



Getting to Know Your 2005 Malibu/Malibu MAXX

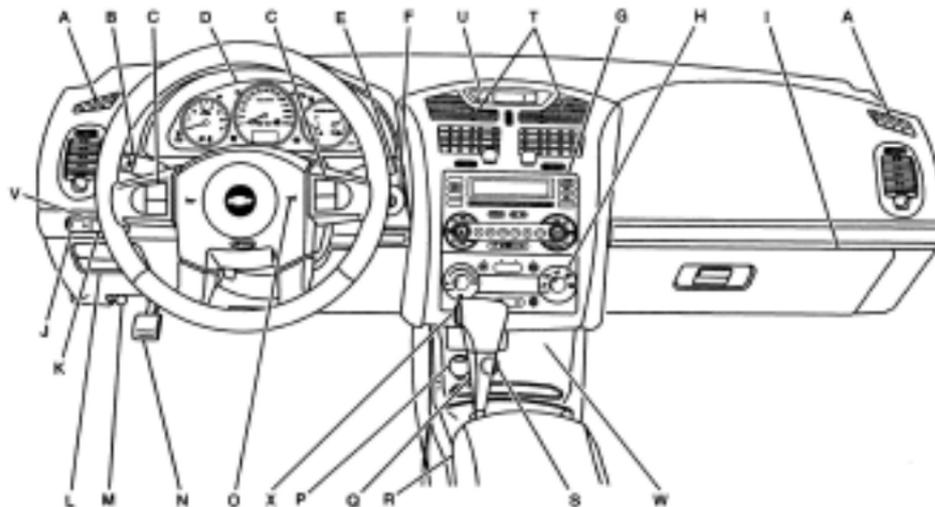


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Congratulations on your purchase of a Chevrolet Malibu or Malibu MAXX. Please read this information and your Owner Manual to ensure an outstanding ownership experience. Note that your vehicle may not include all the features described in this booklet. Place this booklet in your Owner Manual portfolio for easy reference.

Instrument Panel



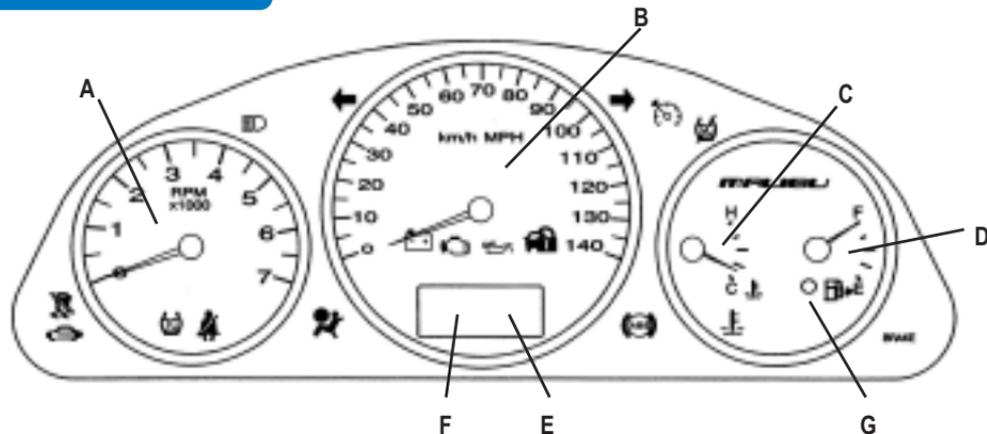
- A. Side Window Outlets
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- R. Center Console Storage Compartment
- S. Traction Control Button (or Accessory Power Outlet if not equipped with Traction Control)
- T. Rear Seat Air Outlets
- U. Hazard Warning Flashers Button
- V. Fog Lamp Switch
- W. Rear Wiper Switch (if equipped)
- X. Electronic Range Selection Button

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

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. Tachometer
- B. Speedometer
- C. Engine Coolant Temperature Gauge
- D. Fuel Gauge
- E. Transaxle Shift Indicator
- F. Odometer
- G. Low Fuel Indicator

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.

Driver Personal Fit Features

Your vehicle is equipped with an adjustable tilt and telescoping steering wheel, power height adjust driver's seat, and power adjustable pedals (except on Base models). This combination of features allows optimum positioning of the driver for both comfort and safety.

1. Seating Adjustment

Adjust the seat fore/aft, up/down, and recline, so you can comfortably reach the HVAC system, audio unit and other controls.



Manual Fore/Aft Seat Adjustment Lever



Two-Way Power Seat Height Control



Six-Way Power Seat Control (if equipped)



Manual Lumbar (if equipped)

The manual lumbar handle is located on the outboard side of the driver's seat. Ratchet the handle down to increase lumbar support. Ratchet the handle up to decrease lumbar support.

See *Section 1* of your Owner Manual.

2. Throttle and Brake Pedal Adjustment

Adjust the brake and accelerator pedals fore/aft to a comfortable and safe operating position.



See *Section 2* of your Owner Manual.

3. Steering Column Adjustment

- Pull lever down to unlock.
- Adjust the steering wheel fore/aft and up/down, so that you have comfortable reach and separation to the steering wheel.
- Move lever back to locked position.



See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Remote Keyless Entry System Operation

(Remote Keyless Entry with Remote Start shown. Without Remote Start is similar.)

 If your vehicle has this feature, it is used to start and stop the engine.

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

 (Unlock): Press this button to unlock the driver's door. If the button is pressed again within five seconds, all remaining doors will unlock. The interior lamps will illuminate and remain on for 10 seconds or until the ignition is turned on. If enabled through the DIC, the parking



lamps will flash twice and the horn will chirp twice to indicate unlocking has occurred.

 (Remote Trunk/Liftgate Release): The trunk or liftgate will unlatch when this button on the transmitter is *pressed and held for approximately one second*. You can open the sedan trunk with the transmitter when the vehicle is stationary.

You can open the liftgate on the MAXX only while the vehicle is in Park (P).

 (Vehicle Locator/Panic Alarm): A new Vehicle Locator feature has been added to your car's Remote Keyless Entry. Press and hold this button for approximately one second to locate your vehicle. The horn will sound three times and the headlamps and parking lamps will flash three times.

To sound the panic alarm, press and hold the button for three seconds. The horn will sound and the headlamps and parking lamps will flash for two minutes. Press the button again to cancel the panic alarm.

Unlock Functions without RKE Fob

Your vehicle's passenger doors and trunk/liftgate can also be unlocked using the driver's door key/cylinder.

With the key in the cylinder:

1. Turn key toward front of vehicle and back to center once to unlock the driver's door.
2. Turn key toward front of vehicle and back to center twice to unlock all doors.
3. Turn key toward front of vehicle and back to center three times to release trunk/liftgate.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Unlatching the MAXX Decklid

If the liftgate is unlocked, you can manually open it by pushing the touch



pad switch located on the underside of the liftgate trim panel, slightly to the right of center (see above).

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Remote Vehicle Start System (if equipped)

This feature allows you to start the engine from outside the vehicle by using the Remote Keyless Entry transmitter. (Normal transmitter range is within 196 feet of the vehicle.)

You can also pre-set the climate control system to heat or cool the vehicle interior before getting in. The engine will run for about 10 minutes before turning itself off, but can be extended 10 minutes more by performing another remote start sequence before the first 10 minutes expires, or after the engine has shut off.

No additional remote starts are allowed until the vehicle has been started with the ignition key.

Starting the Vehicle

1. Aim the transmitter at the vehicle.
2. Press the LOCK button on the transmitter, release it and immediately press and hold the remote start button  for at least four seconds or until the turn signal lights flash, indicating the engine has started.

3. When the vehicle starts, the parking lamps will light and stay on while the engine is running.
4. Repeat these steps for a 10-minute time extension.

Note: If your vehicle is equipped with Remote Starting, instructions for operating this feature are provided on a tag that can be attached to your vehicle's key chain for easy reference.



Turning Off the Engine After a Remote Start

To turn off the engine, press and hold the remote start button  until the parking lamps turn off, OR press and release the hazard warning flasher button inside the vehicle.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Audio System



Your vehicle's audio system not only performs the standard audio functions, but also has an integrated Driver Information Center that provides vehicle information, vehicle feature personalization, and vehicle warning messages.

On radios with two-line displays, the top line will be used to show radio frequency or time, and outside temperature. The bottom line will display the DIC function. On radios with a single-line display, the DIC will overwrite the radio information while in use.

Audio System Features

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

Left Knob — Pressing the center of this knob (⏻) will turn the power on or off.

The outside ring (◀) adjusts the volume.

BAND — Use this button to select the radio for listening, and to toggle between AM, FM, and XM (if equipped).

SRC — The Source button is used to select a CD or tape for listening.

Right Knob — Pressing the center (DISP) of this knob will toggle the radio display between station frequency and temperature and time and temperature. It is also used to display song title and artist information, if available in the broadcast.

The outside ring is used to tune in radio stations and to adjust (ADJ) selected audio functions such as Tone, Balance/Fade and Clock. For example, to set the clock, press and hold the CLOCK button for two seconds to enter the set clock mode. Use the adjust ring to select the hour. Press CLOCK. Use the adjust ring to select the minutes. Press CLOCK again to complete the process.

Adjusting other functions is done in a similar manner.

CD Changer — If your vehicle has the optional in-dash 6-Disc CD Changer, note that you cannot directly load a CD as in single-play systems.

To load a single CD:

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

To load multiple CDs:

- Press and hold the LOAD button for two seconds. Follow the display prompts to load each CD.

XM Radio (if equipped) — On equipped radios, to access XM Radio, press the BAND button until XM1 or XM2 appears on the display.

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-XXMM (9696).

Operating the Optional Rear Seat Audio (RSA) System

This feature allows rear seat passengers to select an audio source to listen to through their headphones while front seat passengers listen to their selections through the front speakers.

1. Select an audio source (cassette or CD) by pressing the SRCE button.
2. Select a radio source (AM, FM, XM) by pressing the BAND button.
3. Use SEEK and the 1–6 buttons to change tracks, discs, stations.
4. Adjust volume by turning the dial on the wireless headphones; or plug-in headphones, use the volume controls on the front of the RSA
5. The vehicle's rear speakers will be muted whenever the RSA system is turned on.

Operating the Optional Rear Seat Entertainment (RSE) System

The Rear Seat Entertainment System has all the same functions as the RSA system, with the following added features: DVD player, flip-up video screen, remote control, and auxiliary input jacks. Packaged with your remote control is a Quick Reference card that is designed to fit in the storage bin of the rear seat armrest. The card provides basic operating instructions for the system as well as instructions for stowing the wireless headphones and remote control.

Here are some items to note when using the RSE system:

- The vehicle's rear speakers will be muted whenever the RSE system is turned on.
- The volume for wired headphones may also be adjusted through the remote control.
- To enter Auxiliary mode, press AUX on the remote control or press the control head SRCE and PLAY buttons at the same time.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Note: An audio or radio source may be listened to but cannot be changed from the RSA/RSE if the front seat passengers have selected that same source from the front seat controls. (For example, a radio station selected with the front seat controls cannot be changed by the rear seat controls.)

Driver Information Center (DIC)

The DIC is controlled by three buttons located to the left of the radio display window.



INFO — Use this button to access the Vehicle Information functions.

MENU — This button provides access to the Vehicle Feature Personalization functions.

ENTER — Use this button to select a menu option or to acknowledge a warning message.

Vehicle Information

This function provides six information items:

- Trip A
- Trip B
- Average Fuel Economy
- Range
- Average Speed
- Engine Oil Life

Press the INFO button to scroll through these items. Pressing and holding the ENTER button will reset a selected item.

Vehicle Feature Personalization

Depending on optional equipment, this function provides up to 13 different features that can be selected to best meet your needs. For example, you can select from four languages, choose English or metric units, and select various automatic door lock/unlock configurations.



To access the various features:

- The ignition switch must be in the ON position.
- Press the MENU button to scroll through the available personalization features. When the desired feature is reached, press the ENTER button to toggle between the setting choices for that feature. To record your selection, press and release the MENU button.

Warnings and Messages

This function provides up to 17 messages (depending on optional equipment), such as door ajar, low fuel, ice possible. Some messages can be acknowledged and reset by pressing the ENTER button. Other messages related to vehicle durability or safety cannot be reset and will remain displayed until the condition is corrected.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Exterior Lighting Controls



Exterior Lamp Switch Operation

The exterior lamp control switch is located on the lever to the left of the steering column. The switch can be rotated to each of the following four positions:

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

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

AUTO: Automatic Lamp Control (ALC): Automatically turns on Daytime Running Lamps (DRLs) in the daytime and headlamps, parking lamps and taillamps at dusk.

 (Off/On): Momentary on/off switch for the ALC.

Automatic Lamp Control

When you start the vehicle at night or in a dark garage, the headlamps, parking lamps and taillamps will come on immediately. After driving into daylight, the system will switch to the DRLs after about a one-minute delay.

Also, when driving into dark tunnels or garages, the system delays turning on the headlamps to avoid unnecessarily switching on and off for a short time.

The system's light sensor is located on top of the instrument panel, under the defroster grille. To ensure proper system operation, avoid placing objects or stickers on or near the sensor.

ALC Override

When operating in AUTO position, a momentary turn of the switch to the Off/On position will turn off the ALC and all the exterior lights. Rotating the switch to the Off/On position again will turn the ALC on again. ALC is always turned on at the beginning of an ignition cycle.

See *Section 3 of your Owner Manual.*

Cruise Control (if equipped)



(Base Level buttons shown. Uplevel buttons similar.)

 (On/Off): Press this button to turn the cruise control system on and off. When the cruise control is engaged, the same symbol will illuminate in the instrument cluster.

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

- SET (Set): Press this button to set a speed, or to decrease the set speed, if system is engaged.

See *Section 3 of your Owner Manual.*

Seating and Cargo Versatility

Fold-Flat Front Passenger Seat

The front passenger seatback can be folded flat to permit loading of long cargo or it can serve as a table surface when parked.

To fold down the front passenger seatback

1. First, ensure that the seatback is **fully upright**, by pulling up on the recliner handle at the side of the seat. Then, lower the head restraint to its lowest position.



2. Push in the release button located on either side of the passenger seatback.
3. Fold the seatback forward.

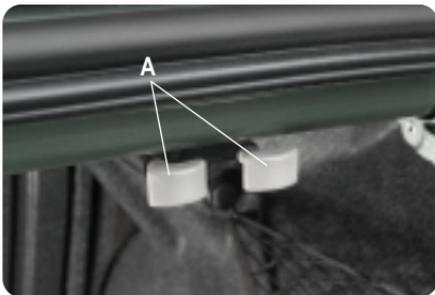
Caution: Ensure that longer cargo is not near an air bag. In a crash, an inflating air bag might force that object toward a person, which could cause severe injury or even death.

To raise the seatback

- Push in the release button and pull the seatback up to lock it in place.

Folding the 60/40 Split Rear Seat

The split-folding rear seatback permits loading of longer items from the rear cargo area.



To fold down the rear seatback on the sedan

1. Open the trunk and pull one or both of the gray handles located on the upper side of the trunk opening (see "A" above). The left handle opens the larger seatback; the right handle opens the smaller side.
2. Push the seatback open through the trunk or pull it open from inside the vehicle.
3. To return seatback to upright position, push the seatback up until you hear a click; then pull on the seatback to make sure it is secure.

To fold down the rear seatback on the Malibu MAXX

1. Pull up and hold the recliner lever located on the side of either rear seat. Push the seatback into the down position.
2. To return seatback to upright position, pull up and hold the lever; then push the seatback up until you hear a click. Pull on the seatback to make sure it is secure.

See Section 1 of your Owner Manual.

Functional and Convenience Features

Electronic Range Select Mode

This feature allows you to select the lower driving gears. The button for this mode is located on the shift lever knob.



To enable the electronic range select mode, the shift lever must be in the LOW (L) position.

Pressing the “+” and “-” sides of the switch will cycle through gears 4, 3, 2 and 1.

The chosen gear selection will be indicated in the cluster PRNDL.



See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Speed Sensitive Wipers

Rotate the windshield wiper stalk to the intermittent wiper position (⏏).

In this setting, wiper speed will change with vehicle speed, increasing as you drive faster and decreasing when you slow down.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

High Efficiency Air Outlets for Rear Seat Comfort

The two upper air outlets located in the center of the instrument panel are dedicated to the rear seats. The outlets are fixed to direct airflow to the rear seats for maximum cooling efficiency and rear passenger comfort.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Outside Heated Rearview Mirrors (if equipped)

When you turn on the rear window defogger, a defogger also warms the outside mirrors to clear them of mist, ice and snow.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Accessory Power Outlets

Your Malibu is equipped with a number of Accessory Power Outlets (APOs) for added convenience.

An APO/cigarette lighter is located in the instrument panel, ahead of the shifter handle.



Instrument Panel-Mounted APO/ Cigarette Lighter

On vehicles without traction control, a second APO is also located in this area.



Storage Bin-Mounted APO

On vehicles with traction control, the second APO is located inside the front-center console storage bin. The bin side includes a notch to allow power cord routing outside the bin when the lid is closed.

On MAXX models, a third Accessory Power Outlet is located in the rear cargo area.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Storage Features

Your Malibu comes with a number of handy storage areas for holding smaller items such as pens, photos, memos, sunglasses and more.

Windshield Pillar Convenience Clip

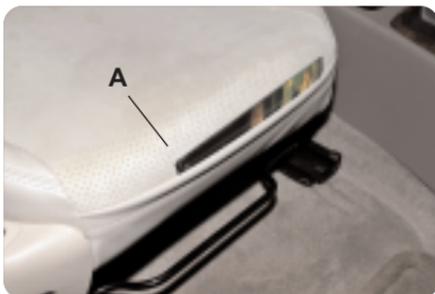
A Windshield Pillar Convenience Clip is located on the driver's side of the wind-



shield. It can hold parking passes, toll tickets and a variety of other flat items.

Front Seat Cushion Storage Pouch

Depending on the model, your Malibu may have a storage pouch along the front edge of the front seat cushions (see "A" below) for storing wallets and other valuable items that you prefer to be kept hidden from public view.



Front Passenger Seat Storage Pocket

A small storage pocket located on the inboard side of the front passenger seatback (shown right) can be used for storing smaller items such as pens or parking passes.



Instrument Panel Storage Bin

A storage bin located on the lower-left side of your instrument panel is a handy place to store coins, gum packages and other smaller items.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Cleaning the Interior Upholstery

In general, cleaning the entire seat panel is recommended, starting from the seams and moving into the stain to avoid a ring effect after drying.

For the Base and LS model fabric seat, in most instances, soda water and a clean white cloth will remove spots and spills.

For the LT model Ultra Lux fabric seat, in most instances, mild soapy water and a clean white cloth will remove spills and spots. For oil and grease spots, sprinkle baking soda on the spot, and then brush and wipe with a clean white cloth.

See Section 5 of your Owner Manual.

MAXX Features

Adjusting the Multi-Flex Rear Sliding Seat

On Malibu MAXX models, the rear seat can slide forward to allow for more rear cargo space, or rearward for more legroom.

To slide the seat forward:

1. Lift the bar under the front of the seat to unlock it and slide the seat to the desired position.
2. Release the bar.

Note: For vehicles equipped with the rear seat DVD system, find the molded-in rib located on the plastic carpet retainer at the bottom of the left rear door opening. Keeping the seat rearward of this rib will ensure that the DVD screen can be fully opened without interfering with the seat.

On Malibu MAXX, the rear seat can also recline.

1. Pull up and hold the recliner handle located on the side of the seat.
2. Adjust to the desired position, and release handle.

See Section 1 of your Owner Manual.

Operating the Rear Skylight's Retractable Shades

Your vehicle's rear skylight permits added light into the rear seating area. The skylight's retractable shades allow rear passengers to shut out bright sunlight.

To close, pull shade out and hook T-tab into the notch in the skylight's trim.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Operating the Rear Compartment Storage Panel/Cover

The shelf/cargo cover permits two-tiered cargo loading for maximum space utility.



- Upper Position:** Insert the front corners into the top guides and slide the shelf forward; then press down on the back of the shelf to lock it down. For added convenience, four grocery bag hooks are included on the rear edge of the shelf.



- Center Position:** Place the shelf in the center guides, slide the shelf forward and press down on the back of the shelf to lock it down.



- Lower Position:** Place the shelf on top of the cargo floor and slide it forward. The shelf is faced with a carpeted surface on one side and a durable plastic surface on the other for carrying dirty or wet cargo.
- Table Position:** The shelf can also be positioned for use as a utility table.



To set up as a utility table:

- Place the shelf in the upper position, carpet or plastic side up, and extend the shelf out. The shelf extends only in the upper position.
- Unsnap the leg from the plastic side of the table and turn the leg outward.
- Set the leg securely into the groove on the lower cargo opening plastic trim.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Roadside Assistance

1-800-CHEV-USA (1-800-243-8872)

TTY Users: 1-888-889-2438

As the owner of a 2005 Chevrolet, membership in the Roadside Assistance program is free.

Roadside Assistance is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year by calling one of the above numbers. An advisor will provide you with over-the-phone assistance in resolving minor mechanical problems. If the problems can't be resolved over the phone, our advisors have access to a nationwide network of dealer-recommended service providers. Roadside Assistance is free; however, some services may incur costs.

Roadside offers two levels of service: *Basic Care* and *Courtesy Care*.

Roadside Basic Care provides:

- Toll-free number (shown above)
- Free towing for warranty repairs
- Basic over-the-phone technical advice
- Available dealer services at reasonable costs (i.e., wrecker services, locksmith/key service, glass repair)

Roadside Courtesy Care provides:

- Roadside Basic Care services (as outlined previously)

Plus:

- FREE Non-Warranty Towing (to the closest dealer from a legal roadway)
- FREE Locksmith/Key Service (when keys are lost on the road or locked inside)

- FREE Flat Tire Service (spare installed on the road)
- FREE Jump Start (at home or on the road)
- FREE Fuel Delivery (\$5 worth of fuel delivered on the road)

Courtesy Care is available to retail and retail lease customers operating 2005 and newer Chevrolet vehicles for a period of 3 years/36,000 miles (60,000 km), whichever occurs first.

For prompt and efficient assistance when calling, please provide the following information to the advisor:

- Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)
- Vehicle license plate number
- Vehicle color and mileage
- Location of the vehicle
- Telephone number where you can be reached
- Description of problem

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