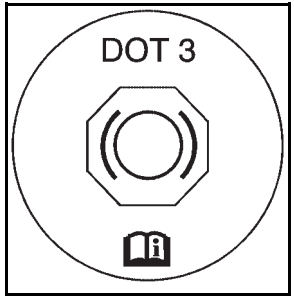
The reservoir is located behind the front panel on the driver's side of the vehicle.

Notice:

- **When using concentrated washer fluid, follow the manufacturer's instructions for adding water.**
- **Do not mix water with ready-to-use washer fluid. Water can cause the solution to freeze and damage your washer fluid tank and other parts of the washer system. Also, water does not clean as well as washer fluid.**
- **Fill the washer fluid tank only three-quarters full when it is very cold. This allows for fluid expansion if freezing occurs, which could damage the tank if it is completely full.**
- **Do not use engine coolant (antifreeze) in your windshield washer. It can damage the vehicle's windshield washer system and paint.**

Brakes

Brake Fluid



If the vehicle has hydraulic brakes, there is a brake master cylinder in the engine compartment on the driver side of the vehicle.

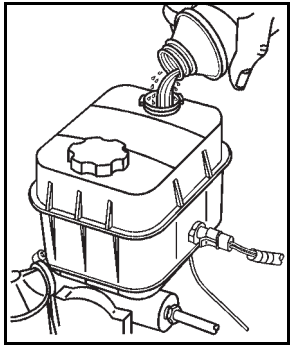
Refer to the Maintenance Schedule to determine when to check the brake fluid.

⚠ WARNING:

Do not add brake fluid before checking the level or there could be too much brake fluid. Brake fluid could spill on the hot engine and it can catch fire. You could be burned and the vehicle could be damaged. See “Checking Brake Fluid” in this section.

Checking Brake Fluid

Apply the brake pedal several times with the ignition off. The brake fluid reservoir is in the engine compartment on the driver side of the vehicle. Clean one of the reservoir caps and the area around the cap, and remove it.



The fluid level should be even with the bottom ring of the filler opening. If it is low, add enough fluid to fill the reservoir to the proper level.

What to Add

Use the proper fluid listed in the Maintenance Schedule. Use new brake fluid from a sealed container only.

Always clean the brake fluid reservoir cap/cover and the area around the cap/cover before removing it. This helps keep dirt from entering the reservoir.

⚠ WARNING:

With the wrong kind of fluid in the brake hydraulic system, the brakes might not work well. This could cause a crash. Always use the proper brake fluid.

Notice:

- **Using the wrong fluid can badly damage brake hydraulic system parts. For example, just a few drops of mineral-based oil, such as engine oil, in the brake hydraulic system can damage brake hydraulic system parts so badly that they will have to be replaced. Do not let someone put in the wrong kind of fluid, and do not use DOT-5 silicone brake fluid.**
- **If brake fluid is spilled on the vehicle's painted surfaces, the paint finish can be damaged. Be careful not to spill brake fluid on the vehicle. If you do, wash it off immediately. See *Washing Your Vehicle on page 5-88*.**

Four-Wheel Disc Brakes (Hydraulic Only)

The vehicle has four-wheel disc brakes.

Some driving conditions or climates can cause a brake squeal when the brakes are first applied or lightly applied. This does not mean something is wrong with the brakes.

Brake linings should always be replaced as complete axle sets.

Four-Wheel and Six-Wheel Drum Brakes (Air Only)

The brake drums should be removed and inspected each time the tires are removed for rotation or changing. When the front brakes are replaced, have the rear brakes inspected, too.

Brake linings should always be replaced as complete axle sets.

Brake Pedal Travel

See your dealer/retailer if the brake pedal does not return to normal height, or if there is a rapid increase in pedal travel. This could be a sign that brake service might be required.

Brake Adjustment

Every brake stop, the brakes adjust for wear.

Brake Adjustment on Air Braked Vehicles

The vehicle has automatic slack adjusters. Every brake stop, the brakes automatically adjust for wear. Slack adjusters should never be manually adjusted to correct excessive brake chamber pushrod stroke. Excessive brake chamber pushrod stroke means that the brake system needs to be serviced by a qualified service technician.

Notice: **Do not manually adjust automatic slack adjusters. Manual adjustment of the automatic slack adjusters can result in a degradation of the slack adjuster performance over time. If the brake chamber pushrod stroke is out of adjustment, the brake system needs to be serviced by a qualified service technician.**

Replacing Brake System Parts

The braking system on a vehicle is complex. Its many parts have to be of top quality and work well together if the vehicle is to have really good braking. The vehicle was designed and tested with top-quality brake parts. When parts of the braking system are replaced — for example, when the brake linings wear down and new ones are installed — be sure to get new approved replacement parts. If this is not done, the brakes might

not work properly. For example, if someone puts in brake linings that are wrong for the vehicle, the balance between the front and rear brakes can change — for the worse. The braking performance expected can change in many other ways if the wrong replacement brake parts are installed.

Hydraulic Brake Pads

Brake pad lining life will vary depending on vehicle application, working environment, equipment maintenance, and style of driving. The brake pad lining wear rate has to be monitored for individual driving habits — original equipment linings have mechanical wear indicators to help with this. When down to the last 10% of the brake lining, the brake lining wear indicator rubs on the rotor, causing a scratching or chirping sound. When this sound is heard, service to the brake pads is needed. See *Scheduled Maintenance on page 6-5*.

Aftermarket brake linings might not meet the same stringent requirements as the original equipment linings. Using aftermarket brake linings can affect braking performance, pedal feel, noise, and lining wear.

Air Brake Systems

If the vehicle has air brakes, it is important to get rid of moisture in the system. Moisture will damage the system if it is not removed daily.

There are two ways to do this. One is automatic through the air brake vehicle's air dryer with integral automatic moisture ejector that purges air from the system through a self-contained reservoir. The other way to drain moisture from the air brake system is to manually activate drain valves at each reservoir. Drain the air reservoirs occasionally to be sure the air dryer is working properly.

Drain the air brakes at full system pressure. To be sure of full pressure, check the air pressure gage. It should read at least 692 kPa (100 psi).

Air Dryer

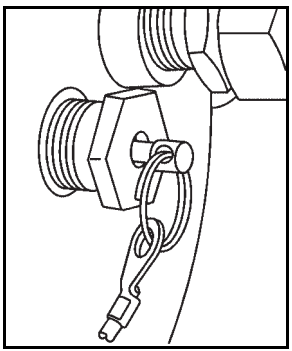
If the vehicle has air brakes, it has an air dryer mounted on the passenger side frame rail. This collects and removes dirt, moisture, or other foreign matter from the air prior to entering the brake system. The dryer also acts as a moisture ejector. It automatically ejects the moisture when the compressor cycles. The purge tank has a manual drain valve that must be drained every day. See “Air Brake Systems” for the manual drain procedure.

The dryer has a filter that needs changing at intervals. See *Scheduled Maintenance on page 6-5* for more about servicing this filter.

Electric Air Compressor

The vehicle might have an electric air compressor. This compressor is used to run options that require pressurized air, such as an air horn or air seat.

The air compressor is used when vehicles do not have an air brake system.



The air supply for this system must be maintained by releasing the drain valve to eject any moisture that could have built up in the system.

It is recommended that this system be drained on a weekly basis.

Clutch Pedal Free Travel

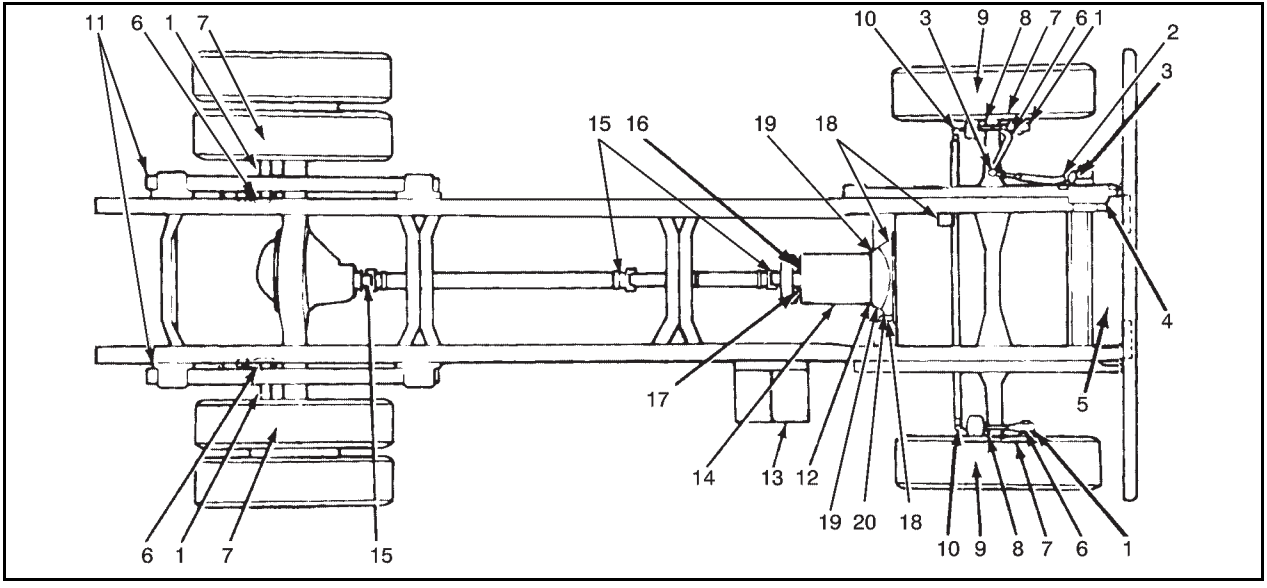
If the vehicle has a V8 engine and a manual transmission, the clutch needs adjustment when pedal free travel gets down to about 6 mm (1/4 inch), as measured at the clutch pedal pad. There should be 38 to 51 mm (1 1/2 to 2 inches) of clutch pedal free travel.

If the clutch ever needs service, be sure to use only approved clutch replacement parts.

Chassis Lubrication

The Maintenance Schedule provides all of the required chassis lubrication intervals and identifies proper lubricants to use. Be sure to see the Maintenance Schedule before performing any chassis lubrication service. To determine location of chassis lubrication items, use the following charts.

Single Axle Models

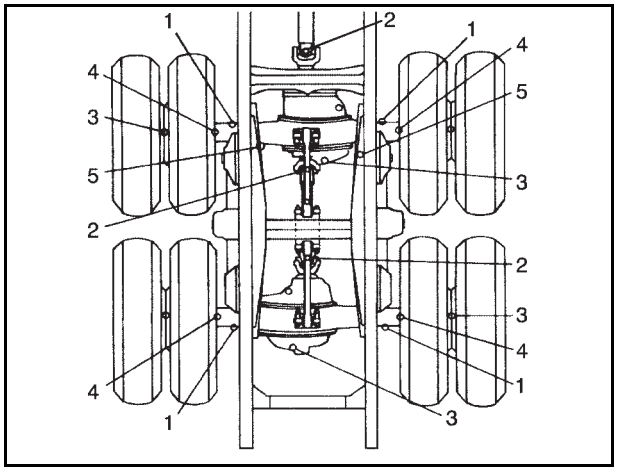


Item Number	Item	Remarks
1	Brake Camshaft**	One fitting each (apply sparingly).
2	Steering Column Slip Joint*	One fitting.
3	Steering Drag Link Ends	One fitting each end.
4	Pivot Points and Hinges	Apply chassis lubricant.
5	Pivot Points and Hinges	Apply chassis lubricant.
6	Slack Adjuster**	One fitting.
7	Brake Cam Roller Pins at interface of pin and shoe**	Apply engine oil.
8	Front Steering Knuckles	One fitting each side, lower bushing. (Hand-operated grease gun only.) Hand-pack upper bearing.
9	Front Wheel Bearings	Hand-pack or lubricate.
10	Steering Tie Rod Ends	One fitting each end.
11	Spring Slip Pads* (Multi-Leaf Only)	Apply chassis lubricant.

Item Number	Item	Remarks
12	Clutch Release Bearing*	Cup or fitting.
13	Battery Terminal (except “ST” type)	Keep coated with petroleum jelly.
14	Transmission	Fill to level of filler plug.
15	Propshaft U-Joints	Lubricate with GM Part No. 1051344 Wheel Bearing Lubricant.
16	Parking Brake Clevis Pin$	Apply chassis lubricant.
17	Parking Brake Lever Pivot*, $	Apply chassis lubricant.
18	Clutch Release Cross Shaft, Master Cylinder$	Apply chassis lubricant, fill to 6 mm (1/4 inch) below opening.
19	Release Bearing, Clutch Cross Shaft	Two fittings, apply chassis lubricant.
20	Clutch Release Fork	Two fittings.

* Applies to some vehicles.
** Applies to air brakes only.
$ Applies to hydraulic brakes only.

Tandem Axle Models



Item Number	Item	Remarks
1	Brake Camshafts	One fitting each.
2	Propshaft U-Joint	One fitting each joint. Lubricate with GM Part No. 1051344, Wheel Bearing Lubricant.
3	Rear Axles	Fill to level of filler plug.
4	Brake Shoe Roller Pins	Apply engine oil at pin to shoe joint only.
5	Rear Spring Pin	One fitting each side.

Battery

Refer to the replacement number on the original battery label when a new battery is needed.

⚠ DANGER:

Battery posts, terminals, and related accessories contain lead and lead compounds, chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and reproductive harm. Wash hands after handling.

Vehicle Storage

⚠ WARNING:

Batteries have acid that can burn you and gas that can explode. You can be badly hurt if you are not careful. See *Jump Starting on page 5-60* for tips on working around a battery without getting hurt.

Infrequent Usage: Remove the black, negative (−) cable from each battery to keep the batteries from running down.

Extended Storage: Remove the black, negative (−) cable from each battery or use a battery trickle charger.

When ready to use the vehicle again, refer to the engine starting procedure in the Index.

Jump Starting

If the vehicle's battery (or batteries) has run down, you may want to use another vehicle and some jumper cables to start your vehicle. Be sure to use the following steps to do it safely.

⚠ WARNING:

Batteries can hurt you. They can be dangerous because:

- They contain acid that can burn you.
- They contain gas that can explode or ignite.
- They contain enough electricity to burn you.

If you do not follow these steps exactly, some or all of these things can hurt you.

Notice: **Ignoring these steps could result in costly damage to the vehicle that would not be covered by the warranty.**

Trying to start the vehicle by pushing or pulling it will not work, and it could damage the vehicle.

1. Check the other vehicle. It must have a 12-volt battery (or batteries) with a negative ground system.

Notice: **If the other vehicle's system is not a 12-volt system with a negative ground, both vehicles can be damaged. Only use vehicles with 12-volt systems with negative grounds to jump start your vehicle.**

   If you have a diesel engine vehicle with two batteries (or more), you should know before you begin that, especially in cold weather, you may not be able to get enough power from a single battery in another vehicle to start your diesel engine.

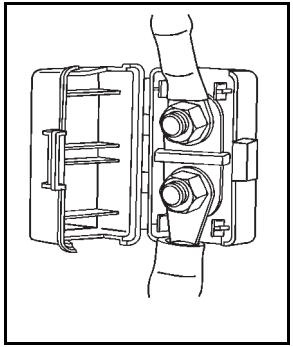
   If your vehicle has more than one battery, use the one closest to the starter — this will reduce electrical resistance.

2. Get the vehicles close enough so the jumper cables can reach, but be sure the vehicles are not touching each other. If they are, it could cause a ground connection you do not want. You would not be able to start your vehicle, and the bad grounding could damage the electrical systems.

   To avoid the possibility of the vehicles rolling, set the parking brake firmly on both vehicles involved in the jump start procedure. Put an automatic transmission in P (Park) or a manual transmission in N (Neutral) before setting the parking brake. If you have a four-wheel-drive vehicle, be sure the transfer case is in a drive gear, not in N (Neutral).

Notice: **If you leave the radio or other accessories on during the jump starting procedure, they could be damaged. The repairs would not be covered by the warranty. Always turn off the radio and other accessories when jump starting the vehicle.**

3. Turn off the ignition on both vehicles. Unplug unnecessary accessories plugged into the cigarette lighter or accessory power outlets. Turn off the radio and all lamps that are not needed. This will avoid sparks and help save both batteries, and it could save the radio!
4. Open the hood on the other vehicle and locate the positive (+) and the negative (−) terminal locations on that vehicle.



Open the hood on your vehicle and find the remote positive (+) terminal, located under a red plastic cover on the passenger's side of the vehicle. Squeeze the tab to open the cover and access the remote positive (+) terminal.

You will not see the battery (or batteries) of your vehicle under the hood. They are located in a frame mounted battery box, which is located on either the driver's or the passenger's side of the vehicle. You will not need to access your battery (or batteries) for jump starting. The remote positive (+) terminal is for that purpose.

⚠ WARNING:

Using a match near a battery can cause battery gas to explode. People have been hurt doing this, and some have been blinded. Use a flashlight if you need more light.

Be sure the batteries have enough water. You do not need to add water to the ACDelco® battery (or batteries) installed in your new vehicle. But if a battery has filler caps, be sure the right amount of fluid is there. If it is low, add water to take care of that first. If you do not, explosive gas could be present.

Battery fluid contains acid that can burn you. Do not get it on you. If you accidentally get it in your eyes or on your skin, flush the place with water and get medical help immediately.

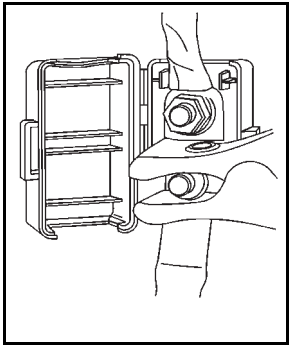
⚠ WARNING:

Fans or other moving engine parts can injure you badly. Keep your hands away from moving parts once the engine is running.

5. Check that the jumper cables do not have loose or missing insulation. If they do, you could get a shock. The vehicles could be damaged too.

   Before you connect the cables, here are some basic things you should know. Positive (+) will go to positive (+) or to a remote positive (+) terminal if the vehicle has one. Negative (−) will go to a heavy, unpainted metal engine part or to a remote negative (−) terminal if the vehicle has one.

   Do not connect positive (+) to negative (−) or you will get a short that would damage the battery and maybe other parts too. And do not connect the negative (−) cable to the negative (−) terminal on the dead battery because this can cause sparks.



6. Connect the red positive (+) cable to the positive (+) terminal of the dead battery. Use a remote positive (+) terminal if the vehicle has one.

7. Do not let the other end touch metal. Connect it to the positive (+) terminal of the good battery. Use a remote positive (+) terminal if the vehicle has one.

8. Now connect the black negative (−) cable to the negative (−) terminal of the good battery. Use a remote negative (−) terminal if the vehicle has one.

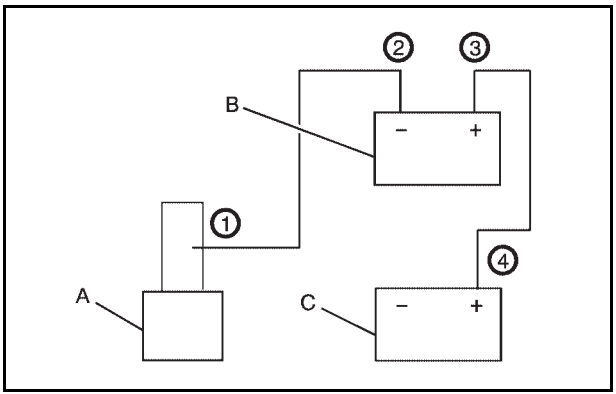
   Do not let the other end touch anything until the next step. The other end of the negative (−) cable does not go to the dead battery. It goes to a heavy, unpainted metal engine part or to the remote negative (−) terminal on the vehicle with the dead battery.

9. Connect the other end of the negative (−) cable at least 18 inches (45 cm) away from the dead battery, but not near engine parts that move. The electrical connection is just as good there, and the chance of sparks getting back to the battery is much less.

10. Now start the vehicle with the good battery and run the engine for a while. Use the high idle option if your vehicle is equipped with it.

11. Try to start the vehicle that had the dead battery. If it will not start after a few tries, it probably needs service.

Notice: **If the jumper cables are connected or removed in the wrong order, electrical shorting may occur and damage the vehicle. The repairs would not be covered by the vehicle warranty. Always connect and remove the jumper cables in the correct order, making sure that the cables do not touch each other or other metal.**



Jumper Cable Removal

A. Heavy, Unpainted Metal Engine Part or Remote Negative (−) Terminal

B. Good Battery or Remote Positive (+) and Remote Negative (−) Terminals

C. Dead Battery or Remote Positive (+) Terminal

To disconnect the jumper cables from both vehicles, do the following:

1. Disconnect the black negative (−) cable from the vehicle that had the dead battery.
2. Disconnect the black negative (−) cable from the vehicle with the good battery.
3. Disconnect the red positive (+) cable from the vehicle with the good battery.
4. Disconnect the red positive (+) cable from the other vehicle.
5. Return the positive (+) remote terminal cover to its original position.

Rear Axle

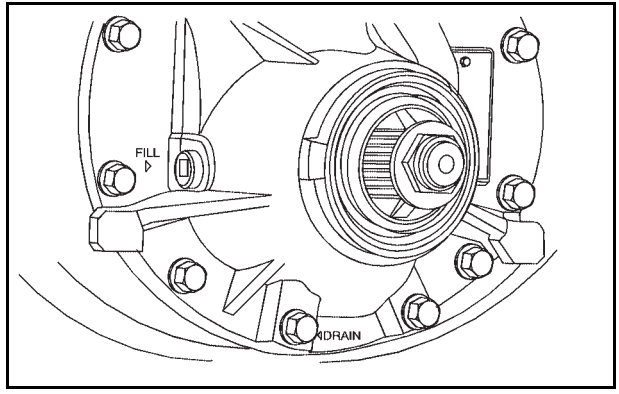
When to Check and Change Lubricant

Refer to the Maintenance Schedule to determine how often to check the lubricant and when to change it. See *Scheduled Maintenance on page 6-5*.

Notice: **If you drive your vehicle through deep water that is higher than the front or rear axle, water may enter the axle housing and cause the axle lubricant to break down. This could damage the gears inside. Avoid driving your vehicle through deep water.**

You should avoid driving your vehicle through deep puddles or standing water. If you must drive through water that is higher than the front or rear axle, see your dealer immediately afterward to have the condition of the axle lubricant checked.

How to Check Lubricant



HD2 Axle

To get an accurate reading, the vehicle should be on a level surface.

If the level is below the bottom of the filler plug hole, located on the rear axle, you'll need to add some lubricant. Add enough lubricant to raise the level to the bottom of the filler plug hole.

What to Use

Refer to the Maintenance Schedule to determine what kind of lubricant to use. See *Part C: Recommended Fluids and Lubricants on page 6-32*.

Rear Axle Shift Motor

When to Check and Change Fluid

If you have an optional air-shift two-speed, controlled traction, or locking differential type rear axle, a good time to check the fluid level in the axle shift motor is when the rear axle lubricant is checked.

How to Check Fluid

Remove the plug on the front plate of the axle shift motor, add enough fluid to raise the level to the bottom of the filler plug hole, then replace the plug.

What to Use

Refer to your Maintenance Schedule to determine what kind of lubricant to use. See *Part C: Recommended Fluids and Lubricants on page 6-32*.

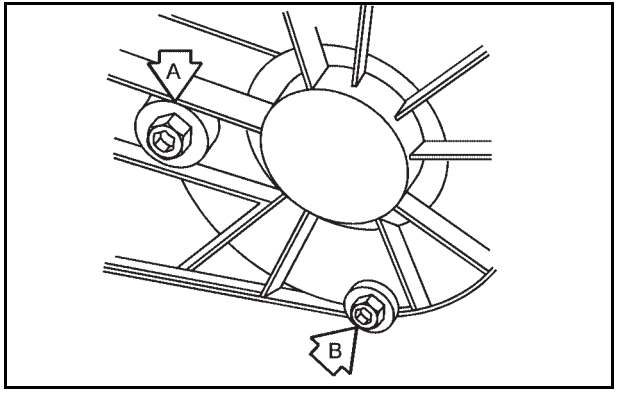
Four-Wheel Drive

Transfer Case

When to Check Lubricant

It is not necessary to regularly check transfer case fluid unless you suspect there is a leak or you hear an unusual noise. A fluid loss could indicate a problem. Have it inspected and repaired.

How to Check Lubricant



A. Fill Plug

B. Drain Plug

To get an accurate reading, the vehicle should be on a level surface.

If the level is below the bottom of the fill plug hole, located on the transfer case, you'll need to add some lubricant. Add enough lubricant to raise the level to the bottom of the fill plug hole. Use care not to overtighten the plug.

When to Change Lubricant

Refer to the Maintenance Schedule to determine how often to change the lubricant. See *Scheduled Maintenance on page 6-5*.

What to Use

Refer to the Maintenance Schedule to determine what kind of lubricant to use. See *Part C: Recommended Fluids and Lubricants on page 6-32*.

Front Axle

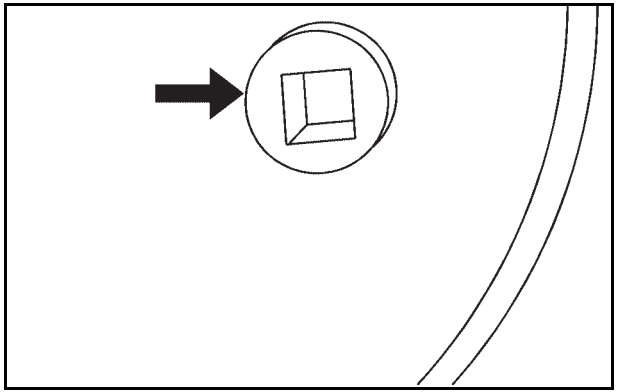
When to Check Lubricant

It is not necessary to regularly check front axle fluid unless you suspect there is a leak or you hear an unusual noise. A fluid loss could indicate a problem. Have it inspected and repaired.

Notice: **If you drive your vehicle through deep water that is higher than the front or rear axle, water may enter the axle housing and cause the axle lubricant to break down. This could damage the gears inside. Avoid driving your vehicle through deep water.**

You should avoid driving your vehicle through deep puddles or standing water. If you must drive through water that is higher than the front or rear axle, see your dealer immediately afterward to have the condition of the axle lubricant checked.

How to Check Lubricant



To get an accurate reading, the vehicle should be on a level surface.

If the level is below the bottom of the filler plug hole, you may need to add some lubricant.

Add enough lubricant to raise the level to the bottom of the filler plug hole.

What to Use

To determine what kind of lubricant to use see *Part C: Recommended Fluids and Lubricants on page 6-32*.

Noise Control System

Tampering with Noise Control System Prohibited

The following information relates to compliance with federal noise emission standards for vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of more than 10,000 lbs (4 536 kg). The Maintenance Schedule provides information on maintaining the noise control system to minimize degradation of the noise emission control system during the life of your vehicle. The noise control system warranty is given in your warranty booklet.

These standards apply only to vehicles sold in the United States.

Federal law prohibits the following acts or the causing thereof:

1. The removal or rendering inoperative by any person, other than for purposes of maintenance, repair or replacement, of any device or element of design incorporated into any new vehicle for the purpose of noise control, prior to its sale or delivery to the ultimate purchaser or while it is in use; or
2. The use of the vehicle after such device or element of design has been removed or rendered inoperative by any person.

Among those acts presumed to constitute tampering are the acts listed below.

Insulation:

- Removal of the noise shields or any underhood insulation.

Engine:

- Removal or rendering engine speed governor, if the vehicle has one, inoperative so as to allow engine speed to exceed manufacturer specifications.

Fan and Drive:

- Removal of fan clutch, if the vehicle has one, or rendering clutch inoperative.
- Removal of the fan shroud, if the vehicle has one.

Air Intake:

- Removal of the air cleaner silencer.
- Modification of the air cleaner.

Exhaust:

- Removal of the muffler or resonator.
- Removal of the exhaust pipes and exhaust pipe clamps.
- Removal of the DOC converter, the Diesel Particulate Filter, or the diesel exhaust gas cooler device.

Bulb Replacement

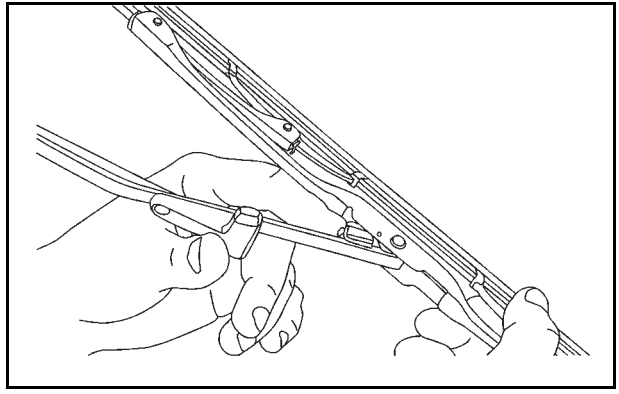
It is recommended that all bulbs be replaced by your dealer/retailer.

Windshield Wiper Blade Replacement

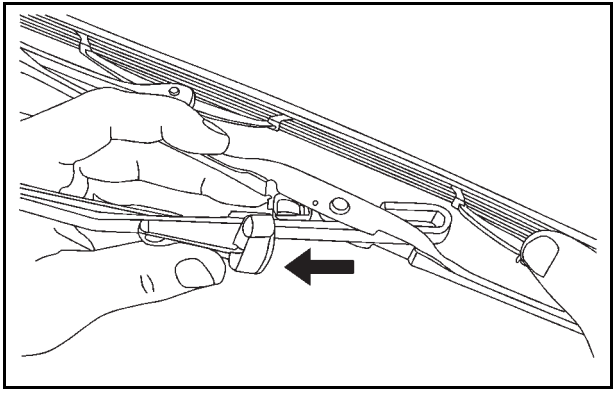
Windshield wiper blades should be inspected at least twice a year for wear or cracking. See “Wiper Blade Check” under *At Least Twice a Year on page 6-28* for more information.

Replacement blades come in different types and are removed in different ways.

Here's how to remove the wiper blade:



1. Pull the windshield wiper arm away from the windshield.



2. Push the release lever and slide the wiper assembly toward the driver side of the vehicle.
3. Install a new blade by reversing Steps 1 and 2.

Other Service Items

Fuel Filter

Fuel Filter/Pressure Regulator (Gasoline Engines)

The steel fuel filter/pressure regulator is located near the engine compartment on the driver's side frame rail. If your vehicle has a rear steel fuel tank, the fuel filter/pressure regulator is located near the rear fuel tank, on the driver's side frame rail. See *Scheduled Maintenance on page 6-5* for recommended service intervals.

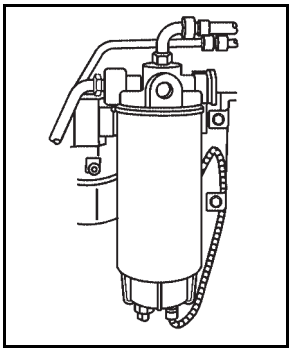
If your vehicle is equipped with the optional Davco spin-on type filter, it is located on the driver's side frame rail.

Fuel Filter (Diesel Engines)

If you have a diesel engine, your fuel filter is located in the engine compartment on the driver's side of the vehicle, or along the driver's side frame rail. See “Fuel Filter Replacement” earlier in this section for further information.

Also see *Scheduled Maintenance on page 6-5* for recommended service intervals.

Primary Fuel Filter and Water Separator



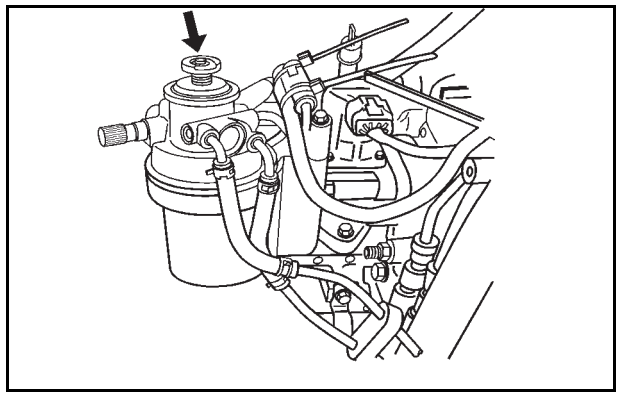
Your vehicle may have this spin-on filter. It is located on the driver's side frame rail.

It has a clear plastic drain bowl at the bottom. Check the drain bowl occasionally for any water or particles.

To drain the water or to replace the element, follow the water draining and element replacement procedure under *Water in Fuel on page 5-12*.

Secondary Fuel Filter and Heater

Your vehicle may have this fuel filter and fuel heater. It is mounted on the left side of the engine.



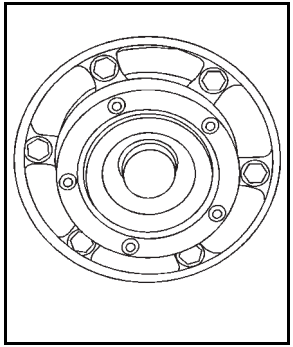
It has a metal drain bowl at the bottom. Occasionally, check the bowl for any water or particles. To check or drain the bowl, shut off the engine.

Then push up on the spring-loaded drain valve until clear fuel is flowing from the valve. The particles or water will drain out first.

Front Wheel Bearings with Oil-Filled Hubs

Notice: **If you drive your vehicle through deep water that is higher than the front or rear axle, water may enter the axle housing and cause the axle lubricant to break down. This could damage the gears inside. Avoid driving your vehicle through deep water.**

You should avoid driving your vehicle through deep puddles or standing water. If you must drive through water that is higher than the front or rear axle, see your dealer immediately afterward to have the condition of the axle lubricant checked.



If your vehicle has oil-filled hubs, occasionally check to see if they have enough oil. You can tell if there is oil there by using the circular gage on the sight glass.

If there isn't, clean the rubber fill plug in the center of the glass, and then remove it. Be careful not to allow any dirt or water to get into the oil. Add enough of the recommended oil to bring it up to the level mark that you'll see on the glass.

Refer to your Maintenance Schedule for the proper oil to use.

When you fill the hub, check the glass again after driving a short distance. It takes a while for the oil to flow through the system, and you may find that you have to add a little more to fill it to the proper level. Be sure not to overfill the hub.

Tires

Your new vehicle comes with high-quality tires made by a leading tire manufacturer. If you ever have questions about your tire warranty and where to obtain service, see your vehicle Warranty booklet for details. For additional information refer to the tire manufacturer.

⚠ WARNING:

Poorly maintained and improperly used tires are dangerous.

- Overloading your vehicle's tires can cause overheating as a result of too much flexing. You could have an air-out and a serious accident. See *Loading the Vehicle on page 4-19* .

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WARNING: (Continued)

- Underinflated tires pose the same danger as overloaded tires. The resulting accident could cause serious injury. Check all tires frequently to maintain the recommended pressure. Tire pressure should be checked when your vehicle's tires are cold. See *Inflation - Tire Pressure on page 5-74* .
- Overinflated tires are more likely to be cut, punctured, or broken by a sudden impact — such as when you hit a pothole. Keep tires at the recommended pressure.
- Worn, old tires can cause accidents. If the tire's tread is badly worn, or if your vehicle's tires have been damaged, replace them.

Inflation - Tire Pressure

Tires need the correct amount of air pressure to operate effectively. The Certification or Tire Information label shows the correct inflation pressures for your tires when they are cold. Cold means your vehicle has been sitting for at least three hours or driven no more than 1 mile (1.6 km).

Notice: **Do not let anyone tell you that under-inflation or over-inflation is all right. It is not. If your tires do not have enough air (under-inflation), you can get the following:**

- **Too much flexing**
- **Too much heat**
- **Tire overloading**
- **Premature or irregular wear**
- **Poor handling**
- **Reduced fuel economy**

If your tires have too much air (over-inflation), you can get the following:

- **Unusual wear**
- **Poor handling**
- **Rough ride**
- **Needless damage from road hazards**

When to Check

Check your tires once a month or more.

Also, check the tire pressure of the spare tire if your vehicle has one.

How to Check

Use a good quality pocket-type gage to check tire pressure. You cannot tell if your vehicle's tires are properly inflated simply by looking at them. Radial tires may look properly inflated even when they are underinflated. Check the tire's inflation pressure when the tires are cold. Cold means your vehicle has been sitting for at least three hours or driven no more than 1 mile (1.6 km).

Remove the valve cap from the tire valve stem. Press the tire gage firmly onto the valve to get a pressure measurement. If the cold tire inflation pressure matches the recommended pressure on the Certification or Tire Information label, no further adjustment is necessary. If the inflation pressure is low, add air until you reach the recommended amount. If you overfill the tire, release air by pushing on the metal stem in the center of the tire valve. Re-check the tire pressure with the tire gage.

Be sure to put the valve caps back on the valve stems. They help prevent leaks by keeping out dirt and moisture.

Wheel Loading

Wheels are stamped with a maximum load and cold inflation rating. Be sure you do not exceed these limits.

Dual Tire Operation

When the vehicle is new, check the wheel nut tightness on all wheels with a torque wrench after your first 100 miles (160 km) and then 1,000 miles (1 600 km) after that. Whenever a wheel, wheel bolt or wheel nut is removed or serviced, repeat the 100 miles (160 km), and then 1,000 mile (1 600 km) wheel nut tightness check.

See *Tightening the Wheel Nuts on page 5-78* for wheel nut tightening information and proper torque values.

⚠ WARNING:

If you operate your vehicle with a tire that is badly underinflated, the tire can overheat. An overheated tire can lose air suddenly or catch fire. You or others could be injured. Be sure all tires (including the spare, if any) are properly inflated.

See *Tires on page 5-73* and *Inflation - Tire Pressure on page 5-74* for more information on proper tire inflation.

When It Is Time for New Tires

Various factors, such as maintenance, temperatures, driving speeds, vehicle loading, and road conditions, influence when you need new tires.

Replace your tires when the tread depth is down to 1/8 of an inch (3.2 mm) for the front tires, or 1/16 of an inch (1.6 mm) for a rear tire. Also, you need a new tire if:

- You can see cord or fabric showing through the tire's rubber.
- The tread or sidewall is cracked, cut, or snagged deep enough to show cord or fabric.
- The tire has a bump, bulge, or split.
- The tire has a puncture, cut, or other damage that cannot be repaired well because of the size or location of the damage.

The rubber in tires degrades over time, even if they are not being used. This is also true for the spare tire, if your vehicle has one. Multiple conditions affect how fast this aging takes place, including temperatures, loading conditions, and inflation pressure maintenance.

With proper care and maintenance tires will typically wear out before they degrade due to age. If you are unsure about the need to replace your tires as they get older, consult the tire manufacturer for more information.

If your vehicle has four-wheel drive, the axle differentials, propshafts, and transfer case may be damaged if tires of different sizes, brands or tread types are installed on the front and rear axles. That damage would not be covered under your warranty.

Buying New Tires

GM has developed and matched specific tires for your vehicle. If you need replacement tires, GM strongly recommends that you get tires that are the same size, brand, load range, speed rating, and construction type (radial and bias-belted tires) as your vehicle's original tires. This way, your vehicle will continue to have tires that are designed to give the same performance and vehicle safety, during normal use, as the original tires.

GM recommends replacing tires in sets of six or ten as applicable. This is because uniform tread depth on all tires will help keep your vehicle performing most like it did when the tires were new. Replacing less than a full set of tires can affect the braking and handling performance of your vehicle.

⚠ WARNING:

Mixing tires on the same axle could cause you to lose control while driving. If you mix tires of different sizes, tread patterns, or type (radial and bias-belted tires) on the same axle, the vehicle may not handle properly, and you could have a crash. Always use tires of the same size, load range, and type (radial and bias-belted tires) as the vehicle's original tires.

Using tires that are a different size or type than originally came on the vehicle may cause damage to the vehicle.

⚠ WARNING:

If you use bias-ply tires on the vehicle, the wheel rim flanges could develop cracks after many miles of driving. A tire and/or wheel could fail suddenly, causing a crash. Use only radial-ply tires with the wheels on the vehicle.

Wheel Alignment and Tire Balance

The wheels on your vehicle were aligned at the factory to give you the longest tire life and best overall performance.

Proper front wheel alignment must be maintained in order to ensure efficient steering, good directional stability, and prevent abnormal tire wear. If you notice unusual tire wear or your vehicle is pulling one way or the other, the alignment may need to be reset. If you notice your vehicle vibrating when driving on a smooth road, your wheels may need to be balanced.

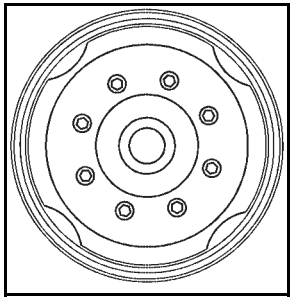
Tightening the Wheel Nuts

⚠ WARNING:

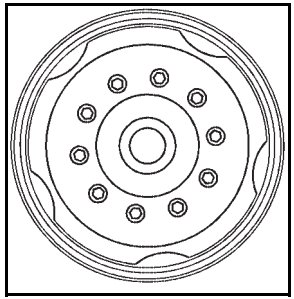
Wheel nuts that are not tight can work loose. If all the nuts on a wheel come off, the wheel can come off the vehicle, causing a crash. All wheel nuts must be properly tightened. Follow the rules in this section to be sure they are.

This section lets you know how often to check the tightness of the wheel nuts on your vehicle and how tight they must be.

First, use these pictures to decide what kind of wheels you have.



Hub-Piloted Type, 8-Hole



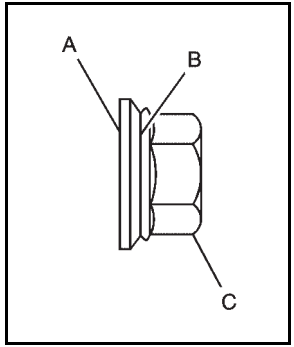
Hub-Piloted Type, 10-Hole

Then, refer to the following steps for the wheels you have.

Hub-Piloted Wheels, 8-Hole or 10-Hole

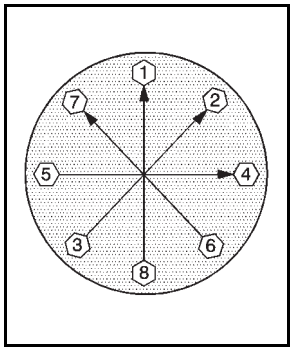
The studs and nuts used with these wheels have right-hand threads.

1. With intermittent pilot pads, position a pad at 12 o'clock to center the wheel and reduce run-out.
2. Put the tire and rim assembly on the axle hub. Install the outer rear tire and rim assembly so that its valve stem is exactly opposite the valve stem on the inner tire and rim assembly.
3. Put on the wheel nuts.
4. Finger-tighten the nuts.

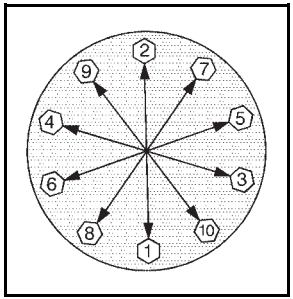


5. Oil the surfaces (B) between the nuts (C) and washers (A). Do not oil the studs or the threads of the nut.

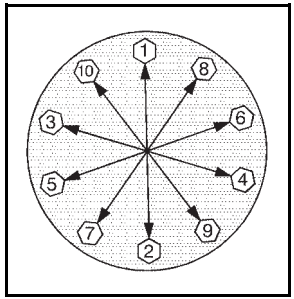
6. Tighten the nuts to 400 lb ft (540 N•m) if an 8-hole stud or 475 lb ft (640 N•m) if a 10-hole stud, using the following diagrams.



8-Hole



10-Hole (Front)



10-Hole (Rear)

⚠ WARNING:

Never use oil or grease on studs or the threads of the wheel nuts. If you do, the wheel nuts might come loose and the wheel could fall off, causing a crash.

⚠ WARNING:

Wheel nuts that are improperly or incorrectly tightened can cause the wheels to become loose or come off. The wheel nuts should be tightened with a torque wrench to the proper torque specification after replacing. Follow the torque specification supplied by the aftermarket manufacturer when using accessory locking wheel nuts. See *Capacities and Specifications on page 5-99* for original equipment wheel nut torque specifications.

Notice: **Improperly tightened wheel nuts can lead to brake pulsation and rotor damage. To avoid expensive brake repairs, evenly tighten the wheel nuts in the proper sequence and to the proper torque specification. See *Capacities and Specifications on page 5-99* for the wheel nut torque specification.**

⚠ WARNING:

If wheel studs are damaged, they can break. If all the studs on a wheel broke, the wheel could come off and cause a crash. If any stud is damaged because of a loose-running wheel, it could be that all of the studs are damaged. To be sure, replace all studs on the wheel. If the stud holes in a wheel have become larger, the wheel could collapse in operation. Replace any wheel if its stud holes have become larger or distorted in any way. Inspect hubs and hub-piloted wheels for damage. Because of loose running wheels, piloting pad damage may occur and require replacement of the entire hub, for proper centering of the wheels. When replacing studs, hubs, wheel nuts or wheels, be sure to use GM original equipment parts.

⚠ WARNING:

Rust or dirt on a wheel, or on the parts to which it is fastened, can make wheel nuts become loose after a time. The wheel could come off and cause a crash. When you change a wheel, remove any rust or dirt from places where the wheel attaches to the vehicle. In an emergency, you can use a cloth or a paper towel to do this; but be sure to use a scraper or wire brush later, if you need to, to get all the rust or dirt off.

How Often to Check

Have a technician check the wheel nut tightness on all wheels with a torque wrench after your first 100 miles (160 km), and then 1,000 miles (1 600 km) after that. Be sure to repeat this service whenever you have a tire removed or serviced. See *Scheduled Maintenance on page 6-5*

Wheel Replacement

Replace any wheel that is bent, cracked, or badly rusted or corroded. If wheel nuts keep coming loose, replace the wheel, wheel bolts, and wheel nuts. If the wheel leaks air, replace it.

Your dealer will know the kind of wheel you need.

Each new wheel should have the same load-carrying capacity, diameter, width, offset and be mounted the same way as the one it replaces.

⚠ WARNING:

Using the wrong replacement wheels, wheel bolts, or wheel nuts on your vehicle can be dangerous. It could affect the braking and handling of your vehicle, make your tires lose air and make you lose control. You could have a collision in which you or others could be injured. Always use the correct wheel, wheel bolts, and wheel nuts for replacement.

If you need to replace any of your wheels, wheel bolts or wheel nuts, replace them only with new GM original equipment parts. This way, you will be sure to have the right wheel, wheel bolts and wheel nuts for your vehicle.

⚠ WARNING:

A leaking wheel could fail without warning. A wheel designed for tubeless tires could be leaking because it is damaged. Do not use an inner tube or some other thing to try to stop the leaking. Get a new wheel of the proper type.

Using wheels and tires with higher load-carrying limits than the original wheels and tires does not change the Gross Axle Weight Rating (GAWR) or the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of your vehicle. See *Loading the Vehicle on page 4-19* for more information.

Notice: **The wrong wheel can cause trouble in bearing life, brake cooling, speedometer/odometer calibration, headlamp aim, bumper height, vehicle ground clearance, stopping distance and tire clearance to the body and chassis. You could also have other problems like a tire air-out.**

Used Replacement Wheels

⚠ WARNING:

Putting a used wheel on the vehicle is dangerous. You cannot know how it has been used or how far it has been driven. It could fail suddenly and cause a crash. If you have to replace a wheel, use a new GM original equipment wheel.

If a Tire Goes Flat

It is unusual for a tire to blowout while you are driving, especially if you maintain your tires properly. If air goes out of a tire, it is much more likely to leak out slowly. But if you should ever have a blowout, here are a few tips about what to expect and what to do:

If a front tire fails, the flat tire will create a drag that pulls the vehicle toward that side. Take your foot off the accelerator pedal and grip the steering wheel firmly. Steer to maintain lane position, and then gently brake to a stop well out of the traffic lane.

A rear blowout, particularly on a curve, acts much like a skid and may require the same correction you would use in a skid. In any rear blowout, remove your foot from the accelerator pedal. Get the vehicle under control by steering the way you want the vehicle to go. It may be very bumpy and noisy, but you can still steer. Gently brake to a stop — well off the road if possible.

If a tire goes flat, avoid further tire and wheel damage by driving slowly to a level place and turn on your hazard warning flashers. See *Hazard Warning Flashers on page 3-6*.

⚠ WARNING:

Your vehicle, when new, did not include tire changing equipment or a place to store a tire in the vehicle. Special tools and procedures are required if a tire needs to be serviced. If these tools and procedures are not used, you or others could be injured or killed while trying to change or service a truck tire.

Your truck, when new, did not include tire changing equipment or a place to store a tire in the vehicle. Few drivers of these vehicles have the necessary equipment aboard to be able to change a flat tire safely. For example, you would need a truck jack that can lift several thousand pounds and a torque wrench that can generate several hundred foot-pounds (N•m) of twisting force.

⚠ WARNING:

If you try to put air back into a tire that has run flat, even a tire that was extremely low on air, the tire can have a sudden air-out. This could cause you to lose control of the vehicle and have a serious crash. Do not refill a flat or very low tire with air without first having the tire taken off the wheel and checked for damage.

So if you are stopped somewhere by a flat or damaged tire or wheel, you should get expert help. See *Roadside Assistance Program on page 7-6*.

Appearance Care

Interior Cleaning

The vehicle's interior will continue to look its best if it is cleaned often. Although not always visible, dust and dirt can accumulate on the upholstery. Dirt can damage carpet, fabric, leather, and plastic surfaces. Regular vacuuming is recommended to remove particles from the upholstery. It is important to keep the upholstery from becoming and remaining heavily soiled. Soils should be removed as quickly as possible. The vehicle's interior may experience extremes of heat that could cause stains to set rapidly.

Lighter colored interiors may require more frequent cleaning. Use care because newspapers and garments that transfer color to home furnishings may also transfer color to the vehicle's interior.

When cleaning the vehicle's interior, only use cleaners specifically designed for the surfaces being cleaned. Permanent damage may result from using cleaners on surfaces for which they were not intended. Use glass cleaner only on glass. Remove any accidental over-spray from other surfaces immediately. To prevent over-spray, apply cleaner directly to the cleaning cloth.

Notice: **Using abrasive cleaners when cleaning glass surfaces on the vehicle, could scratch the glass and/or cause damage to the rear window defogger. When cleaning the glass on the vehicle, use only a soft cloth and glass cleaner.**

Many cleaners contain solvents that may become concentrated in the vehicle's breathing space. Before using cleaners, read and adhere to all safety instructions on the label. While cleaning the vehicle's interior, maintain adequate ventilation by opening the vehicle's doors and windows.

Dust may be removed from small buttons and knobs using a small brush with soft bristles.

Products that remove odors from the vehicle's upholstery and clean the vehicle's glass can be obtained from your dealer/retailer.

Do not clean the vehicle using:

- A knife or any other sharp object to remove a soil from any interior surface.
- A stiff brush. It can cause damage to the vehicle's interior surfaces.
- Heavy pressure or aggressive rubbing with a cleaning cloth. Use of heavy pressure can damage the interior and does not improve the effectiveness of soil removal.
- Laundry detergents or dishwashing soaps with degreasers can leave residue that streaks and attracts dirt. For liquid cleaners, about 20 drops per gallon (3.78 L) of water is a good guide. Use only mild, neutral-pH soaps.
- Too much cleaner that saturates the upholstery.
- Organic solvents such as naptha, alcohol, etc. that can damage the vehicle's interior.

Fabric/Carpet

Use a vacuum cleaner with a soft brush attachment frequently to remove dust and loose dirt. A canister vacuum with a beater bar in the nozzle may only be used on floor carpet and carpeted floor mats. For any soil, always try to remove it first with plain water or club soda. Before cleaning, gently remove as much of the soil as possible using one of the following techniques:

- For liquids: gently blot the remaining soil with a paper towel. Allow the soil to absorb into the paper towel until no more can be removed.
- For solid dry soils: remove as much as possible and then vacuum.

To clean:

1. Saturate a lint-free, clean white cloth with water or club soda.
2. Wring the cloth to remove excess moisture.
3. Start on the outside edge of the soil and gently rub toward the center. Continue cleaning, using a clean area of the cloth each time it becomes soiled.
4. Continue to gently rub the soiled area until the cleaning cloth remains clean.
5. If the soil is not completely removed, use a mild soap solution and repeat the cleaning process that was used with plain water.

If any of the soil remains, a commercial fabric cleaner or spot lifter may be necessary. When a commercial upholstery cleaner or spot lifter is to be used, test a small hidden area for colorfastness first. If the locally cleaned area gives any impression that a ring formation may result, clean the entire surface.

After the cleaning process has been completed, a paper towel can be used to blot excess moisture from the fabric or carpet.

Instrument Panel, Vinyl, and Other Plastic Surfaces

A soft cloth dampened with water may be used to remove dust. If a more thorough cleaning is necessary, a clean soft cloth dampened with a mild soap solution can be used to gently remove dust and dirt. Never use spot lifters or removers on plastic surfaces. Many commercial cleaners and coatings that are sold to preserve and protect soft plastic surfaces may permanently change the appearance and feel of the interior and are not recommended. Do not use silicone or wax-based products, or those containing organic solvents to clean the vehicle's interior because they can alter the appearance by increasing the gloss in a non-uniform manner.

Some commercial products may increase gloss on the instrument panel. The increase in gloss may cause annoying reflections in the windshield and even make it difficult to see through the windshield under certain conditions.

Care of Safety Belts

Keep belts clean and dry.

> **⚠ WARNING:**
>
> Do not bleach or dye safety belts. It may severely weaken them. In a crash, they might not be able to provide adequate protection. Clean safety belts only with mild soap and lukewarm water.

Weatherstrips

Silicone grease on weatherstrips will make them last longer, seal better, and not stick or squeak. Apply silicone grease with a clean cloth. During very cold, damp weather frequent application may be required. See *Part C: Recommended Fluids and Lubricants on page 6-32*.

Washing Your Vehicle

The best way to preserve the vehicle's finish is to keep it clean by washing it often.

Notice: **Certain cleaners contain chemicals that can damage the emblems or nameplates on the vehicle. Check the cleaning product label. If it states that it should not be used on plastic parts, do not use it on the vehicle or damage may occur and it would not be covered by the warranty.**

Do not wash the vehicle in direct sunlight. Use a car washing soap. Do not use cleaning agents that are petroleum based or that contain acid or abrasives, as they can damage the paint, metal or plastic on the vehicle. Approved cleaning products can be obtained from your dealer/retailer. Follow all manufacturers' directions regarding correct product usage, necessary safety precautions and appropriate disposal of any vehicle care product.

Rinse the vehicle well, before washing and after to remove all cleaning agents completely. If they are allowed to dry on the surface, they could stain.

Dry the finish with a soft, clean chamois or an all-cotton towel to avoid surface scratches and water spotting.

High pressure car washes may cause water to enter the vehicle. Avoid using high pressure washes closer than 12 inches (30 cm) to the surface of the vehicle. Use of power washers exceeding 1,200 psi (8 274 kPa) can result in damage or removal of paint and decals.

Cleaning Exterior Lamps/Lenses

Use only lukewarm or cold water, a soft cloth and a car washing soap to clean exterior lamps and lenses. Follow instructions under *Washing Your Vehicle on page 5-88*.

Finish Care

Occasional waxing or mild polishing of the vehicle by hand may be necessary to remove residue from the paint finish. Approved cleaning products can be obtained from your dealer/retailer.

If the vehicle has a basecoat/clearcoat paint finish, the clearcoat gives more depth and gloss to the colored basecoat. Always use waxes and polishes that are non-abrasive and made for a basecoat/clearcoat paint finish.

Notice: **Machine compounding or aggressive polishing on a basecoat/clearcoat paint finish may damage it. Use only non-abrasive waxes and polishes that are made for a basecoat/clearcoat paint finish on the vehicle.**

Foreign materials such as calcium chloride and other salts, ice melting agents, road oil and tar, tree sap, bird droppings, chemicals from industrial chimneys, etc., can damage the vehicle's finish if they remain on painted surfaces. Wash the vehicle as soon as possible. If necessary, use non-abrasive cleaners that are marked safe for painted surfaces to remove foreign matter.

Exterior painted surfaces are subject to aging, weather and chemical fallout that can take their toll over a period of years. To help keep the paint finish looking new, keep the vehicle garaged or covered whenever possible.

Protecting Exterior Bright Metal Parts

Bright metal parts should be cleaned regularly to keep their luster. Washing with water is all that is usually needed. However, chrome polish may be used on chrome or stainless steel trim, if necessary.

Use special care with aluminum trim. To avoid damaging protective trim, never use auto or chrome polish, steam or caustic soap to clean aluminum. A coating of wax, rubbed to high polish, is recommended for all bright metal parts.

Windshield and Wiper Blades

Clean the outside of the windshield with glass cleaner.

Clean the rubber blades using a lint free cloth or paper towel soaked with windshield washer fluid or a mild detergent. Wash the windshield thoroughly when cleaning the blades. Bugs, road grime, sap, and a buildup of vehicle wash/wax treatments may cause wiper streaking. Replace the wiper blades if they are worn or damaged.

Wipers can be damaged by:

- Extreme dusty conditions
- Sand and salt
- Heat and sun
- Snow and ice, without proper removal

Aluminum or Chrome-Plated Wheels and Trim

The vehicle may be equipped with either aluminum or chrome-plated wheels.

Keep the wheels clean using a soft clean cloth with mild soap and water. Rinse with clean water. After rinsing thoroughly, dry with a soft clean towel. A wax may then be applied.

Notice: **If you use strong soaps, chemicals, abrasive polishes, cleaners, brushes, or cleaners that contain acid on aluminum or chrome-plated wheels, you could damage the surface of the wheel(s). The repairs would not be covered by your warranty. Use only GM-approved cleaners on aluminum or chrome-plated wheels.**

The surface of these wheels is similar to the painted surface of your vehicle. Do not use strong soaps, chemicals, abrasive polishes, abrasive cleaners, cleaners with acid, or abrasive cleaning brushes on them because you could damage the surface. Do not use chrome polish on aluminum wheels.

Notice: **Using chrome polish on aluminum wheels could damage the wheels. The repairs would not be covered by the vehicle warranty. Use chrome polish on chrome wheels only.**

Use chrome polish only on chrome-plated wheels, but avoid any painted surface of the wheel, and buff off immediately after application.

Tires

To clean the tires, use a stiff brush with tire cleaner.

Notice: **Using petroleum-based tire dressing products on the vehicle may damage the paint finish and/or tires. When applying a tire dressing, always wipe off any overspray from all painted surfaces on the vehicle.**

Sheet Metal Damage

If the vehicle is damaged and requires sheet metal repair or replacement, make sure the body repair shop applies anti-corrosion material to parts repaired or replaced to restore corrosion protection.

Original manufacturer replacement parts will provide the corrosion protection while maintaining the vehicle warranty.

Finish Damage

Any stone chips, fractures or deep scratches in the finish should be repaired right away. Bare metal will corrode quickly and may develop into major repair expense.

Minor chips and scratches can be repaired with touch-up materials available from your dealer/retailer. Larger areas of finish damage can be corrected in your dealer's/retailer's body and paint shop.

Underbody Maintenance

Chemicals used for ice and snow removal and dust control can collect on the underbody. If these are not removed, corrosion and rust can develop on the underbody parts such as fuel lines, frame, floor pan, and exhaust system even though they have corrosion protection.

At least every spring, flush these materials from the underbody with plain water. Clean any areas where mud and debris can collect. Dirt packed in close areas of the frame should be loosened before being flushed. Your dealer/retailer or an underbody car washing system can do this.

Chemical Paint Spotting

Some weather and atmospheric conditions can create a chemical fallout. Airborne pollutants can fall upon and attack painted surfaces on the vehicle. This damage can take two forms: blotchy, ring-shaped discolorations, and small, irregular dark spots etched into the paint surface.

Although no defect in the paint job causes this, we will repair, at no charge to the owner, the surfaces of new vehicles damaged by this fallout condition within 12 months or 12,000 miles (20 000 km) of purchase, whichever occurs first.

Vehicle Identification

Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)

This legal identifier is in the front corner of the instrument panel, on the driver side. It can be seen through the windshield from outside. The VIN also appears on the Certification/Tire and Service Parts labels and certificates of title and registration.

Engine Identification

The eighth character in the VIN is the engine code. This code identifies the vehicle's engine, specifications, and replacement parts. See “Engine Specifications” under *Capacities and Specifications on page 5-99* for the vehicle's engine code.

Service Parts Identification Label

This label, in a location determined by the body manufacturer, has the following information:

- Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)
- Model designation
- Paint information
- Production options and special equipment

Do not remove this label from the vehicle.

Electrical System

Add-On Electrical Equipment

Notice: **Do not add anything electrical to the vehicle unless you check with your dealer/retailer first. Some electrical equipment can damage the vehicle and the damage would not be covered by the vehicle's warranty. Some add-on electrical equipment can keep other components from working as they should.**

Add-on equipment can drain the vehicle battery, even if the vehicle is not operating.

The vehicle has an airbag system. Before attempting to add anything electrical to the vehicle, see *Servicing Your Airbag-Equipped Vehicle on page 1-59* and *Adding Equipment to Your Airbag-Equipped Vehicle on page 1-60*.

Headlamp Wiring

The headlamp wiring is protected by a circuit breaker in the light switch. An electrical overload will cause the lights to go on and off, or in some cases to remain off. If this happens, have your headlamp wiring checked right away.

Windshield Wiper Fuses

The windshield wiper motor is protected by a circuit breaker inside the motor and a circuit breaker or fuse in the fuse block. If the motor overheats, the wipers will stop until the motor cools. If the overload is caused by an electrical problem, be sure to get it fixed.

Fusible Links

A fusible link is a short piece of wire several gauge sizes smaller than the circuit it protects. It will melt in an overload situation, opening the circuit.

The starter and other circuits have fusible links. The size is printed on the insulation. If the insulation is burned beyond recognition, consult your dealer/retailer for the proper size. Replace a fusible link with one of the same size and insulation type. Fusible link insulation is a special purpose high-temperature material.

Some examples of circuits with fusible links are the hydraulic brake booster motor feed circuit, the generator output circuit, and the intake heater feed circuit in vehicles with a diesel engine.

Power Windows and Other Power Options

Circuit breakers in the fuse panel protect the power windows and other power accessories. When the current load is too heavy, the circuit breaker opens. This protects the circuit until the current load returns to normal or the problem is fixed.

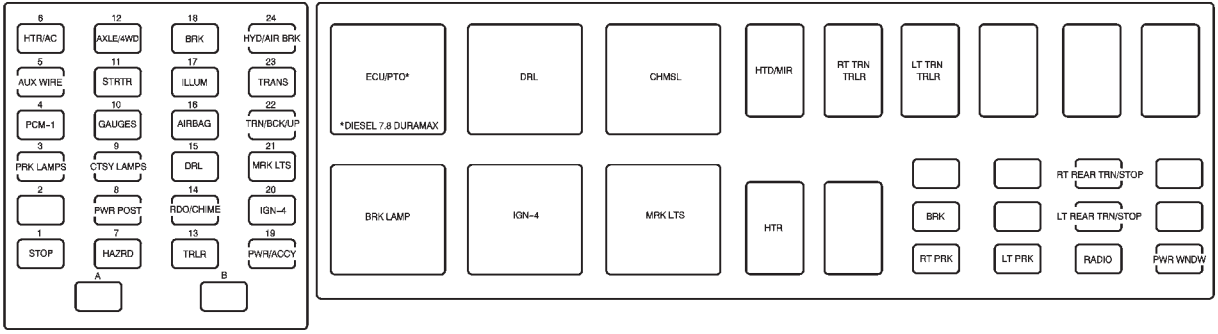
Fuses and Circuit Breakers

The wiring circuits in the vehicle are protected from short circuits by a combination of fuses, circuit breakers, maxi-fuses and fusible links. This greatly reduces the chance of a fire caused by an electrical problem. There may be a fuse taped to the wiring harness near the hydraulic brake booster.

Instrument Panel Fuse Block

There are two instrument panel fuse blocks located behind the instrument panel on the passenger side of the vehicle.

Be sure to replace fuses with fuses of the same rating. Do not use fuses of higher amperage than those indicated on the fuse block.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Fuse	Usage
1	Stoplamps
2	Not Used
3	Parking Lamps
4	Powertrain Control Module
5	Auxiliary Wiring
6	Heater/Air Conditioning
7	Hazard Warning Flashers
8	Power Post
9	Courtesy Lamps
10	Warning Lights, Gages and Indicators
11	Starter
12	Rear Axle/Four-Wheel-Drive
13	Trailer Turn Signals/Hazard Warning Flashers
14	Radio/Chime
15	Daytime Running Lamps
16	Airbag System
17	Exterior/Interior Lamps
18	Parking Brake

Fuse	Usage
19	Accessory Power
20	Ignition 4
21	Sidemarker Lamps
22	Turn Signal/Backup Lamps
23	Transmission
24	Hydraulics/Air Brake
A	Spare
B	Spare

Fuse	Usage
Blank	Not Used
BRK	Brake Warning Lamp
RT PRK	Passenger Side Parking Lamps
Blank	Not Used
Blank	Not Used
LT PARK	Driver Side Parking Lamps
RT REAR TRN/STOP	Passenger Side Rear Turn Signal/ Stoplamp
LT REAR TRN/STOP	Driver Side Rear Turn Signal/ Stoplamp

Fuse	Usage
RADIO	Radio
Blank	Not Used
Blank	Not Used
PWR WNDW	Power Windows

Relay	Usage
ECU/PTO*	Engine Control Unit/Power Take-Off *Diesel 7.8 Duramax
BRK LAMP	C4/C5 Brake Lamps, C6/C7/ C8 Tractor/Trailer Wiring
DRL	Daytime Running Lamps
IGN-4	Ignition
CHMSL	Center High Mounted Stoplamp
MRK LTS	Sidemarker and Clearance Lamps
HTD/MIRR	Heated Mirrors
HTR	Diesel Heated Fuel
RT TRN TRLR	Passenger Side Trailer Turn Signal
Blank	Not Used
LT TRN TRLR	Driver Side Trailer Turn Signal

Relay	Usage
Blank	Not Used
Blank	Not Used
Blank	Not Used

Underhood Fuse Block

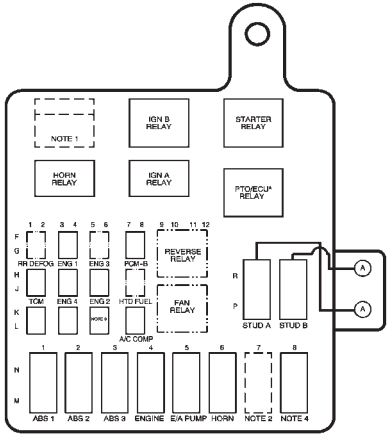
When a circuit goes out, the problem could be in either the primary or secondary underhood fuse blocks. These blocks use blade-type fuses.

Both underhood fuse blocks are located in the engine compartment, on the passenger side of the vehicle.

To access the fuse blocks, gently squeeze both sides of the cover to unlatch the tabs at the top. Then, unsnap both attachments at the bottom and remove the cover.

Notice: **Spilling liquid on any electrical components on the vehicle may damage it. Always keep the covers on any electrical component.**

Be sure to replace fuses with fuses of the same rating. Do not use fuses of higher amperage than those indicated on the fuse block.

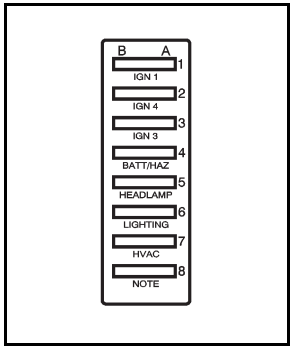


Primary Underhood Fuse Block

Fuse	Usage
RR DEFOG	Rear Defogger
ENG 1	Engine 1
ENG 3	Engine 3 (L18/LF6/LF8)
PCM-B	Powertrain Control Module
TCM	Transmissions (LF8)
ENG 4	Engine 4 (LMM/LF6/LF8)

Fuse	Usage
ENG 2	Engine 2 (L18/LMM)
HTD FUEL	Heated Fuel (LMM)
BLANK	Not Used
BLANK	Not Used
NOTE 3	Fan Relay (LMM), Emissions (L18)
A/C COMP	Air Conditioning Compressor
ABS 1	Antilock Brake System 1
ABS 2	Antilock Brake System 2
ABS 3	Antilock Brake System 3
ENGINE	Engine
E/A PUMP	Electronic/Automatic Pump
HORN	Horn
NOTE 2	Fuel (L18/LMM), Electronic Control Module (LF6)
NOTE 4	Electronic Control Module (LF6)
STUD A	Spare
STUD B	Spare

Relay	Usage
NOTE 1	LMM/L18 Fuel Pump Relay
IGN B RELAY	Ignition Relay
STARTER RELAY	Starter Relay
HORN RELAY	Horn Relay
IGN A RELAY	Ignition Relay
PTO/ECU* RELAY	Power Take-Off/Engine Control Unit (*Diesel 7.8L LF8)
REVERSE RELAY	Reverse Relay
FAN RELAY	Fan Relay (LMM)



Secondary Underhood Fuse Block

Fuse	Usage
IGN 1	Ignition 1
IGN 4	Ignition 4
IGN 3	Ignition 3
BATT/HAZ	Battery/Hazard Warning Flashers
HEADLAMP	Headlamps
LIGHTING	Interior/Exterior Lamps
HVAC	Climate Control System
NOTE	C4/C5 Electric Brake, C6/C7/ C8 Brake Lamps

Capacities and Specifications

The following approximate capacities are given in English and metric conversions. See *Part C: Recommended Fluids and Lubricants on page 6-32* for more information.

Application	Capacities	
	English	Metric
Air Conditioning Refrigerant R134a	For the air conditioning system refrigerant charge amount, see the refrigerant caution label located under the hood. See your dealer/retailer for more information.	
Cooling System – C4/C5 Models		
6.6L V8 Automatic Transmission	27.9 qt	26.4 L
8.1L V8 Automatic Transmission	29.8 qt	28.2 L
8.1L V8 Manual Transmission	30.1 qt	28.5 L
Cooling System – C6/C7/C8 Automatic Transmission		
Isuzu 6H Engine (207 - 275 hp)	34.8 qt	32.9 L
Isuzu 6H Engine (300 hp)	33.9 qt	32.1 L
Cooling System – C6/C7/C8 Manual Transmission		
Isuzu 6H Engine (207–275 hp)	32.7 qt	31.0 L
Isuzu 6H Engine (207–275 hp) with A/C and Increased Cooling	35.9 qt	34.0 L

Application	Capacities	
	English	Metric
Isuzu 6H Engine (300 hp)	36.0 qt	34.1 L
Isuzu 6H Engine (300 hp) with A/C and Increased Cooling	36.0 qt	34.1 L
Engine Oil with Filter		
6.6L V8 Engine	14.6 qt	13.8 L
Isuzu 6H[1] Engine	23.8 qt	22.5 L
8.1L V8 Engine	10.0 qt	9.4 L
Check fill level on the oil indicator after initial fill to make sure it is actually full. Oil level may vary depending on vehicle option content. [1]Additional oil is required with auxiliary oil filter systems. Make sure to add enough extra oil to fill the auxiliary oil filter system. For vehicles equipped with the LUBERFINER 750-C, add 14 quarts (13.25 L).		
Fuel Capacity – C4/C5 Models		
Standard (Mid-Mounted)	25 gal	94.6 L
Optional[1] (Dual-Tank) (Mid-Mounted)	40 gal	151.4 L
Optional (Mid-Mounted)	32 gal	121.1 L
Optional (Side-Mounted)	35 gal	132.5 L
Optional (Mid-Mounted)	40 gal	151.4 L
Optional (Mid-Mounted)	60 gal	227.1 L
Optional (Mid-Mounted)	80 gal	302.8 L

Application	Capacities	
	English	Metric
[1]One 25-gallon (94.6 L) tank and one 15-gallon (56.8 L) tank		
Fuel Capacity – C6/C7/C8 Models		
Optional	35 gal	132.4 L
Standard	50 gal	189.2 L
Optional	50 gal	189.2 L
Optional[1] (Dual Tanks)	70 gal	264.8 L
Optional[2] (Dual Tanks)	75 gal	283.8 L
Optional[3] (Dual Tanks)	100 gal	378.5 L
[1]Two 35-gallon (132.4 L) tanks [2]One 25-gallon (94.6 L) tank and one 50-gallon (189.2 L) tank [3]Two 50-gallon (189.2 L) tanks		
Front 4WD Axle (G38)	7.0 pt	3.6 L
Rear Axle – Single Speed		
80 (GL4)	10.0 pt	4.7 L
19060D (HPM), 19060S (HPK), 21060D (HPN), 21060S (HPP), 22060S (HPG)	31.0 pt	14.7 L

Application	Capacities	
	English	Metric
23090S (HPT)	42.5 pt	20.1 L
23105D (HNB), 23105S (HNA)	51.0 pt	24.1 L
26105S (HPA)	51.0 pt	24.1 L
S110 (HD2) and S130 (HD1)	15.0 pt	7.1 L
Rear Axle – Tandem		
DS344 (front) (HPI)	34.0 pt	16.1 L
DS344 (rear) (HPI)	31.0 pt	14.7 L
DS404 (HPE), DS404P (HPJ) (front/rear unit)	32.0 pt	15.1 L
RSH44 (front/ rear unit) (HP3)	29.0 pt	13.7 L
Rear Axle – Two-Speed		
19060T (HPL), 22060T (HPH)	38.0 pt	18.0 L
21060T (H15)	38.0 pt	18.0 L
23082T (H25)	44.0 pt	20.8 L
26080T (GJ4)	44.0 pt	20.8 L
Transfer Case (Four-Wheel Drive)	4.0 pt	1.9 L

Application	Capacities	
	English	Metric
Transmission Fluid, Automatic		
3000 RDS and EVS, and 3500 RDS and EVS with PTO Provision	59.0 pt	28.1 L
3000 RDS and EVS, and 3500 RDS and EVS without PTO Provision	52.0 pt	24.6 L
1000 HS, RDS, MH, PTS and EVS, 2200 HS, RDS, MH, PTS and EVS, 2500 HS and RDS, and 2300 HS and RDS	35.0 pt	16.5 L
Add 2 pints (1 L) when changing spin-on or remote filter. See the Allison® Automatic Transmission Operator's Manual for fluid check and maintenance information.		
Transmission Fluid, Manual		
ES052-7, ES066-7	22.0 pt	10.4 L
FS5205A	12.5 pt	5.9 L
FSO8406, FS6305A, FS6305B, FS6406, FS5406A	19.5 pt	9.2 L
FS4205A, FS4205B	11.5 pt	5.4 L
RT6609	12.0 pt	5.7 L
RT8709	26.0 pt	12.3 L
RT8908LL	28.0 pt	13.2 L

Application	Capacities	
	English	Metric
Wheel Nut Torque		
8 Bolt Wheels	400 ft lb	540 N•m
10 Bolt Wheels	475 ft lb	640 N•m
All capacities are approximate. When adding, be sure to fill to the approximate level, as recommended in this manual. Recheck the fluid level after filling.		

Engine Specifications

Engine	RPO	Type
6.6L V8 DURAMAX®	LMM	Common Rail Fuel System
7.8L L6 Isuzu 6H	LF8	Common Rail Fuel System
8.1L V8 VORTEC™	L18	Single Port Fuel Injector Fuel System

Normal Maintenance Replacement Parts

Maintenance Replacement Parts

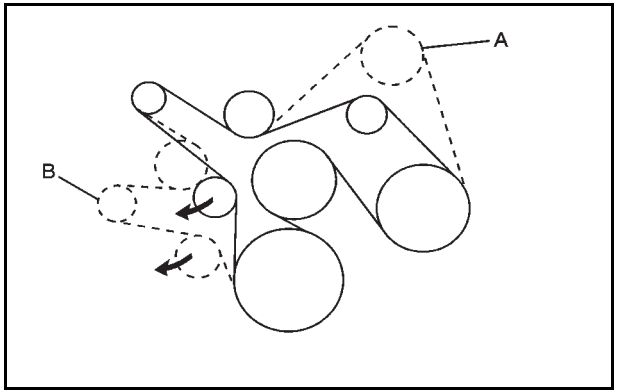
Replacement parts identified by name, part number, or specification can be obtained from your dealer.

Part	GM Part Number	ACDelco Part Number
Air Compressor Filter Haldex compressor (8.1L Engine Only)	88915425	A507CF
Engine Air Cleaner/Filter		
6.6L V8 (C4/C5 Models)	19152817	A3102C
Isuzu 6H (C6/C7/C8 Models) with Standard Air Cleaner	88937525	A2031C
Isuzu 6H (C6/C7/C8 Models) with Heavy Duty Air Cleaner	88937525[1]	A2031C
8.1L V8 (C4/C5 Models)	88937527	A2032C
Engine Oil Filter		
6.6L V8	88917036	PF2232
Isuzu 6H	94392475	—
8.1L V8	25324052	PF454
Fuel Filter		
6.6L V8	98017645	TP1298B
Isuzu 6H	98026037	—
8.1L V8 (C4/C5 with NG6/NK1 or U-Haul)	15807649	—

Part	GM Part Number	ACDelco Part Number
8.1L V8 (C4/C5 with all other fuel tanks)	10376257	—
Power Steering Fluid Filter	88892858	—
Secondary Fuel Filter		
6.6L V8	—	—
Isuzu 6H (NWB)	15618921	S3202[3]
Isuzu 6H (KUK)	88983117	TP1519
8.1L V8 (U-Haul)	25014476	TP1247
Spark Plugs		
6.6L V8	—	—
Isuzu 6H	—	—
8.1L V8	12578277	41-983

[1]Optional air filter (GM Part No. 88937548 AC Delco No. A2035C) for C6/C7/C8 Models. Fits inside standard size filter (GM Part No. 88937525 AC Delco No. A2031C) listed previously.
[3]Racor part number.
See the Allison Transmission Operator's Manual in your vehicle for external filter part numbers and information.

Engine Drive Belt Routing



8.1L V8 Engine (C4, C5)

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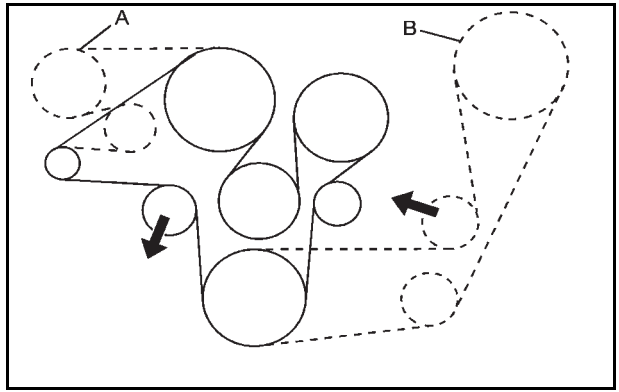
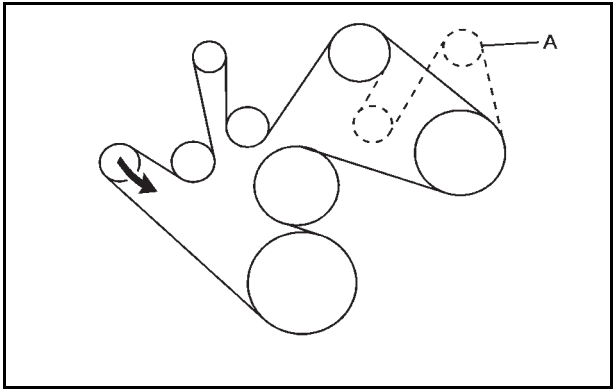
B. Dual Generators.



8.1L V8 Engine (C6,C7,C8)

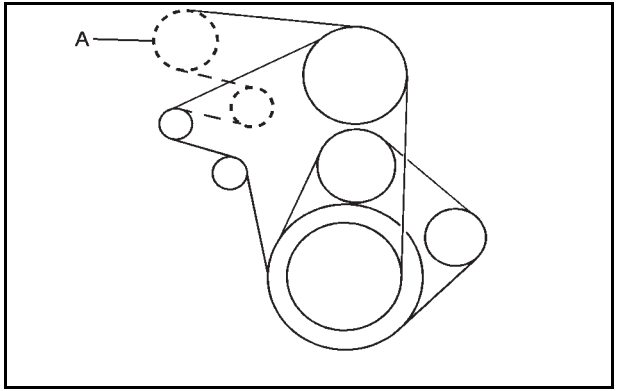
A. Air Conditioning Compressor.

B. Air Brake Compressor.



6.6L V8 Duramax Diesel Engine

A. Dual Generators.



Isuzu 6H Diesel Engine

A. Air Conditioning Compressor.

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Maintenance Schedule

Introduction

Important: Keep engine oil at the proper level and change as recommended.

Have you purchased the GM Protection Plan? The Plan supplements the vehicle warranties. See the Warranty and Owner Assistance booklet or your dealer/retailer for details.

Maintenance Requirements

Maintenance intervals, checks, inspections and recommended fluids and lubricants as prescribed in this manual are necessary to keep this vehicle in good working condition. Any damage caused by failure to follow scheduled maintenance may not be covered by the vehicle warranty.

Your Vehicle and the Environment

Proper vehicle maintenance not only helps to keep the vehicle in good working condition, but also helps the environment. Improper vehicle maintenance can even affect the quality of the air we breathe. Improper fluid levels or the wrong tire inflation can increase the level of emissions from the vehicle. To help protect the environment, and to keep the vehicle in good condition, be sure to maintain the vehicle properly.

How This Section is Organized

This maintenance schedule is divided into four parts:

"Part A: Scheduled Maintenance Services" explains what to have done and how often. Some of these services can be complex, so unless you are technically qualified and have the necessary equipment, let your dealer/retailer do these jobs.

Your dealer/retailer has trained and supported service people that will perform the work using genuine parts.

⚠ WARNING:

Performing maintenance work on a vehicle can be dangerous. In trying to do some jobs, you can be seriously injured. Do your own maintenance work only if you have the required know-how and the proper tools and equipment for the job. If you have any doubt, have a qualified technician do the work. See *Doing Your Own Service Work on page 5-5*.

To purchase service information, see *Service Publications Ordering Information on page 7-10*.

"Part B: Owner Checks and Services" tells what should be checked and when. It also explains what can easily be done to keep the vehicle in good condition.

"Part C: Recommended Fluids and Lubricants" lists some recommended products necessary to help keep the vehicle properly maintained. These products, or their equivalents, should be used whether you do the work yourself or have it done.

"Part D: Maintenance Record" is a place to record and keep track of the maintenance performed on the vehicle. Keep the maintenance receipts. They may be needed to qualify the vehicle for warranty repairs.

Part A: Scheduled Maintenance Services

In this part are scheduled maintenance services which are to be performed at the mileage intervals specified.

Using the Maintenance Schedule

We want to help keep this vehicle in good working condition. But we do not know exactly how you will drive it. You might drive very short distances only a few times a week. Or you might drive long distances all the time in very hot, dusty weather. You might use the vehicle in making deliveries or in many other ways.

Because of all the different ways people use their vehicles, maintenance needs vary. You might need more frequent checks and replacements. So please read the following and note how you drive. If you have any questions on how to keep the vehicle in good condition, see your dealer/retailer.

This part tells you the maintenance services that should be done and when to schedule them.

When you go to your dealer/retailer for service, trained and supported service people will perform the work using genuine parts.

The proper fluids and lubricants to use are listed in Part C. Make sure whoever services the vehicle uses these. All parts should be replaced and all necessary repairs done before you or anyone else drives the vehicle.

This schedule is for vehicles that:

- carry passengers and cargo within recommended limits on the vehicle's Certification or Tire Information label. See *Loading the Vehicle on page 4-19*.
- are driven on reasonable road surfaces within legal driving limits.
- use the recommended fuel. See *Gasoline Octane on page 5-7* for gasoline engine vehicles or *What Fuel to Use in The U.S. on page 5-9* or *What Fuel to Use in Canada and Mexico on page 5-11* for diesel engine vehicles.

Scheduled Maintenance Supplements

If the vehicle has an Allison Transmission®, the owner manual is supplemented by an Allison Transmission® Operator's Manual. Always refer to this manual for related maintenance services.

Scheduled Maintenance

The services shown in this schedule up to 166 000 km (100,000 miles) should be repeated after 166 000 km (100,000 miles) at the same intervals for the life of this vehicle. The services shown after 166 000 km (100,000 miles) should be repeated at the same km (miles) after those intervals for the life of this vehicle.

Gasoline engine vehicles and some diesel engine vehicles have a computer that lets you know when to change the engine oil. This is not based on mileage, but on engine operation and engine temperature. When the computer has calculated that the oil needs changing, the Engine Oil Life System will indicate that a change is necessary. See *Engine Oil Life System (Gasoline Engine) on page 5-33* or *Engine Oil Life System (DURAMAX/Isuzu Diesel Engines) on page 5-34*.

The “Footnotes” at the end of this Maintenance Schedule further explain maintenance services.

See *Service Publications Ordering Information on page 7-10*.

160 km (100 Miles)

- ❑ Wheel stud nut service. *(36)*

1 600 km (1,000 Miles)

- ❑ Wheel stud nut service. *(36)*
- ❑ Rear axle air shift motor service. *(10)*

12 000 km (7,500 Miles)

- ❑ Gasoline Engine Only: Check engine oil life system. If engine oil and filter are changed, reset system. See “Engine Oil (Gasoline Engine)” in the Index. *(2) (8)*
- ❑ Check fluid levels (or every 3 months, whichever occurs first). *(1) (5)*
- ❑ Chassis lubrication service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(11)*
- ❑ Spring-to-axle U-bolts and shackle bolts service. *(15)*
- ❑ Wheels and tires service. *(14)*
- ❑ Hydraulic brake service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(6) (36)*
- ❑ Parking brake service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(21)*
- ❑ Air brake service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(32)*
- ❑ Air brake automatic slack adjuster service (or every 500 hours, whichever occurs first). *(33)*
- ❑ Check air brake relay valve operation and check for leaks (or every month, or every 300 hours, whichever occurs first).

- ❑ Clean air brake application valve (or every 3 months, or every 300 hours, whichever occurs first). Lubricate linkage.
- ❑ Air brake chamber service (or every 2 months, whichever occurs first). *(34)*

24 000 km (15,000 Miles)

- ❑ Gasoline Engine Only: Check engine oil life system. If engine oil and filter are changed, reset system. See “Engine Oil (Gasoline Engine)” in the Index. *(2) (8)*
- ❑ Diesel Engine Without Engine Oil Life System Only: Change engine oil and filter (or every 12 months, or every 750 hours of engine operation, whichever occurs first). *(2) (39)*
- ❑ Diesel Engine With Engine Oil Life System Only: Check oil life system. If engine oil and filter are changed, reset system. See “Engine Oil (DURAMAX/Isuzu Diesel)” in the Index. *(2) (9)*
- ❑ Chassis lubrication service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(11)*
- ❑ Check fluid levels (or every 3 months, whichever occurs first). *(1) (5)*
- ❑ Gasoline Engine: Inspect engine air cleaner filter. If necessary, replace the filter. If vehicle is driven in dusty/dirty conditions, inspect filter at every engine oil change. See *Engine Air Cleaner/Filter on page 5-36* for more information.
- ❑ Diesel Engine: Inspect engine air cleaner filter change indicator. If necessary, replace the filter. If vehicle is driven in dusty/dirty conditions, inspect filter change indicator at every engine oil change. See *Engine Air Cleaner/Filter on page 5-36* for more information.
- ❑ Diesel Only: Replace fuel filter (or every 750 hours of engine operation, whichever occurs first).
- ❑ Steering system service. *(12)*
- ❑ Front and rear suspension service. *(13)*
- ❑ Spring-to-axle U-bolts and shackle bolts service. *(15)*
- ❑ Exhaust system service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(2) (3) (16)*
- ❑ Wheels and tires service. *(14)*
- ❑ Hydraulic brake service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(6) (36)*
- ❑ Parking brake service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(21)*
- ❑ Air brake service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(32)*
- ❑ Air brake automatic slack adjuster service (or every 500 hours, whichever occurs first). *(33)*
- ❑ Check air brake relay valve operation and check for leaks (or every month, or every 300 hours, whichever occurs first).

- ❑ Clean air brake application valve (or every 3 months, or every 300 hours, whichever occurs first). Lubricate linkage.
- ❑ Air brake chamber service (or every 2 months, whichever occurs first). *(34)*
- ❑ Air compressor dry element pleated paper air strainer service (or every 2 months, or every 800 hours, whichever occurs first).
- ❑ Thermostatically controlled engine cooling fan service. *(3) (19)*
- ❑ Shields and underhood insulation service. *(3) (4) (20)*
- ❑ Gasoline Engine: Air compressor remote mounted air filter dry element pleated paper air strainer service (or every 6 months or every 1800 hours, whichever occurs first).

36 000 km (22,500 Miles)

- ❑ Gasoline Engine Only: Check engine oil life system. If engine oil and filter are changed, reset system. See “Engine Oil (Gasoline Engine)” in the Index. *(2) (8)*
- ❑ Check fluid levels (or every 3 months, whichever occurs first). *(1) (5)*
- ❑ Chassis lubrication service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(11)*
- ❑ Inspect door hinge pins and bushings and replace as necessary.
- ❑ Cooling system service. Clean the cooling system filter cap with clean water, clean the core, pressure test the cap and the system for proper pressure capability, and inspect condition of cooling and heater hoses and clamps. Replace hoses if cracked, swollen, or damaged.
- ❑ Wheels and tires service. *(14)*
- ❑ Hydraulic brake service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(6) (36)*
- ❑ Parking brake service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(21)*
- ❑ Air brake service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(32)*
- ❑ Air brake automatic slack adjuster service (or every 500 hours, whichever occurs first). *(33)*
- ❑ Check air brake relay valve operation and check for leaks (or every month, or every 300 hours, whichever occurs first).
- ❑ Clean air brake application valve (or every 3 months, or every 300 hours, whichever occurs first). Lubricate linkage.
- ❑ Air brake chamber service (or every 2 months, whichever occurs first). *(34)*

- ❑ Air brake system valve service (or every 3 months, or every 900 hours, whichever occurs first). *(37)*
- ❑ Air intake system service (or every 24 months, whichever occurs first). *(3) (4) (23)*
- ❑ Evaporative Control System service, if equipped, (or every 24 months, whichever occurs first). *(2) (24) †*
- ❑ Rear axle air shift motor service. *(10)*

40 000 km (24,000 Miles)

- ❑ Lubricate U-joints (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first).

48 000 km (30,000 Miles)

- ❑ Gasoline Engine Only: Check engine oil life system. If engine oil and filter are changed, reset system. See “Engine Oil (Gasoline Engine)” in the Index. *(2) (8)*
- ❑ Diesel Engine Without Engine Oil Life System Only: Change engine oil and filter (or every 12 months, or every 750 hours of engine operation, whichever occurs first). *(2) (39)*
- ❑ Diesel Engine With Engine Oil Life System Only: Check oil life system. If engine oil and filter are changed, reset system. See “Engine Oil (DURAMAX/Isuzu Diesel)” in the Index. *(2) (9)*
- ❑ Check fluid levels (or every 3 months, whichever occurs first). *(1) (5)*
- ❑ Gasoline Engine: Inspect engine air cleaner filter. If necessary, replace the filter. If vehicle is driven in dusty/dirty conditions, inspect filter at every engine oil change. See *Engine Air Cleaner/Filter on page 5-36* for more information.
- ❑ Diesel Engine: Inspect engine air cleaner filter change indicator. If necessary, replace the filter. If vehicle is driven in dusty/dirty conditions, inspect filter change indicator at every engine oil change. See *Engine Air Cleaner/Filter on page 5-36* for more information.
- ❑ Diesel Only: Replace fuel filter (or every 750 hours of engine operation, whichever occurs first).
- ❑ Chassis lubrication service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(11)*
- ❑ Gasoline Engine Only: Replace fuel filter(s) (or every 12 months, whichever occurs first). *(2)*
- ❑ Check restraint system. *(40)*
- ❑ Steering system service. *(12)*
- ❑ Front and rear suspension service. *(13)*
- ❑ Spring-to-axle U-bolts and shackle bolts service. *(15)*
- ❑ Exhaust system service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(2) (3) (16)*

- ❑ Wheel bearing (grease type) service (and whenever hubs are removed). *(22) (36)*
- ❑ Wheels and tires service. *(14)*
- ❑ Hydraulic brake service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(6) (36)*
- ❑ Parking brake service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(21)*
- ❑ Air brake service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(32)*
- ❑ Air brake automatic slack adjuster service (or every 500 hours, whichever occurs first). *(33)*
- ❑ Check air brake relay valve operation and check for leaks (or every month, or every 300 hours, whichever occurs first).
- ❑ Clean air brake application valve (or every 3 months, or every 300 hours, whichever occurs first). Lubricate linkage.
- ❑ Air brake chamber service (or every 2 months, whichever occurs first). *(34)*
- ❑ Air compressor dry element pleated paper air strainer service (or every 2 months, or every 800 hours, whichever occurs first).
- ❑ C600, C700, and C800 Gasoline Engines Only: Engine drive belts service (or every 12 months, whichever occurs first.) *(17)*
- ❑ Thermostatically controlled engine cooling fan service. *(3) (19)*
- ❑ Shields and underhood insulation service. *(3) (4) (20)*
- ❑ Gasoline Engine: Air compressor remote mounted air filter dry element pleated paper air strainer service (or every 6 months or every 1800 hours, whichever occurs first).

60 000 km (37,500 Miles)

- ❑ Gasoline Engine Only: Check engine oil life system. If engine oil and filter are changed, reset system. See “Engine Oil (Gasoline Engine)” in the Index. *(2) (8)*
- ❑ Check fluid levels (or every 3 months, whichever occurs first). *(1) (5)*
- ❑ Chassis lubrication service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(11)*
- ❑ Wheels and tires service. *(14)*
- ❑ Hydraulic brake service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(6) (36)*
- ❑ Parking brake service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(21)*
- ❑ Air brake service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(32)*

- ❑ Air brake automatic slack adjuster service (or every 500 hours, whichever occurs first). *(33)*
- ❑ Check air brake relay valve operation and check for leaks (or every month, or every 300 hours, whichever occurs first).
- ❑ Clean air brake application valve (or every 3 months, or every 300 hours, whichever occurs first). Lubricate linkage.
- ❑ Air brake chamber service (or every 2 months, whichever occurs first). *(34)*

72 000 km (45,000 Miles)

- ❑ Gasoline Engine Only: Check engine oil life system. If engine oil and filter are changed, reset system. See “Engine Oil (Gasoline Engine)” in the Index. *(2) (8)*
- ❑ Diesel Engine Without Engine Oil Life System Only: Change engine oil and filter (or every 12 months, or every 750 hours of engine operation, whichever occurs first). *(2) (39)*
- ❑ Diesel Engine With Engine Oil Life System Only: Check oil life system. If engine oil and filter are changed, reset system. See “Engine Oil (DURAMAX/Isuzu Diesel)” in the Index. *(2) (9)*
- ❑ Check fluid levels (or every 3 months, whichever occurs first). *(1) (5)*
- ❑ Gasoline Engine: Replace engine air cleaner filter. See *Engine Air Cleaner/Filter on page 5-36* for more information.
- ❑ Diesel Engine: Inspect engine air cleaner filter change indicator. If necessary, replace the filter. If vehicle is driven in dusty/dirty conditions, inspect filter change indicator at every engine oil change. See *Engine Air Cleaner/Filter on page 5-36* for more information.
- ❑ Diesel Only: Replace fuel filter (or every 750 hours of engine operation, whichever occurs first).
- ❑ Chassis lubrication service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(11)*
- ❑ Cooling system service. Clean the cooling system filler cap with clean water, clean the core, pressure test the cap and the system for proper pressure capability, and inspect condition of cooling and heater hoses and clamps. Replace hoses if cracked, swollen, or damaged.
- ❑ Inspect door hinge pins and bushings and replace as necessary.
- ❑ Steering system service. *(12)*
- ❑ Front and rear suspension service. *(13)*
- ❑ Spring-to-axle U-bolts and shackle bolts service. *(15)*

- ❑ Exhaust system service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(2) (3) (16)*
- ❑ Wheels and tires service. *(14)*
- ❑ Hydraulic brake service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(6) (36)*
- ❑ Parking brake service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(21)*
- ❑ Air brake service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(32)*
- ❑ Air brake automatic slack adjuster service (or every 500 hours, whichever occurs first). *(33)*
- ❑ Check air brake relay valve operation and check for leaks (or every month, or every 300 hours, whichever occurs first).
- ❑ Clean air brake application valve (or every 3 months, or every 300 hours, whichever occurs first). Lubricate linkage.
- ❑ Air brake chamber service (or every 2 months, whichever occurs first). *(34)*
- ❑ Air brake system valve service (or every 3 months, or every 900 hours, whichever occurs first). *(37)*
- ❑ Air compressor dry element pleated paper air strainer service (or every 2 months, or every 800 hours, whichever occurs first).
- ❑ Thermostatically controlled engine cooling fan service. *(3) (19)*
- ❑ Shields and underhood insulation service. *(3) (4) (20)*
- ❑ Rear axle air shift motor service. *(10)*
- ❑ Air intake system service (or every 24 months, whichever occurs first). *(3) (4) (23)*
- ❑ Evaporative Control System service, if equipped, (or every 24 months, whichever occurs first). *(2) (24) †*
- ❑ Gasoline Engine: Air compressor remote mounted air filter dry element pleated paper air strainer service (or every 6 months or every 1800 hours, whichever occurs first).

75 000 km (48,000 Miles)

- ❑ Lubricate U-joints (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first).

80 000 km (50,000 Miles)

- ❑ Inspect air compressor discharge port (or every 6 months or every 1,800 hours, whichever occurs first.)

84 000 km (52,500 Miles)

- ❑ Gasoline Engine Only: Check engine oil life system. If engine oil and filter are changed, reset system. See “Engine Oil (Gasoline Engine)” in the Index. *(2) (8)*
- ❑ Check fluid levels (or every 3 months, whichever occurs first). *(1) (5)*
- ❑ Chassis lubrication service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(11)*
- ❑ Wheels and tires service. *(14)*
- ❑ DURAMAX® Diesel Engine Only: Adjust valve lash (or every 2,625 hours of engine operation, whichever occurs first). *(18)*
- ❑ Hydraulic brake service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(6) (36)*
- ❑ Parking brake service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(21)*
- ❑ Air brake service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(32)*
- ❑ Air brake automatic slack adjuster service (or every 500 hours, whichever occurs first). *(33)*
- ❑ Check air brake relay valve operation and check for leaks (or every month, or every 300 hours, whichever occurs first).
- ❑ Clean air brake application valve (or every 3 months, or every 300 hours, whichever occurs first). Lubricate linkage.
- ❑ Air brake chamber service (or every 2 months, whichever occurs first). *(34)*

96 000 km (60,000 Miles)

- ❑ Gasoline Engine Only: Check engine oil life system. If engine oil and filter are changed, reset system. See “Engine Oil (Gasoline Engine)” in the Index. *(2) (8)*
- ❑ Diesel Engine Without Engine Oil Life System Only: Change engine oil and filter (or every 12 months, or every 750 hours of engine operation, whichever occurs first). *(2) (39)*
- ❑ Diesel Engine With Engine Oil Life System Only: Check oil life system. If engine oil and filter are changed, reset system. See “Engine Oil (DURAMAX/Isuzu Diesel)” in the Index. *(2) (9)*
- ❑ Gasoline Engine Only (Vehicles with GVW greater than 16,000 lbs): Spark plug service. *(2) (25)*
- ❑ Check fluid levels (or every 3 months, whichever occurs first). *(1) (5)*
- ❑ Gasoline Engine: Inspect engine air cleaner filter. If necessary, replace the filter. If vehicle is driven in dusty/dirty conditions, inspect filter at every engine oil change. See *Engine Air Cleaner/Filter on page 5-36* for more information.

- ❑ Diesel Engine: Inspect engine air cleaner filter change indicator. If necessary, replace the filter. If vehicle is driven in dusty/dirty conditions, inspect filter change indicator at every engine oil change. See *Engine Air Cleaner/Filter on page 5-36* for more information.
- ❑ Diesel Only: Replace fuel filter (or every 750 hours of engine operation, whichever occurs first).
- ❑ Chassis lubrication service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(11)*
- ❑ Gasoline Engine Only: Replace fuel filter(s) (or every 12 months, whichever occurs first). *(2)*
- ❑ Inspect door hinge pins and bushings and replace as necessary.
- ❑ Check restraint system. *(40)*
- ❑ Steering system service. *(12)*
- ❑ Front and rear suspension service. *(13)*
- ❑ Spring-to-axle U-bolts and shackle bolts service. *(15)*
- ❑ Exhaust system service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(2) (3) (16)*
- ❑ Wheel bearing (grease type) service (and whenever hubs are removed). *(22) (36)*
- ❑ Wheels and tires service. *(14)*
- ❑ Isuzu Diesel Engine Only: Adjust valve lash (or every 2,625 hours of engine operation, whichever occurs first). *(18)*
- ❑ Hydraulic brake service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(6) (36)*
- ❑ Parking brake service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(21)*
- ❑ Air brake service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(32)*
- ❑ Air brake automatic slack adjuster service (or every 500 hours, whichever occurs first). *(33)*
- ❑ Check air brake relay valve operation and check for leaks (or every month, or every 300 hours, whichever occurs first).
- ❑ Clean air brake application valve (or every 3 months, or every 300 hours, whichever occurs first). Lubricate linkage.
- ❑ Air brake chamber service (or every 2 months, whichever occurs first). *(34)*
- ❑ Air compressor dry element pleated paper air strainer service (or every 2 months, or every 800 hours, whichever occurs first).
- ❑ C600, C700, and C800 Gasoline Engines Only: Engine drive belts service (or every 12 months, whichever occurs first). *(17)*

- ❑ Thermostatically controlled engine cooling fan service. *(3) (19)*
- ❑ Shields and underhood insulation service. *(3) (4) (20)*
- ❑ Gasoline Engine: Air compressor remote mounted air filter dry element pleated paper air strainer service (or every 6 months or every 1800 hours, whichever occurs first).

108 000 km (67,500 Miles)

- ❑ Gasoline Engine Only: Check engine oil life system. If engine oil and filter are changed, reset system. See “Engine Oil (Gasoline Engine)” in the Index. *(2) (8)*
- ❑ Check fluid levels (or every 3 months, whichever occurs first). *(1) (5)*
- ❑ Chassis lubrication service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(11)*
- ❑ Cooling system service. Clean the cooling system filler cap with clean water, clean the core, pressure test the cap and the system for proper pressure capability, and inspect condition of cooling and heater hoses and clamps. Replace hoses if cracked, swollen, or damaged.
- ❑ Wheels and tires service. *(14)*
- ❑ Hydraulic brake service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(6) (36)*
- ❑ Parking brake service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(21)*
- ❑ Air brake service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(32)*
- ❑ Air brake automatic slack adjuster service (or every 500 hours, whichever occurs first). *(33)*
- ❑ Check air brake relay valve operation and check for leaks (or every month, or every 300 hours, whichever occurs first).
- ❑ Clean air brake application valve (or every 3 months, or every 300 hours, whichever occurs first). Lubricate linkage.
- ❑ Air brake chamber service (or every 2 months, whichever occurs first). *(34)*
- ❑ Air brake system valve service (or every 3 months, or every 900 hours, whichever occurs first). *(37)*
- ❑ Rear axle air shift motor service. *(10)*
- ❑ Air intake system service (or every 24 months, whichever occurs first). *(3) (4) (23)*
- ❑ Evaporative Control System service, if equipped, (or every 24 months, whichever occurs first). *(2) (24) †*

115 000 km (72,000 Miles)

- ❑ Lubricate U-joints (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first).

120 000 km (75,000 Miles)

- ❑ Gasoline Engine Only: Check engine oil life system. If engine oil and filter are changed, reset system. See “Engine Oil (Gasoline Engine)” in the Index. *(2) (8)*
- ❑ Diesel Engine Without Engine Oil Life System Only: Change engine oil and filter (or every 12 months, or every 750 hours of engine operation, whichever occurs first). *(2) (39)*
- ❑ Diesel Engine With Engine Oil Life System Only: Check oil life system. If engine oil and filter are changed, reset system. See “Engine Oil (DURAMAX/Isuzu Diesel)” in the Index. *(2) (9)*
- ❑ Chassis lubrication service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(11)*
- ❑ Check fluid levels (or every 3 months, whichever occurs first). *(1) (5)*
- ❑ Gasoline Engine: Inspect engine air cleaner filter. If necessary, replace the filter. If vehicle is driven in dusty/dirty conditions, inspect filter at every engine oil change. See *Engine Air Cleaner/Filter on page 5-36* for more information.
- ❑ Diesel Engine: Inspect engine air cleaner filter change indicator. If necessary, replace the filter. If vehicle is driven in dusty/dirty conditions, inspect filter change indicator at every engine oil change. See *Engine Air Cleaner/Filter on page 5-36* for more information.
- ❑ Diesel Only: Replace fuel filter (or every 750 hours of engine operation, whichever occurs first).
- ❑ Steering system service. *(12)*
- ❑ Front and rear suspension service. *(13)*
- ❑ Spring-to-axle U-bolts and shackle bolts service. *(15)*
- ❑ Exhaust system service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(2) (3) (16)*
- ❑ Wheels and tires service. *(14)*
- ❑ Hydraulic brake service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(6) (36)*
- ❑ Parking brake service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(21)*
- ❑ Air brake service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(32)*

- ❑ Air brake automatic slack adjuster service (or every 500 hours, whichever occurs first). *(33)*
- ❑ Check air brake relay valve operation and check for leaks (or every month, or every 300 hours, whichever occurs first).
- ❑ Clean air brake application valve (or every 3 months, or every 300 hours, whichever occurs first). Lubricate linkage.
- ❑ Air brake chamber service (or every 2 months, whichever occurs first). *(34)*
- ❑ Air compressor dry element pleated paper air strainer service (or every 2 months, or every 800 hours, whichever occurs first).
- ❑ Fuel tank, fuel cap and fuel lines service (or every 72 months, whichever occurs first). *(2) (26) †*
- ❑ Exhaust Gas Recirculation (EGR) system inspection (if equipped) (or every 72 months, whichever occurs first). *(2) (27)*
- ❑ Thermostatically controlled engine cooling fan service. *(3) (19)*
- ❑ Shields and underhood insulation service. *(3) (4) (20)*
- ❑ Gasoline Engine: Air compressor remote mounted air filter dry element pleated paper air strainer service (or every 6 months or every 1800 hours, whichever occurs first).

132 000 km (82,500 Miles)

- ❑ Gasoline Engine Only: Check engine oil life system. If engine oil and filter are changed, reset system. See “Engine Oil (Gasoline Engine)” in the Index. *(2) (8)*
- ❑ Check fluid levels (or every 3 months, whichever occurs first). *(1) (5)*
- ❑ Chassis lubrication service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(11)*
- ❑ Wheels and tires service. *(14)*
- ❑ Hydraulic brake service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(6) (36)*
- ❑ Parking brake service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(21)*
- ❑ Air brake service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(32)*
- ❑ Air brake automatic slack adjuster service (or every 500 hours, whichever occurs first). *(33)*
- ❑ Check air brake relay valve operation and check for leaks (or every month, or every 300 hours, whichever occurs first).
- ❑ Clean air brake application valve (or every 3 months, or every 300 hours, whichever occurs first). Lubricate linkage.
- ❑ Air brake chamber service (or every 2 months, whichever occurs first). *(34)*

144 000 km (90,000 Miles)

- ❑ Gasoline Engine Only: Check engine oil life system. If engine oil and filter are changed, reset system. See “Engine Oil (Gasoline Engine)” in the Index. *(2) (8)*
- ❑ Diesel Engine Without Engine Oil Life System Only: Change engine oil and filter (or every 12 months, or every 750 hours of engine operation, whichever occurs first). *(2) (39)*
- ❑ Diesel Engine With Engine Oil Life System Only: Check oil life system. If engine oil and filter are changed, reset system. See “Engine Oil (DURAMAX/Isuzu Diesel)” in the Index. *(2) (9)*
- ❑ Check fluid levels (or every 3 months, whichever occurs first). *(1) (5)*
- ❑ Gasoline Engine: Replace engine air cleaner filter. See *Engine Air Cleaner/Filter on page 5-36* for more information.
- ❑ Diesel Engine: Inspect engine air cleaner filter change indicator. If necessary, replace the filter. If vehicle is driven in dusty/dirty conditions, inspect filter change indicator at every engine oil change. See *Engine Air Cleaner/Filter on page 5-36* for more information.
- ❑ Diesel Only: Replace fuel filter (or every 750 hours of engine operation, whichever occurs first).
- ❑ Chassis lubrication service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(11)*
- ❑ Cooling system service. Clean the cooling system filler cap with clean water, clean the core, pressure test the cap and the system for proper pressure capability, and inspect condition of cooling and heater hoses and clamps. Replace hoses if cracked, swollen, or damaged.
- ❑ Gasoline Engine Only: Replace fuel filter(s) (or every 12 months, whichever occurs first). *(2)*
- ❑ Check restraint system. *(40)*
- ❑ Steering system service. *(12)*
- ❑ Front and rear suspension service. *(13)*
- ❑ Spring-to-axle U-bolts and shackle bolts service. *(15)*
- ❑ Exhaust system service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(2) (3) (16)*
- ❑ Inspect door hinge pins and bushings and replace as necessary.
- ❑ Wheel bearing (grease type) service (and whenever hubs are removed). *(22) (36)*

- ❑ Wheels and tires service. *(14)*
- ❑ Hydraulic brake service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(6) (36)*
- ❑ Parking brake service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(21)*
- ❑ Air brake service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(32)*
- ❑ Air brake automatic slack adjuster service (or every 500 hours, whichever occurs first). *(33)*
- ❑ Check air brake relay valve operation and check for leaks (or every month, or every 300 hours, whichever occurs first).
- ❑ Clean air brake application valve (or every 3 months, or every 300 hours, whichever occurs first). Lubricate linkage.
- ❑ Air brake chamber service (or every 2 months, whichever occurs first). *(34)*
- ❑ Air brake system valve service (or every 3 months, or every 900 hours, whichever occurs first). *(37)*
- ❑ Air compressor dry element pleated paper air strainer service (or every 2 months, or every 800 hours, whichever occurs first).
- ❑ C600, C700, and C800 Gasoline Engines Only: Engine drive belts service (or every 12 months, whichever occurs first). *(17)*
- ❑ Thermostatically controlled engine cooling fan service. *(3) (19)*
- ❑ Shields and underhood insulation service. *(3) (4) (20)*
- ❑ Rear axle air shift motor service. *(10)*
- ❑ Air intake system service (or every 24 months, whichever occurs first). *(3) (4) (23)*
- ❑ Evaporative Control System service, if equipped, (or every 24 months, whichever occurs first). *(2) (24) †*
- ❑ Gasoline Engine: Air compressor remote mounted air filter dry element pleated paper air strainer service (or every 6 months or every 1800 hours, whichever occurs first).

152 000 km (96,000 Miles)

- ❑ Lubricate U-joints (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first).

156 000 km (97,500 Miles)

- ❑ Gasoline Engine Only: Check engine oil life system. If engine oil and filter are changed, reset system. See “Engine Oil (Gasoline Engine)” in the Index. *(2) (8)*
- ❑ Check fluid levels (or every 3 months, whichever occurs first). *(1) (5)*
- ❑ Chassis lubrication service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(11)*
- ❑ Wheels and tires service. *(14)*
- ❑ Hydraulic brake service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(6) (36)*
- ❑ Parking brake service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(21)*
- ❑ Air brake service (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first). *(32)*
- ❑ Air brake automatic slack adjuster service (or every 500 hours, whichever occurs first). *(33)*
- ❑ Check air brake relay valve operation and check for leaks (or every month, or every 300 hours, whichever occurs first).
- ❑ Clean air brake application valve (or every 3 months, or every 300 hours, whichever occurs first). Lubricate linkage.
- ❑ Air brake chamber service (or every 2 months, whichever occurs first). *(34)*

160 000 km (100,000 Miles)

- ❑ Diesel Only: Inspect engine drive belt; replace as necessary.
- ❑ Gasoline Engine Only (Vehicles with GVW of 16,000 lbs or less): Spark plug service. *(2) (25)*
- ❑ Change power steering fluid (or every 36 months, whichever occurs first). *(12)*
- ❑ Replace power steering reservoir filter element (or every 24 months, whichever occurs first).
- ❑ Wheel bearing (oil type) service (and whenever hubs are removed). *(22) (36)*
- ❑ Except four-wheel drive: Front axle service. *(31)*
- ❑ Four-wheel drive only: Front axle service. *(30)*
- ❑ Four-wheel drive only: Transfer case service. *(30)*

- ❑ Rear axle service — Eaton®, Rockwell®, Spicer® axles (or every 12 months, whichever occurs first). *(30)*
- ❑ Exhaust brake service, if equipped. Check for excessive spindle free play and smooth operation. Lubricate ball joint cap.
- ❑ Inspect air compressor discharge port (or every 6 months or every 1,800 hours, whichever occurs first).
- ❑ Manual transmission (ZF 6-speed only) fluid replacement (or every 48 months, whichever occurs first).
- ❑ Trailer brake hand control valve service (or every 12 months, or every 3,600 hours, whichever occurs first). *(35)*

192 000 km (120,000 Miles)

- ❑ C600, C700, and C800 Gasoline Engines Only: Replace engine drive belts.
- ❑ C400 and C500 Gasoline Engines Only: Engine drive belts service (or every 12 months, whichever occurs first). *(17)*
- ❑ DURAMAX Diesel Only: Diesel Particulate Filter (DPF) service. Then every 100,000 miles (160 000 km). *(7) (38)*

240 000 km (150,000 Miles)

- ❑ Cooling system service (or every 60 months since last service, whichever occurs first). *(2) (29)*
- ❑ Diesel Engine Only: Inspect engine drive belt; replace as necessary.
- ❑ Isuzu Diesel Only: Diesel Particulate Filter (DPF) service (or every 4,500 hours, whichever occurs first). Then every 150,000 miles (240 000 km), or every 4,500 hours, whichever occurs first. *(7)*

320 000 km (200,000 Miles)

- ❑ Rear axle service — Eaton®, Rockwell®, Spicer® axles (or every 12 months, whichever occurs first). *(30)*
- ❑ Remove, disassemble, clean, and inspect the air brake trailer supply valve (or every 2 years, or every 7,200 hours, whichever occurs first).
- ❑ Diesel Engine Only: Inspect engine drive belt; replace as necessary.

400 000 km (250,000 Miles)

- ❑ Four-wheel drive only: Front axle service. *(30)*
- ❑ Four-wheel drive only: Transfer case service. *(30)*
- ❑ Manual transmission (except ZF 6-speed) fluid replacement (or every 60 months, whichever occurs first).

480 000 km (300,000 Miles)

- ❑ Rear axle service — Eaton®, Rockwell®, Spicer® axles (or every 12 months, whichever occurs first). *(30)*
- ❑ Remove, disassemble, clean, and inspect the air brake air dryer (or every 3 years, or 10,800 hours, whichever occurs first). Replace desiccant.
- ❑ Isuzu Diesel Only: Diesel Particulate Filter (DPF) service (or every 4,500 hours, whichever occurs first). Then every 150,000 miles (240 000 km), or every 4,500 hours, whichever occurs first. *(7)*

Footnotes

† = The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or the California Air Resources Board has determined that the failure to perform this maintenance item will not nullify the emission warranty or limit recall liability prior to the completion of the vehicle's useful life. We, however, urge that all recommended maintenance services be performed at the indicated intervals and the maintenance be recorded.

(1) = If your vehicle has an Allison Transmission®, your owner manual is supplemented by an Allison Transmission® Operator's Manual. Always refer to these manuals for related maintenance services.

(2) = An Emission Control Service.

(3) = A Noise Emission Control Device.

(4) = Applies to vehicles sold in the United States and is recommended for vehicles sold in Canada.

(5) = Check fluid level in brake master cylinder, power steering pump, front and rear axles, transmission, and hydraulic spring parking brake pump (if equipped). A low fluid level in the brake master cylinder can indicate worn brake linings and should be checked accordingly.

(6) = Inspect brake lines and hoses for proper hook-up, binding, leaks, cracks, chafing, etc. Inspect disc brake pads for wear and rotors for surface condition. Inspect caliper assemblies. Check brake pedal for excessive free play or travel (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first) and have serviced if needed. Check brakes more often if driving habits and conditions result in frequent braking.

(7) = Check for filter ash, sensor adjustment, and sensor hose restriction. Clean as needed. This service can be complex; you should have your dealer/retailer perform this service.

(8) = This vehicle has the Engine Oil Life System. This system will show you when to change the engine oil and filter — usually between 5 000 km (3,000 miles) and 12 000 km (7,500 miles) since your last oil change. Under severe conditions, the indicator may come on before 5 000 km (3,000 miles). Never drive your gasoline engine vehicle more than 12 000 km (7,500 miles) or 12 months without an oil and filter change.

Remember to reset the Engine Oil Life System whenever the oil is changed. For more information, see *Engine Oil Life System (Gasoline Engine) on page 5-33* or *Engine Oil Life System (DURAMAX/Isuzu Diesel Engines) on page 5-34*.

(9) = This vehicle has the Engine Oil Life System. This system will show you when to change the engine oil and filter — usually between 5 000 km (3,000 miles) and 24 000 km (15,000 miles) since your last oil change. Under severe conditions, the indicator may come on before 5 000 km (3,000 miles). Never drive your diesel engine vehicle more than 24 000 km (15,000 miles), or 12 months, or 750 engine hours, without an oil and filter change.

Remember to reset the Engine Oil Life System whenever the oil is changed. For more information, see *Engine Oil Life System (Gasoline Engine) on page 5-33* or *Engine Oil Life System (DURAMAX/Isuzu Diesel Engines) on page 5-34*.

(10) = Inspect rear axle air shift motor for fluid leaks. Remove plug to check fluid level. Inspect air lines and hoses for proper hook-up, binding, leaks, etc. Inspect at 1 600 km (1,000 miles) and 36 000 km (22,500 miles) and then every 36 000 km (22,500 miles) thereafter.

(11) = Chassis Lubrication Service: Lubricate all grease fittings in front suspension, front axle, and steering linkage. Do not lubricate kingpin bushings with air pressure equipment; instead, use a hand grease gun to ensure complete purge and eliminate sealer cap distortion. Front axle tie rod ends, both upper and lower kingpin fittings, and both steering linkage relay rod ends should be greased with the vehicle loaded on the ground and wheels turned straight ahead, not with the vehicle on a hoist. Apply kingpin bushing lubricant to both upper and lower kingpin grease fittings until new lubricant purges from between the upper shim pack and thrust bearing. Lubricate transmission and shift linkage, hood latches and hood hinges, parking brake lever pivot, clevis pins and linkage, disc brake caliper rails, clutch linkage and release bearing (if equipped), bearing pads, propshaft universal joints, brake camshaft bracket, slack adjusters, pedal shaft, clutch cross shaft, clutch pedal springs, and clutch cable bushing at transmission. Lubricate suspension, axle, and steering linkage more often when operating under dusty or muddy conditions and in excessive off-road use. Frequently power-washed vehicles will require more frequent lubrication.

(12) = Check steering system:

- Look for damaged, loose, or missing parts. Inspect the steering linkage relay rod and tie rod ends for looseness or lack of lubricant. Also look for parts showing signs of wear or lack of lubrication. Replace parts as needed. Also check steering gear mounting bolts, pitman arm nut, gear housing upper cover and side cover attaching bolts, steering column mounting bolts and cardan joint clamp bolts; tighten if necessary. See the service manual.
- Inspect power steering hoses, tubes, and fittings for leaks. Hoses and lines must not be twisted, kinked, or tightly bent. Make sure clips, clamps, supporting tubes, and hoses are in place and properly secured.
- Check steering gear for leakage around pitman shaft and housing. If leakage is evident (lubricant oozing out, not just oily film), leak should be corrected immediately.

(13) = Check front and rear suspension. Look for damaged, loose, or missing parts or parts showing signs of wear or lack of lubrication. Replace parts as needed.

(14) = Adjust tire pressures as indicated on the Certification or Tire Information label for optimum tire life. See *Tires on page 5-73* for further details. Check tires for excessive or abnormal wear or damage. Also check for damaged wheels. Replace wheels and/or tires as needed.

(15) = Check spring-to-axle U-bolts and shackle bolts for proper torque. See the service manual for torque sequence and specifications. When parts are replaced, the torque must be checked and adjusted more often during the first 10 000 km (6,000 miles). Check torque at 800 km (500 miles) and 3 000 km (2,000 miles) after first use of parts.

(16) = Check complete exhaust system, including DPF pressure lines, and cab areas near the exhaust system for broken, damaged, missing, or out-of-position parts. Also inspect for open seams, holes, loose connections, or other conditions which could let exhaust fumes seep into the driver compartment. Needed repairs should be made at once. To help maintain system integrity, replace exhaust pipes whenever a new muffler is put on.

(17) = Check all gasoline engine drive belts for cracks, fraying, and wear. Replace as needed.

(18) = Adjust valve lash. Incorrect valve clearance will result in increased engine noise and reduced engine output.

(19) = With the engine off and below normal operating temperature, check to see that the thermostatically controlled engine cooling fan can be rotated by hand on viscous-operated drives. Replace as needed.

(20) = Check shields and underhood insulation for damage or looseness. Adjust or replace as needed.

(21) = Inspect parking brake drum and linings for wear or cracks and check linkage and adjustment.

(22) = Wheel bearing service:

- Grease type — Clean, inspect, and lubricate with the proper wheel bearing grease at designated intervals or when hubs are removed. See *Part C: Recommended Fluids and Lubricants on page 6-32*.
- Oil-filled type — Some wheel bearings are lubricated by axle lubricant. When you have oil-filled hubs, use lubricant identical to that used in the axle. Lubricant change intervals are the same for front and rear axles. However, you must maintain the proper oil level between change intervals. See *Front Wheel Bearings with Oil-Filled Hubs on page 5-72* and *Part C: Recommended Fluids and Lubricants on page 6-32*.

(23) = Check the air intake system installation to see that gaskets are seated properly and all hose connections, fasteners, and other components are tight. Tighten connections and fasteners or replace parts as required.

(24) = Evaporative Control System Service, if equipped: Check all fuel and vapor lines and hoses for proper connections and correct routing (or every 24 months, whichever occurs first). Replace parts as needed.

(25) = Replace spark plugs. Inspect wires for damage. Check the wire boot and boot heat shield fit at spark plugs and coil. Replace parts as needed.

(26) = Check the fuel tank, fuel cap and fuel lines for damage which could cause leakage. Inspect fuel cap for correct sealing ability and any indications of damage. Check fuel cap gasket for even filler neck imprint. Replace parts as needed.

(27) = Check Exhaust Gas Recirculation (EGR) system as described in the service manual. See *Service Publications Ordering Information on page 7-10*.

(28) = Inspect Electronic Vacuum Regulator Valve (EVRV) filter for excessive contamination or plugging. If needed, clean filter with solution of soap and water, let dry and install.

(29) = Drain, flush, and refill cooling system. This service can be complex; you should have your dealer/retailer perform this service. See *Part C: Recommended Fluids and Lubricants on page 6-32* for what to use. Inspect hoses. Clean radiator, condenser, pressure cap, and neck. Pressure test cooling system and pressure cap.

(30) = Change the lubricant. See *Part C: Recommended Fluids and Lubricants on page 6-32*.

(31) = Front axle service: Re-pack upper kingpin roller bearing.

(32) = Air brake service:

- Inspect brake lines and hoses for proper hook-up, binding, leaks, cracks, chafing, etc. Inspect drum brake linings for wear or cracks. Inspect other brake parts at each wheel, including drums and wheel speed sensor wiring. Check brake pedal for excessive free play or travel (or every 6 months, whichever occurs first) and have serviced if needed. Check brakes more often if driving habits and conditions result in frequent braking. Replace air dryer cartridge only if excessive oil or moisture is present. A small amount of oil in the system is normal and should not be considered as a reason to replace the cartridge.
- Test air lines for leaks; tighten as needed. Replace compressor filter.
- Inspect air parking brake chamber for leaks and damage. Inspect lines and hoses for leaks, cracks, chafing, etc. Also check all attachments for tightness, wear, or damage. Note: The spring brake section of the rear brake diaphragms are non-serviceable.
- Replace the air compressor filter element, mounted on the air compressor. For remote air compressor intake service, refer to engine air cleaner filter replacement.
- Remove, disassemble, clean, and inspect the safety valve, service brake chambers, quick release valves, quick release/double check valve combinations, parking brake control valve, double check valves, pressure protection valves, and ether injector (if equipped).
- Remove, disassemble, and clean the application valve; replace parts showing wear.
- Remove, disassemble, clean, and inspect the spring brake control valve; replace rubber parts.

(33) = Clean and lubricate air brake automatic slack adjuster. Check pushrod travel and auto adjustment operation. Have serviced if needed.

(34) = Air brake chamber service: Check operation, mounting clamps, and air lines and check for leaks.

(35) = Trailer brake hand control valve service: Check operation; lubricate cam and follower.

(36) = Tighten the wheel stud nuts to the specified torque values at 160 km 100 miles). Thereafter, tighten them 1 600 km (1,000 miles) after each time the wheel is removed. See *Tightening the Wheel Nuts on page 5-78*.

(37) = Inspect and clean any accumulated dirt, gravel, or other foreign objects from the valves and valve boots as needed. Using light oil, lubricate brake pedal to brake application valve linkage components. Check any rubber boots for cracks, holes, or deterioration and replace if necessary.

(38) = Estimated minimum. Actual mileage depends on fuel and oil consumed.

(39) = If the vehicle has the Isuzu diesel engine and is used primarily for long trip, highway service, change the engine oil and filter every 28 800 km (18,000 miles), or every 12 months, or every 750 hours of engine operation, whichever occurs first.

(40) = Make sure any safety belt reminder light and safety belt assemblies are working properly. Look for any other loose or damaged safety belt system parts. If you see anything that might keep a safety belt system from doing its job, have it repaired. Have any torn or frayed safety belts replaced.

Part B: Owner Checks and Services

These owner checks and services should be performed at the intervals specified to help ensure vehicle safety, dependability, and emission control performance.

For your safety and that of others, any of the safety-related components that may have been damaged in an accident should be checked and any needed repairs made before operating the vehicle.

At the minimum, these routine checks should be made every 6 months or 10 000 km (6,000 miles), whichever occurs first. Whenever repairs are needed, have them completed before operating the vehicle.

Air brake system reservoirs should be drained daily and any electric air compressor should be drained weekly. See *Brakes on page 5-51*.

At Each Fuel Fill

It is important to perform these underhood checks at each fuel fill.

Engine Oil Level Check

Notice: **It is important to check the engine oil regularly and keep it at the proper level. Failure to keep the engine oil at the proper level can cause damage to the engine not covered by the vehicle warranty.**

Check the engine oil level and add the proper oil if necessary. See *Engine Oil (Gasoline Engine) on page 5-22* or *Engine Oil (DURAMAX Diesel Engine) on page 5-26* or *Engine Oil (Isuzu Diesel Engine) on page 5-29*.

Engine Coolant Level Check

Check the engine coolant level and add DEX-COOL® coolant mixture if necessary. See *Engine Coolant on page 5-42*.

Windshield Washer Fluid Level Check

Check the windshield washer fluid level in the windshield washer fluid reservoir and add the proper fluid if necessary. See *Windshield Washer Fluid on page 5-50*.

Tire Inflation Check

Check tire inflation cold. Make sure the tires are inflated to the correct pressures. See *Loading the Vehicle on page 4-19* and *Inflation - Tire Pressure on page 5-74*.

At Least Twice a Year

Wiper Blade Check

Inspect wiper blades for wear, cracking, or contamination. Clean the windshield and wiper blades, if contaminated. Replace wiper blades that are worn or damaged. See *Windshield Wiper Blade Replacement on page 5-69* and *Windshield and Wiper Blades on page 5-89* for more information.

Weatherstrip Lubrication

Silicone grease on weatherstrips will make them last longer, seal better, and not stick or squeak. Apply silicone grease with a clean cloth. During very cold, damp weather more frequent application may be required. Part C tells you what to use.

Body Lubrication Service

Lubricate all exposed surfaces such as door checks, door lock bolts, lock strike plates, door hinge bushings, latches, and dovetail bumper wedges. Where oil holes are provided, a dripless oil can be used. The seat adjusters, seat track, door weatherstrips, and rubber cap bumpers should also be lubricated. Part C tells you what to use. More frequent lubrication may be required when exposed to a corrosive environment.

Parking Brake Check

Park on a fairly steep hill and hold the vehicle with the parking brake only. This checks holding ability. See *Parking Brake (With Hydraulic Brakes) on page 2-37* or *Parking Brake (With Air Brakes) on page 2-39*.

Starter Switch Check

⚠ WARNING:

When you are doing this inspection, the vehicle could move suddenly. If the vehicle moves, you or others could be injured.

1. Before you start, be sure you have enough room around the vehicle.
2. Firmly apply both the parking brake and the regular brakes.

   Do not use the accelerator pedal, and be ready to turn off the engine immediately if it starts.
3. On automatic transmission vehicles, try to start the engine in each gear. The starter should work only in P (Park) or N (Neutral). If the starter works in any other position, your vehicle needs service. On manual transmission vehicles, the starter should work only when the clutch pedal is all the way down.

Automatic Transmission Shift Indicator Check

Check that the indicator points to the gear chosen.

Steering Check

Be alert for any changes in steering action, abnormal front tire wear or steering wheel position. An inspection or service is needed when the steering wheel is harder to turn or has too much free play, or if there are strange sounds when turning or parking.

Brake System Check

Be alert to the low air warning light or tone alarm, or changes in braking action, such as repeated pulling to one side, unusual sounds when braking or increased brake pedal travel. Make sure air brake system reservoirs are drained daily with full system air pressure, and check system for leaks. Any of these conditions could indicate the need for brake system inspection and/or service.

Engine Cooling System Service

Inspect the hoses and have them replaced if they are cracked, swollen, or deteriorated. Inspect all pipes, fittings, and clamps; replace as needed. Clean the outside of the radiator and air conditioning condenser. To help ensure proper operation, a pressure test of the cooling system and pressure cap is recommended at least once a year.

Exhaust System Inspection

Be alert for any changes in the sound of the exhaust system or any smell of fumes. These are signs the system may be leaking. Have it checked and/or repaired at once. See *Engine Exhaust on page 2-43* and *Running the Vehicle While Parked on page 2-47*.

Check to be sure that mud or dirt is not caked on the exhaust system, especially in the area of the diesel particulate filter and tailpipe. Clean the area as needed. See *Diesel Particulate Filter on page 2-44*.

At high mileages, the DPF becomes loaded with ash. This is normal. When the amount of ash loading is high, see your dealer/retailer for DPF cleaning or replacement.

Windshield Wipers and Washers Check

Check operation and condition of the wiper blades. Check the flow of the washer spray.

Defroster Check

Move the control to the defrost symbol and the fan to HI or the high symbol. Then check the airflow from the ducts at the inside base of the windshield.

Mirrors and Sun Visors Check

Check that friction joints hold mirrors and sun visors in place.

Seat Adjuster Check

When adjusting a manual seat, be sure seat adjusters latch by attempting to move the seat after latching.

Lamps Check

Check panel lighting, warning lights, indicator lights, and interior lamps. On the outside, check: license plate lamps, sidemarker lamps, reflectors or lights on outside mirrors, headlamps, parking lamps, identification and clearance lamps, taillamps, brake lamps, turn signals, backup lamps, and hazard warning flashers. Have headlamp aim checked at once if beams seem improperly aimed.

Glass, Mirrors, Lamps, and/or Reflectors Condition Check

Look for broken, scratched, dirty, or damaged glass, mirrors, lamps, or reflectors that could reduce the view or visibility or cause injury. Replace, clean, or repair promptly.

Door Latches Check

Check that doors close, latch, and lock tightly. Check for broken, damaged, or missing parts that might prevent tight latching.

Hood Latches Check

Check that the hood closes firmly. Check for broken, damaged, loose, or missing parts that might prevent tight latching. Make sure the secondary latch, if the vehicle has one, keeps the hood from opening all the way when the primary latch is released.

Fluid Leaks Check

Check for fuel, coolant, oil, or other fluid leaks by looking at the surface beneath the vehicle after it has been parked for awhile.

Underbody Inspection

Corrosive materials used for ice, snow removal, and dust control can collect on the underbody. If these materials are not removed, accelerated corrosion (rust) can occur on underbody parts such as fuel lines, frame, floor pan, and exhaust system. At least every spring, flush these materials from the underbody with plain water. Take care to clean well any areas where mud and other debris can collect. Sediment packed in closed areas of the frame should be loosened before being flushed.

Engine Cover Check

Check that the cab's engine cover and seal, if the vehicle has one, are not torn or damaged. Be sure that the cover is clamped down firmly to the floor.

At Least Once a Year

Key Lock Cylinders Service

Lubricate the key lock cylinders with the lubricant specified in Part C.

Underbody Flushing Service

At least every spring, use plain water to flush any corrosive materials from the underbody. Take care to clean thoroughly any areas where mud and other debris can collect.

Tractor Protection (Breakaway) Valve Check

On air brake models, remove, disassemble, clean, and inspect the tractor protection (breakaway) valve.

Part C: Recommended Fluids and Lubricants

Fluids and lubricants identified below by name, part number, or specification can be obtained from your dealer/retailer.

Usage	Fluid/Lubricant
Engine Oil (Gasoline Engine)	Engine oil which meets GM Standard GM6094M and displays the American Petroleum Institute (API) Certified for Gasoline Engines starburst symbol. To determine the proper viscosity for your vehicle's engine, see “Engine Oil” in the Index.
Engine Oil (Diesel Engines)	Engine oils with the letters CJ-4 are required for your vehicle. The CJ-4 designation can appear either alone or in combination with other American Petroleum Institute (API) designations, such as API CJ-4/SL. These letters show API levels of quality. To determine the preferred viscosity for your vehicle's diesel engine, see “Engine Oil” in the Index.
Engine Coolant	50/50 mixture of clean, drinkable water and use only DEX-COOL® Coolant. See *Engine Coolant on page 5-42*.
Hydraulic Brake System	DOT 3 Hydraulic Brake Fluid (GM Part No. U.S. 12377967, in Canada 89021320).

Usage	Fluid/Lubricant
Windshield Washer Solvent	Optikleen® Washer Solvent.
Clutch Bearing Lubricant	Clutch Bearing Lubricant (GM Part No. 12378484 or equivalent NLGI #3 consistency).
Exhaust Brake Ball Joint Cap Lubricant	High-Temperature Grease (GM Part No. U.S. 1051344, in Canada 903037) or NLGI #3 consistency.
Power Steering System	DEXRON®-VI Automatic Transmission Fluid.
Manual Transmission	Synthetic Manual Transmission Fluid (GM Part No. U.S. 88861952, in Canada 88861953).
Automatic Transmission	See the Allison Transmission® Operator's Manual for correct transmission fluid.

Usage	Fluid/Lubricant
Key Lock Cylinders	Multi-Purpose Lubricant, Superlube (GM Part No. U.S. 12346241, in Canada 10953474).
Chassis Lubrication	Chassis Lubricant (GM Part No. U.S. 12377985, in Canada 88901242) or lubricant meeting requirements of NLGI #2, Category LB or GC-LB.
Front Wheel Bearings (Except Oil Filled Hubs)	Wheel bearing lubricant meeting requirements of NLGI #2, Category GC or GC-LB (GM Part No. U.S. 1051344, in Canada 993037).
Front Wheel Bearings with Oil Filled Hubs	SAE 75W-90 Synthetic Axle Lubricant for Medium Duty Trucks (GM Part No. U.S. 89021675, in Canada 10953512).
Transfer Case (Four-Wheel Drive)	Manual Transmission Fluid (GM Part No. U.S. 88861800, in Canada 88861801).

Usage	Fluid/Lubricant
Front Axle (Four-Wheel Drive)	SAE 75W-90 Synthetic Axle Lubricant for Medium Duty Trucks (GM Part No. U.S. 89021675, in Canada 10953512).
Rear Axle and Rear Hubs	SAE 75W-90 Synthetic Axle Lubricant for Medium Duty Trucks (GM Part No. U.S. 89021675, in Canada 10953512).
Rear Axle Shift Motor Lubricant	Refrigerant Oil (GM Part No. U.S. 5416939, in Canada 10953496).
Propshafts and Splines	Wheel bearing lubricant meeting requirements of NLGI #2, Category GC or GC-LB (GM Part No. U.S. 1051344, in Canada 993037).

Usage	Fluid/Lubricant
Cab — Door Hinges and Latches	Multi-Purpose Lubricant, Superlube (GM Part No. U.S. 12346241, in Canada 10953474).
Weatherstrip Conditioning	Weatherstrip Lubricant (GM Part No. U.S. 3634770, in Canada 10953518) or Dielectric Silicone Grease (GM Part No. U.S. 12345579, in Canada 992887).
Weatherstrip Squeaks	Synthetic Grease with Teflon, Superlube (GM Part No. U.S. 12371287, in Canada 10953437).

Part D: Maintenance Record

After the scheduled services are performed, record the date, odometer reading and who performed the service, and any additional information from “Owner Checks and Services” on the following record pages. Also, you should retain all maintenance receipts.

Maintenance Record

Date	Miles/km Or Hours	Serviced By	Maintenance Record

Maintenance Record (cont'd)

Date	Miles/km Or Hours	Serviced By	Maintenance Record

Maintenance Record (cont'd)

Date	Miles/km Or Hours	Serviced By	Maintenance Record

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Customer Satisfaction Procedure

Your satisfaction and goodwill are important to your dealer and to GMC. Normally, any concerns with the sales transaction or the operation of the vehicle will be resolved by the dealer's sales or service departments. Sometimes, however, despite the best intentions of all concerned, misunderstandings can occur. If your concern has not been resolved to your satisfaction, the following steps should be taken:

STEP ONE : Discuss your concern with a member of dealership management. Normally, concerns can be quickly resolved at that level. If the matter has already been reviewed with the sales, service or parts manager, contact the owner of the dealership or the general manager.

STEP TWO : If after contacting a member of dealership management, it appears your concern cannot be resolved by the dealership without further help, call the GM Medium Duty Truck Customer Assistance Center at 1-800-862-4389. In Canada, call GM of Canada Customer Communication Centre in Oshawa at 1-800-263-3777 (English), or 1-800-263-7854 (French).

We encourage you to call the toll-free number in order to give your inquiry prompt attention. Have the following information available to give the Customer Assistance Representative:

- Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). This is available from the vehicle registration or title, or the plate at the top left of the instrument panel and visible through the windshield.
- Dealership name and location.
- Vehicle delivery date and present mileage.

When contacting GMC, remember that your concern will likely be resolved at a dealer's facility. That is why we suggest following Step One first.

STEP THREE : Both General Motors and your dealer are committed to making sure you are completely satisfied with your new vehicle. However, if you continue to remain unsatisfied after following the procedure outlined in Steps One and Two, you should file with the BBB Auto Line Program to enforce any additional rights you may have. Canadian owners refer to your Warranty and Owner Assistance Information booklet for information on the Canadian Motor Vehicle Arbitration Plan (CAMVAP).

The BBB Auto Line Program is an out of court program administered by the Council of Better Business Bureaus to settle automotive disputes regarding vehicle repairs or the interpretation of the New Vehicle Limited Warranty. Although you may be required to resort to this informal dispute resolution program prior to filing a court action, use of the program is free of charge and your case will generally be heard within 40 days. If you do not agree with the decision given in your case, you may reject it and proceed with any other venue for relief available to you.

You can contact the BBB Auto Line Program using the toll-free telephone number or write them at the following address:

BBB Auto Line Program
Council of Better Business Bureaus, Inc.
4200 Wilson Boulevard
Suite 800
Arlington, VA 22203-1838

Telephone: 1-800-955-5100

This program is available in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Eligibility is limited by vehicle age, mileage, and other factors. General Motors reserves the right to change eligibility limitations and/or discontinue its participation in this program.

Customer Assistance for Text Telephone (TTY) Users

To assist customers who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech-impaired and who use the Text Telephones (TTYs), GMC has TTY equipment available at its Customer Assistance Center. Any TTY user can communicate with GMC by dialing: 1-800-GMC-8583 (462-8583). (TTY users in Canada can dial 1-800-263-3830.)

Customer Assistance Offices

GMC encourages customers to call the toll-free number for assistance. However, if a customer wishes to write or e-mail, refer to the addresses below.

United States – Customer Assistance

GM Medium Duty Truck Customer Assistance Center
Customer Assistance Center
P.O. Box 44947
Detroit, MI 48244
www.GMC.com

1-800-862-4389
1-800-462-8583 (For Text Telephone devices (TTYs))
Fax Number: 313-381-0022

From Puerto Rico

1-800-496-9992 (English)
1-800-496-9993 (Spanish)
Fax Number: 313-381-0022

U.S. Virgin Islands:

1-800-496-9994
Fax Number: 313-381-0022

Canada – Customer Assistance

General Motors of Canada Limited
Customer Communication Centre, CA1-163-005
1908 Colonel Sam Drive
Oshawa, Ontario L1H 8P7

1-800-263-3777 (English)
1-800-263-7854 (French)
1-800-263-3830 (For Text Telephone devices (TTYs))
Roadside Assistance: 1-800-268-6800

Overseas – Customer Assistance

Please contact the local General Motors Business Unit.

Mexico, Central America and Caribbean Islands/Countries (Except Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands) – Customer Assistance

General Motors de Mexico, S. de R.L. de C.V.
Customer Assistance Center
Paseo de la Reforma # 2740
Col. Lomas de Bezares
C.P. 11910, Mexico, D.F.

01-800-508-0000
Long Distance: 011-52-53 29 0 800

GM Mobility Reimbursement Program

This program, available to qualified applicants, can reimburse you up to $1,000 of the cost of eligible aftermarket adaptive equipment required for your vehicle, such as hand controls or a wheelchair/ scooter lift.

The offer is available for a very limited period of time from the date of vehicle purchase/lease. For more details, or to determine your vehicle's eligibility, visit gmmobility.com or call the GM Mobility Assistance Center at 1-800-323-9935. Text telephone (TTY) users, call 1-800-833-9935.

General Motors of Canada also has a Mobility Program. Call 1-800-GM-DRIVE (463-7483) for details. TTY users call 1-800-263-3830.

Roadside Assistance Program

GM Medium Duty truck's Roadside Assistance provides stranded owner/operators with towing service for disabled GM Medium Duty trucks, during the base and/or engine warranty period, to the nearest authorized GM Medium Duty dealer. This service combines the efforts of trained telephone representatives with a network of GM Medium Duty truck services.

Call GM Medium Duty truck's Roadside Assistance at 1-800-862-4389 to reach a qualified representative who can assist you in arranging a tow to the nearest GM Medium Duty truck dealer when your vehicle is disabled. We also provide dealer information at no charge, such as location of the nearest authorized GM Medium Duty truck dealer and their hours of operation.

Our Roadside Assistance is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year which includes weekends and holidays. Should you have questions about GM Medium Duty truck Roadside Assistance, call the GM Medium Duty Roadside Assistance Center or contact your dealer.

Canadian Roadside Assistance

Whenever a Medium Duty truck owned and operated in Canada becomes disabled, the owner/operator should contact the Canadian Roadside Assistance Center at 1-800-268-6800 for assistance.

Collision Damage Repair

If your vehicle is involved in a collision and it is damaged, have the damage repaired by a qualified technician using the proper equipment and quality replacement parts. Poorly performed collision repairs diminish your vehicle's resale value, and safety performance can be compromised in subsequent collisions.

Collision Parts

Genuine GM Collision parts are new parts made with the same materials and construction methods as the parts with which your vehicle was originally built. Genuine GM Collision parts are your best choice to ensure that your vehicle's designed appearance, durability, and safety are preserved. The use of Genuine GM parts can help maintain your GM New Vehicle Warranty.

Recycled original equipment parts may also be used for repair. These parts are typically removed from vehicles that were total losses in prior crashes. In most cases, the parts being recycled are from undamaged sections of the vehicle. A recycled original equipment GM part, may be an acceptable choice to maintain your vehicle's originally designed appearance and safety performance, however, the history of these parts is not known. Such

parts are not covered by your GM New Vehicle Limited Warranty, and any related failures are not covered by that warranty.

Aftermarket collision parts are also available. These are made by companies other than GM and may not have been tested for your vehicle. As a result, these parts may fit poorly, exhibit premature durability/corrosion problems, and may not perform properly in subsequent collisions. Aftermarket parts are not covered by your GM New Vehicle Limited Warranty, and any vehicle failure related to such parts are not covered by that warranty.

Repair Facility

We recommend that you choose a collision repair facility that meets your needs before you ever need collision repairs. Your dealer/retailer may have a collision repair center with GM-trained technicians and state of the art equipment, or be able to recommend a collision repair center that has GM-trained technicians and comparable equipment.

Insuring Your Vehicle

Protect your investment in your GM vehicle with comprehensive and collision insurance coverage. There are significant differences in the quality of coverage afforded by various insurance policy terms. Many insurance policies provide reduced protection to your GM vehicle by limiting compensation for damage repairs by using aftermarket collision parts. Some insurance companies will not specify aftermarket collision parts. When purchasing insurance, we recommend that you assure your vehicle will be repaired with GM original equipment collision parts. If such insurance coverage is not available from your current insurance carrier, consider switching to another insurance carrier.

If your vehicle is leased, the leasing company may require you to have insurance that assures repairs with Genuine GM Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) parts or Genuine Manufacturer replacement parts. Read your lease carefully, as you may be charged at the end of your lease for poor quality repairs.

If a Crash Occurs

Here is what to do if you are involved in a crash.

- Check to make sure that you are all right. If you are uninjured, make sure that no one else in your vehicle, or the other vehicle, is injured.
- If there has been an injury, call emergency services for help. Do not leave the scene of a crash until all matters have been taken care of. Move your vehicle only if its position puts you in danger or you are instructed to move it by a police officer.
- Give only the necessary and requested information to police and other parties involved in the crash. Do not discuss your personal condition, mental frame of mind, or anything unrelated to the crash. This will help guard against post-crash legal action.
- If you need roadside assistance, call GM Roadside Assistance. See *Roadside Assistance Program on page 7-6* for more information.
- If your vehicle cannot be driven, know where the towing service will be taking it. Get a card from the tow truck operator or write down the driver's name, the service's name, and the phone number.
- Remove any valuables from your vehicle before it is towed away. Make sure this includes your insurance information and registration if you keep these items in your vehicle.
- Gather the important information you will need from the other driver. Things like name, address, phone number, driver's license number, vehicle license plate, vehicle make, model and model year, Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), insurance company and policy number, and a general description of the damage to the other vehicle.
- If possible, call your insurance company from the scene of the crash. They will walk you through the information they will need. If they ask for a police report, phone or go to the police department headquarters the next day and you can get a copy of the report for a nominal fee. In some states/provinces with “no fault” insurance laws, a report may not be necessary. This is especially true if there are no injuries and both vehicles are driveable.
- Choose a reputable collision repair facility for your vehicle. Whether you select a dealer/retailer or a private collision repair facility to fix the damage, make sure you are comfortable with them. Remember, you will have to feel comfortable with their work for a long time.
- Once you have an estimate, read it carefully and make sure you understand what work will be performed on your vehicle. If you have a question, ask for an explanation. Reputable shops welcome this opportunity.

Managing the Vehicle Damage Repair Process

In the event that your vehicle requires damage repairs, GM recommends that you take an active role in its repair. If you have a pre-determined repair facility of choice, take your vehicle there, or have it towed there. Specify to the facility that any required replacement collision parts be original equipment parts, either new Genuine GM parts or recycled original GM parts. Remember, recycled parts will not be covered by your GM vehicle warranty.

Insurance pays the bill for the repair, but you must live with the repair. Depending on your policy limits, your insurance company may initially value the repair using aftermarket parts. Discuss this with your repair professional, and insist on Genuine GM parts. Remember if your vehicle is leased you may be obligated to have the vehicle repaired with Genuine GM parts, even if your insurance coverage does not pay the full cost.

If another party's insurance company is paying for the repairs, you are not obligated to accept a repair valuation based on that insurance company's collision policy repair limits, as you have no contractual limits with that company. In such cases, you can have control of the repair and parts choices as long as cost stays within reasonable limits.

Reporting Safety Defects

Reporting Safety Defects to the United States Government

If you believe that your vehicle has a defect which could cause a crash or could cause injury or death, you should immediately inform the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in addition to notifying General Motors.

If NHTSA receives similar complaints, it may open an investigation, and if it finds that a safety defect exists in a group of vehicles, it may order a recall and remedy campaign. However, NHTSA cannot become involved in individual problems between you, your dealer, or General Motors.

To contact NHTSA, you may call the Vehicle Safety Hotline toll-free at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); go to *http://www.safercar.gov*; or write to:

Administrator, NHTSA
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

You can also obtain other information about motor vehicle safety from *http://www.safercar.gov.*

Reporting Safety Defects to the Canadian Government

If you live in Canada, and you believe that your vehicle has a safety defect, notify Transport Canada immediately, in addition to notifying General Motors of Canada Limited. Call them at 1-800-333-0510 or write to:

Transport Canada
Road Safety Branch
2780 Sheffield Road
Ottawa, Ontario K1B 3V9

Reporting Safety Defects to General Motors

In addition to notifying NHTSA (or Transport Canada) in a situation like this, we certainly hope you'll notify us. Please call us at 1-800-862-4389, or write:

GM Medium Duty Truck
Customer Assistance Center
P.O. Box 44947
Detroit, MI 48244

In Canada, please call us at 1-800-263-3777 (English) or 1-800-263-7854 (French). Or, write:

General Motors of Canada Limited
Customer Communication Centre, CA1-163-005
1908 Colonel Sam Drive
Oshawa , Ontario L1H 8P7

Service Publications Ordering Information

Service Manuals

Service Manuals have the diagnosis and repair information on engines, transmission, axle suspension, brakes, electrical, steering, body, etc.

Service Bulletins

Service Bulletins give additional technical service information needed to knowledgeably service General Motors cars and trucks. Each bulletin contains instructions to assist in the diagnosis and service of your vehicle.

Owner Information

Owner publications are written specifically for owners and intended to provide basic operational information about the vehicle. The owner manual includes the Maintenance Schedule for all models.

In-Portfolio: Includes a Portfolio, Owner Manual, and Warranty Booklet.

RETAIL SELL PRICE: $35.00 (U.S.) plus processing fee

Without Portfolio: Owner Manual only.

RETAIL SELL PRICE: $25.00 (U.S.) plus processing fee

Current and Past Model Order Forms

Technical Service Bulletins and Manuals are available for current and past model GM vehicles. To request an order form, specify year and model name of the vehicle.

ORDER TOLL FREE: 1-800-551-4123
Monday-Friday 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Eastern Time

For Credit Card Orders Only
(VISA-MasterCard-Discover), visit Helm, Inc.
on the World Wide Web at: helminc.com

Or you can write to:

Helm, Incorporated
P.O. Box 07130
Detroit, MI 48207

Prices are subject to change without notice and without incurring obligation. Allow ample time for delivery.

Note to Canadian Customers: All listed prices are quoted in U.S. funds. Canadian residents are to make checks payable in U.S. funds.

Vehicle Data Recording and Privacy

Vehicle Data Recording and Privacy (Isuzu 7.8L L6 Engine)

Your GM vehicle has a number of sophisticated computers that record information about the vehicle's performance and how it is driven. For example, your vehicle uses computer modules to monitor and control engine and transmission performance, to monitor the conditions for airbag deployment and deploy airbags in a crash and, if so equipped, to provide antilock braking to help the driver control the vehicle. These modules may store data to help your dealer/retailer technician service your vehicle. Some modules may also store data about how you operate the vehicle, such as rate of fuel consumption or average speed. These modules may also retain the owner's personal preferences, such as radio pre-sets, seat positions, and temperature settings.

Event Data Recorders (Isuzu 7.8L L6 Engine)

This vehicle has an Event Data Recorder (EDR). The main purpose of an EDR is to record, in certain crash or near crash-like situations, such as an airbag deployment or hitting a road obstacle, data that will assist in understanding how a vehicle's systems performed. The EDR is designed to record data related to vehicle dynamics and safety systems for a short period of time, typically 30 seconds or less. The EDR in this vehicle is designed to record such data as:

- How various systems in your vehicle were operating
- Whether or not the driver and passenger safety belts were buckled/fastened
- How far, if at all, the driver was pressing the accelerator and/or brake pedal
- How fast the vehicle was traveling

This data can help provide a better understanding of the circumstances in which crashes and injuries occur.

Important: EDR data is recorded by your vehicle only if a non-trivial crash situation occurs; no data is recorded by the EDR under normal driving conditions and no personal data (e.g., name, gender, age, and crash location) is recorded. However, other parties, such as law enforcement, could combine the EDR data with the type of personally identifying data routinely acquired during a crash investigation.

To read data recorded by an EDR, special equipment is required, and access to the vehicle or the EDR is needed. In addition to the vehicle manufacturer, other parties, such as law enforcement, that have the special equipment, can read the information if they have access to the vehicle or the EDR.

GM will not access this data or share it with others except: with the consent of the vehicle owner or, if the vehicle is leased, with the consent of the lessee; in response to an official request of police or similar government office; as part of GM's defense of litigation through the discovery process; or, as required by law. Data that GM collects or receives may also be used for GM research needs or may be made available to others for research purposes, where a need is shown and the data is not tied to a specific vehicle or vehicle owner.

OnStar® (Isuzu 7.8L L6 Engine)

If your vehicle has OnStar and you subscribe to the OnStar services, please refer to the OnStar Terms and Conditions for information on data collection and use.

Navigation System (Isuzu 7.8L L6 Engine)

If your vehicle has a navigation system, use of the system may result in the storage of destinations, addresses, telephone numbers, and other trip information. Refer to the navigation system operating manual for information on stored data and for deletion instructions.

Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) (Isuzu 7.8L L6 Engine)

RFID technology is used in some vehicles for functions such as tire pressure monitoring and ignition system security, as well as in connection with conveniences such as key fobs for remote door locking/unlocking and starting, and in-vehicle transmitters for garage door openers. RFID technology in GM vehicles does not use or record personal information or link with any other GM system containing personal information.

Radio Frequency Statement

This vehicle has systems that operate on a radio frequency that comply with Part 15 of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Rules and with RSS-210/211 of Industry and Science Canada.

Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

1. The device may not cause interference.
2. The device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

Changes or modifications to any of these systems by other than an authorized service facility could void authorization to use this equipment.

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