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*2008
Quick Reference Guide*

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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 the 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 the 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 RAV4.

! A word about safe vehicle operations

This *Quick Reference Guide* is not a full description of RAV4 operations. Every RAV4 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.

All information in this *Quick Reference Guide* is current at the time of printing. Toyota reserves the right to make changes at any time without notice.

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* Visit your Toyota dealer for information on customizing this feature.

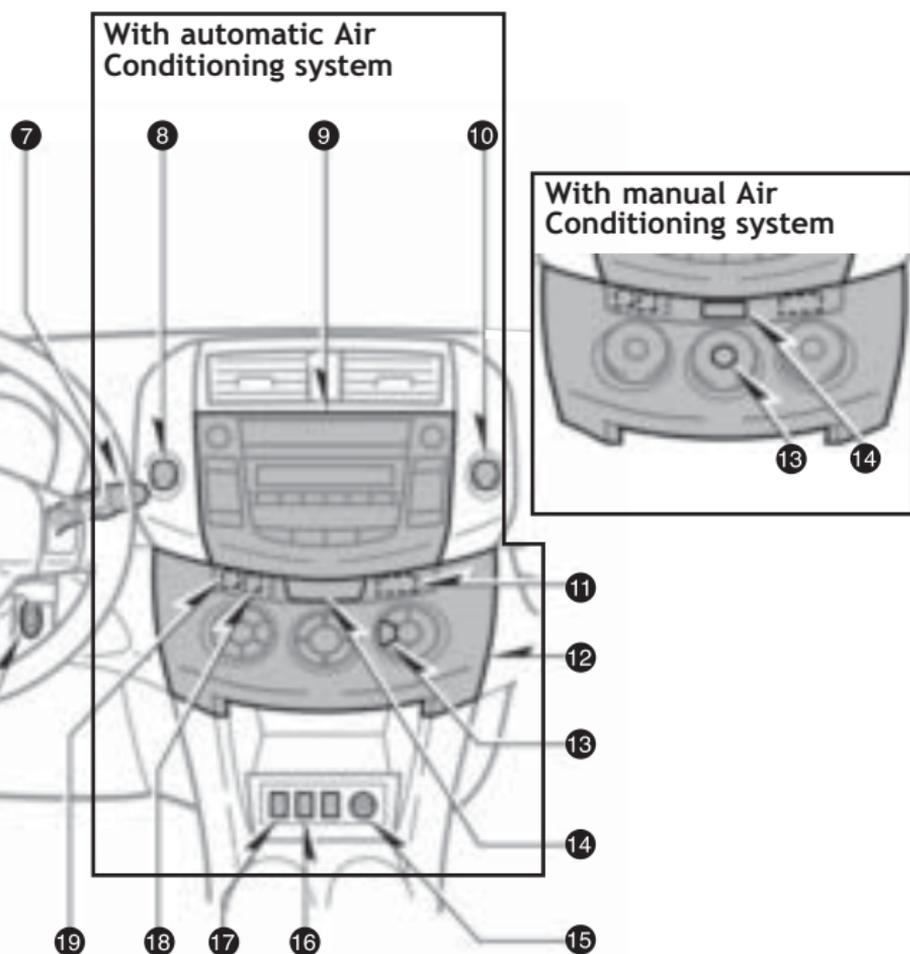
OVERVIEW

Instrument panel

Steering wheel controls



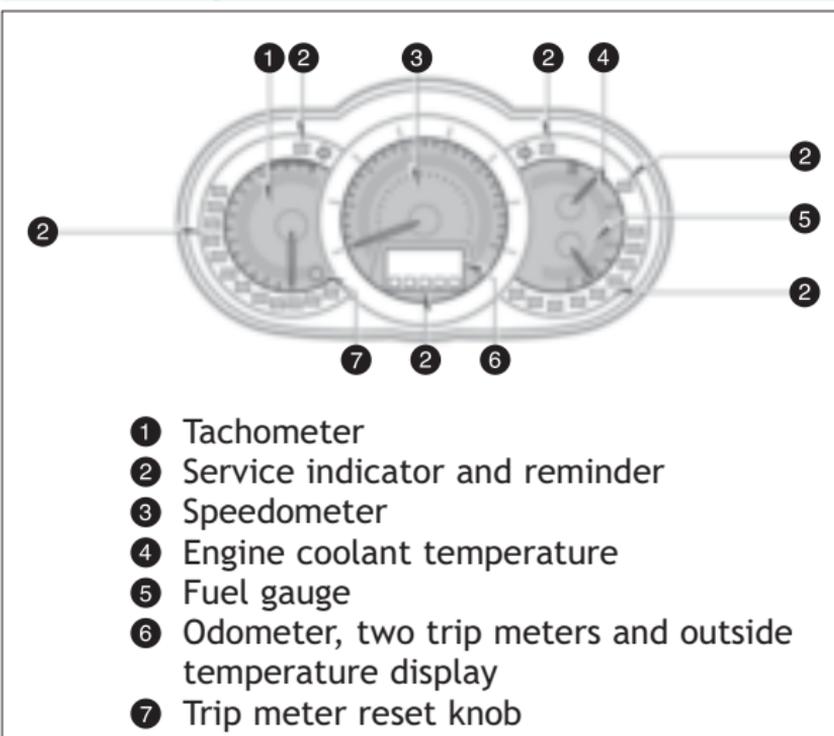
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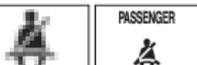
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* If equipped

Instrument cluster

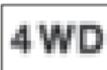
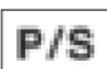
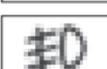
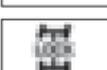
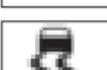
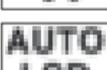


Indicator symbols

- BRAKE** Brake system warning¹
-  Driver/Front passenger seat belt reminder¹ (alarm will sound if speed is over 12 mph)
-  Charging system warning¹
-  Low engine oil pressure warning¹
-  Malfunction/Check Engine indicator¹
-  Low fuel level warning¹
- MAINT REQD** Engine oil replacement reminder¹
- VSC**
 - Vehicle Stability Control warning¹
 - "AUTO LSD" warning¹
 - Traction Control warning¹
 - Downhill Assist Control warning¹
 - Hill-start Assist Control warning¹
-  Open door warning¹

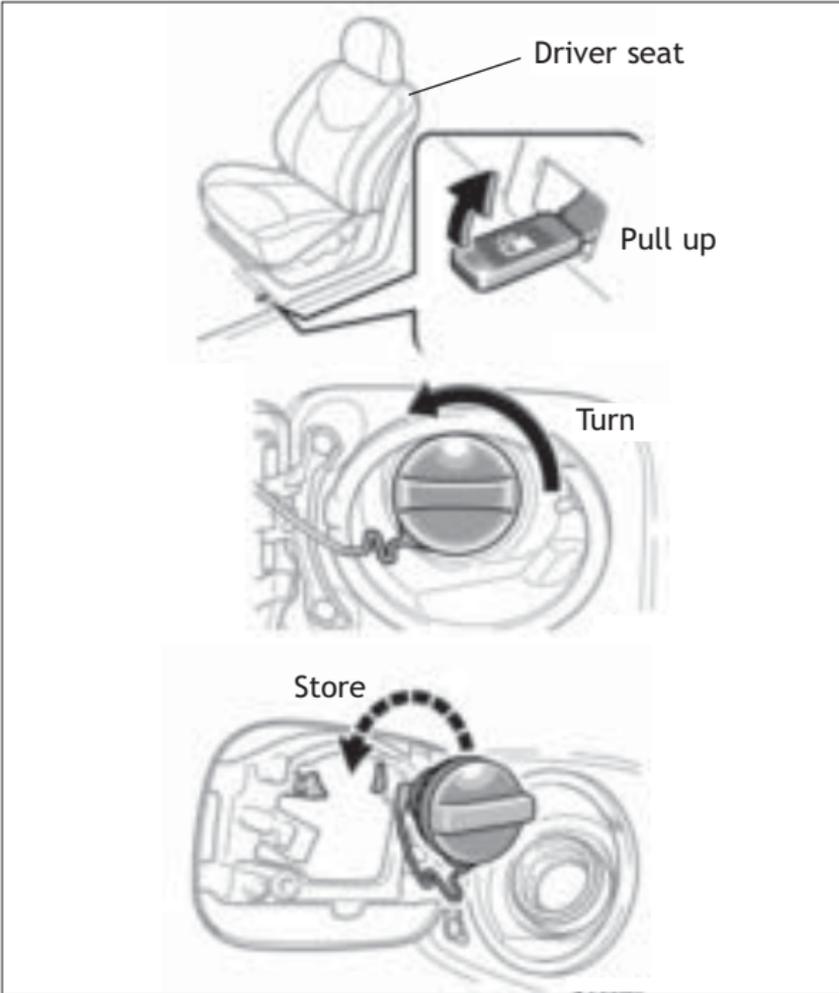
¹ For details, refer to "Service reminder indicators and warning buzzers," Section 1-6, 2008 Owner's Manual.

² For details, refer to "Active torque control 4WD system," Section 1-7, 2008 Owner's Manual.

	Airbag SRS warning ¹
	Automatic Transmission fluid temperature warning ¹
	Low Tire Pressure Warning ¹
	"4WD" warning ²
	Electric power steering system warning ¹
	Low windshield washer fluid level warning ¹
	Front passenger occupant classification indicator
	 Headlight high beam indicator
	Turn signal indicator
	Front fog light indicator
	Automatic Transmission indicator (4-speed) ¹
	Automatic Transmission indicator (5-speed) ¹
	Four-wheel drive lock indicator ²
	Slip indicator
	"AUTO LSD" indicator
	Downhill Assist Control indicator
	Cruise control indicator ³
	Anti-lock Brake System warning ¹

³ If this light flashes, refer to "Cruise control," Section 1-7, 2008 Owner's Manual.

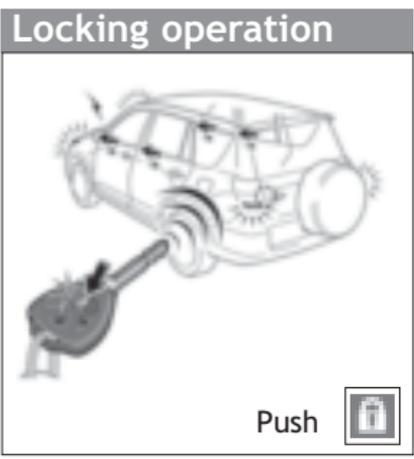
Fuel tank door release and cap



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

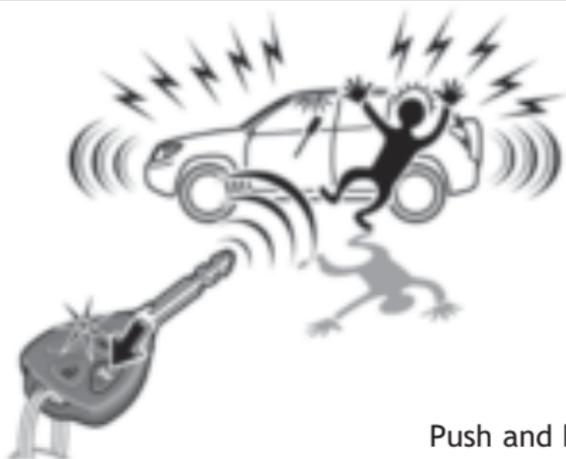
Keyless entry

Beep sound can be switched "ON" or "OFF." Refer to the *Owner's Manual* for more details.



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

Panic button



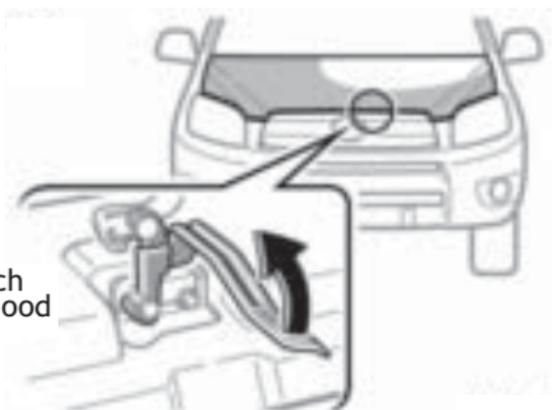
Push and hold



Hood release

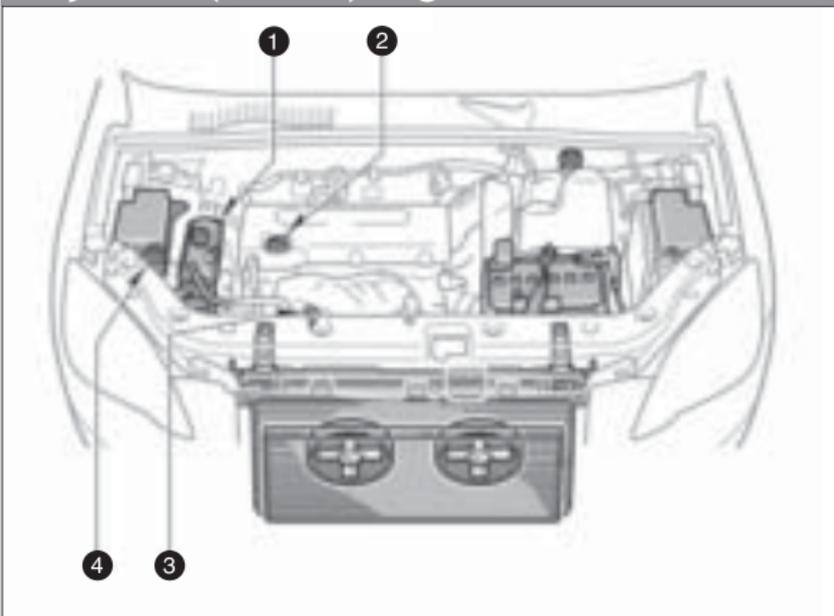


Pull up latch
and raise hood

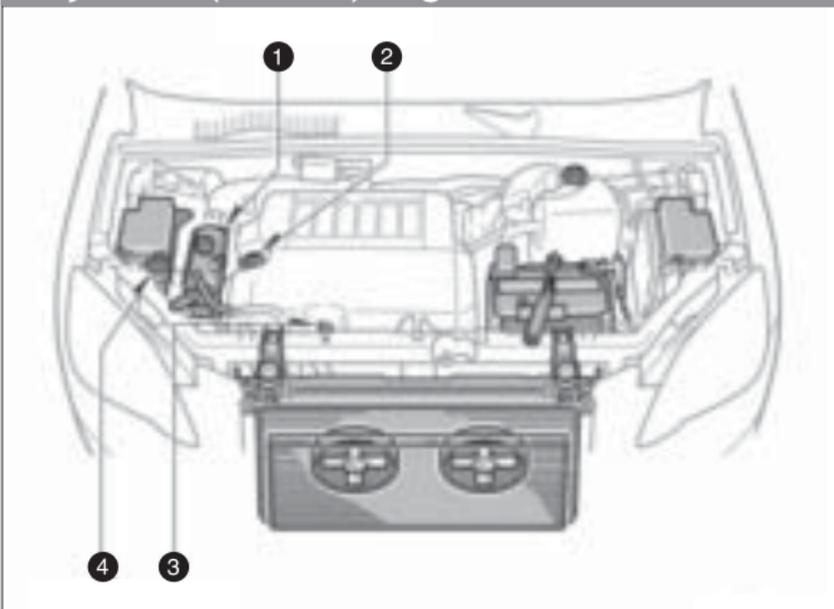


Engine maintenance

4 cylinder (2AZ-FE) engine



6 cylinder (2GR-FE) engine



- ❶ Engine coolant reservoir
- ❷ Engine oil filler cap
- ❸ Engine oil level dipstick
- ❹ Windshield and back window washer fluid tank

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

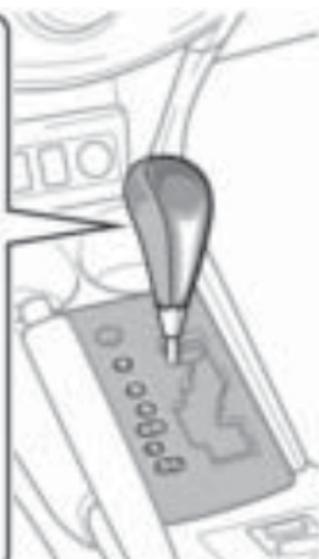
4-speed models

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



5-speed models

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



* 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.

Active torque control 4WD (4WD models)

Four-wheel drive lock switch



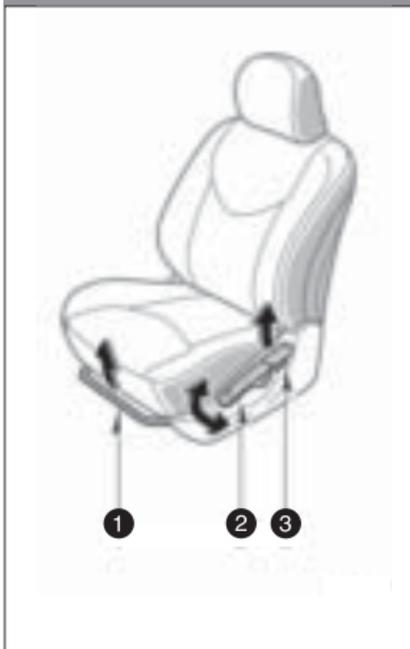
Push the switch to ensure that the engine torque is applied to the four wheels.

NOTE: Should ONLY be used when wheel spinning occurs on loose or unpaved surfaces.

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

Seat adjustments-Front

Manual seat



Power seat

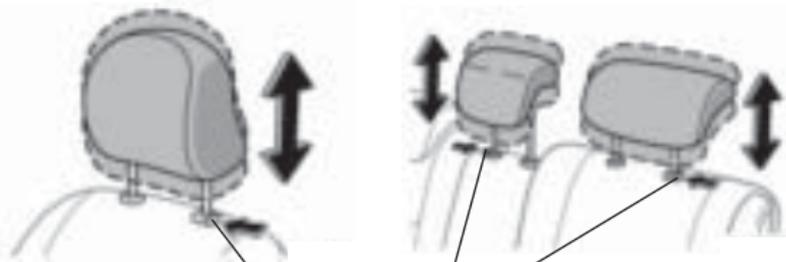


- ① Position
- ② Height crank (driver side only)
- ③ Seatback angle
- ④ Driver seat: position, cushion angle and height
Passenger seat: position only
- ⑤ Seatback angle
- ⑥ Lumbar support

Seats-Head restraints

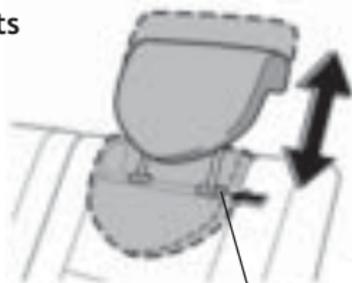
Front seats

Second row seats



Lock release button

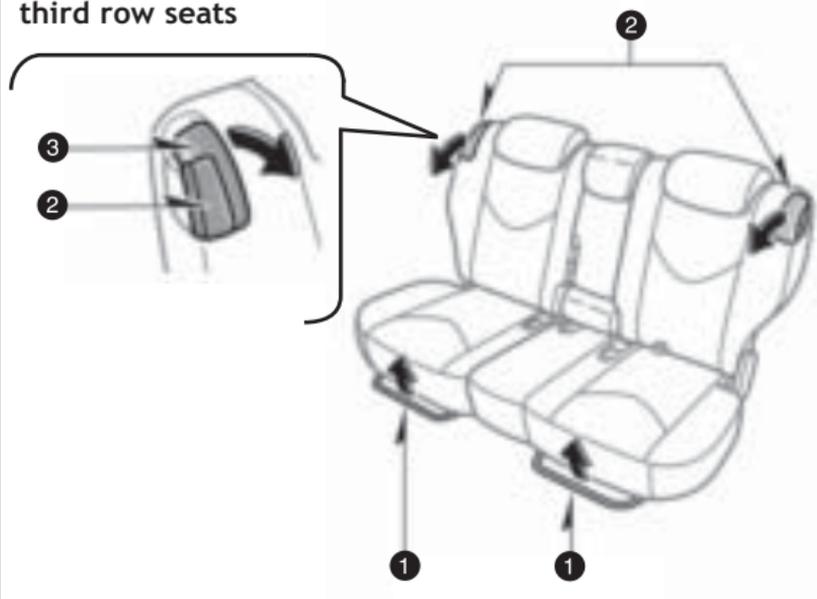
Third row seats



Lock release button

Seat adjustments-Second row seats

Vehicles with third row seats



- ① Position
- ② Seatback angle
- ③ Seatback lock release

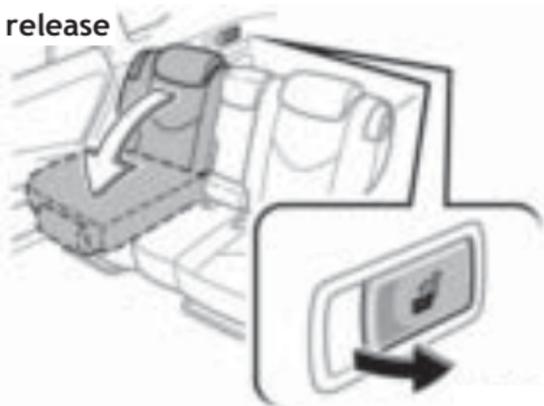
Seats-Folding down second row seats

Vehicles without third row seats

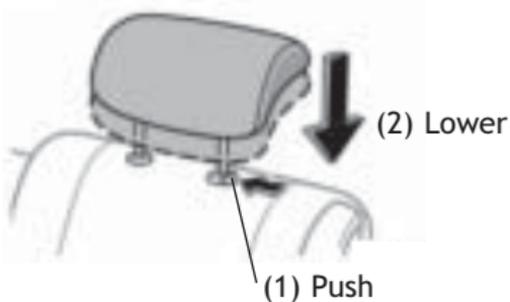
Left side
remote seat release



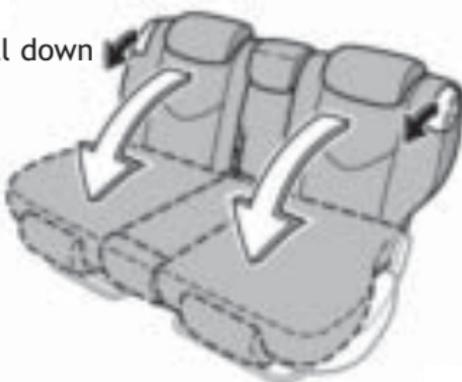
Right side
remote seat release



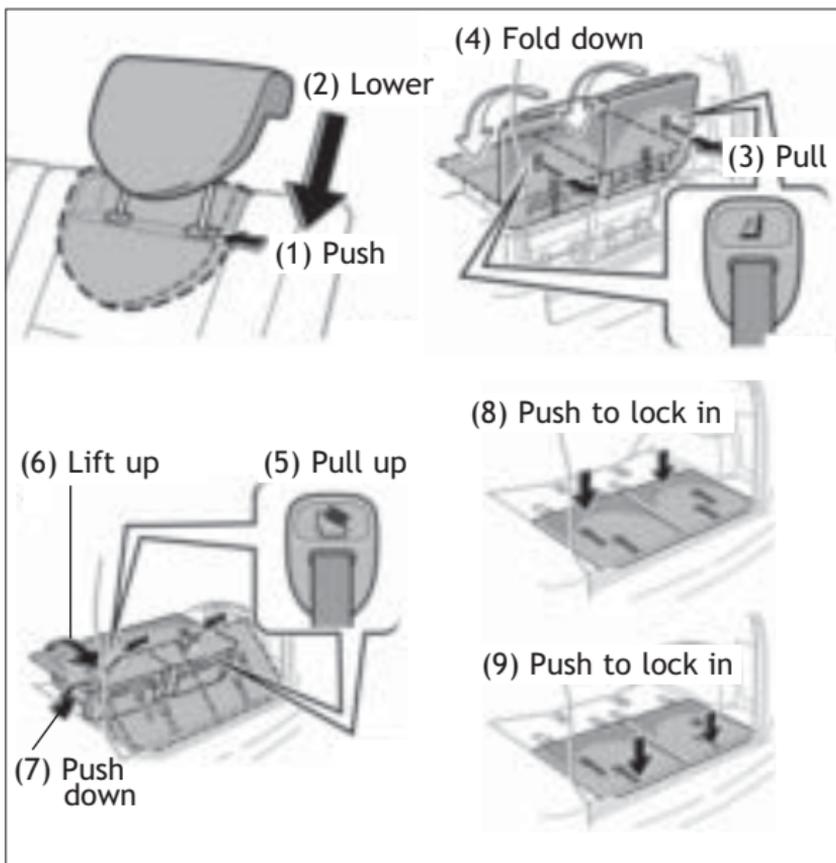
Vehicles with third row seats



(3) Pull down

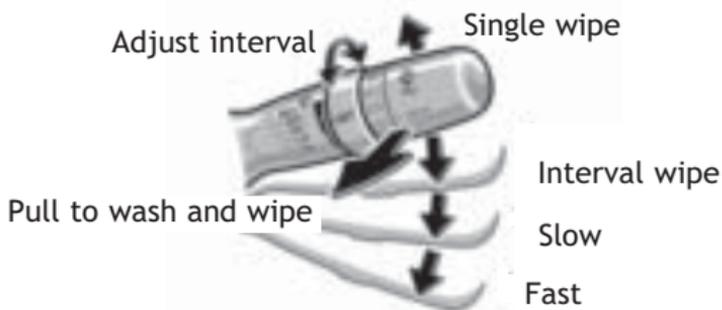


Seats-Stowing third row seats (if equipped)

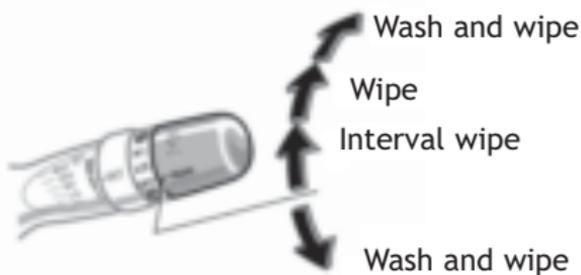


Windshield wipers & washers

Front

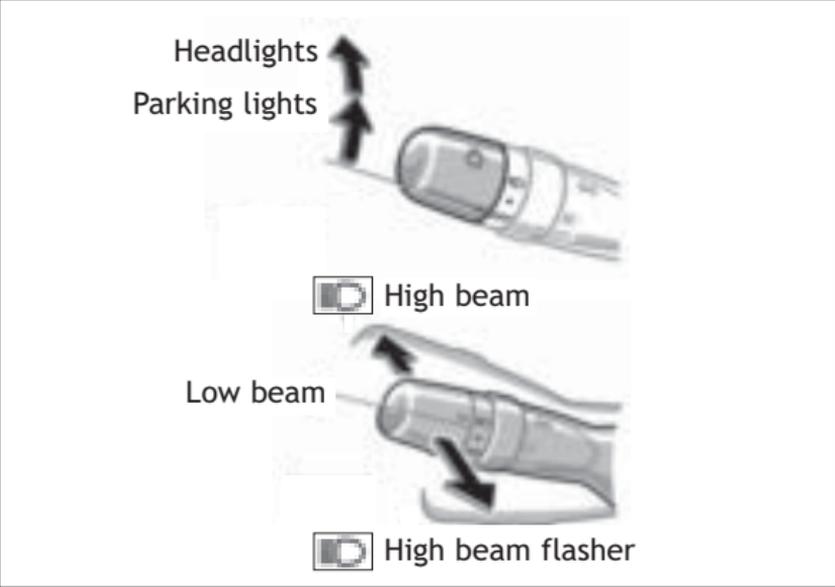


Rear



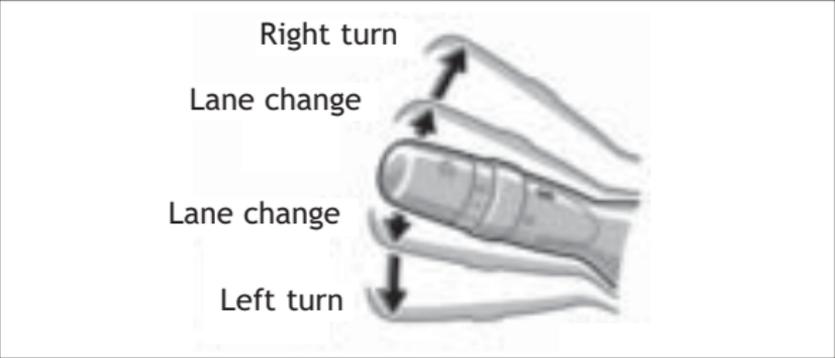
Lights & turn signals

Headlights

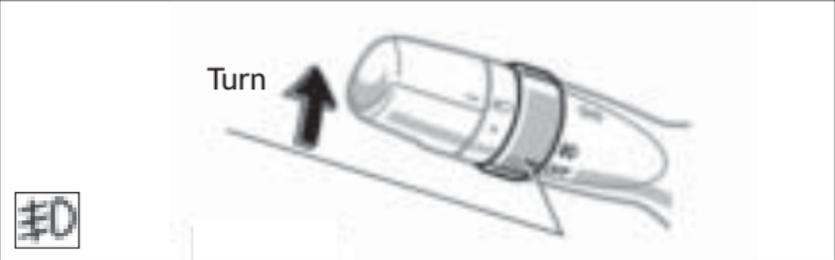


- Daytime Running Light system (if equipped)** Automatically turns on the headlights at a reduced intensity.
- Automatic light cut off system** Will automatically turn lights off after a delay of 30 seconds, or the lock switch on remote may be pushed.

Turn signals

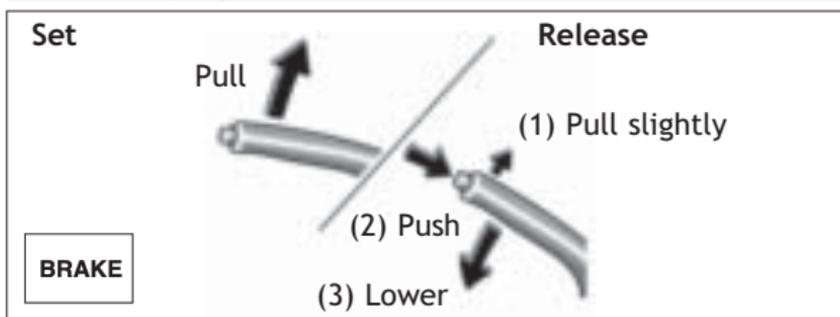


Front fog lights (if equipped)

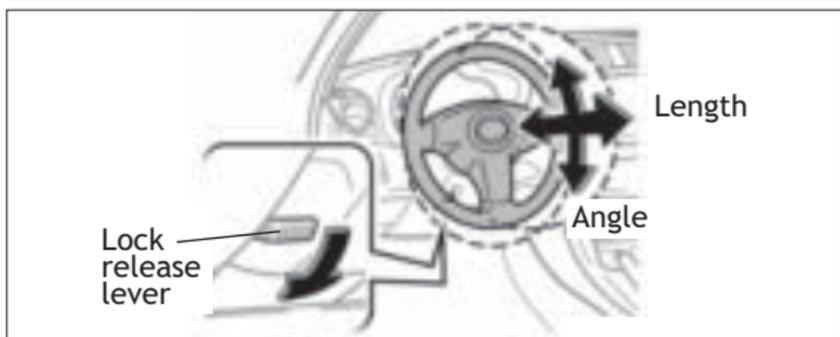


Front fog lights come on only when the headlights are on low beam.

Parking brake



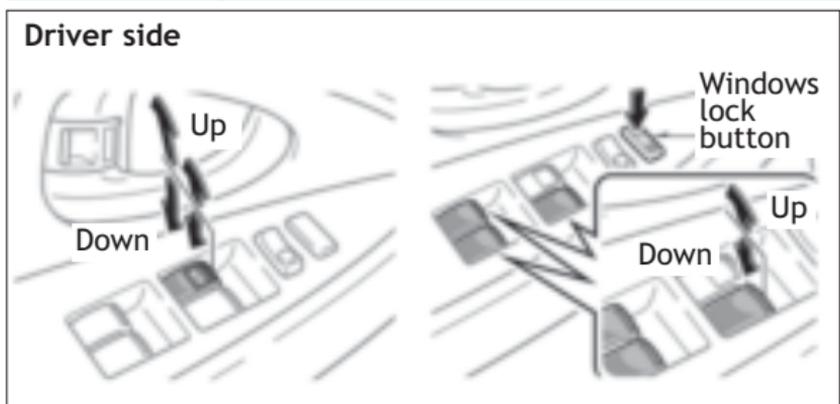
Tilt and telescopic steering wheel



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

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

Windows

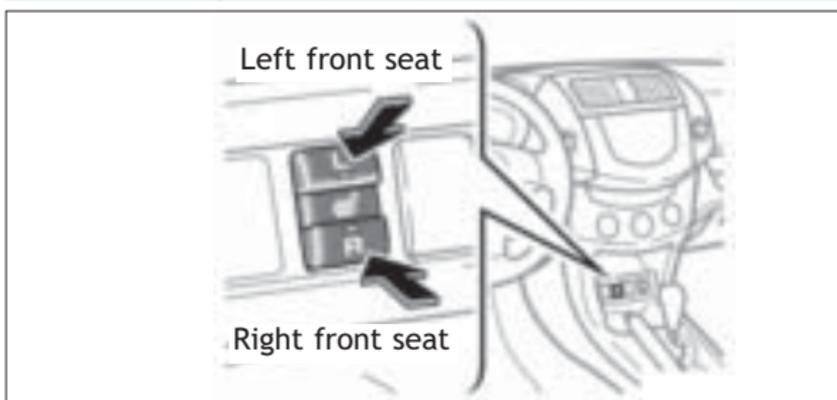


Automatic operation (driver side only) Push the switch completely down or pull it completely up and release to fully open or close. To stop window midway, lightly push the switch in the opposite direction.

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

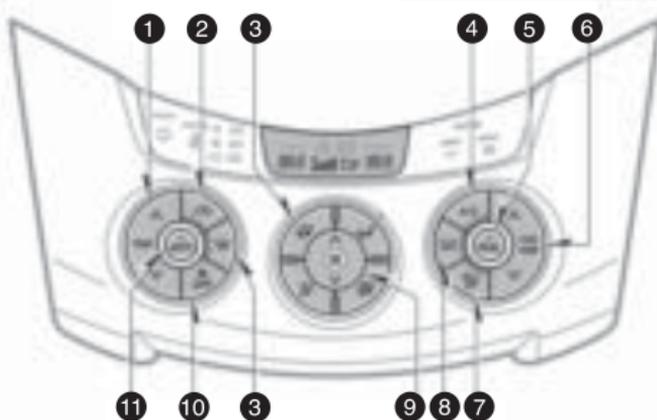
NOTE: If the battery is disconnected, the window needs to be reinitialized. Refer to the *Owner's Manual* for more details.

Seat heaters (if equipped)



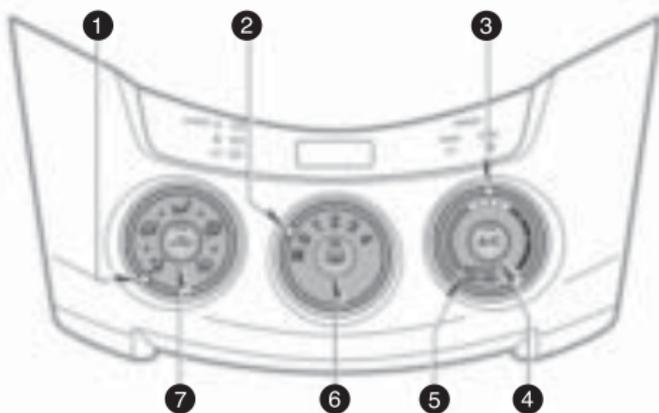
Air Conditioning/Heating

Automatic Air Conditioning



- ① Temperature (driver side)
- ② Fresh or recirculated cabin air
- ③ Airflow vent
In “” or “” mode, use fresh air (“” indicator “OFF”) to reduce window fogging.
- ④ Air Conditioning ON/OFF
- ⑤ “DUAL” button
Indicator ON: Separate temperature settings for driver and passenger.
Indicator OFF: Synchronize temperature settings for driver and passenger.
- ⑥ Temperature (front passenger side)
- ⑦ Micro dust and pollen filter ON/OFF
- ⑧ Rear defogger
- ⑨ Fan speed
- ⑩ Climate control OFF
- ⑪ Automatic climate control ON
Adjust the temperature setting, and airflow vents and fan will adjust automatically.

Manual Air Conditioning



- 1 Airflow vent selector
In “” or “” mode, use fresh air (“” indicator “OFF”) to reduce window fogging.
- 2 Fan speed
- 3 Temperature
- 4 Air Conditioning ON/OFF
- 5 Use for quick cooling. MAX A/C changes air intake to recirculate. It is not possible to change intake to fresh, or to turn A/C OFF in this mode.
- 6 Rear defogger
- 7 Fresh or recirculated cabin air

Clock

Manual
Air Conditioning system



Automatic
Air Conditioning system



H- Hour set
M- Minute set
:00- Round off minutes

Bottle holders

Front doors



Rear doors



Audio

Type 1

Push to turn ON/OFF

Preset buttons - functions in other modes indicated above number.

Eject CD

Seek station/
CD track select

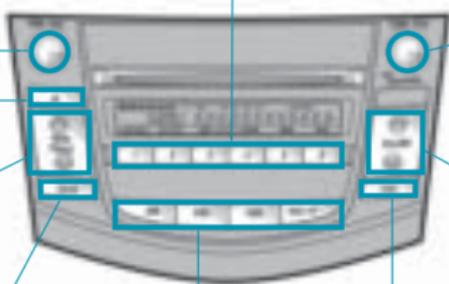
Station/CD track scan

Mode

View CD text

Push to adjust tone & balance

Push to skip up/down folder



Type 2 additional functions

AM/Satellite radio

Load CD(s)

View genre/ Push to skip up/down folder



Type 2 (with JBL speakers)



CD PLAYER

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

CD Changer (Type 2)

- 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. **Wait until the green indicator illuminates and shutter opens to insert next disc.**

To select a file (MP3/WMA only) Turn "TUNE·FILE."

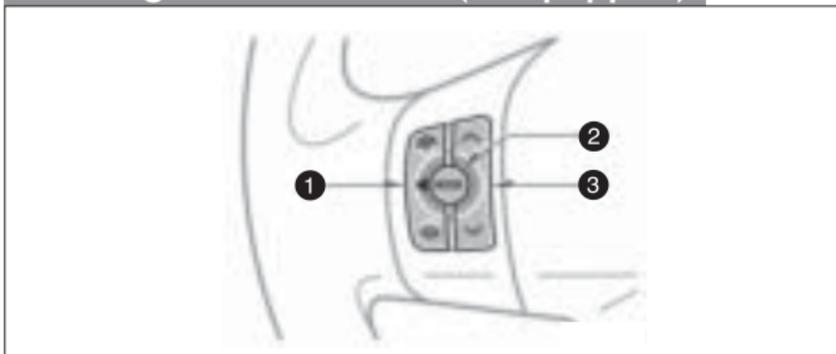
To select a folder (MP3/WMA only) Push either side of "FOLDER" or "TYPE/FOLDER."

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

Steering wheel controls (if equipped)



① " - + "

Volume control

② "MODE"

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

③ " ^ v "

-In radio mode Push to select a preset station; push and hold to seek the next strong station.

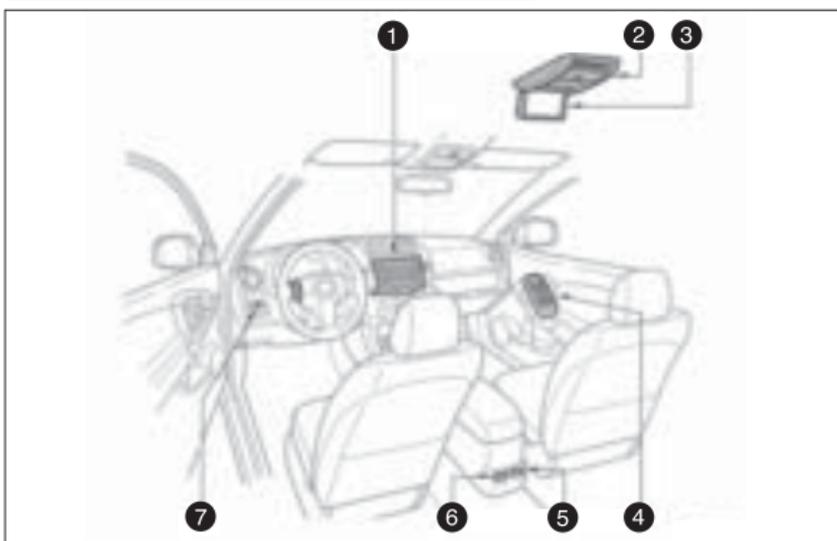
-In CD mode Push to skip up or down to next/previous track.

AUX audio jack



By inserting a mini plug into the AUX audio jack, you can listen to music from a portable audio device through the vehicle's speaker system.

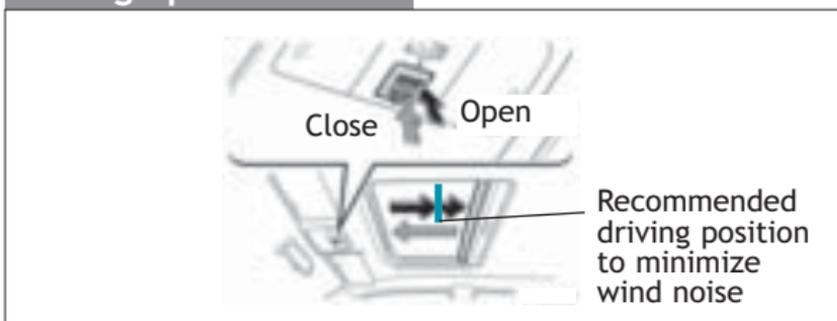
Rear seat entertainment system (if equipped)



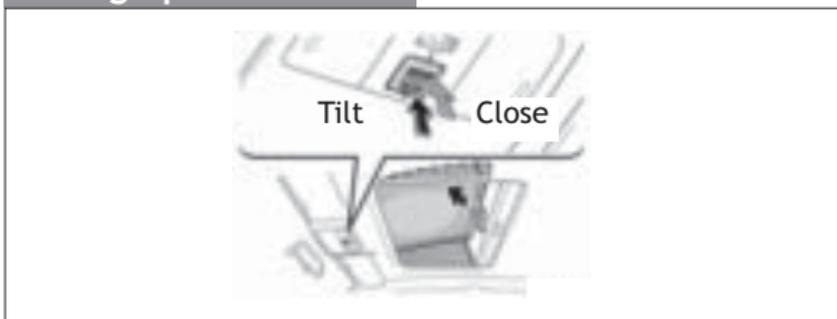
- ① Front audio system
- ② DVD player
- ③ DVD screen
- ④ Remote control
- ⑤ A/V input adapter
- ⑥ 115V AC Power outlet
- ⑦ 115V AC Power outlet ON/OFF switch

Moonroof (if equipped)

Sliding operation

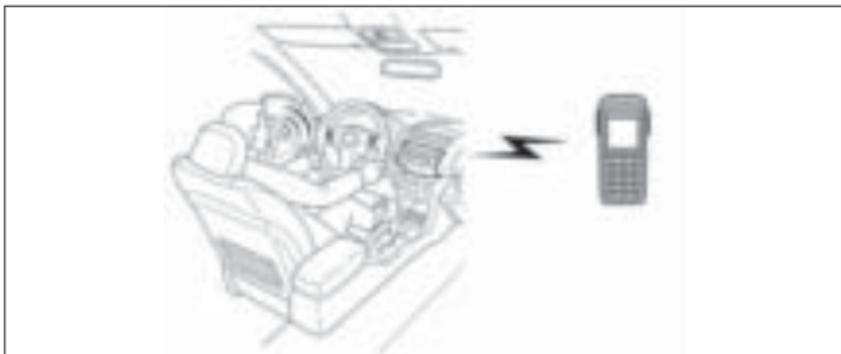


Tilting operation



NOTE: If battery is disconnected, the moonroof needs to be reinitialized. Refer to the *Owner's Manual* for more details.

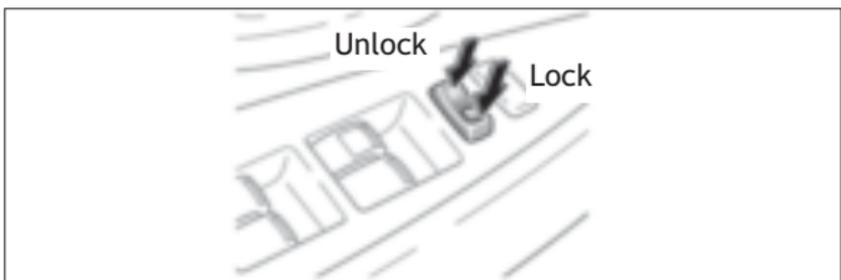
Telephone controls (Bluetooth®)* (if equipped)



Bluetooth® technology allows dialing or receipt of calls without taking hands from the steering wheel or using a cable to connect the telephone and the system.

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

Door locks



Auto LSD (Limited Slip Differential) (2WD models)



Push the "AUTO LSD" switch when the vehicle is stopped. To deactivate, push the switch again.

NOTE: Will ONLY work for 2-wheel drive models. 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.

FEATURES/OPERATIONS

Power outlets

12V DC

Instrument panel



Inside center console



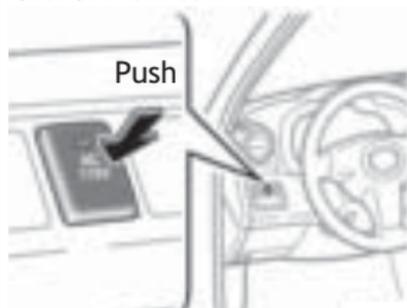
Luggage Compartment



NOTE: Designed for car accessories. Engine switch must be in the “ACC” or “ON” position to be used.

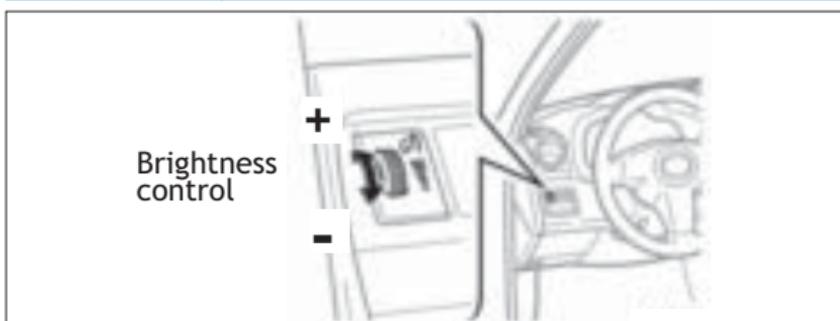
115V AC (if equipped)

ON/OFF switch



NOTE: Engine switch must be in the “ON” position to be used.

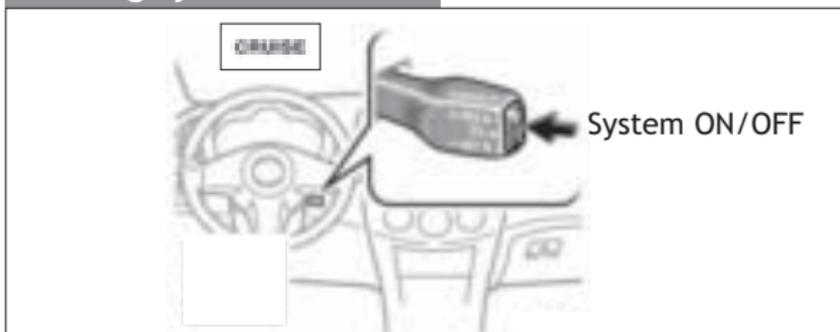
Light control-Instrument panel



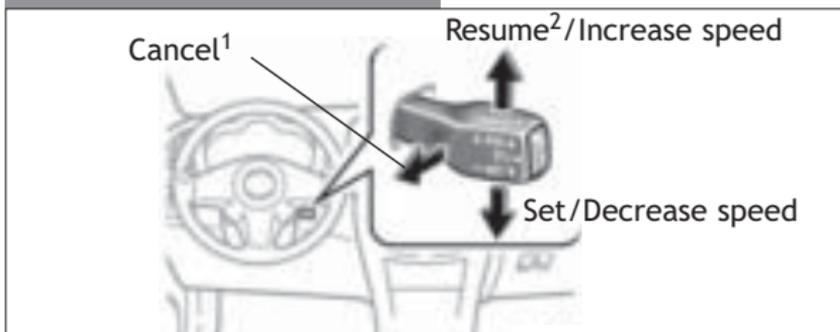
With the dial turned fully up, instrument panel lights will not dim when the headlights are turned ON.

Cruise control

Turning system ON/OFF



Functions



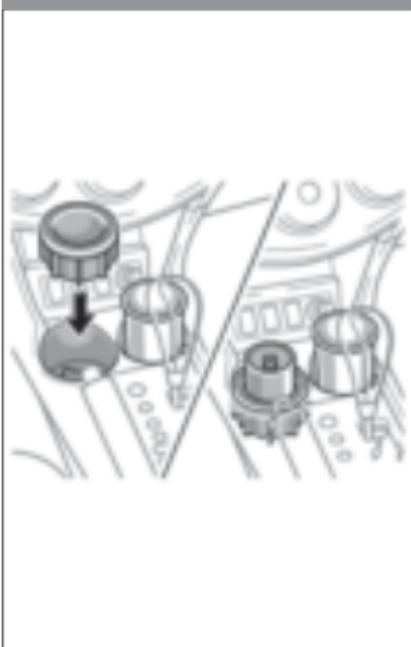
¹ The set speed may also be cancelled by depressing the brake pedal.

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

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

Cup holders

Front



Rear

Second row



Third row side trim (if equipped)



SAFETY AND EMERGENCY FEATURES

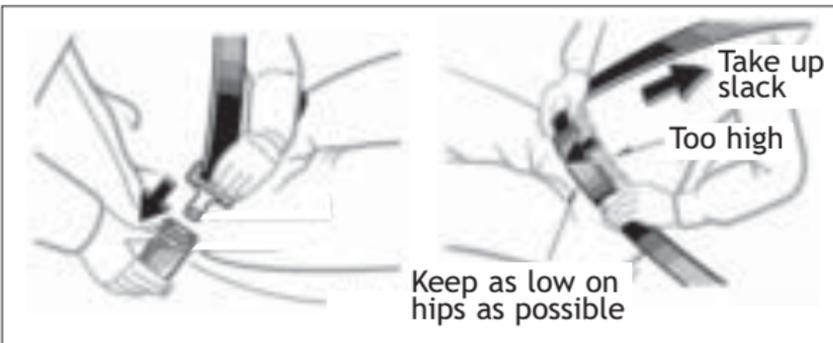
Doors-Child safety locks

Rear door



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

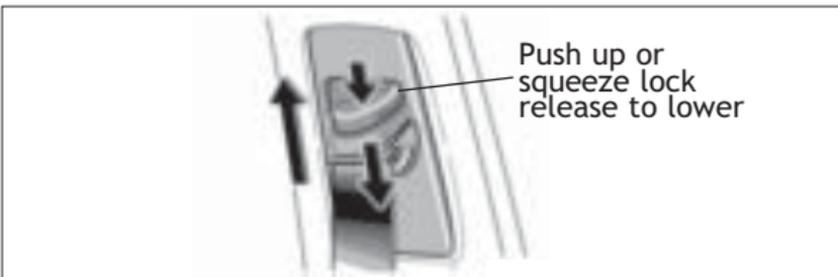
Seat belts



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

The system is designed to provide a warning when tire pressure of any one of the tires (including the spare) is critically low.

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

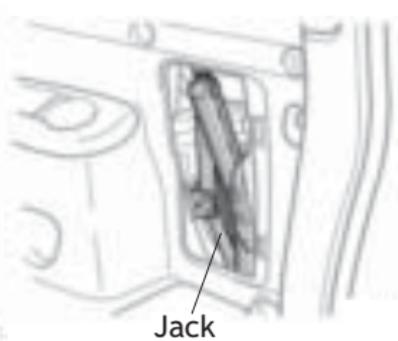
Spare tire & tools

Tool location

Luggage compartment
Inside left side box

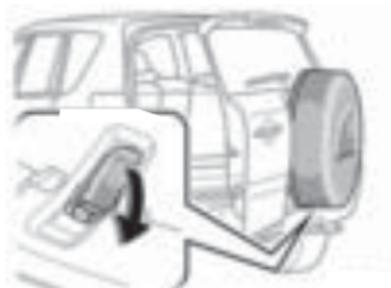


Luggage compartment
Inside right side box



Removing the spare tire

(1)



(2)



- (1) To remove the spare tire cover,* open the back door. Unhook the latch on the bottom of the cover. After closing the back door, remove the cover.
- (2) To remove the spare tire, turn the wheel nuts counterclockwise with the wheel nut wrench and remove.

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

* If equipped



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