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QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

2012 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.

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! 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 information highlighted in color throughout the *Owner's Manual*. Each box contains safe operating instructions to help you avoid injury or equipment malfunction.

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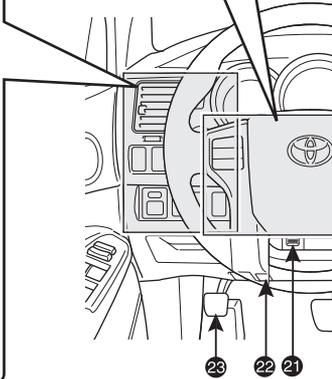
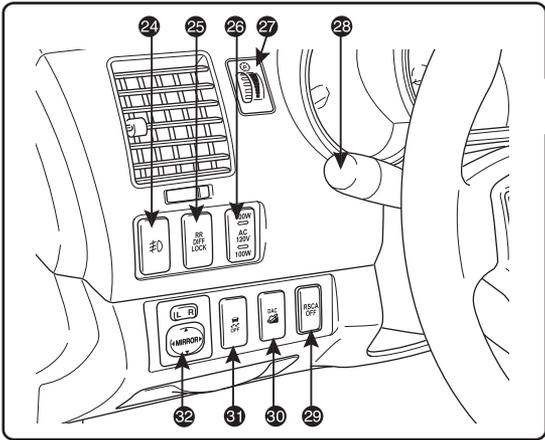
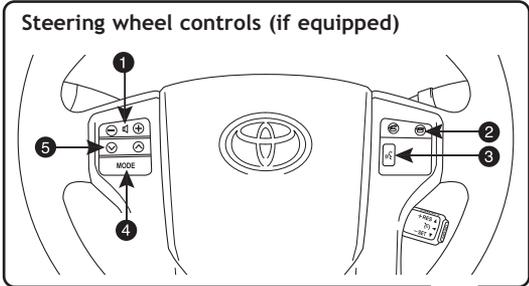
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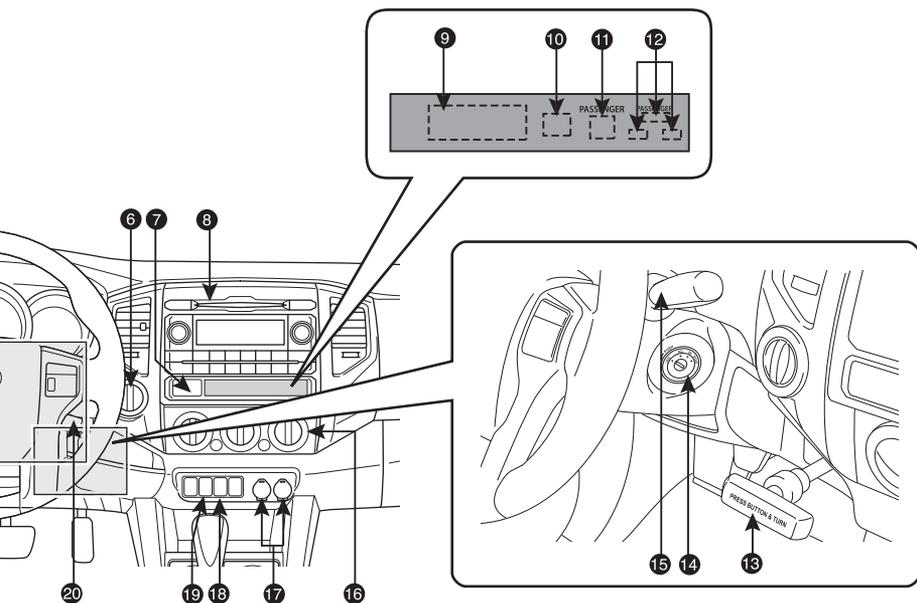
¹ Visit your Toyota dealer for information on this and other customizable options.

OVERVIEW

Instrument panel



- 1 Volume control buttons (for audio)
- 2 Telephone controls^{1,4}
- 3 Voice command button^{1,4}
- 4 “MODE” button (for audio)
- 5 “ ^ v ” buttons (for audio)
- 6 Two-wheel/Four-wheel drive selector¹
- 7 Emergency flasher button
- 8 Audio system
- 9 Clock
- 10 Theft deterrent system/Engine immobilizer indicator¹
- 11 Front passenger seat belt reminder
- 12 Front passenger occupant classification indicator or front passenger airbag ON/OFF indicator¹
- 13 Parking brake lever²
- 14 Ignition switch
- 15 Windshield wiper and washer controls
- 16 Air Conditioning controls
- 17 12V DC Power outlets
- 18 AUX or AUX/USB¹ port
- 19 “A-TRAC” (Active traction control system) switch¹
- 20 Cruise control¹



- 21 Tilt and telescopic steering lock release lever
- 22 Tire Pressure Monitoring (warning) System reset
- 23 Parking brake pedal³
- 24 Front fog light switch¹
- 25 Rear differential lock switch¹
- 26 120V AC Power outlet ON/OFF switch¹
- 27 Instrument panel light control
- 28 Headlight and turn signal controls
- 29 “RSCA OFF” (Roll Sensing Curtain shield Airbags OFF) switch¹
- 30 “DAC” (Downhill Assist Control) button¹ or clutch start cancel switch¹
- 31 Vehicle Stability Control OFF switch
- 32 Power rearview mirror control switches¹

¹ If equipped

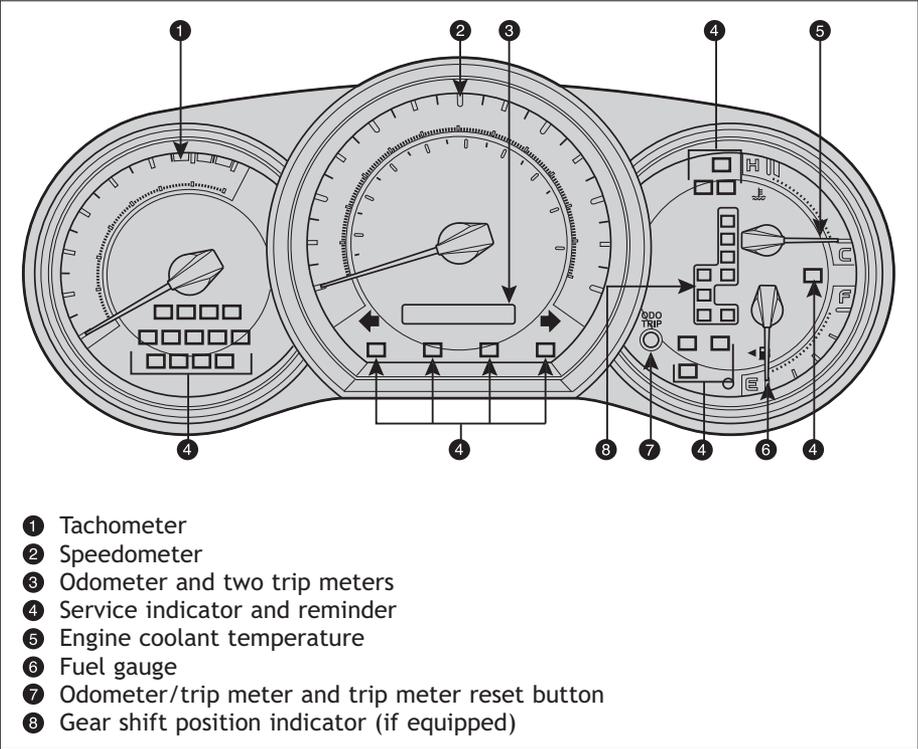
² Manual Transmission only

³ Automatic Transmission only

⁴ For vehicles with a Display Audio system, refer to “*Display Audio System Owner’s Manual.*”

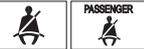
NOTE: For vehicles equipped with Entune, please consult the “*Navigation System With Entune Quick Reference Guide*” or www.toyota.com/entune.

Instrument cluster



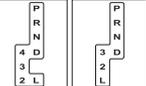
Indicator symbols

For details, refer to “Indicators and warning lights,” Section 2-2, 2012 Owner’s Manual.

- BRAKE** Brake system warning¹
-  Driver/Front passenger seat belt reminder
-  Charging system warning¹
-  Front passenger occupant classification indicator / Front passenger airbag ON/OFF indicator
-  Low engine oil pressure warning¹
-  Malfunction/Check Engine indicator¹
-  Engine oil replacement reminder¹

¹ If indicator does not turn off within a few seconds of starting engine, there may be a malfunction. Have vehicle inspected by your Toyota dealer.

² If this light flashes, refer to “SRS airbag,” Section 1-7-, 2012 Owner’s Manual.

	Open door warning
	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 ^{1,2}
	Headlight low beam indicator
	Headlight high beam indicator
	Turn signal indicator
	Automatic Transmission indicator (5-speed)/(4-speed)
	Four-wheel drive indicator ³
	Low speed four-wheel drive indicator ³
	Rear differential lock indicator ^{1,4}
	Slip indicator ¹
	Vehicle Stability Control OFF indicator ¹
	Active traction control system indicator
	Traction control OFF indicator ¹
	Downhill assist control system indicator ¹
	AUTO Limited Slip Differential indicator ¹
	Cruise control indicator ⁵
	Low fuel level warning
	Anti-lock Brake System warning ¹

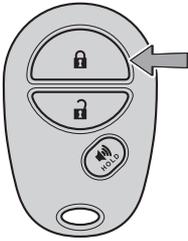
³ If this light flashes, refer to "Four-wheel drive system," Section 2-4, 2012 Owner's Manual.

⁴ If this light flashes, refer to "Rear differential lock system," Section 2-4, 2012 Owner's Manual.

⁵ If this light flashes, refer to "Cruise control," Section 2-4, 2012 Owner's Manual.

Keyless entry (if equipped)

Locking operation



Push 

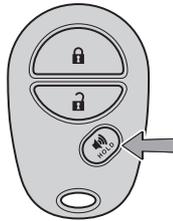
Unlocking operation



Push ONCE: Driver door 
TWICE: All doors

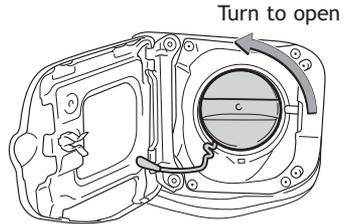
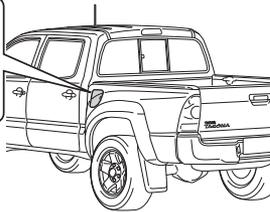
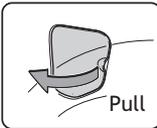
NOTE: If a door is not opened within 30 seconds of unlocking, all doors will relock for safety.

Panic button



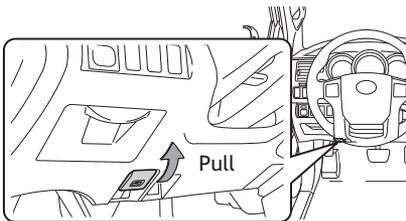
Push and hold  **HOLD**

Fuel tank door and cap

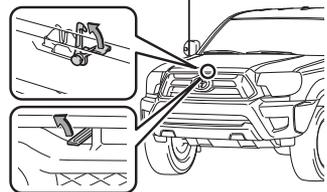


NOTE: Tighten until one click is heard. If the cap is not tightened enough, Check Engine “” indicator may illuminate.

Hood release

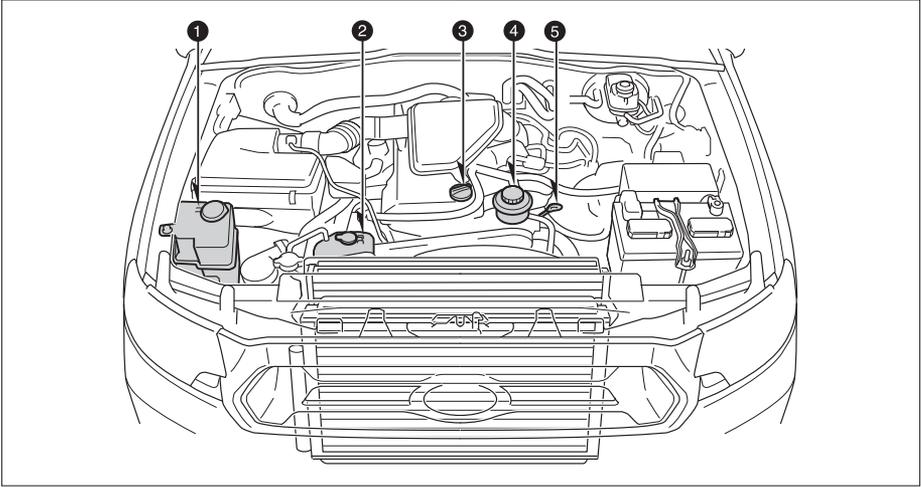


Pull up latch and raise hood

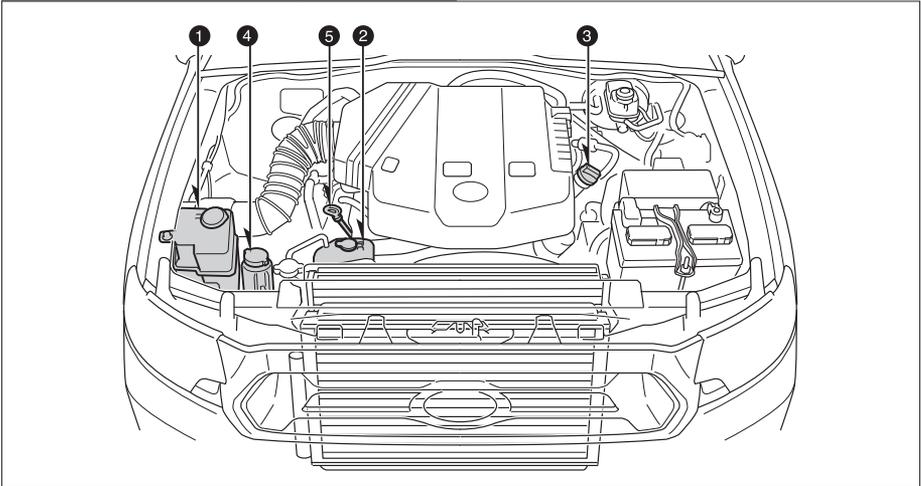


Engine maintenance

4 cylinder (2TR-FE) engine



6 cylinder (1GR-FE) engine



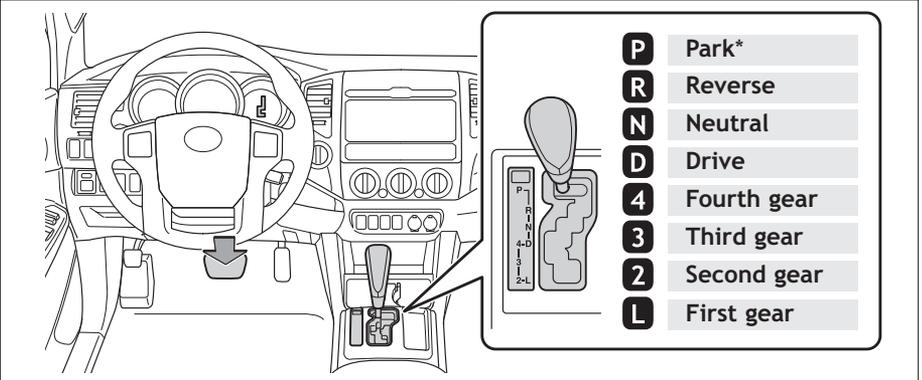
- ❶ Windshield washer fluid tank
- ❷ Engine coolant reservoir
- ❸ Engine oil filler cap
- ❹ Power steering fluid reservoir
- ❺ Engine oil level dipstick

NOTE: Regularly scheduled maintenance, including oil changes, will help extend the life of your vehicle and maintain performance. Please refer to the “Warranty Maintenance Guide.”

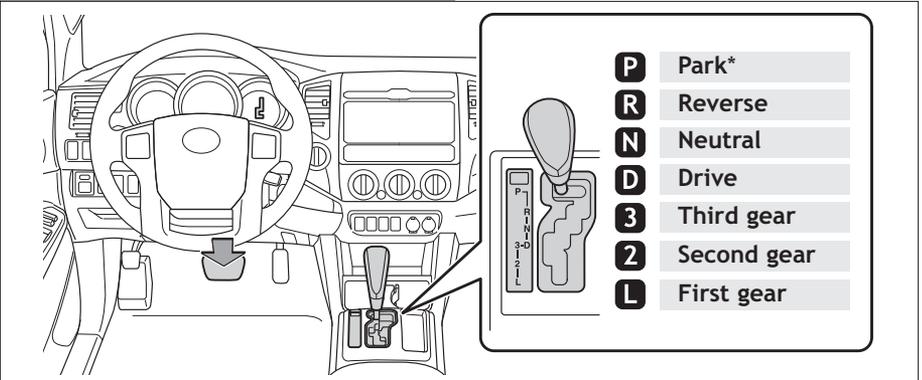
FEATURES/OPERATIONS

Automatic Transmission (if equipped)

5-speed models



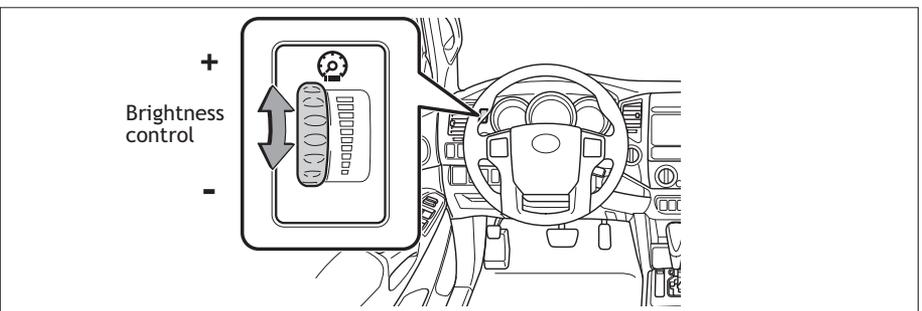
4-speed models



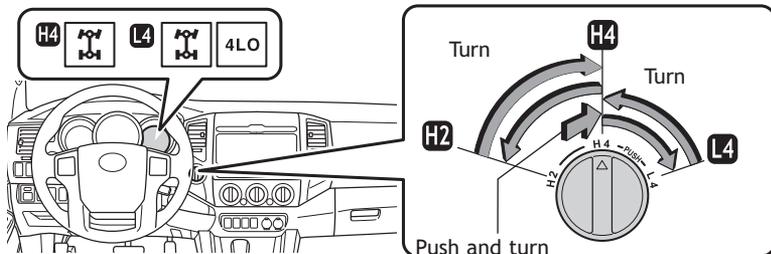
* The ignition switch must be "ON" and the brake pedal depressed to shift from Park.

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.

Light control-Instrument panel



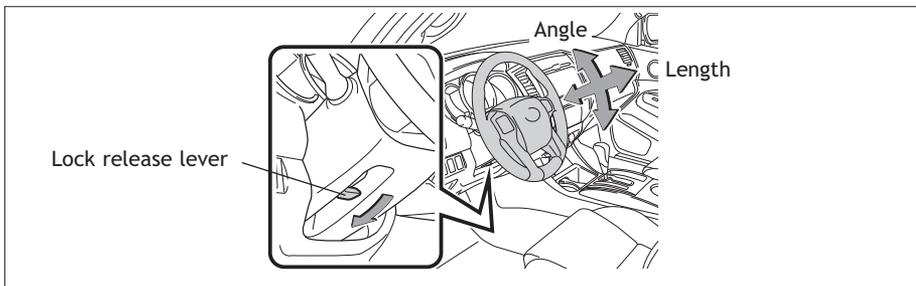
Four-wheel drive (if equipped)



- H2** High speed (2WD)
- H4** High speed (4WD)
Shift when speed is below 62 mph.
- L4** Low speed (4WD)
Shift into neutral while stopped, or depress clutch pedal at speeds below 2 mph.

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

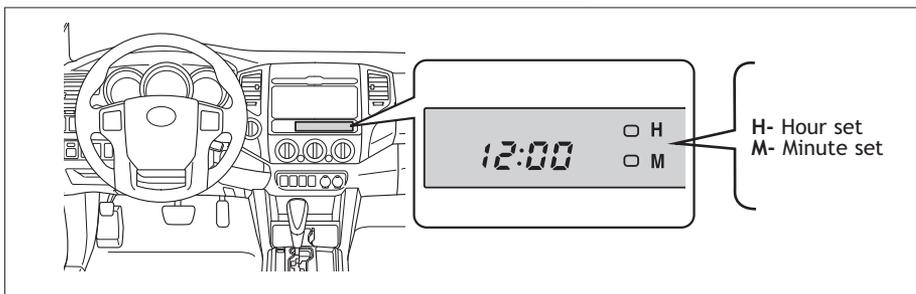
Tilt and telescopic steering wheel



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

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

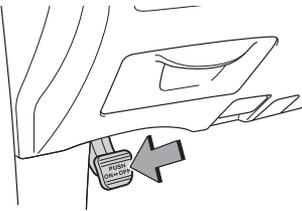
Clock



Parking brake

Automatic Transmission

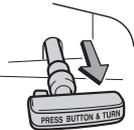
BRAKE



Set: Depress
Release: Depress again

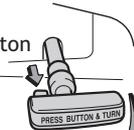
Manual Transmission

Set



Release

(1) Push button



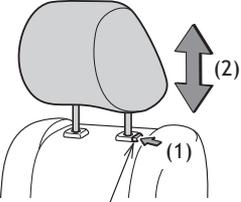
(2) Turn and push in lever



BRAKE

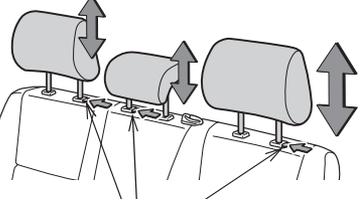
Seats-Head restraints

Separate seats-Front



Lock release button

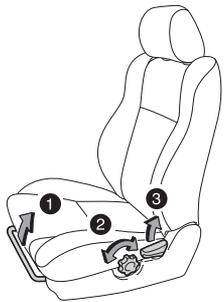
Bench seat-Front



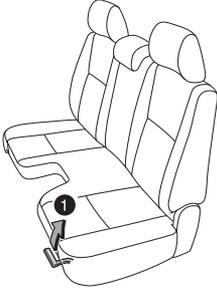
Lock release button

Seat adjustments-Front

Separate seat



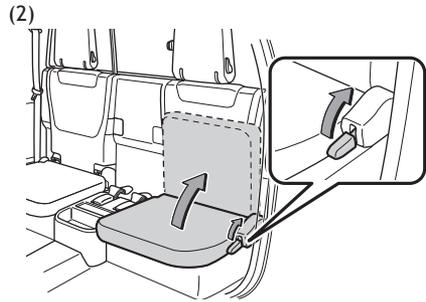
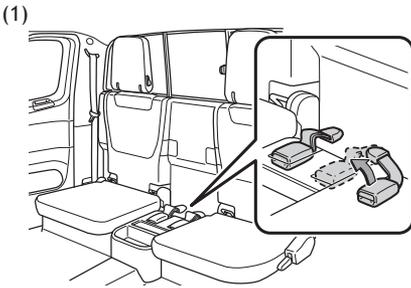
Bench seat



- ① Seat position (forward/backward)
- ② Driver's seat lumbar support (if equipped)
- ③ Seatback angle

Seats-Folding rear

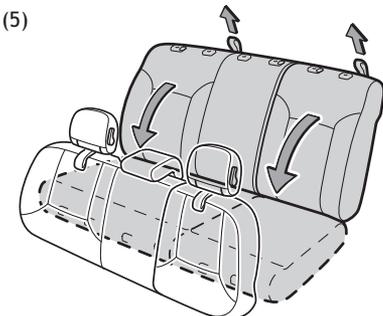
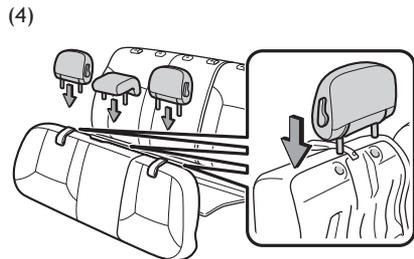
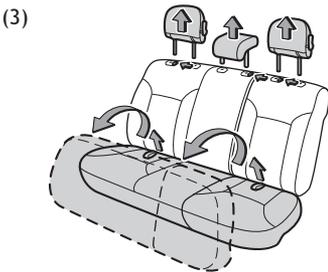
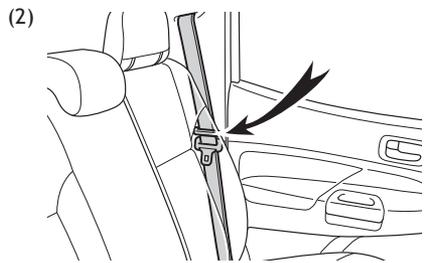
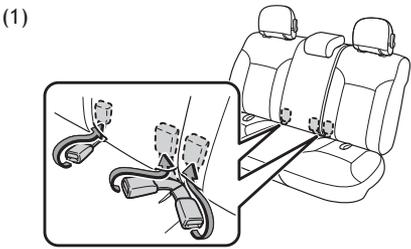
Access cab



(1) Stow the seat belt buckles.

(2) Raise the bottom cushion up while pulling the lever until it locks.

Double cab



(1) Stow the seat belt buckles.

(2) Pass the seat belt through the seat belt hangers.

(3) Remove the head restraint and swing the bottom cushion.

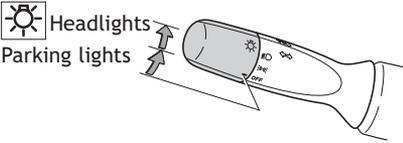
(4) Attach the head restraints.

(5) Fold down the seatback.

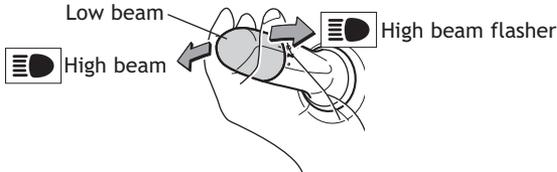
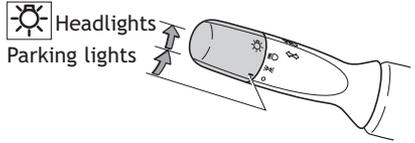
Lights & turn signals

Headlights

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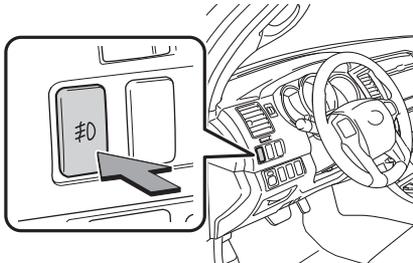


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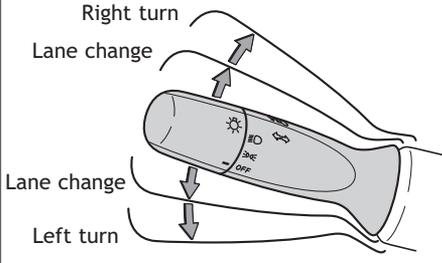
- Daytime Running Light system (if equipped)** Automatically turns on the front turn signal lights upon starting engine and releasing parking brake.
- Automatic light cutoff system** Automatically turns lights off when driver's door is opened with the ignition switch in the "ACC" or "LOCK" position.

Front fog lights (if equipped)



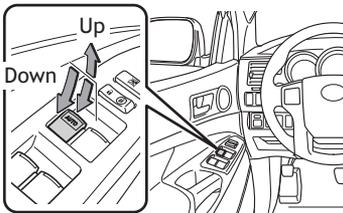
Front fog lights come on only when the headlights are on low beam.

Turn signals

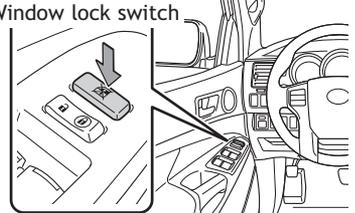


Windows-Power (if equipped)

Driver side



Window lock switch



Automatic down operation (driver side only)

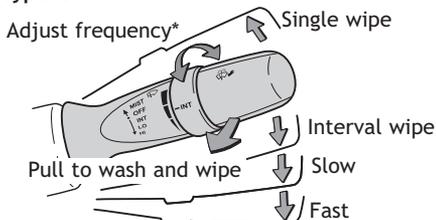
Push the switch completely down and release to fully open. To stop window midway, lightly pull up on the switch.

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

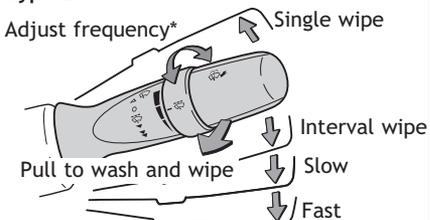
Windshield wipers & washers

With intermittent wiper

Type A



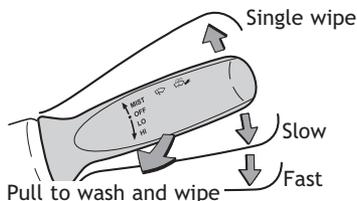
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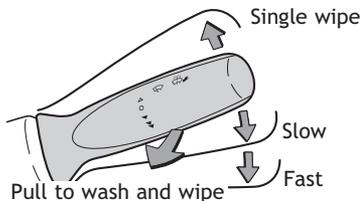
* Intermittent windshield wiper frequency adjustment
 Rotate to increase/decrease wipe frequency.

Without intermittent wiper

Type A

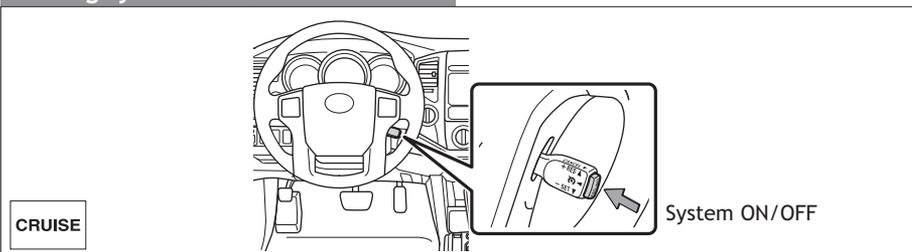


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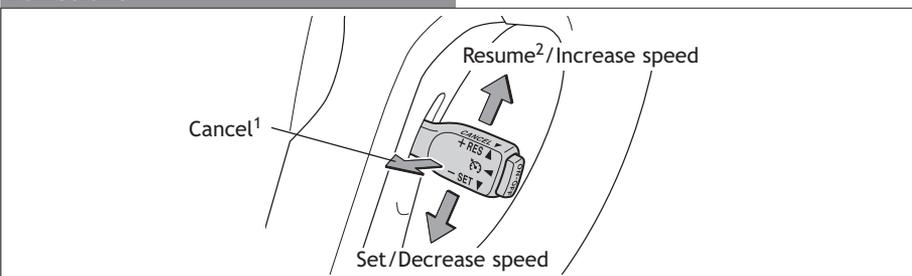


Cruise control (if equipped)

Turning system ON/OFF



Functions

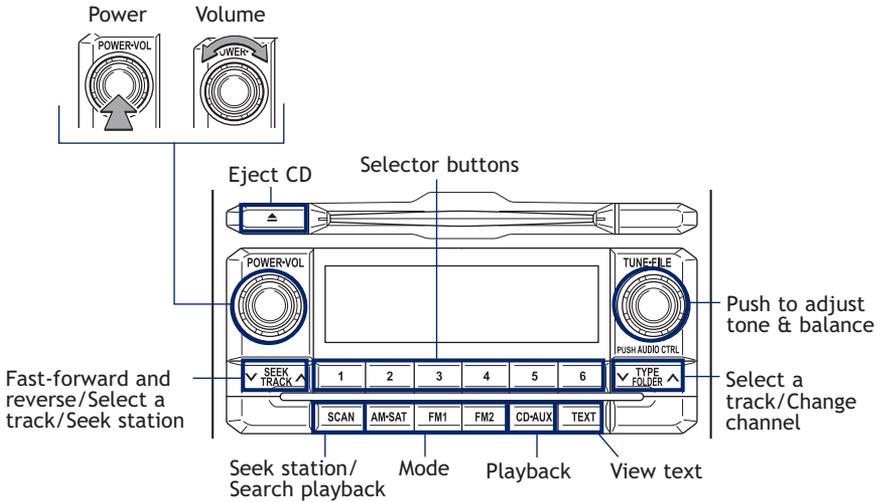


¹ The set speed may also be cancelled by depressing the brake pedal.

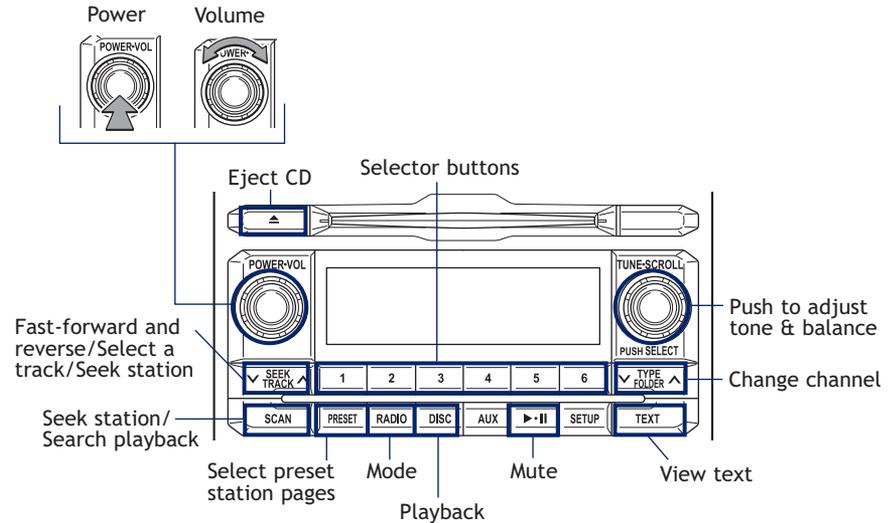
² The set speed may be resumed once vehicle speed exceeds 25 mph.

Audio

Type A



Type B



CD player

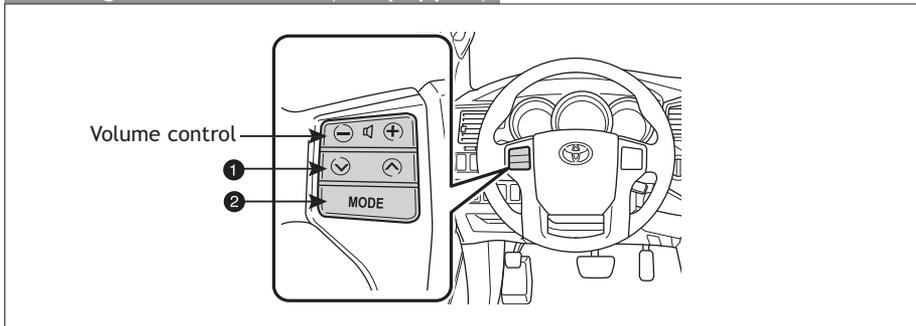
To scan tracks on a disc Push “SCAN.” Push again to hold selection.

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.

Steering wheel switches (if equipped)



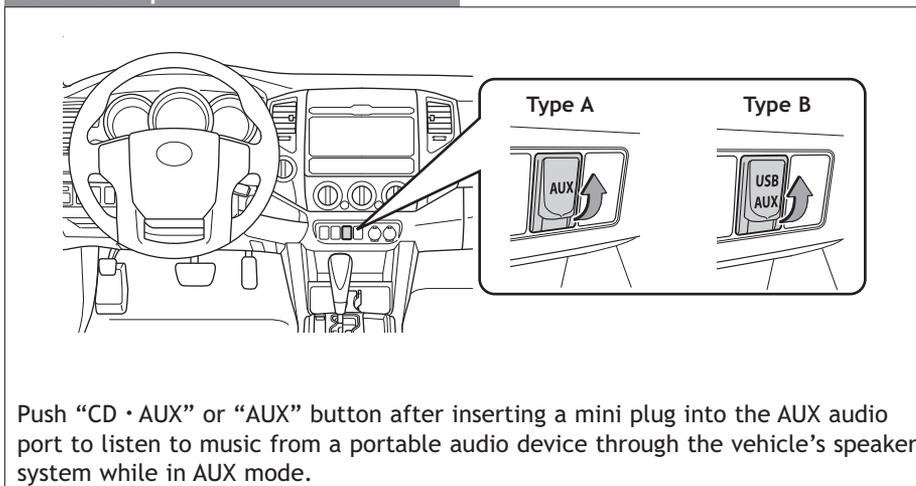
① “ \blacktriangle \blacktriangledown ”

Use to search within the selected audio medium (radio, CD, iPod®, etc.).

② “MODE”

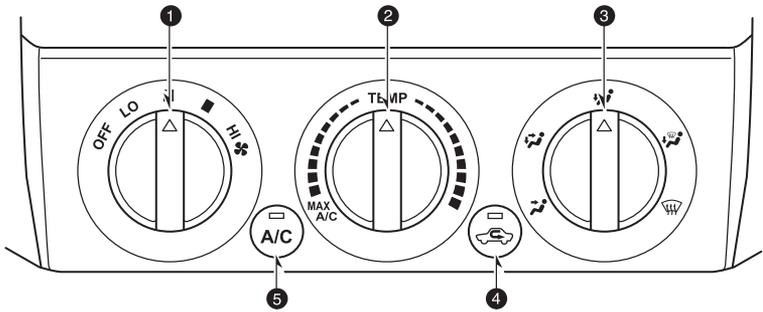
Push to turn audio ON and select an audio mode. Push and hold to turn the audio system OFF.

AUX audio port



Push “CD • AUX” or “AUX” button after inserting a mini plug into the AUX audio port to listen to music from a portable audio device through the vehicle’s speaker system while in AUX mode.

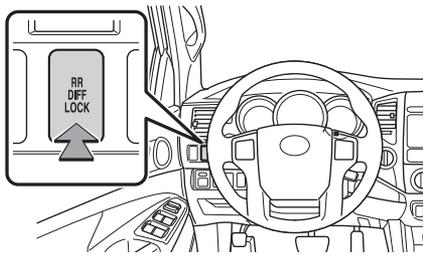
Air Conditioning/Heating



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

Rear differential lock (if equipped)

Rear differential lock/unlock

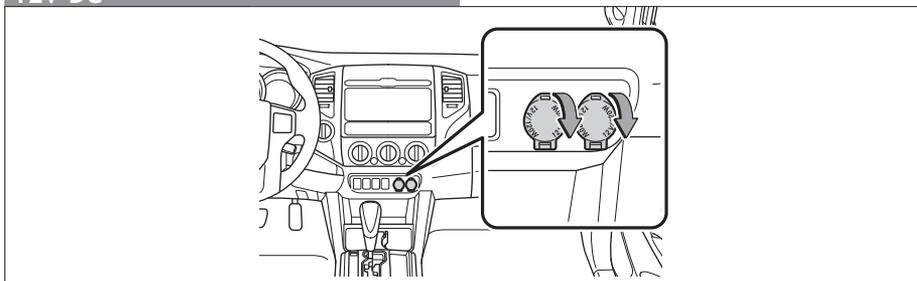


Use **ONLY** when wheel spinning occurs in a ditch, or on slippery or unpaved surfaces. **DO NOT USE THE REAR DIFFERENTIAL LOCK IN CONDITIONS OTHER THAN THOSE SPECIFIED IN THE OWNER'S MANUAL. UNLOCK THE DIFFERENTIAL ONCE THE VEHICLE MOVES OUT OF THE TROUBLE SPOT.**

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

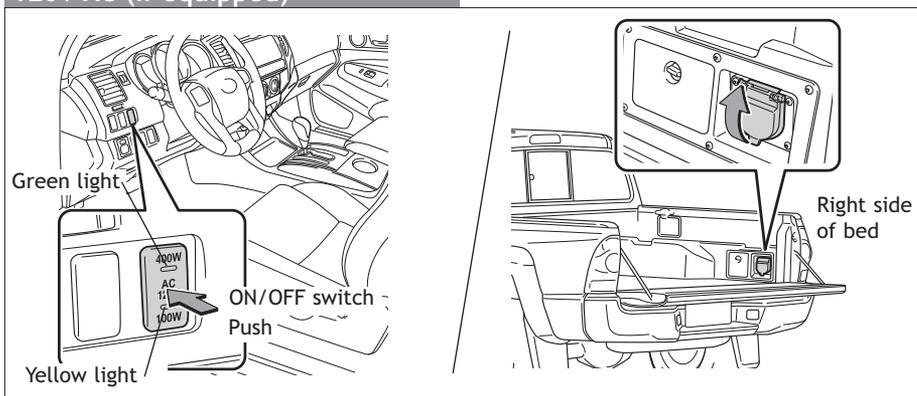
Power outlets

12V DC



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

120V AC (if equipped)



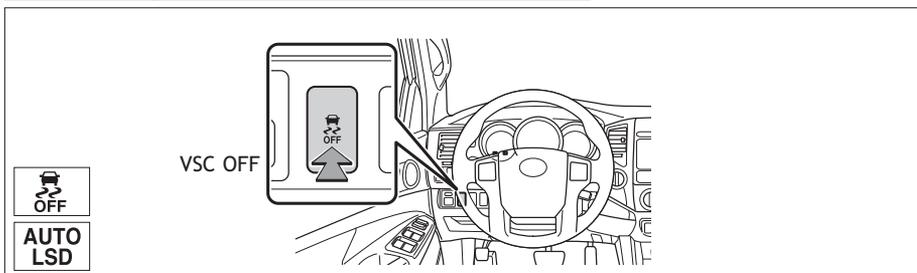
The engine must be running for use.

Yellow Light Only Max Capacity 120V AC/100W

Green & Yellow Lights Max Capacity 120V AC/400W

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

VSC OFF switch

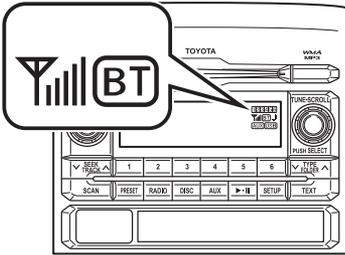


The VSC OFF switch is used to switch between modes related to the TRAC, VSC and Auto LSD functions.

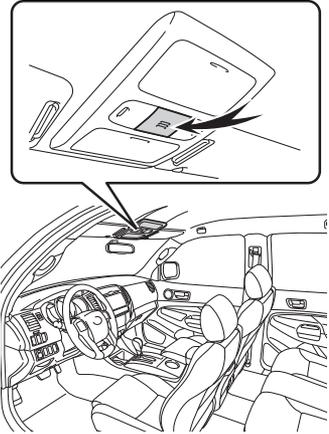
Refer to the *Owner's Manual* for more information.

**Telephone controls (Bluetooth®
(if equipped))**

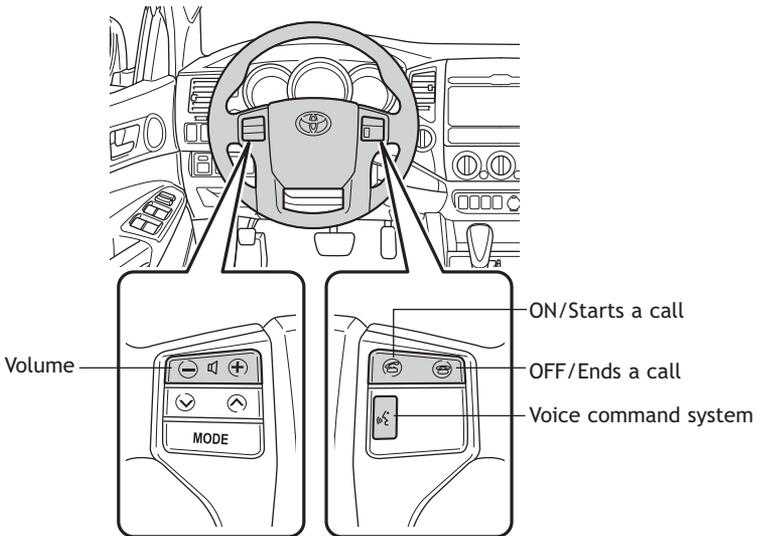
Audio unit



Microphone



Steering wheel telephone switches

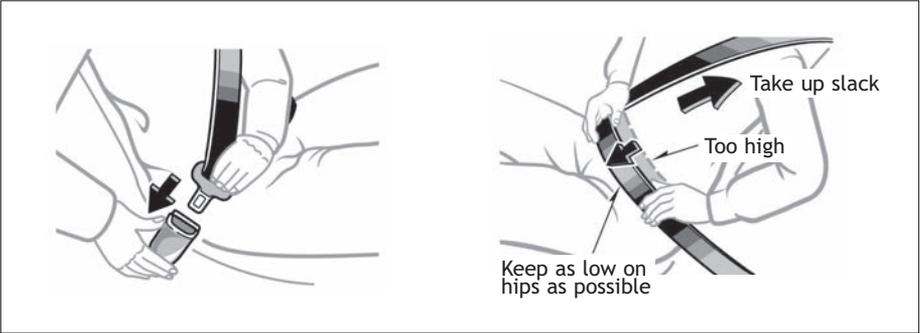


Bluetooth® technology allows you to place or receive calls without taking your hands from the steering wheel or using a cable to connect the telephone and the system.

Refer to “Using the hands-free phone system (for cellular phone),” Section 3-4 in the *Owner’s Manual*, for more details.

SAFETY AND EMERGENCY FEATURES

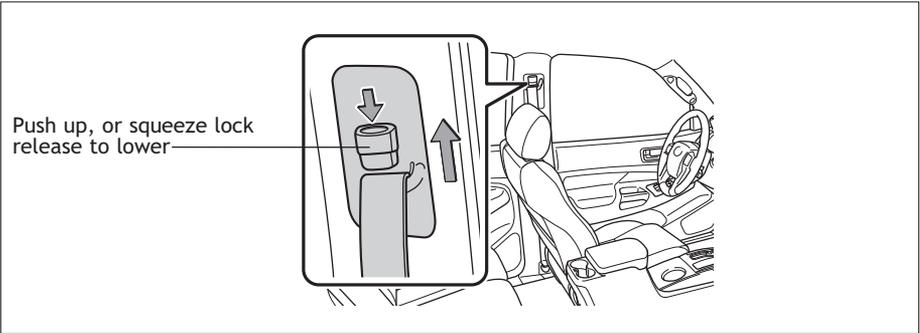
Seat belts



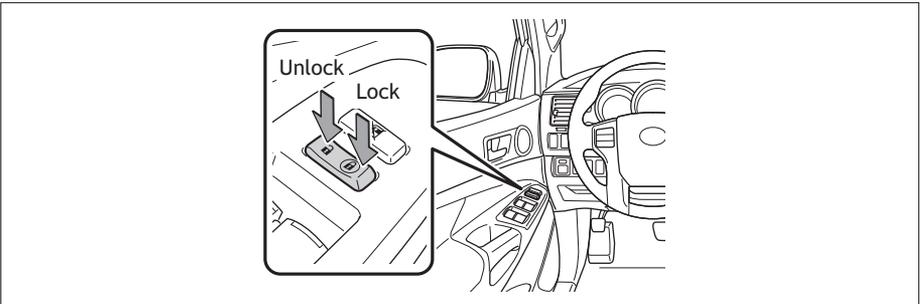
If belt is fully extended, then retracted even slightly, it cannot be re-extended beyond that point, unless fully retracted again. This feature is used to help hold child restraint systems securely.

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



Door locks-Power (if equipped)



Tire Pressure Monitoring (warning) System

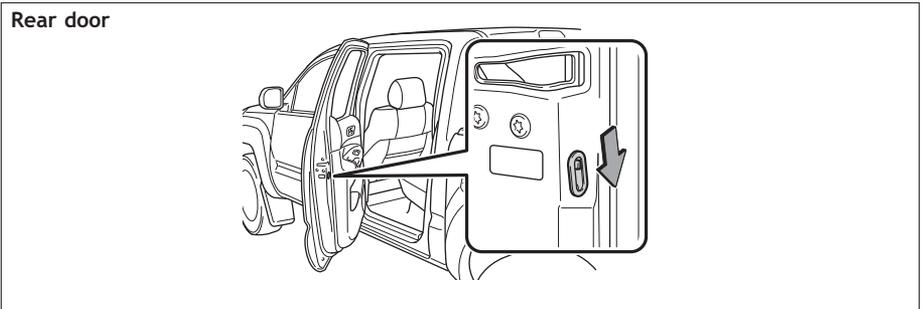


After adjusting tire pressures, or after tires have been rotated or replaced, turn the ignition switch to “ON” and press and hold the “SET” button until indicator blinks three times. Let the vehicle sit for a few minutes to allow initialization to complete.

Refer to the load label on the door jamb or the *Owner’s Manual* for tire inflation specifications.

If the tire pressure indicator flashes for more than 60 seconds and then remains on, take the vehicle to your local Toyota dealer.

Doors-Child safety locks (double cab only)

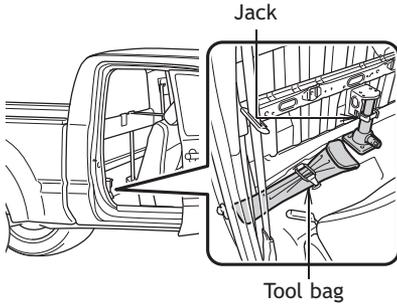


Moving the lever to “LOCK” will allow the door to be opened only from the outside.

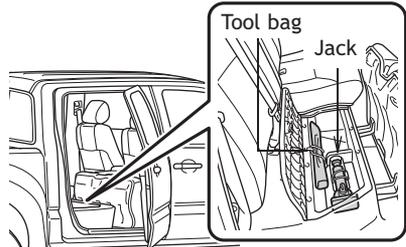
Spare tire & tools

Tool location

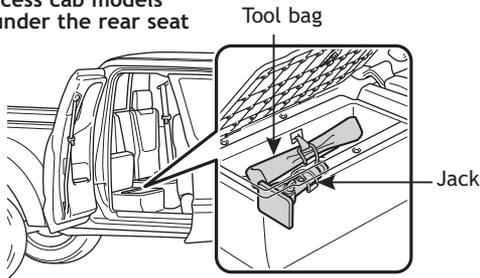
Regular cab models
-behind the seatback



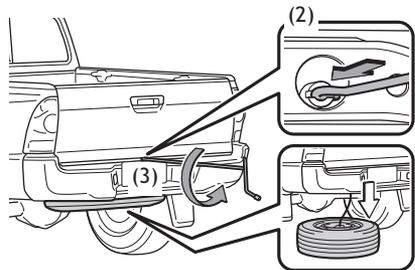
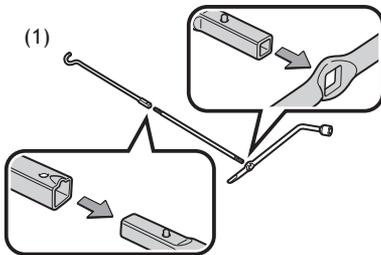
Double cab models
-under the rear seat



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.

SAFETY AND EMERGENCY FEATURES

Star Safety System™

All new Toyota vehicles come standard with the Star Safety System™, which combines Vehicle Stability Control (VSC), Traction Control (TRAC), Anti-lock Braking System (ABS), Electronic Brake-force Distribution (EBD), Brake Assist (BA) and Smart Stop Technology (SST).

Vehicle Stability Control (VSC)

VSC helps prevent loss of traction during cornering by reducing engine power and applying brake force to selected wheels.

Toyota's VSC monitors steering angle and the direction your vehicle is traveling. When it senses that the front or rear wheels begin to lose traction, VSC reduces engine power and applies braking to selected wheels. This helps restore traction and vehicle control.

Traction Control (TRAC)

VSC helps prevent loss of traction during cornering by reducing engine power, and Traction Control helps maintain traction on loose gravel and wet, icy, or uneven surfaces by applying brake force to the spinning wheel(s).

Toyota's TRAC sensors are activated when one of the drive wheels starts to slip. TRAC limits engine output and applies the brakes to the spinning wheel. This transfers power to the wheels that still have traction to help you drive safely.

Anti-Lock Brake System (ABS)

ABS helps prevent brakes from locking up by "pulsing" brake pressure to each wheel. This limits brake lockup and provides the maximum brake effectiveness for the current road conditions.

Toyota's ABS sensors detect which wheels are locking up and limits wheel lockup by "pulsing" each wheel's brakes independently. Pulsing releases brake pressure repeatedly for fractions of a second. This helps the tires attain the maximum traction that the current road conditions will allow, helping you stay in control.

Electronic Brake Force Distribution (EBD)

Toyota's ABS technology has Electronic Brake-force Distribution (EBD) to help maintain stability and balance when braking. Abrupt stops cause the vehicle to tilt forward, reducing the braking power of the rear wheels. EBD responds to sudden stops by redistributing brake force to maximize the braking effectiveness of all four wheels.

Brake Assist (BA)

Brake Assist is designed to detect sudden or "panic" braking, and then add braking pressure to decrease the vehicle's stopping distance. When there's only a split second to react, Brake Assist can add additional brake pressure more quickly than just the driver alone can.

Smart Stop Technology (SST)

Smart Stop Technology automatically reduces engine power when the accelerator and brake pedals are pressed simultaneously under certain conditions.

SST engages when the accelerator is depressed first and the brakes are applied firmly for longer than one-half second at speeds greater than five miles per hour.

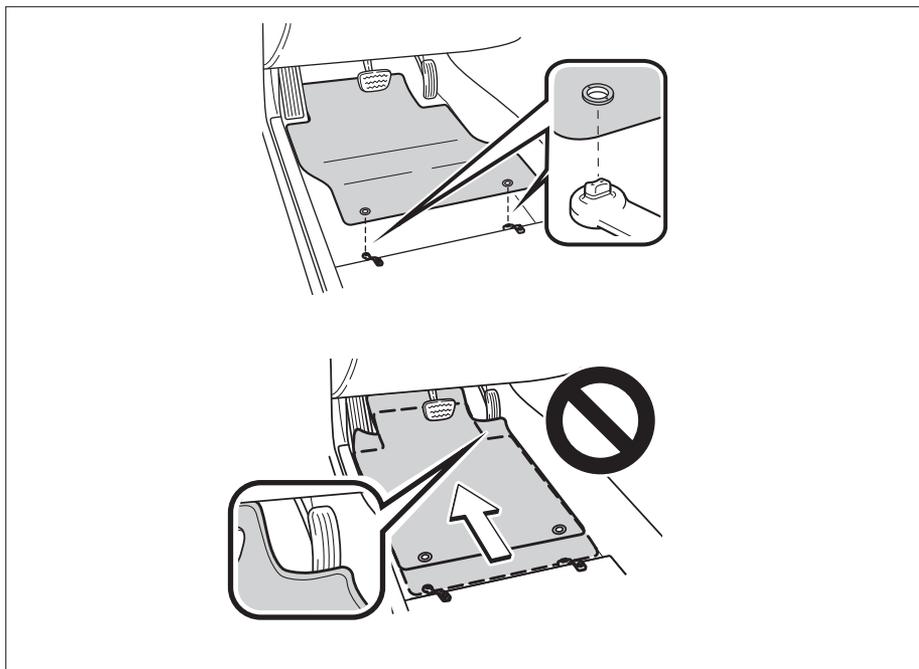
SST doesn't engage if the brake pedal is depressed before the accelerator pedal, allowing vehicles to start on a steep hill and safely accelerate without rolling backward.

Floor mat installation

There are two types of Toyota floor mats: carpeted and all-weather. Each vehicle has model-specific floor mats. Installation is easy.

For safety, follow these steps:

- Only use floor mats designed for your specific model.
- Use only one floor mat at a time, using the retaining hooks to keep the mat in place.
- Install floor mats right side up.



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