Getting to Know Your
2005 ION

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Congratulations on your purchase of a Saturn ION. Please read this information and your Owner Manual to ensure an outstanding ownership experience. Note that your vehicle may not include all the features described in this booklet.

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Instrument Panel Cluster

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

A. Engine Coolant Temperature Gauge

B. Fuel Gauge

C. Speedometer

D. Tachometer

E. Message Center (displays odometer and text messages on various vehicle functions, such as low fuel, trunk ajar and others)

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

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Audio Systems

CONTROL	AM/FM RADIO	AM/FM RADIO/ CD PLAYER	AM/FM SINGLE- DISC/MP3 PLAYER	AM/FM 6-DISC/ MP3 PLAYER

Setting Clock

1. Press and hold RCL button.

2. While holding RCL button, push left side of TUNE/SEEK rocker button until correct hour appears.

3. While holding RCL button, push right side of TUNE/SEEK rocker button until correct minute appears.

4. Release RCL button when finished.

1. Press and hold RCL button.

2. While holding RCL button, push left side of AUTO/TONE rocker button until correct hour appears.

3. While holding RCL button, push right side of AUTO/TONE rocker button until correct minute appears.

4. Release RCL button when finished.

Preset

To set a preset station frequency to a preset button:

1. Turn the radio to the desired station.

2. Press and hold the desired preset button.

3. An audible tone will sound when the preset is saved. The MP3 radios will also display the message "Preset X saved." ("X" is the preset location 1 through 6.)

CONTROL	AM/FM RADIO	AM/FM RADIO/ CD PLAYER	AM/FM SINGLE- DISC/MP3 PLAYER	AM/FM 6-DISC/ MP3 PLAYER
Balance/Fade/ Bass/Treble	Gently pull out VOL knob to adjust Balance /Fade. Press BASS/TREB knob to release. Rotate to adjust.	Press MODE button until desired mode is displayed. Use "+" or "-" button to adjust.	Press BASS/TREB/FAD/BAL knob until desired mode is displayed. Rotate knob to desired setting.	
Tune	TUNE/SEEK rocker button manually increases or decreases frequency.		Rotate TUNE knob to manually change.	
Seek	Hold TUNE/SEEK rocker button until tone sounds. Radio will automatically increase or decrease frequency to next receivable station.		Press the SEEK rocker button momentarily to automatically increase or decrease frequency to next receivable station.	
Scan	Press SCN button to automatically scan through all stations sequentially, pausing at each one for five seconds.		Press and hold SEEK rocker button until tone is generated to automatically scan through stations, in ascending or descending order, pausing at each receivable station.	
Auto EQ			Use either side of AUTO EQ rocker button to scroll through the preset equalizer options.	

CONTROL	AM/FM RADIO	AM/FM RADIO/ CD PLAYER	AM/FM SINGLE-DISC/MP3 PLAYER	AM/FM 6-DISC/ MP3 PLAYER
Load Single CD		Insert CD into empty CD player.	Insert CD into empty CD player, or press LOAD button and insert disc when prompted.	Press LOAD button for less than three seconds. Radio will prompt user to select which location to load CD. User selects location by pressing Preset/Disc buttons 1–6.
Next/Previous Track		Press NXT or PRV button.	Press 2 ▶▶ button 1◀◀, or rotate TUNE knob clockwise or counterclockwise.	
Rewind/Fast Forward		Press/hold REV or FWD button.	Press and hold left side or right side of ◀◀ CAT ▶▶ button.	
CD/XM Info			Press left side of the i/TRAF button for text information, if available.	
Change MP3 Folder			Press ◀◀ CAT ▶▶ rocker button to scroll through available folders.	

Audio Systems (cont.)

Six-Disc CD Changer with MP3 Player

CD Changer Controls
(Six-Disc Systems):

(Load): To load a *single* CD, press LOAD for less than three seconds. After being prompted to select a CD loading location, select a location by pressing the Preset/Disc buttons 1–6.

To load *all* CDs, press and hold the LOAD button for at least three seconds. When prompted, insert one disc at a time. Press any other radio button to cancel the operation.

(Six-Disc Systems): Press this button; then press the preset button when prompted to indicate which CD should eject or which slot should be loaded. Press LOAD button to cancel. To eject all CDs, press and hold this button. "LOAD" will then display. Press LOAD button to cancel.

RDM: Press for random play of current disc. Press and hold for two seconds for random play of all discs. Press again to cancel.

SEEK (Six-Disc Systems): Press right side of button to go to next CD. Press left side to go to previous CD.

XM Satellite Radio (if equipped):

On equipped radios, two additional listening bands are available: XM1 and XM2. To access these bands, press the AUX button until "XM1" or "XM2" appears on the display.

• Press the left side of the i/TRAF button to display the track/artist or station information.

• Press the SEEK or TUNE knob to change the channel.

XM Satellite Radio provides more than 120 channels of digital quality sound that goes wherever you go — coast to coast. XM displays song title, artist and entertainment genre. Activation fee and service subscription are extra. Available only in the U.S. 48 contiguous states.

For more information, contact XM on the Internet at www.XMradio.com or call 1-800-852-XMXM (9696).

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Driver's Seat Adjustments (if equipped)

To raise the seat:

- Lift the front lever on the left side of the driver's seat ("A"); then release. Each time you raise the lever, the seat will move up a little more. Repeat until the seat is at the desired height.

To lower the seat:

- Push down on the lever ("A") and release. Continue until the seat is at the desired height.

To recline the seat:

- Lift the recliner lever ("B") to release the seatback; then move the seatback to where you want it. Release the lever to lock the seatback in place. Press rearward on the seatback to ensure it is locked into place.

See Section 1 of your Owner Manual.

Remote Trunk Opening

Using Remote Keyless Entry Transmitter (if equipped):

To open your trunk electronically, press the car symbol (🚗) on your Remote Keyless Entry transmitter.
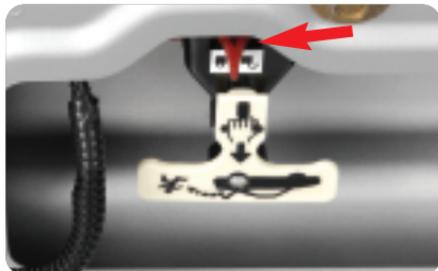
Using Interior Release Button:

- Press the interior trunk release button (🚗) located on the lower part of the instrument panel to the left of the steering wheel.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Preventing Unauthorized Entry Into the Trunk

To secure your trunk:

- Lock the rear seatbacks in the upright position by pushing them up and rearward until you hear a click. Push with your hand over the latch locations to ensure that the latches are engaged.

- Pull on the seatbacks to ensure that the latches are secure.

- Locate the red valet lever of the trunk latch, mounted inside the trunk lid (see above photo).

- Slide the red valet lever to the left (locked position) to activate the valet lockout switch. This will disable the inside release button and the car symbol button on your Remote Keyless Entry transmitter (if equipped with RKE). You will now be able to access the trunk only with your key.

Caution: When lifting or closing the trunk lid with your hand, be careful not to accidentally move the Valet Lockout lever (shown above) to the locked position. This will render your RKE transmitter Trunk Release button inoperative and will require you to open the trunk with your key.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Tire Pressure

The Tire-Loading Information Label tells you the proper size, speed rating and recommended tire inflation pressure for the tires on your vehicle. This label is located on the driver-side doorjamb.

Overinflated tires produce a harsh ride, while underinflated tires reduce fuel economy and affect vehicle handling. Both underinflated and overinflated tires promote tire wear.

See Section 5 of your Owner Manual.

Jump Starting Your Vehicle

The battery is located in the spare tire well under the load floor in the trunk. Should it be necessary to jump start your vehicle, either the battery or the remote positive terminal in the engine compartment can be used. This unique feature allows you to jump start the vehicle from either the front or the rear of the vehicle. The negative cable can be connected to a heavy, unpainted metal part of the vehicle or, if equipped, to a negative terminal on the battery. See your Owner Manual for instructions on how to properly and safely jump start your ION.

See Section 5 of your Owner Manual.

Removing and Securing the Fuel Cap

To remove the fuel cap, turn the cap counterclockwise about 1/4 of a turn. To reinstall the fuel cap after filling your tank, turn the fuel cap to the right (clockwise) until you hear at least three clicks. The vehicle diagnostic system can determine if the cap has been left off or improperly installed. This would allow fuel to evaporate into the atmosphere and may cause the malfunction indicator lamp to illuminate.

See Section 5 of your Owner Manual.

Interior Airflow

Your Saturn continuously supplies fresh air to the passenger compartment, even when the fan is turned off. When the outside temperature is cool, this airflow may not be desirable.

Options to changing the airflow include:
1. Redirecting the airflow.
2. Changing the air temperature using the rotary control knob.
3. Turning on the Recirculate button (⟳).

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Preventing Window Fogging

To keep the vehicle glass fog-free, the climate control system knob should be positioned to the Defrost/Heater (🌊) or Defrost (🌫) setting. The Recirculate button (🔄) should be left off.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Automatic Door Locks

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

To disable the automatic door locking feature:

• Turn the ignition key to RUN with the engine off and all doors closed.

• Press and hold the power door lock button until you hear two chimes.

If the automatic door locking feature is disabled, it can be enabled following the same procedure. You can follow a similar procedure to enable or disable power unlocking as well.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Delayed Door Locking

If you press the LOCK button on your Remote Keyless Entry transmitter while any door or the trunk is open, the doors will not lock. Instead, the interior chime will sound three times. Once all doors and the trunk are closed, the doors will lock. To cancel this delay, press the power door lock switch or lock button on the Remote Keyless Entry transmitter a second time.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Saturn Security System

Your Saturn retailer can program the operation of the Saturn Security System and Remote Keyless Entry transmitter to meet your needs. If you want the security system to arm itself or the horn not to chirp when you lock the vehicle, your retailer can change these and many other features.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Retained Accessory Power

Retained Accessory Power allows certain features on your vehicle to continue working for up to 10 minutes after the key is turned to OFF/LOCK, or removed from the ignition, and until the driver's door is opened. Some of these features include the radio, wipers (HIGH speed only), power windows and sunroof. These features will also continue to work when the ignition key is in the RUN or ACC position.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Automatic Headlamp System (if equipped)

When it is dark enough outside, and your headlamp switch is in the AUTO position, the automatic headlamp system will turn on your headlamps at the normal brightness, along with other lamps such as taillamps, side markers, parking lamps, instrument panel lights and radio display.

You can turn off the Automatic Headlamp System by rotating the headlamp switch to off (○). The lights will remain off until you rotate the headlamp switch to ○ again.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Dome Lamp Operation

If the dome lamp switch is set in the DOOR position, the dome lamp will come on when any of the doors are opened. When you enter or exit your car through the driver's door, the dome lamp will stay on for a short period of time after the doors have been closed.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Split-Folding Rear Seatbacks

Your Saturn is equipped with split-folding seatbacks that increase the cargo area. Either seatback can be lowered.

To fold the seatback(s), do the following:

1. Open the trunk and pull one or both of the small handles located in the center of the trunk.

2. Push the seatback forward from the trunk area or lower the seatback from inside the vehicle.

To close either seatback:

1. Rotate the seatback up and rearward until you hear a click.

2. Push with your hand over the latch locations to ensure the latches have engaged.

3. Pull on the seatbacks to ensure that the latches are secure.

See Section 1 of your Owner Manual.

Fold-Flat Front Passenger Seatback (Coupe models only)

Your Saturn may be equipped with a fold-flat front passenger seatback.

To fold the seatback down flat, follow these steps:

1. Lift the bar under the front seat to unlock it.

2. Slide the seat to the rearmost position; then release the bar. Try to move the seat to ensure the seat is locked in place.

3. Lift the recliner lever, located on the outside of the seat, and fold the seat forward until the seatback disengages.

4. Continue to fold the seat forward until it locks in the folded position. Pull up on the seatback to ensure it is locked.

See Section 1 of your Owner Manual.

Cruise Control

For your convenience, the cruise control buttons are located on the steering wheel.

⚬ **(On/Off):** Press this button to turn the cruise control system on and off.

+RES (Resume): Press the top of this button to resume a set cruising speed or to accelerate vehicle speed while cruising.

–SET (Set): Press the bottom of this button to set cruising speed or to decrease vehicle speed while cruising.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Red Line Reverse Shifting

To shift into reverse, lift up on the reverse-lockout collar located under the shift knob and move the lever into the gate marked "R."

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Vehicle Symbols, Message Center, Warning Lights and Indicators

Your vehicle may be equipped with components and labels that use symbols instead of text. For more information about these symbols, see "Safety Warnings and Symbols" in the Index of your Owner Manual.

Your vehicle's instrument panel contains a message center display and warning lights and indicators that alert you to various operating conditions of your vehicle.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

CHG OIL Message

If the "CHG OIL" message is displayed in the message center, it means that there is less than 10 percent of the engine's oil life left. You should change the engine oil soon.

This feature assists in determining when to change the engine oil and filter. It's based on the engine operating temperatures and revolutions. The system does not check *how much* oil you have, so you will have to check for that.

Resetting Oil Life Monitor

After changing the engine oil, the oil life monitoring system must be reset. Follow these steps to reset the monitor:

1. With the engine running or the ignition key in RUN and the engine off, press the trip odometer reset stem once or twice until the "OIL LIFE" message is displayed and flashing in the message center.

2. Press and hold the trip odometer button on the instrument panel for a few seconds until a chime sounds five times.

The "OIL LIFE" message remains on without flashing when the reset procedure is complete.

If the light illuminates again and remains on for 30 seconds at the next ignition cycle, the system did not reset. Repeat the above procedure.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Notes

Roadside Assistance Program

1-800-553-6000

TTY users: 1-888-889-2438

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

Saturn's Roadside Assistance toll-free number is staffed by courteous and capable Roadside Assistance Representatives who are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

We will provide the following services during the Bumper-to-Bumper warranty period, at no expense to you:

• Fuel delivery
• Lockout service (identification required)
• Tow to nearest Saturn retailer for warranty service or in the event of a vehicle-disabling accident
• Flat tire change
• Jump starts
• Minor repairs to disabled vehicles
• Assistance when vehicle is mired in sand, mud or snow
• Saturn retailer locator service

For prompt and efficient assistance when calling, please provide the following information to the Roadside Assistance Representative:

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

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