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TACOMA

*2008
Quick Reference Guide*

2008 Tacoma

This *Quick Reference Guide* is a summary of basic vehicle operations. It contains brief descriptions of fundamental operations so you can locate and use the vehicle's main equipment quickly and easily.

The *Quick Reference Guide* is not intended as a substitute for the *Owner's Manual* located in your vehicle's glove box. We strongly encourage you to review the *Owner's Manual* and supplementary manuals so you will have a better understanding of your vehicle's capabilities and limitations.

Your dealership and the entire staff of Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. wish you many years of satisfied driving in your new Tacoma.

! A word about safe vehicle operations

This *Quick Reference Guide* is not a full description of Tacoma operations. Every Tacoma owner should review the *Owner's Manual* that accompanies this vehicle.

Pay special attention to the boxed "⚠CAUTION" information highlighted throughout the *Owner's Manual*. Each box contains safe operating instructions to help you avoid injury or equipment malfunction.

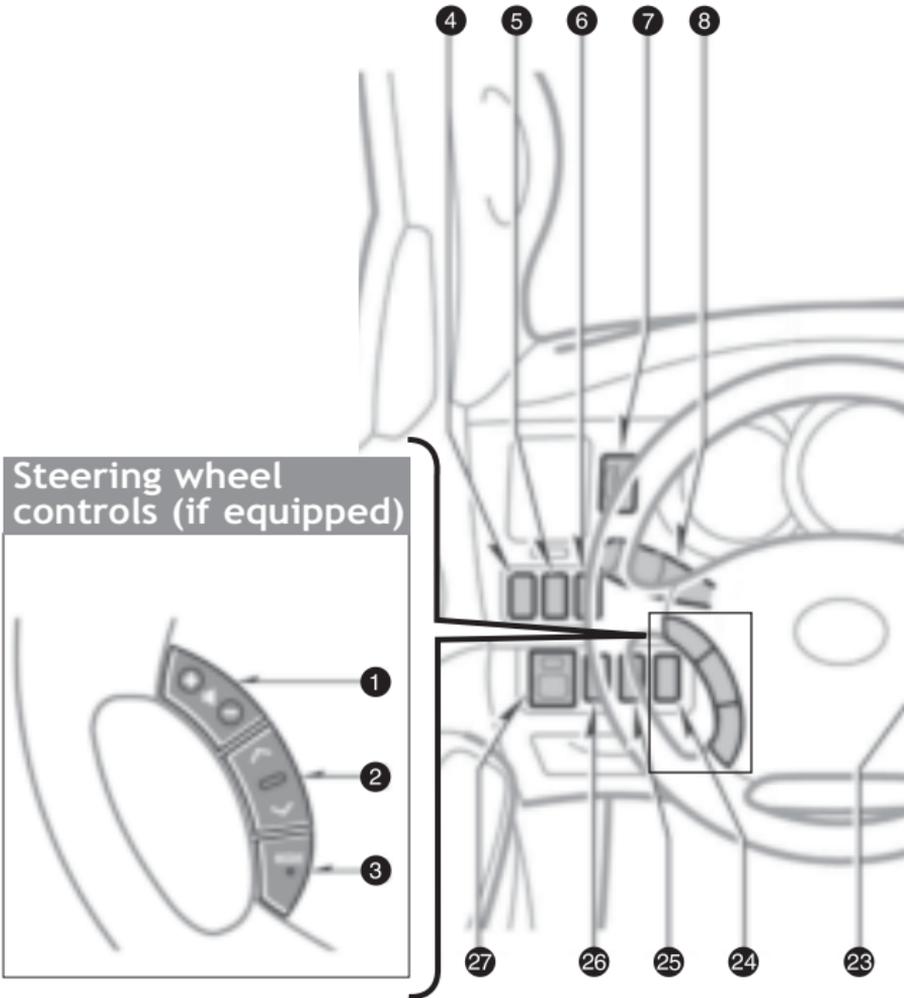
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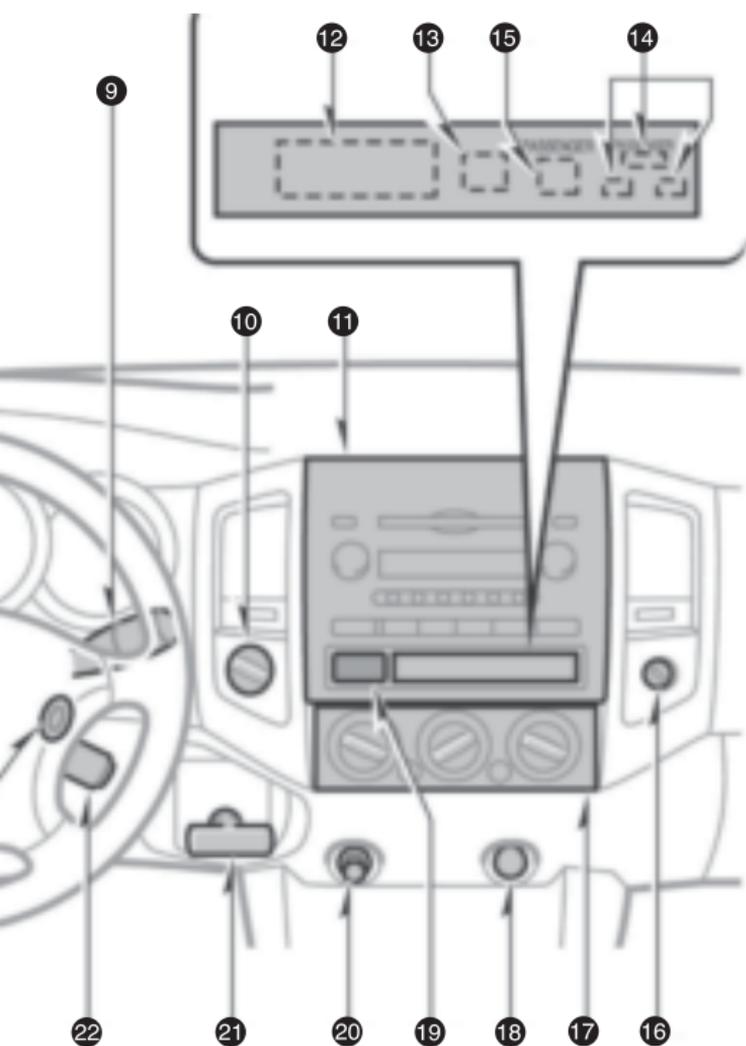
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OVERVIEW

Instrument panel



- 1 Volume control buttons (for audio)
- 2 " ^ v " buttons (for audio)
- 3 "MODE" button (for audio)
- 4 Front fog light switch¹
- 5 Rear differential lock switch¹
- 6 115V AC Power outlet ON/OFF switch¹
- 7 Instrument panel light control
- 8 Headlight and turn signal controls
- 9 Wiper and washer controls
- 10 Two-wheel/Four-wheel drive selector¹
- 11 Audio system
- 12 Clock
- 13 Theft deterrent system/Engine immobilizer indicator¹
- 14 Front passenger seat belt reminder
- 15 Front passenger occupant classification indicator¹ or front passenger airbag ON/OFF indicator¹



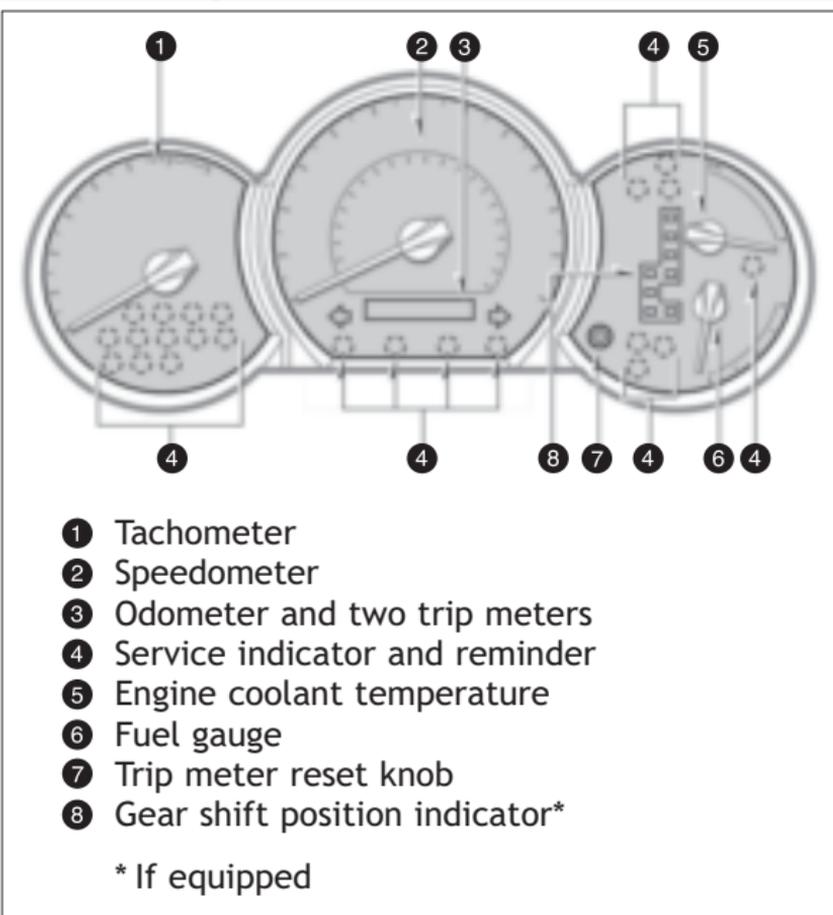
- 16 Front passenger airbag manual ON/OFF switch¹
- 17 Air Conditioning controls
- 18 12V DC Power outlet
- 19 Emergency flasher switch
- 20 12V DC Power outlet/Cigarette lighter
- 21 Parking brake lever (stick type)²
- 22 Cruise control¹
- 23 Engine switch
- 24 Roll sensing curtain shield airbags OFF switch
- 25 "DAC" (Downhill Assist Control) button¹ or clutch start cancel switch¹
- 26 "VSC OFF" switch¹
- 27 Power rearview mirror control switches¹

¹ If equipped

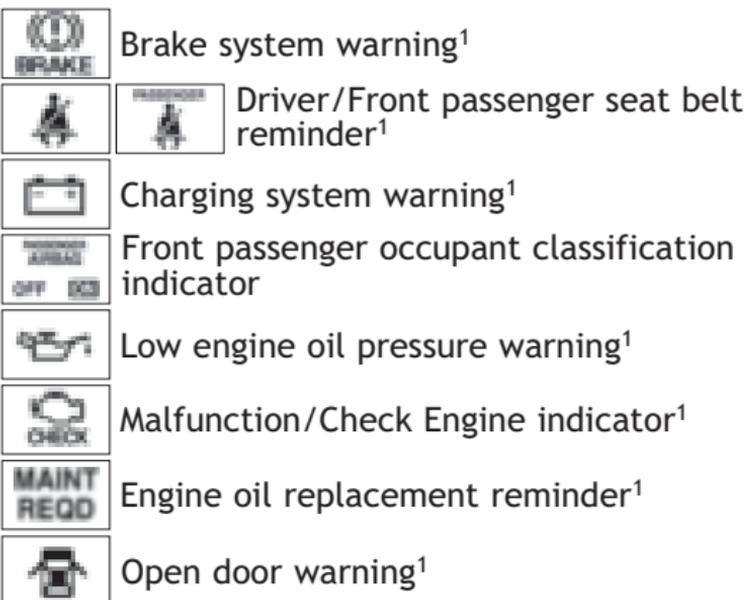
² Manual Transmission only.
(Automatic Transmissions are equipped with a parking brake pedal.)

OVERVIEW

Instrument cluster



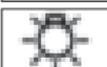
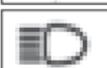
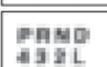
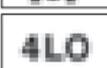
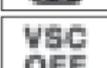
Indicator symbols



¹ For details, refer to “Service reminder indicators and warning buzzers,” Section 1-6, 2008 Owner’s Manual.

² If this light flashes, refer to “Four-wheel drive system,” Section 1-7, 2008 Owner’s Manual.

³ If this light flashes, refer to “Rear differential lock system,”

	Airbag SRS warning ¹
	Automatic Transmission fluid temperature warning ¹
	Low Tire Pressure Warning ¹
	Theft deterrent/Engine immobilizer system indicator
	Roll Sensing Curtain shield Airbags off indicator ⁵
	Headlight low beam indicator
	Headlight high beam indicator
	Turn signal indicator
	 Automatic Transmission indicator (5-speed)/(4-speed)
	Four-wheel drive indicator ²
	Low speed four-wheel drive indicator ²
	Rear differential lock indicator ³
	Slip indicator
	Vehicle Stability Control "OFF" indicator warning ¹
	Downhill assist control indicator
	"AUTO LSD" indicator
	Cruise control indicator ⁴
	Anti-lock Brake System warning ¹

Section 1-7, 2008 Owner's Manual.

⁴ *If this light flashes, refer to "Cruise control," Section 1-7, 2008 Owner's Manual.*

⁵ *If this light flashes, refer to "Roll sensing of curtain shield airbags off switch," Section 1-3, 2008 Owner's Manual.*

OVERVIEW

Keyless entry

Locking operation

Push



Unlocking operation

Push ONCE: Driver door
TWICE: All doors



NOTE: After unlocking, if a door is not opened within 30 seconds, all doors will relock for safety.

Panic button

Push and hold

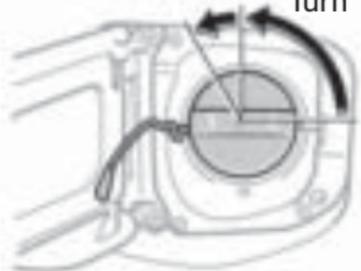


Fuel tank door release and cap

Pull



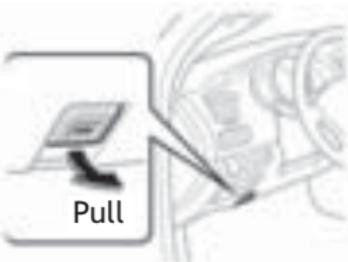
Turn



NOTE: Tighten until one click is heard. If the cap is not tightened enough, Check Engine “” indicator may illuminate.

Hood release

Pull

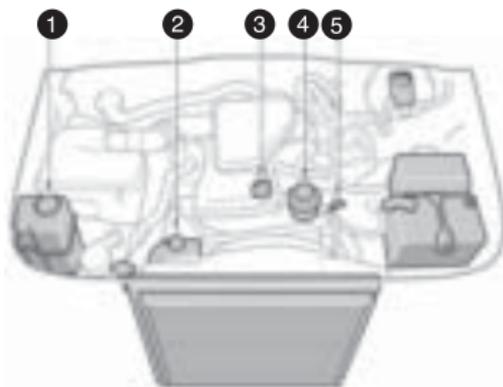


Pull up latch and raise hood

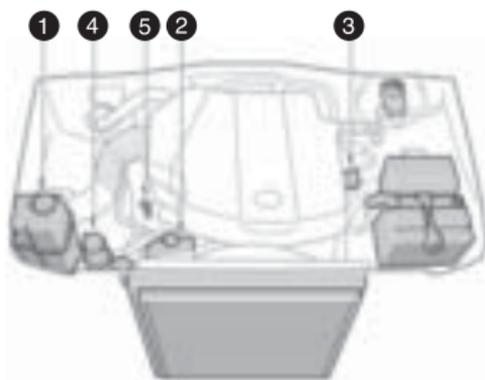


Engine maintenance

4 cylinder (2TR-FE) engine



6 cylinder (1GR-FE) engine



- ❶ Windshield washer fluid tank
- ❷ Engine coolant reservoir
- ❸ Engine oil filler cap
- ❹ Power steering fluid reservoir
- ❺ Engine oil level dipstick

Note: Regularly scheduled maintenance, including oil changes, will help extend the life of your vehicle and maintain performance. Please refer to the "Owner's Warranty Information Booklet," "Scheduled Maintenance Guide" or "Owner's Manual Supplement."

FEATURES/OPERATIONS

Automatic Transmission

5-speed models

- P** Park¹
- R** Reverse
- N** Neutral
- D** Drive
- 4** Fourth gear
- 3** Third gear
- 2** Second gear
- L** First gear



4-speed models

- P** Park¹
- R** Reverse
- N** Neutral
- D** Drive
- 3** Third gear
- 2** Second gear
- L** First gear



¹ The engine switch must be ON, and the brake pedal depressed to shift from "Park."

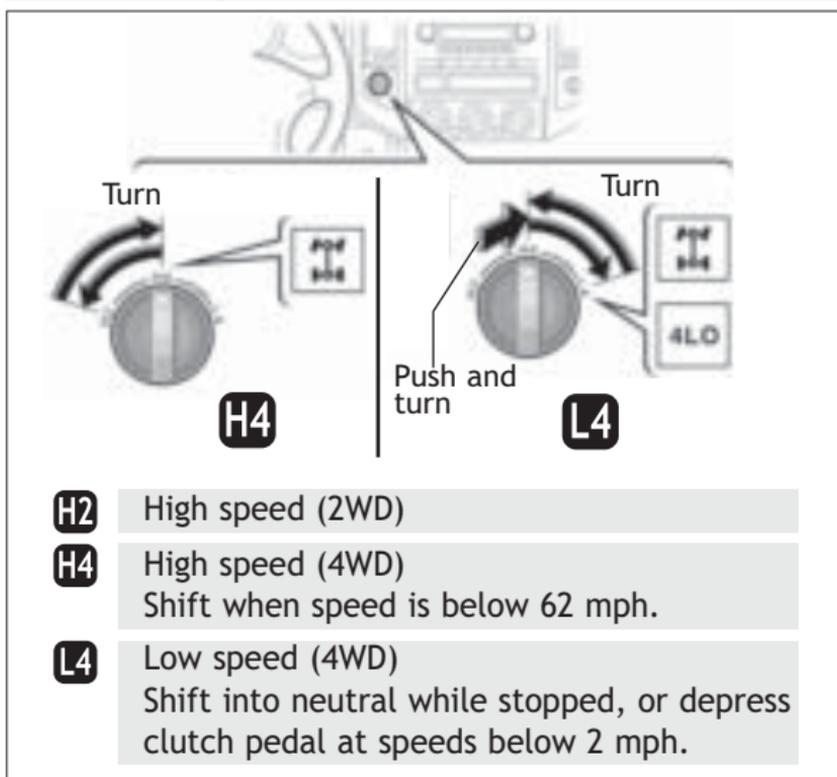
Downshifting increases power going uphill, or provides engine braking downhill. For best fuel economy during normal driving conditions, always drive with the shift lever in the "D" position.

Manual Transmission

Tacoma is available with optional 5-speed or 6-speed Manual Transmission. For safety, the engine will not start unless the clutch pedal is FULLY depressed.

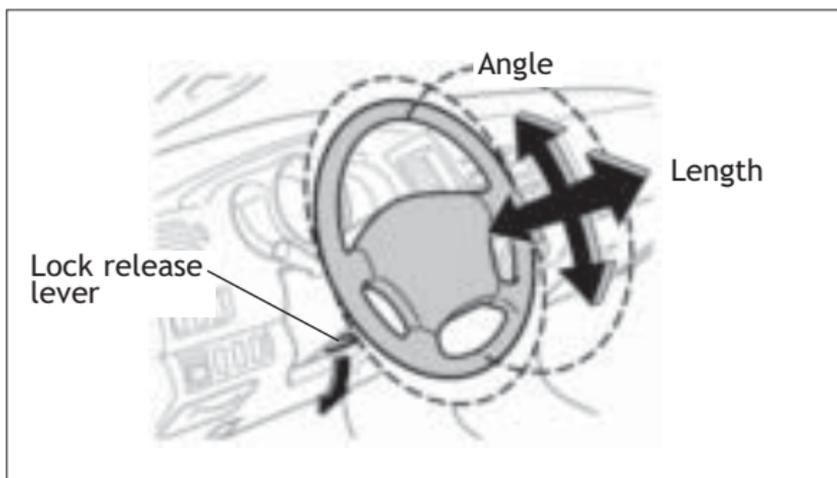
Refer to the *Owner's Manual* for more details.

Four-wheel drive (if equipped)



For best fuel economy and performance under normal driving conditions, keep in "H2" position.

Tilt and telescopic steering wheel



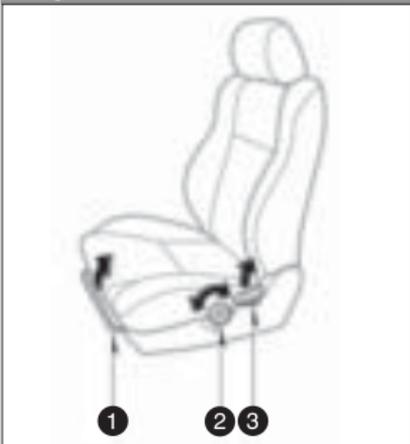
Hold wheel, push lever down, set angle and length, and return lever.

Note: Do not attempt to adjust while the vehicle is in motion.

FEATURES/OPERATIONS

Seat adjustments-Front

Separate seat



Bench seat

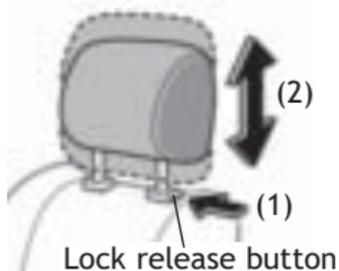


- ① Position
- ② Lumbar support*
- ③ Seatback angle

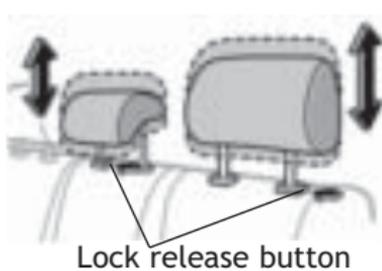
* If equipped

Seats-Head restraints

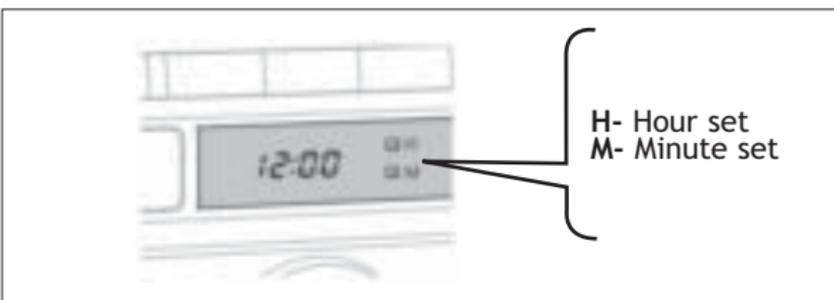
Separate seats-Front



Bench seat-Front



Clock



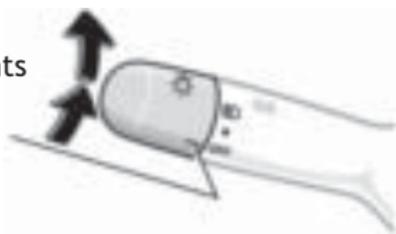
Lights & turn signals

Headlights



Headlights

Parking lights



High beam

Low beam



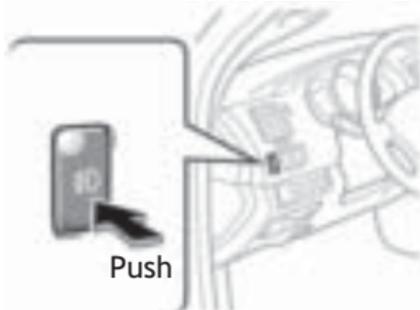
High beam flasher

-Daytime Running Light system (DRL)

Automatically turns on the turn signal lights at a reduced intensity.

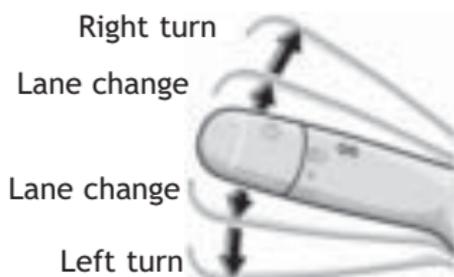
-Automatic light cut off system Automatically turns lights off when driver's door is opened with the engine switch in the "ACC" or "LOCK" position.

Front fog lights (if equipped)



Front fog lights come on only when the headlights are on low beam.

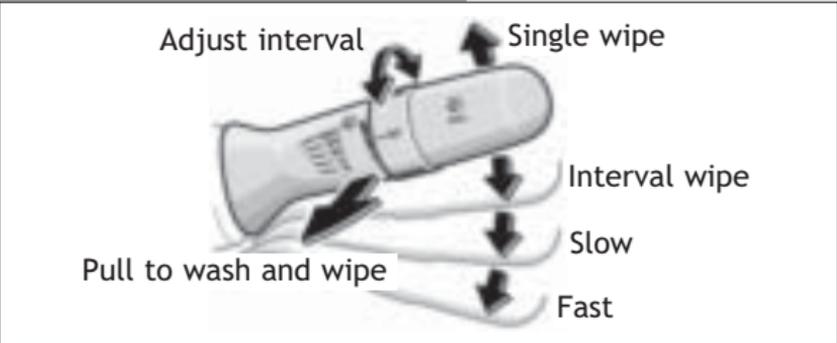
Turn signals



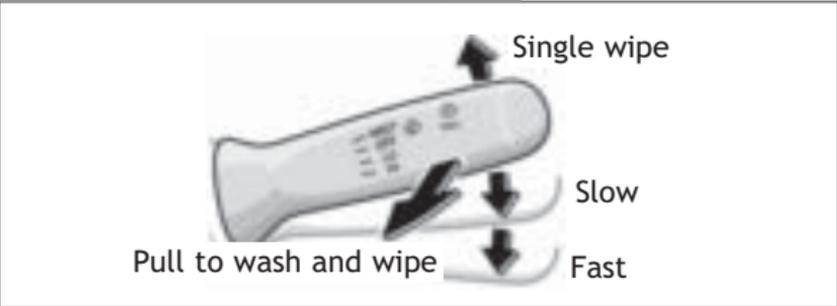
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Windshield wipers & washers

With intermittent wiper

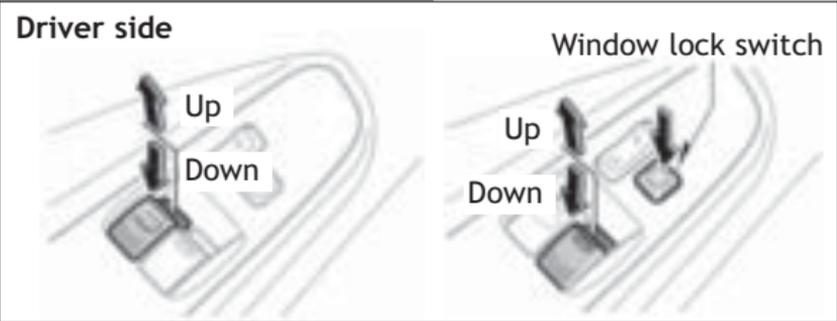


Without intermittent wiper



Windows-Power (if equipped)

Access cab models



Double cab models



Automatic down operation (driver side only)
Push the switch completely down and release to fully open. To stop window midway, lightly pull up on the switch.

Window lock switch Deactivates all passenger windows. Driver's window remains operable.

Parking brake

Automatic Transmission

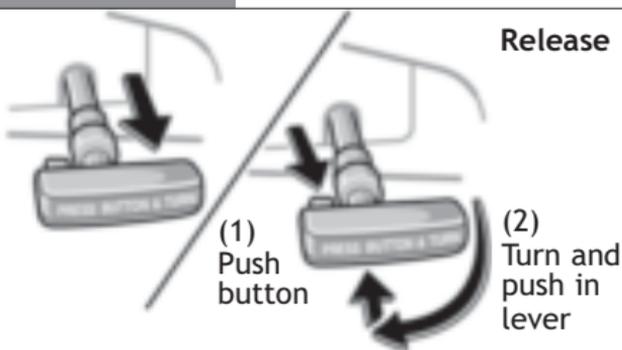
Set: Depress
Release: Depress again



Manual Transmission

Set

Release



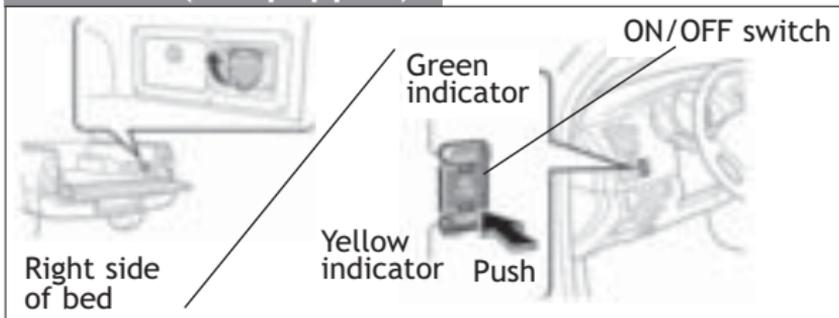
Power outlets

12V DC



Key must be in the "ACC" or "ON" position to be used.

115V AC (if equipped)



The engine must be running for use.

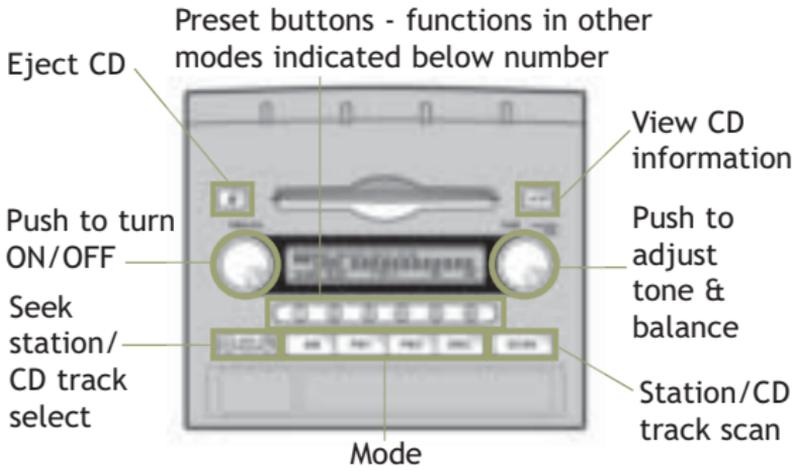
Yellow Light Only Max Capacity 115V AC/100W

Green & Yellow Lights Max Capacity 115V AC/400W

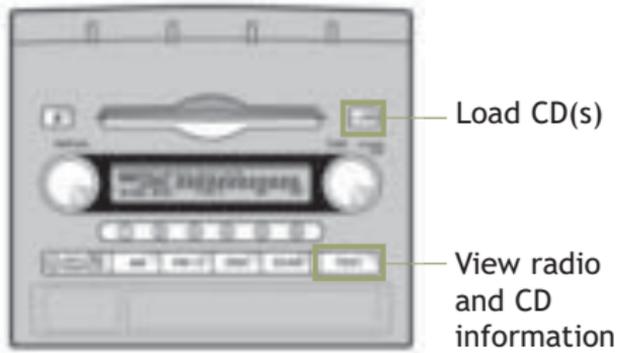
Refer to the *Owner's Manual* for more details.

Audio

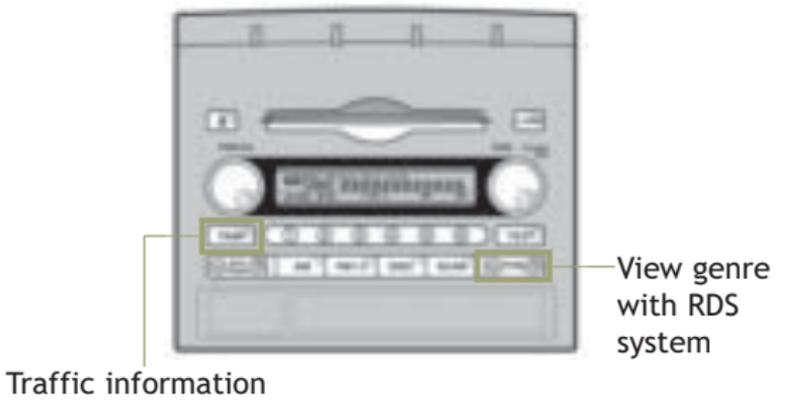
Type 1



Type 2 additional functions



Type 3 additional functions



CD PLAYER

To scan tracks on a disc Push and hold "SCAN."
Push again to hold selection.

CD changer (Types 2 and 3 only)

- To load one disc Push "LOAD" and insert one disc.
- To load multiple discs Push and hold "LOAD" until you hear a beep. Insert one disc. Shutter will close and then re-open for next disc.

RADIO

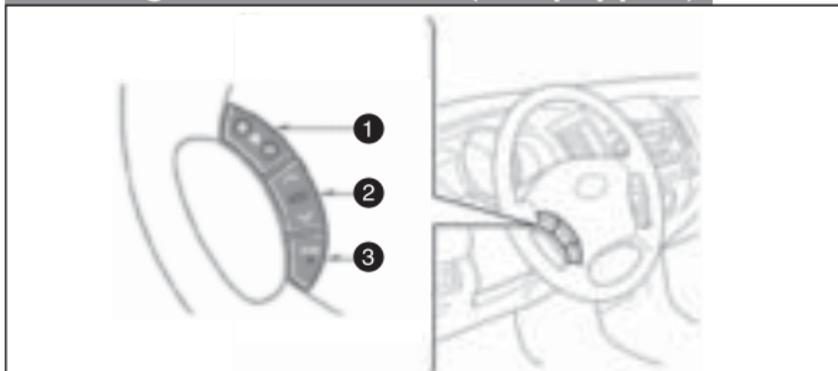
To preset stations Tune in the desired station and hold down a preset button (1-6) until you hear a beep. Push desired preset button (1-6) to select.

To scan stations Push and hold "SCAN" to scan preset stations. Push again to hold selection.

RDS (Radio Data System - FM, Type 3 only)

- Push "TYPE" to select station genre.
- Push steering wheel switches "∧" or "∨," or preset button (1-6) to select stations within genre.
- Push "TEXT" to receive information transmitted from radio stations.

Steering wheel switches (if equipped)



① " - + "

Volume control

② " ∧ ∨ "

-In radio mode

Push to select a preset station; push and hold to seek the next strong station.

-In CD mode

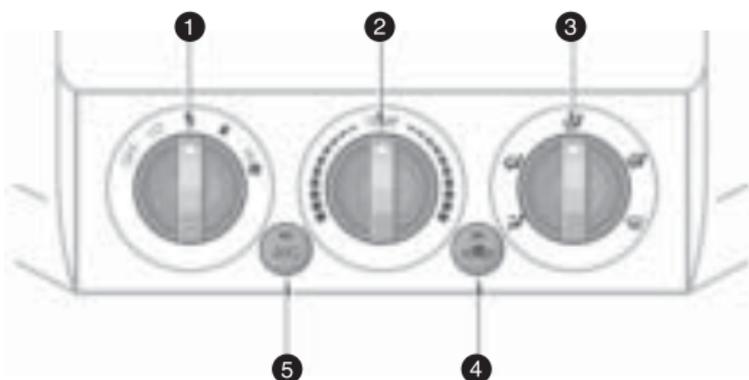
Push to skip up or down to the next/previous track.

③ "MODE"

Push to turn audio ON and select an audio mode.
Push and hold to turn the audio system "OFF."

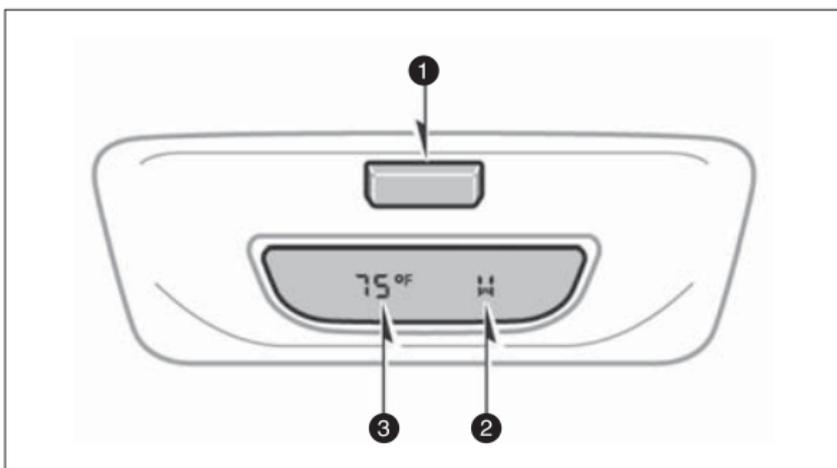
FEATURES/OPERATIONS

Air Conditioning (if equipped)/Heating



- ① Fan speed
- ② Temperature
- ③ Airflow vent
In “” or “” mode, use fresh air (“” indicator “OFF”) to reduce window fogging.
- ④ Fresh or recirculated cabin air
- ⑤ Air Conditioning ON/OFF (if equipped)
Use fresh air to quickly cool interior, then change to recirculate for cooler air.

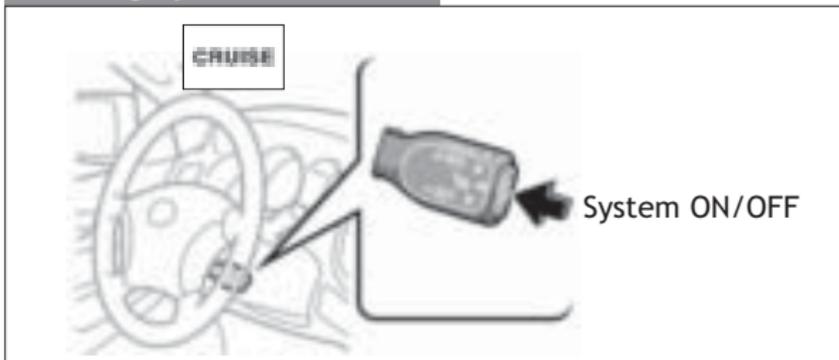
Accessory meter (if equipped)



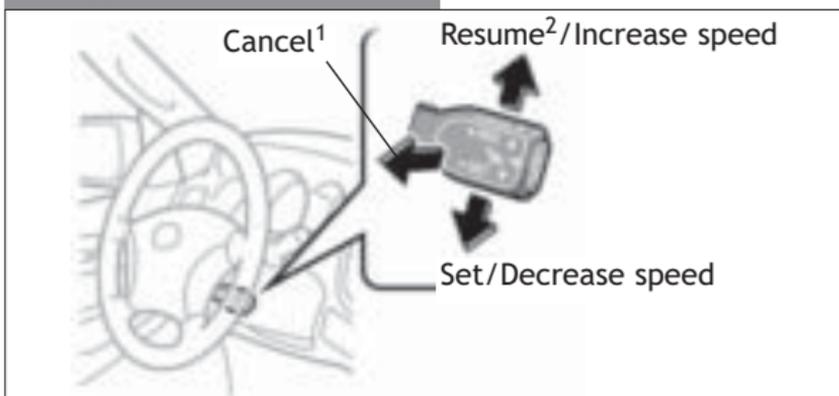
- ① E/M (English/Metric) button To select Fahrenheit or Celsius.
- ② Compass
- ③ Outside temperature display

Cruise control (if equipped)

Turning system ON/OFF



Functions



¹ The set speed may also be cancelled by depressing the brake pedal.

² The set speed may be resumed once vehicle speed exceeds 25 mph.

Rear differential lock (if equipped)



Use **ONLY** when wheel spinning occurs in a ditch, or on slippery or unpaved surfaces. **DO NOT USE THE REAR DIFFERENTIAL LOCK IN CONDITIONS OTHER THAN SPECIFIED IN THE OWNER'S MANUAL. UNLOCK THE DIFFERENTIAL ONCE THE VEHICLE MOVES OUT OF THE TROUBLE SPOT.**

Refer to your *Owner's Manual* for complete details on this system before attempting to use it.

FEATURES/OPERATIONS

Bottle holders

Front door



Center console-Rear



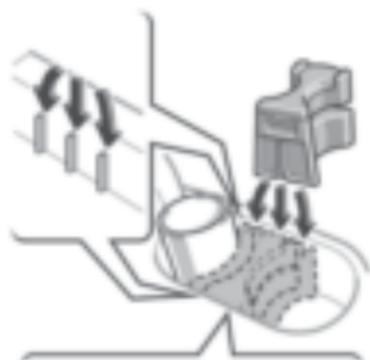
Rear door
(double cab only)



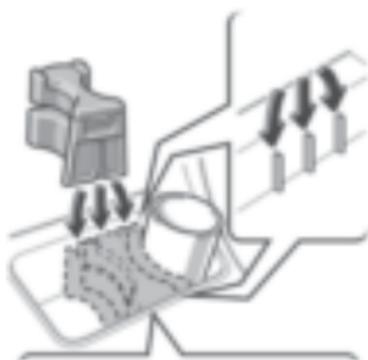
Cup holders

Front console

Bench seat



Separate seats
(Automatic Transmission)



Center console

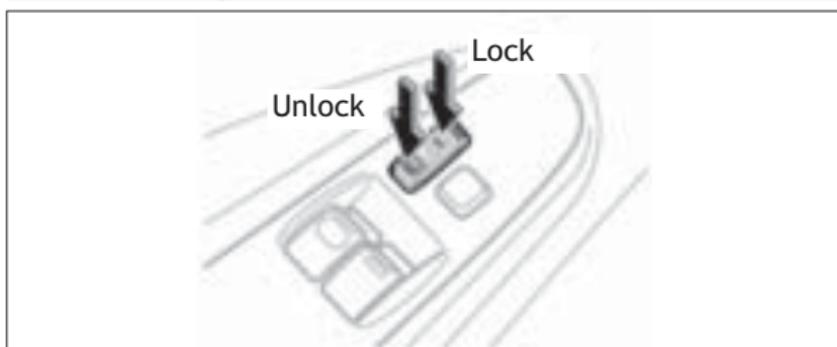
Separate seats
(Automatic Transmission)



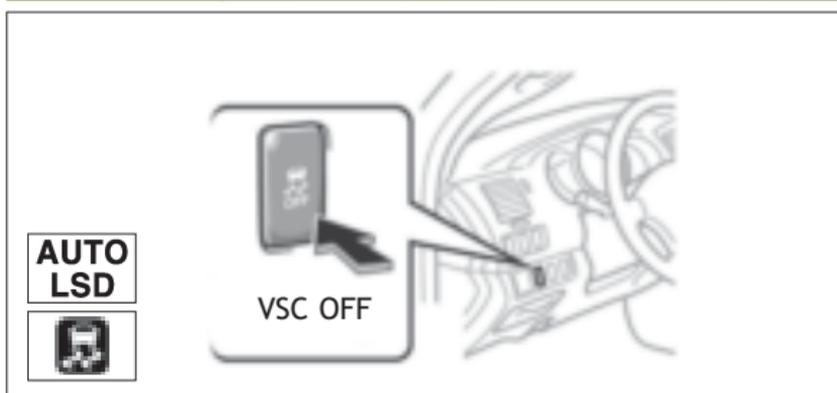
Separate seats
(Manual Transmission)



Door locks-Power (if equipped)



Auto LSD (Auto Limited Slip Differential)(if equipped)

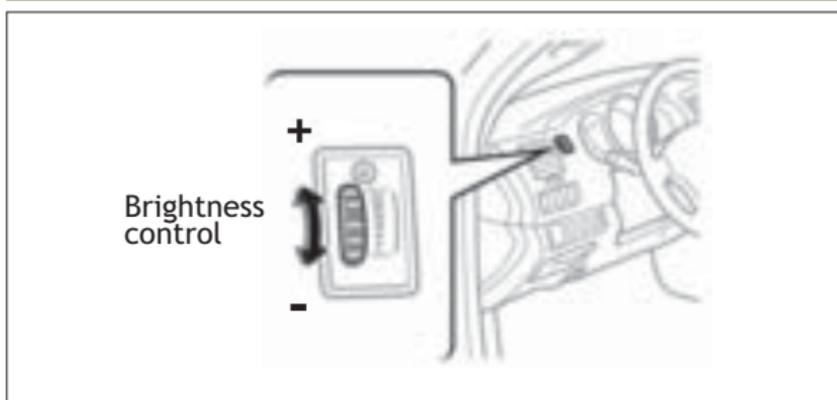


Briefly push the "VSC OFF" switch to activate Auto LSD. To deactivate, briefly push the switch again.

Note: *ONLY works in 2-wheel drive at speeds under 62 mph. Should ONLY be used when wheel spinning occurs on slippery or unpaved surfaces.*

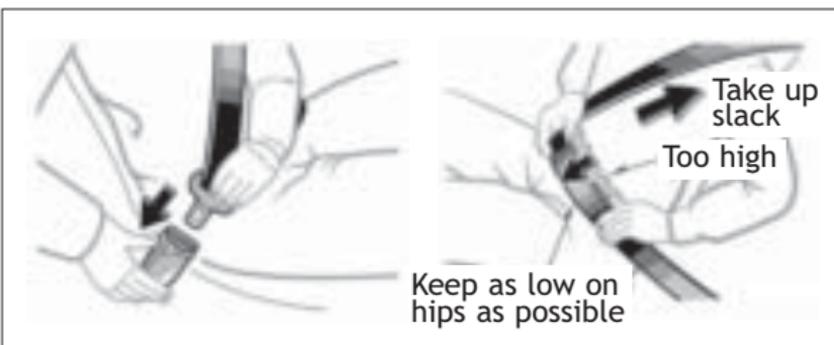
Refer to the *Owner's Manual* for more details on this system before attempting to use it.

Light control-Instrument panel



SAFETY AND EMERGENCY FEATURES

Seat belts



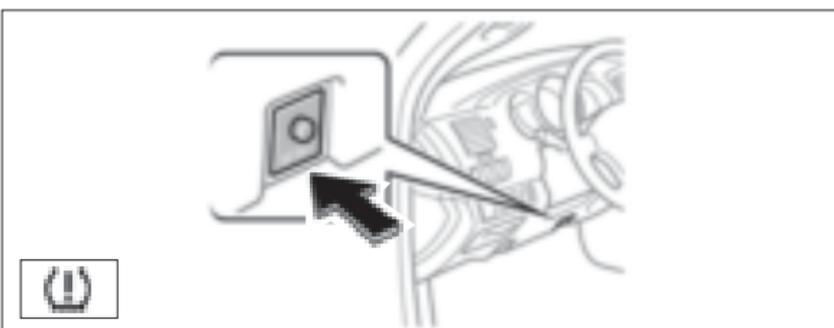
If belt is fully extended, then retracted even slightly, it cannot be re-extended beyond that point, unless fully retracted again. This feature is used to help hold child restraint systems securely.

To find more information about seat belts, and how to install a child restraint system, refer to the *Owner's Manual*.

Seat belts-Shoulder belt anchor



Tire Pressure Warning System reset

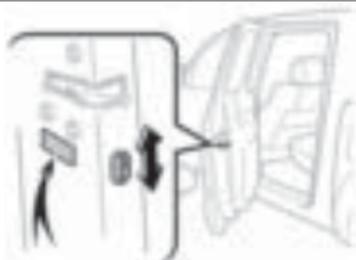


If tire pressure becomes critically low on any of the tires (including spare), indicator comes on. Pushing "SET" button should not turn off the light. Correctly adjusting tire inflation will turn off the light after a few minutes. After replacing/rotating tire or wheels, the system must be initialized.

Refer to the *Owner's Manual* for details on system reset initialization.

Doors-Child safety locks (double cab only)

Rear door

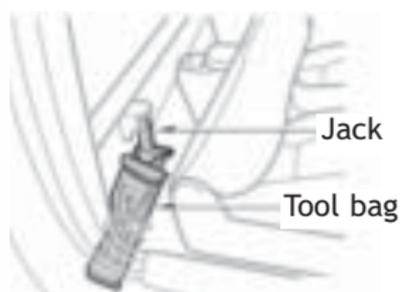


Moving the lever to “LOCK” will allow the door to be opened only from the outside.

Spare tire & tools

Tool location

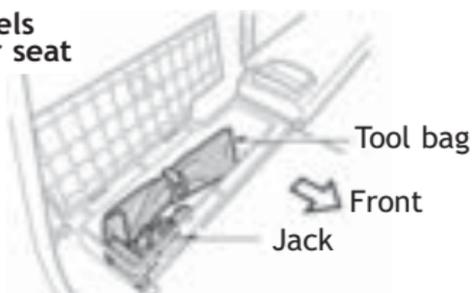
Regular cab models
-behind the seatback



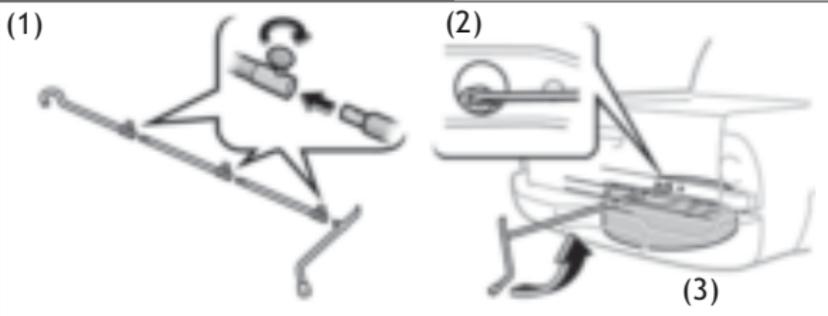
Double cab models
-under the rear seat



Access cab models
-under the rear seat



Removing the spare tire



- (1) Assemble the jack handle.
- (2) Insert the jack handle end into the lowering screw.
- (3) Turn the jack handle counterclockwise.

Refer to the *Owner's Manual* for tire changing and jack positioning procedures.



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