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QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

2012 Prius

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 Prius operations. Every Prius 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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¹ Visit your Toyota dealer for information on customizing this feature.

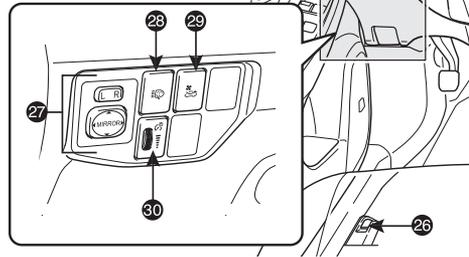
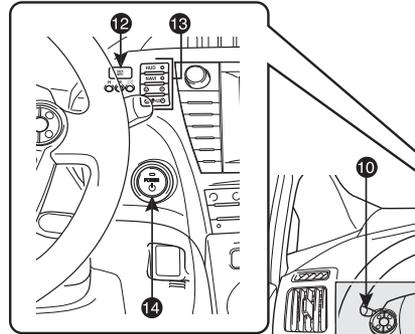
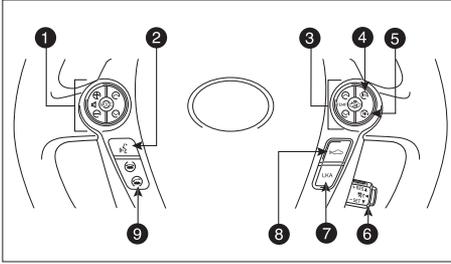
² Programmable by customer. Refer to the Owner's Manual for instructions and more information.

³ HomeLink[®] is a registered trademark of Johnson Controls, Inc.

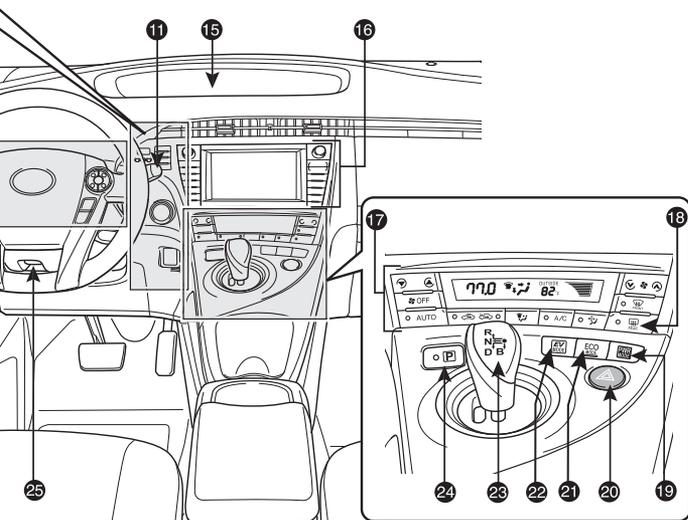
OVERVIEW

Instrument panel

Steering wheel controls



- 1 Steering wheel audio controls^{2,3}
- 2 Voice command button^{1,2,3}
- 3 Steering wheel climate controls
- 4 Multi-Information Display button
- 5 "TRIP" button
- 6 Cruise control¹
- 7 "LKA" switch¹
- 8 Distance switch¹
- 9 Telephone controls^{2,3}
- 10 Headlight and turn signal controls/Headlight, turn signal and front fog light controls¹
- 11 Wiper and washer controls
- 12 Mph or km/h button
- 13 Head-up display switches¹
- 14 Power button
- 15 Multi-Information Display
- 16 Navigation system^{1,2}/Display audio system^{1,3}
- 17 Air Conditioning controls



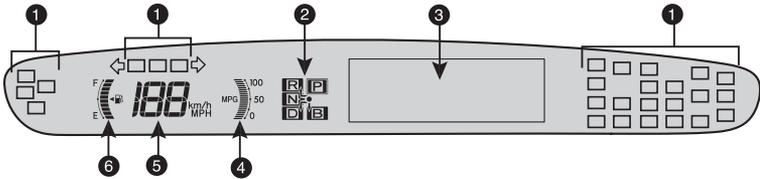
- 18 Outside rearview mirror¹/Rear window defogger button
- 19 “PWR MODE” switch
- 20 Emergency flasher button
- 21 “ECO MODE” switch
- 22 “EV MODE” switch¹
- 23 Shift lever
- 24 “P” position switch
- 25 Tilt and telescopic steering lock release lever
- 26 Fuel filler door opener
- 27 Power rearview mirror controls
- 28 Headlight cleaner switch¹
- 29 Solar ventilation switch¹
- 30 Instrument panel light control

¹ If equipped

² For details, refer to the “Navigation System Owner’s Manual.”

³ For details, refer to the “Display Audio System Owner’s Manual.”

Instrument cluster



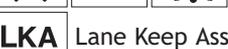
- ❶ Service indicators and reminders
- ❷ Transmission shift position indicator
- ❸ Multi-information display
- ❹ Instantaneous fuel consumption
- ❺ Speedometer
- ❻ Fuel gauge

Indicator symbols

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

-  BRAKE Brake system warning¹
-  Brake system warning light (yellow indicator)¹
-  Driver seat belt reminder (alarm will sound if speed is over 12 mph)
-  PASSENGER AIRBAG OFF AIRBAG ON Front passenger seat belt reminder (alarm will sound if speed is over 12 mph)
-  Charging system warning¹
-  PASSENGER AIRBAG OFF AIRBAG ON Front passenger occupant classification or front passenger airbag ON/OFF indicator
-  CHECK Malfunction/Check Engine indicator¹
-  Low fuel level warning
-  Open door warning
-  Airbag SRS warning¹
-  Master warning¹
-  Low Tire Pressure Warning¹

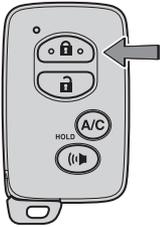
¹ If indicator does not turn off within a few seconds of starting hybrid system, there may be a malfunction. Have vehicle inspected by your Toyota dealer.

	Electric power steering system warning ¹
	Theft deterrent/Engine immobilizer system indicator
	Headlight low/high beam indicator
	Turn signal indicator
	READY indicator
	ECO Driving indicator
	EV indicator
	EV Drive Mode indicator
	ECO Mode indicator
	Power Mode indicator
	Front fog light indicator
	Slip indicator/Hill-start Assist Control indicator ¹
	Cruise control indicator ²
	Lane Keep Assist indicator
	Anti-lock Brake System warning ¹
	Automatic headlight leveling system warning ¹
	Pre-Collision System warning light ¹
	High coolant temperature warning light ¹

² If this light flashes, refer to “Cruise control,” Section 2-4, 2012 Owner’s Manual.

Keyless entry

Locking operation



Push 

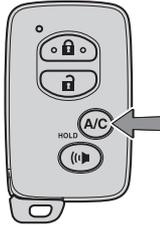
Unlocking operation



Push ONCE: Driver door
TWICE: All doors 

NOTE: If a door is not opened within 60 seconds of unlocking, all doors will relock for safety.

Remote Air Conditioning system operation (if equipped)



Will automatically shut off after three minutes, or if a door is opened.

Push and hold 

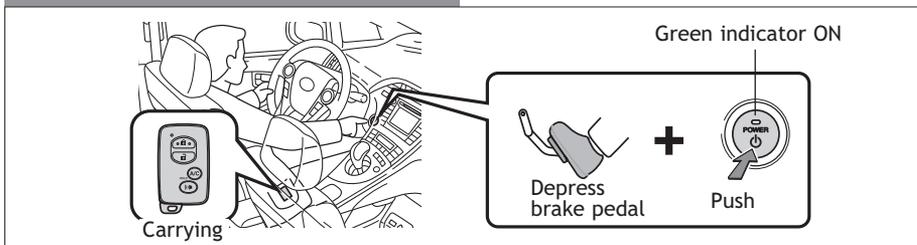
Panic button



Push and hold 

Smart Key system (if equipped)

Start function



Power (without starting hybrid system)

Without depressing the brake pedal, pressing the “POWER” switch will change the operation mode in succession from:

ACCESSORY

Accessories such as the radio will operate.

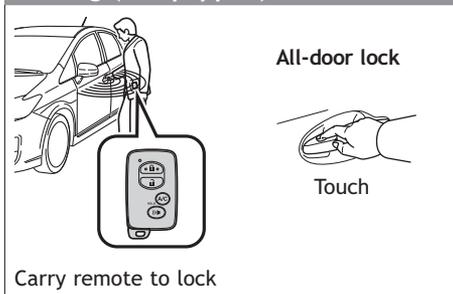
ON

Power ON; hybrid system is not engaged.

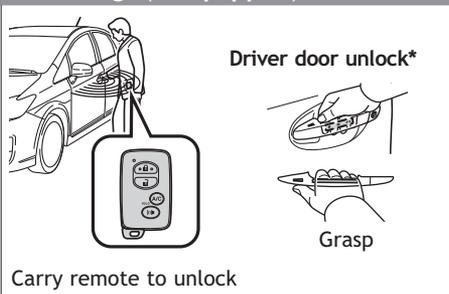
OFF

All systems OFF.

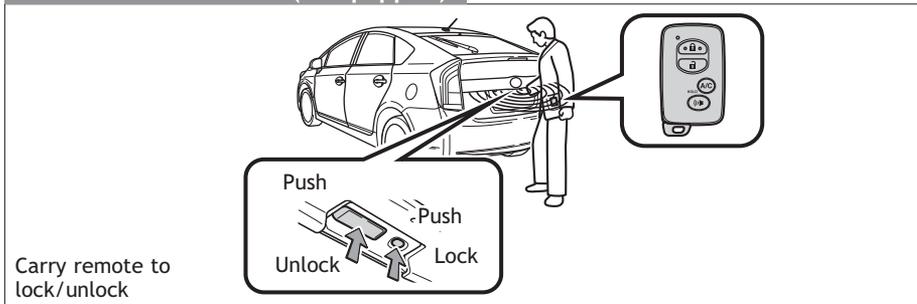
Locking (if equipped)



Unlocking (if equipped)



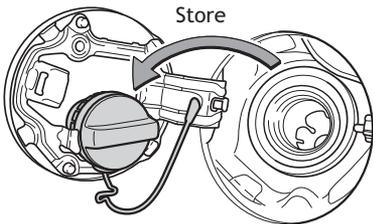
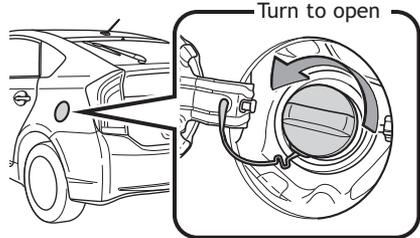
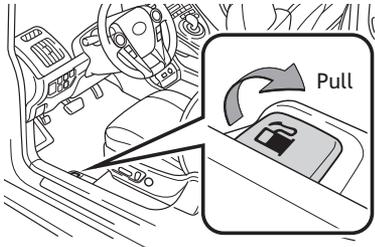
Back door lock/unlock (if equipped)



* Driver door unlocking function can be programmed to unlock driver door only, or all doors. Grasping a passenger door handle will unlock all doors.

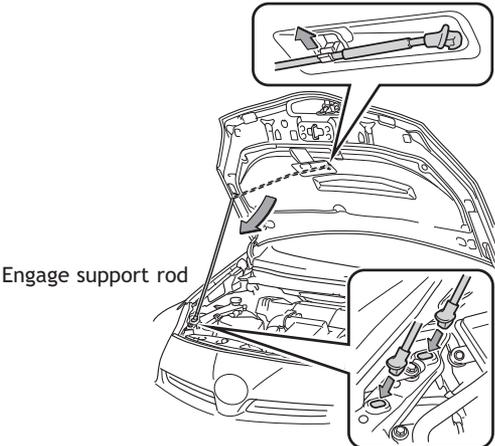
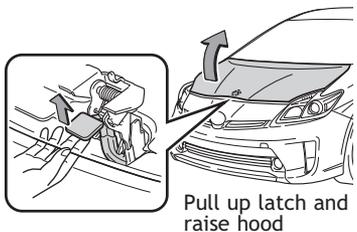
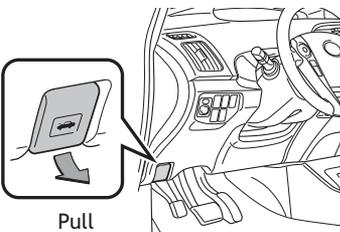
NOTE: Doors may also be locked/unlocked using remote.

Fuel tank door release and cap



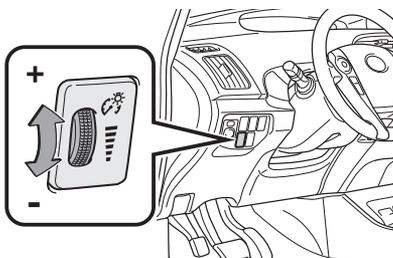
NOTE: Tighten until one click is heard. If the cap is not tightened enough, Check Engine “” indicator may illuminate.

Hood release

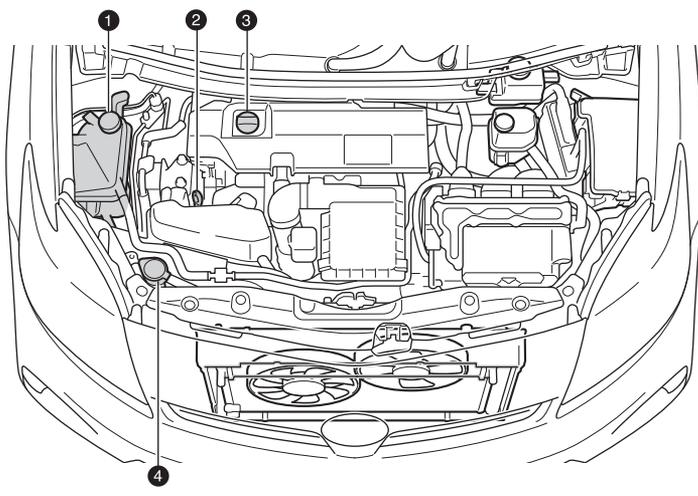


Light control-Instrument panel

Brightness control



Engine maintenance



- ① Engine coolant reservoir
- ② Engine oil level dipstick
- ③ Engine oil filler cap
- ④ Windshield 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 “Warranty Maintenance Guide.”

FEATURES/ OPERATIONS

Hybrid Synergy Drive System

The Hybrid Synergy Drive System utilizes a computer-controlled gasoline engine and electric motor to provide the most efficient combination of power for the vehicle. To conserve energy, when the brakes are applied the braking force generates electricity which is then sent to the traction battery. In addition, the engine shuts off when the vehicle is stopped. The benefits are better fuel economy, reduced vehicle emissions and improved performance.

NOTE: Fuel consumption and energy information of the hybrid system are shown on the multi-information display.

Tips for improved fuel economy

- Ensure tire pressures are maintained at levels specified in the *Owner's Manual*.
- When possible, link trips to reduce engine cold starts.
- Avoid driving at speeds that are higher than necessary, especially on the highway.
- When possible, avoid sudden stops to maximize regenerative braking energy.
- Minimize use of the Air Conditioning.

Starting the hybrid system



- (1) Depress the brake pedal, and press the "POWER" switch briefly and firmly.
- (2) The "READY" light will blink. After a few seconds, when the light remains steady and a beep sounds, you may begin driving.

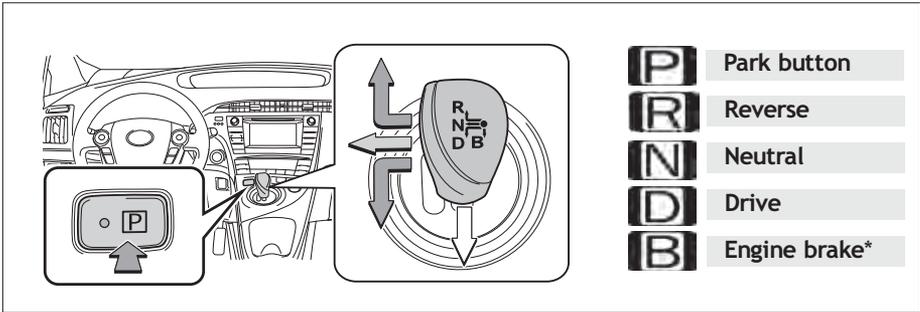
Auto lock/unlock

Automatic door locks can be programmed to operate in two different modes, or turned OFF.

- Doors lock when shifting from Park.
- Doors lock when the vehicle speed is approximately 12 mph or higher.
- Doors unlock when shifting into Park.
- Doors unlock when the driver's door is opened within 10 seconds after turning the "POWER" switch OFF.

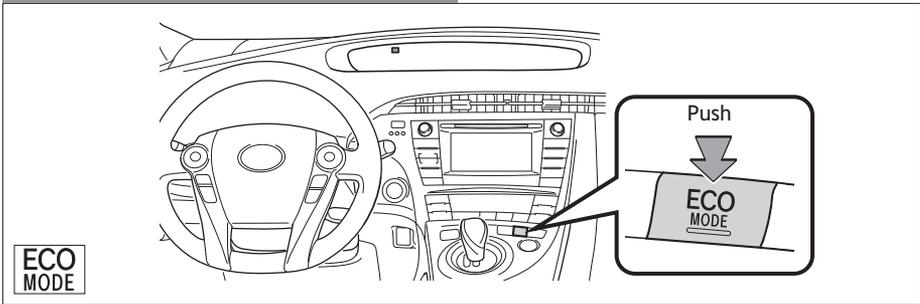
Refer to the *Owner's Manual* for more details.

Transmission



* The engine brake is the equivalent of downshifting. Shift to “B” when engine braking is desired (i.e. downhill driving, coasting to a stop, etc.).

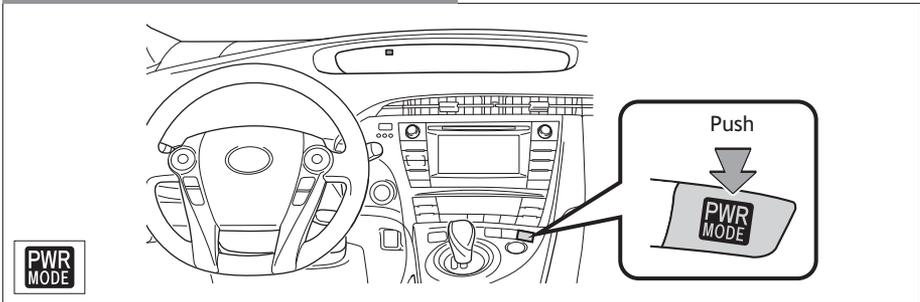
ECO Mode



ECO Mode helps achieve low fuel consumption during trips that involve frequent accelerating and braking.

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

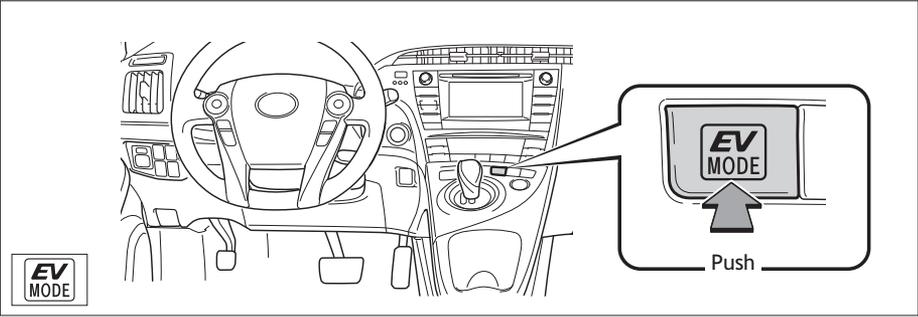
Power Mode



Use when a higher level of response is desired, such as when driving in mountainous regions.

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

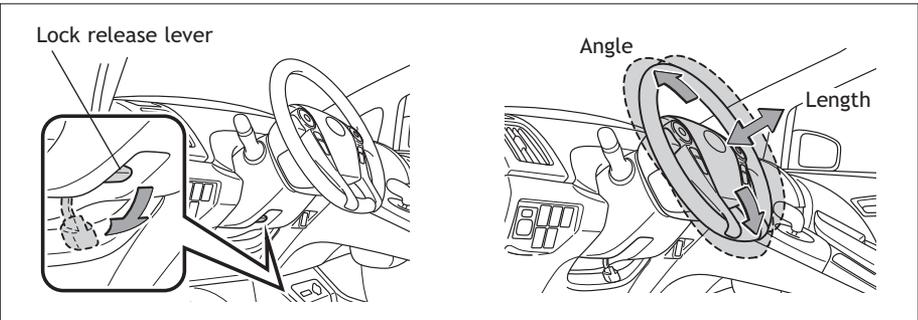
EV-Drive Mode (if equipped)



EV-Drive Mode allows the electric motor (traction motor), powered by the hybrid battery (traction battery), to be used to drive the vehicle under certain driving conditions.

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

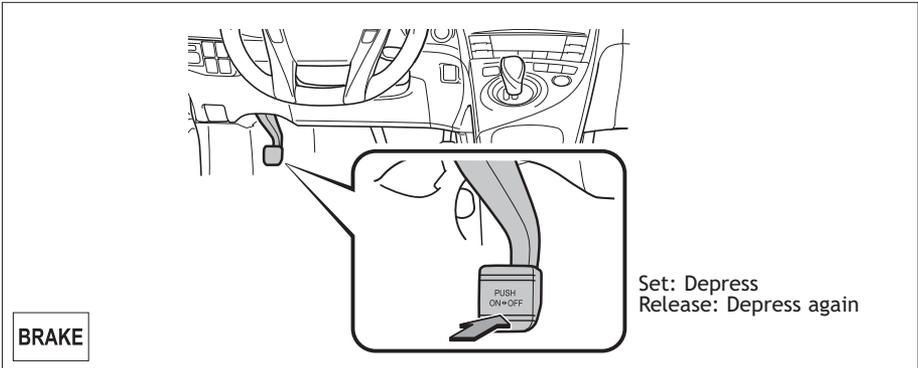
Tilt and telescopic steering wheel



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

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

Parking brake

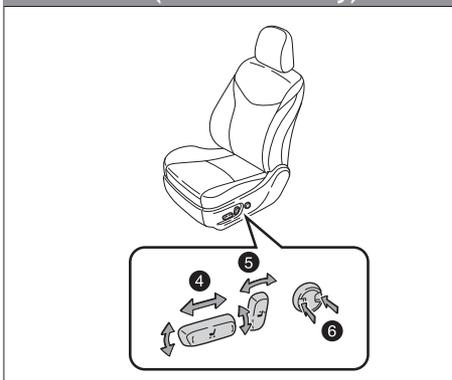


Seat adjustments-Front

Manual seat



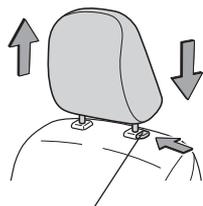
Power seat (driver side only)



- ❶ Seat position (forward/backward)
- ❷ Height crank (driver side only)
- ❸ Seatback angle
- ❹ Seat position, cushion angle and height
- ❺ Seatback angle
- ❻ Lumbar support

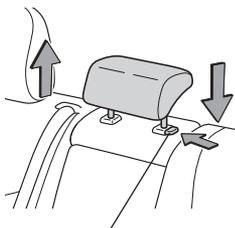
Seats-Head restraints

Front



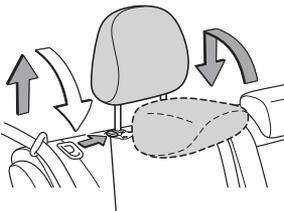
Lock release button

Rear center



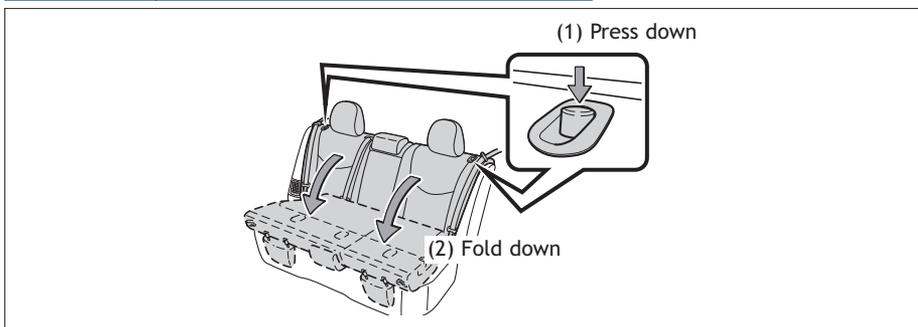
Lock release button

Rear outboard

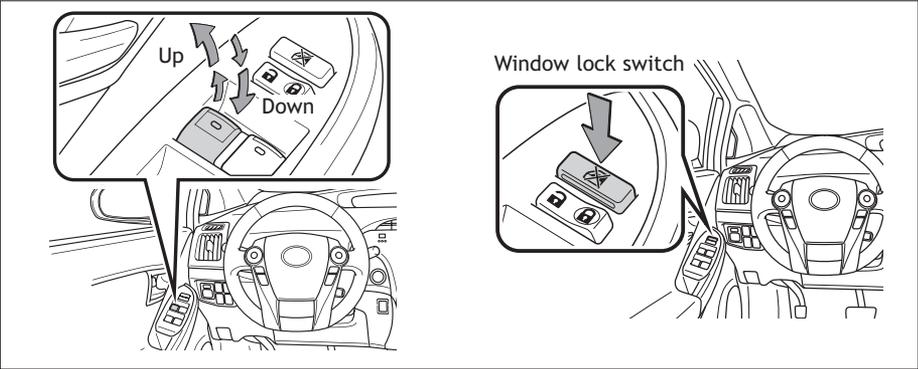


Lock release button

Seat-Folding down rear seat



Windows-Power

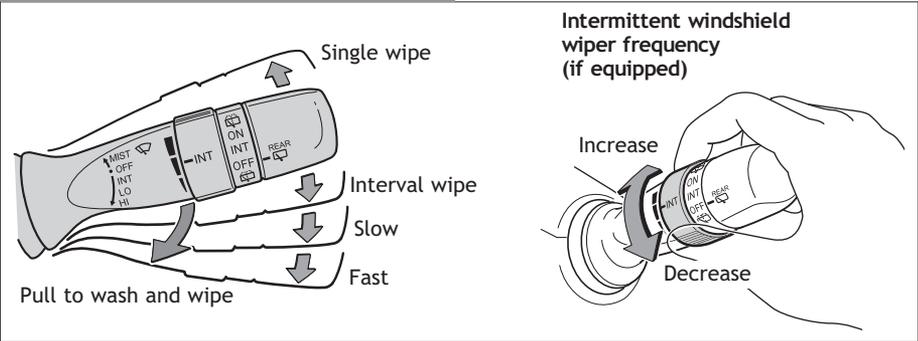


Automatic operation Push the switch completely down or pull it completely up and release to fully open or close. To stop window midway, push the switch in the opposite direction.

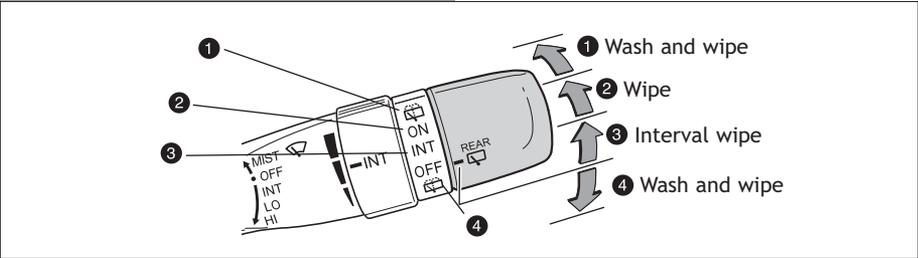
Window lock switch Deactivates all passenger windows. Driver's window remains operable.

Windshield wipers & washers

Front



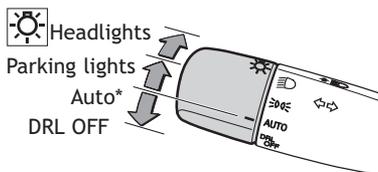
Rear (if equipped)



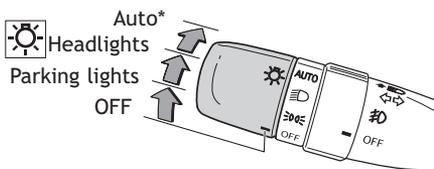
Lights & turn signals

Headlights

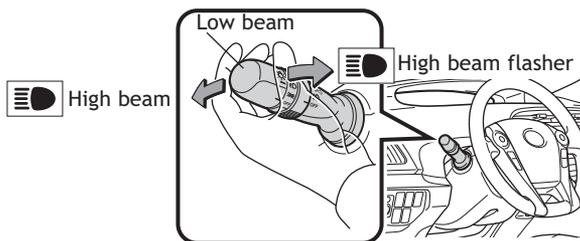
Type A



Type B

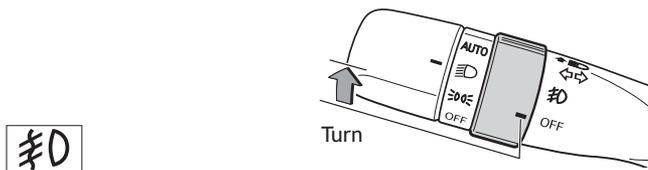


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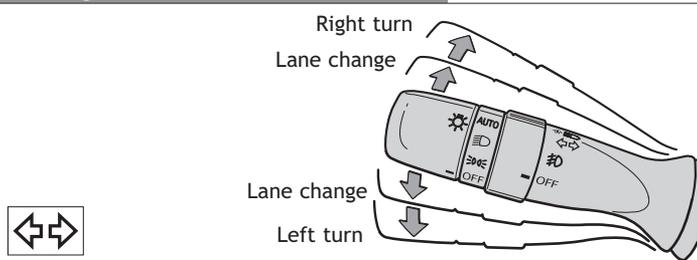
Automatic light cutoff system Automatically turns lights off after a delay of 30 seconds, or when lock switch on remote is pushed after all doors are locked.

Front fog lights (if equipped)

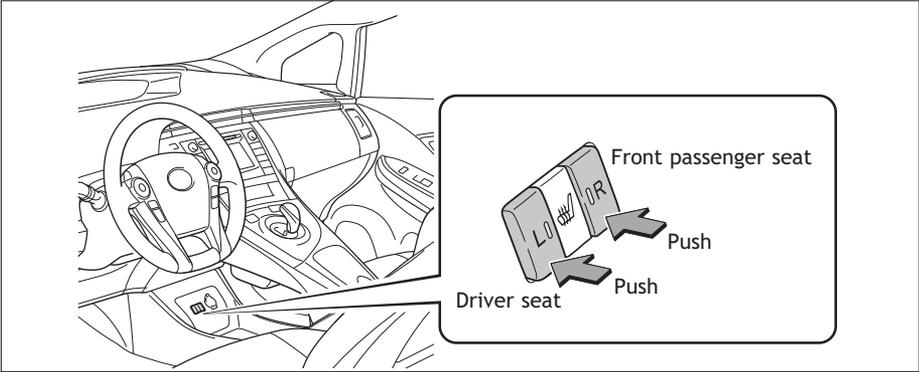


Front fog lights come on only when the headlights are on low beam.

Turn signals



Seat heaters (if equipped)

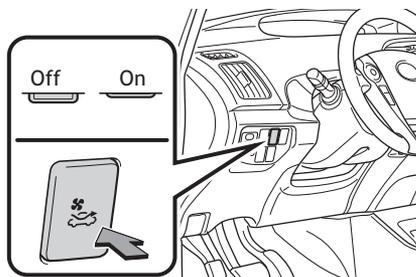


Air Conditioning/ Heating

- 1 Temperature selector
- 2 Temperature setting display
- 3 Air outlet display
- 4 Fan speed display
- 5 Fan speed control
- 6 Windshield defogger
- 7 Micro dust and pollen filter mode (turns off automatically after 3 minutes)
- 8 Air Conditioning ON/OFF
- 9 Airflow vent
Use “” or “” mode to reduce window fogging.
- 10 Recirculate cabin air (fresh air when OFF)
- 11 Automatic climate control ON
Adjusting the temperature setting will cause the airflow vents, air intake and fan to adjust automatically.
- 12 Climate control OFF

Solar ventilation system (if equipped)

With the “POWER” switch in ON mode, turn on the solar ventilation switch.



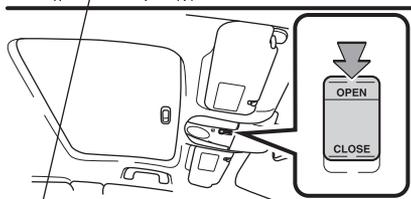
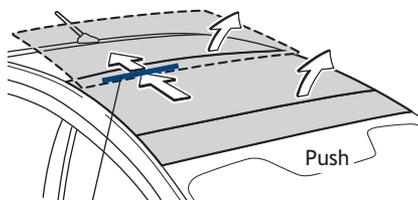
The solar ventilation system allows ventilation of the vehicle interior when the vehicle is parked in direct sunlight.

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

Moonroof (if equipped)

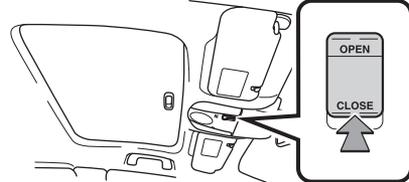
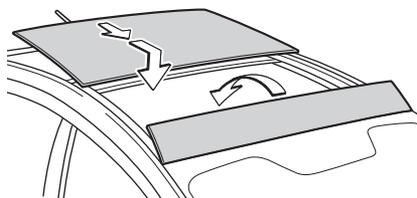
Opening operation

Push once to tilt up, again to open partway, and again to open completely.



Recommended open position to minimize wind noise.

Closing operation

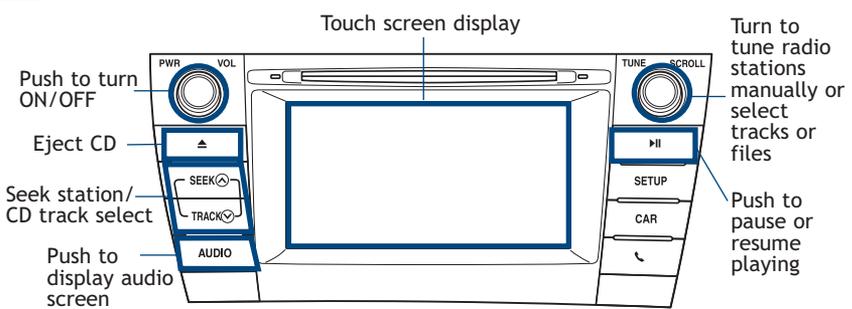


Push and hold to close partway; again to close completely.

Audio

Refer to the “*Display Audio System Owner’s Manual*” for instructions and more information.

Type 1



Touch screen display

Push to turn ON/OFF

Eject CD

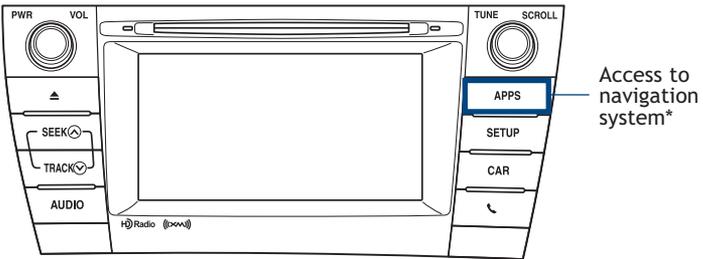
Seek station/ CD track select

Push to display audio screen

Turn to tune radio stations manually or select tracks or files

Push to pause or resume playing

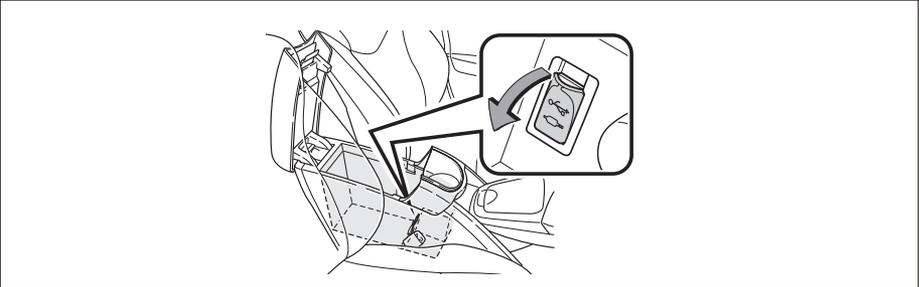
Type 2 (additional functions)



Access to navigation system*

* Refer to the “*Navigation System With Entune Quick Reference Guide.*”

USB/ AUX port

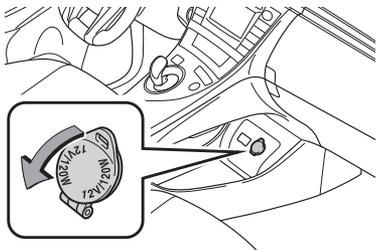


By inserting a mini plug into the USB/AUX port, you can listen to music from a portable audio device through the vehicle’s speaker system while in USB/AUX mode.

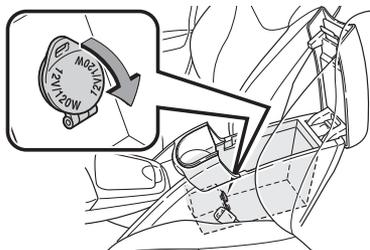
Refer to the “*Display Audio System Owner’s Manual*” for instructions and more information.

Power outlets

Lower center console



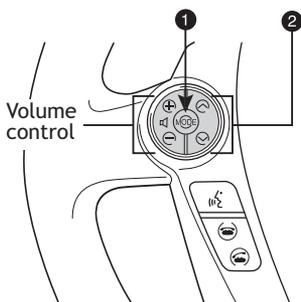
Center console box



Power switch must be set at “ACCESSORY” or “ON” mode to be used.

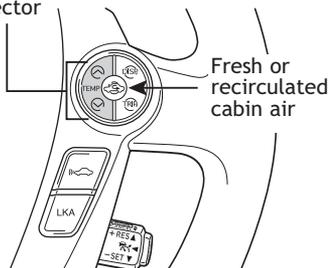
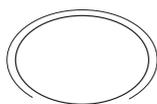
Steering wheel switches

Audio control



Climate control

Temperature selector



1 “MODE”

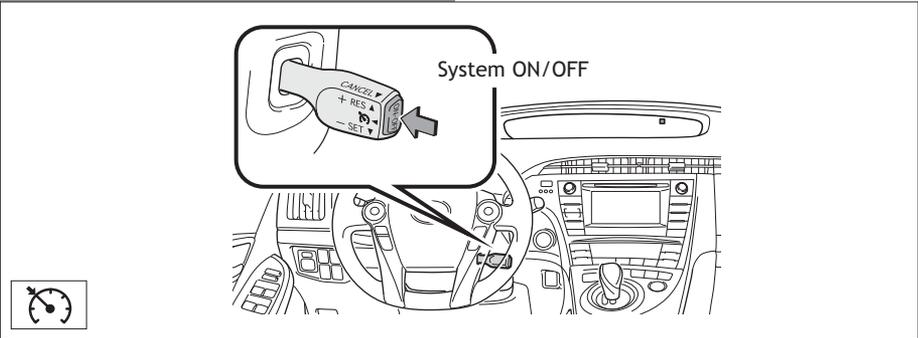
Push to turn audio ON and select an audio mode. Push and hold to turn the audio system OFF.

2 “VOLUME”

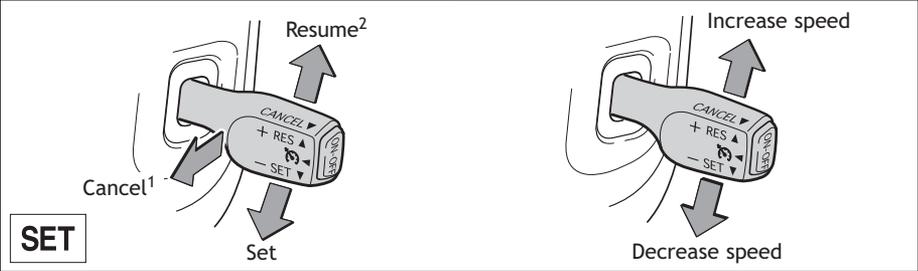
Use to search within the selected audio medium (radio, CD, iPod®, etc.).

Cruise control (if equipped)

Turning system ON/ OFF



Functions

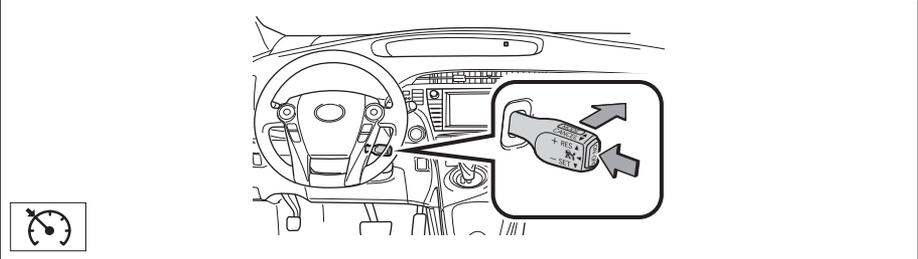


¹ The set speed may also be cancelled by depressing the brake pedal.
² The set speed may be resumed once vehicle speed exceeds 25 mph.

Dynamic Radar Cruise Control (if equipped)

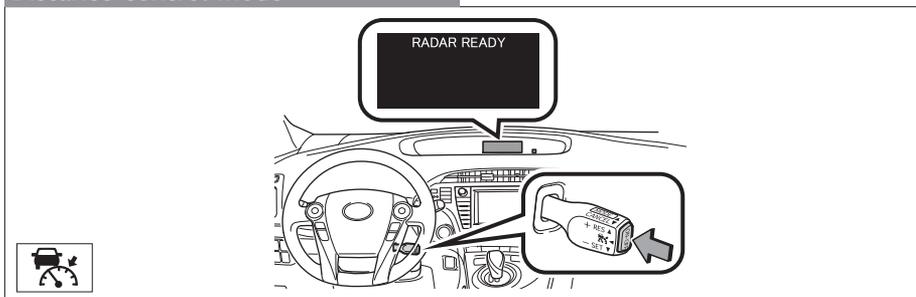
Refer to the *Owner's Manual* for more details and complete safety precautions before attempting to use "Dynamic Radar Cruise Control."

Fixed speed mode



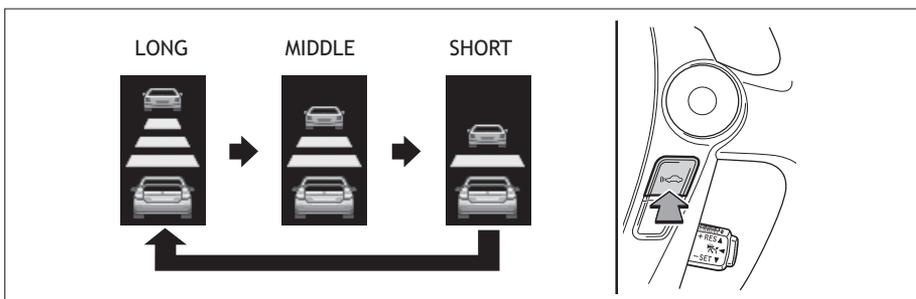
- (1) To select conventional/ fixed speed control Push the ON-OFF button. Push the lever forward and hold until the "Ⓜ" indicator appears.
- (2) To set, cancel and resume a speed Refer to instructions in the *Cruise Control* section.

Distance control mode



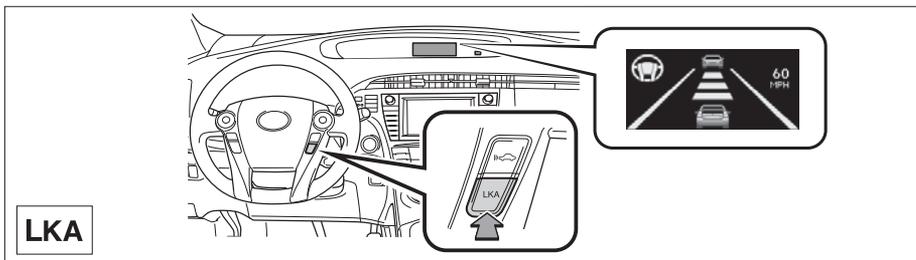
Distance control mode will cruise at a set speed, decelerate to maintain selected distance from a slower vehicle traveling in front of you, and accelerate back up to the selected speed if the vehicle in front of you changes lanes or speeds up.

- (1) **To select distance control mode** Push the ON-OFF button. The “RADAR READY” or “” will come on.
- (2) **To set, cancel or resume a speed** Refer to instructions for *Cruise Control* section.



- (3) **To change the vehicle-to-vehicle distance**
Push the distance button to cycle through the settings, which will change progressively from LONG to MIDDLE to SHORT.

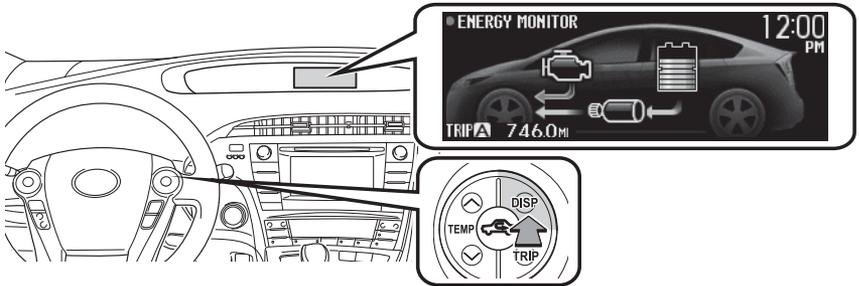
LKA (Lane Keep Assist) (if equipped)



When activated, the LKA system camera detects lane markings and alerts the driver when the vehicle strays from its lane. Driver may also experience a slight steering torque.

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

Multi-Information Display



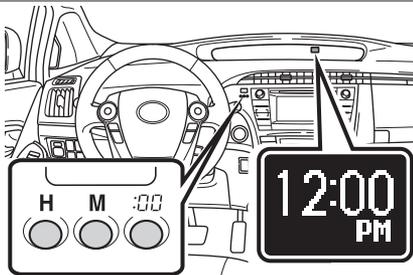
Push “DISP” to change between the following information screens:

- (1) Energy monitor
- (2) Hybrid system Indicator
- (3) 5-minute/1-minute interval fuel consumption display
- (4) Fuel consumption history display

Push and hold “DISP” to set up the displays.

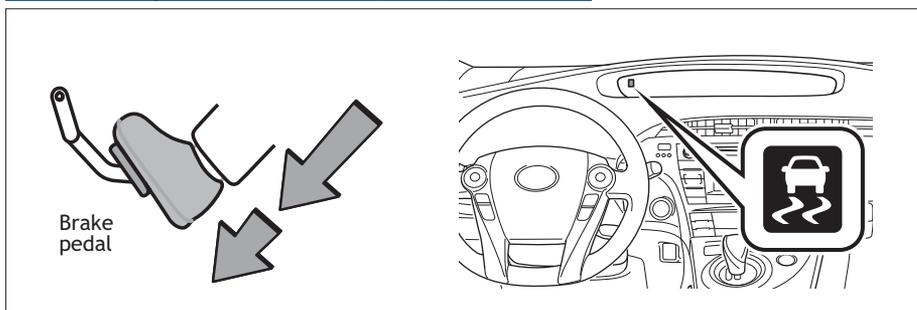
Clock

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



Refer to the *Owner's Manual* for details on adjusting time.

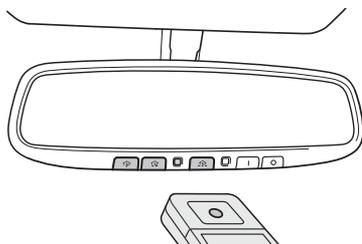
Hill-start Assist Control (HAC)



HAC helps prevent rolling backwards on an incline. To engage, push further down on brake pedal while at a complete stop until a beep sounds and slip indicator illuminates. HAC holds for approximately two seconds after releasing brake pedal.

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

Garage door opener (HomeLink®)* (if equipped)



Garage door openers manufactured under license from HomeLink®* can be programmed to operate garage doors, estate gates, security lighting, etc.

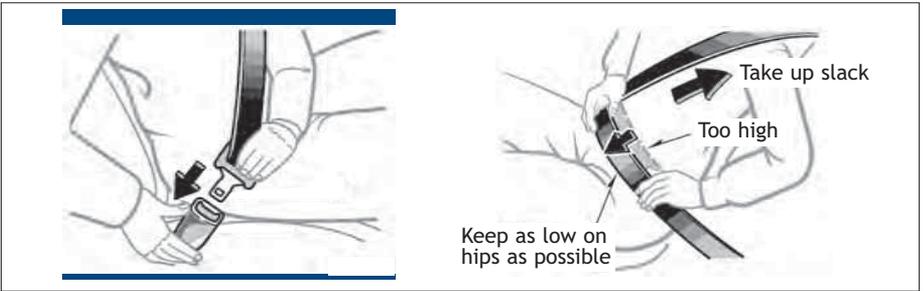
Refer to “Garage door opener,” Section 3-5 in the *Owner's Manual* for more details.

For programming assistance, contact HomeLink® at 1-800-355-3515, or visit <http://www.homelink.com>.

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SAFETY AND EMERGENCY FEATURES

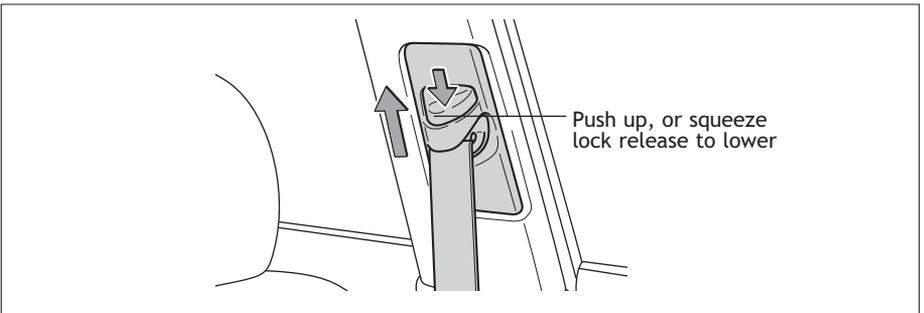
Seat belts



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 Monitoring (warning) System

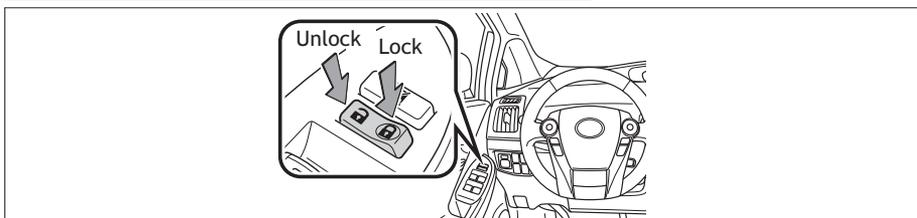
If the Tire Pressure Warning indicator “” illuminates without blinking, adjust tire pressures to factory-specified levels.* The light will turn off after a few minutes. The warning light may come on due to temperature changes or changes in tire pressure from natural air leakage.

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

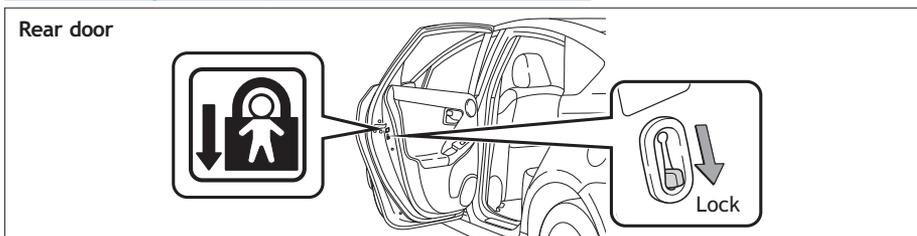
Refer to the *Owner's Manual* for more details.

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

Door locks



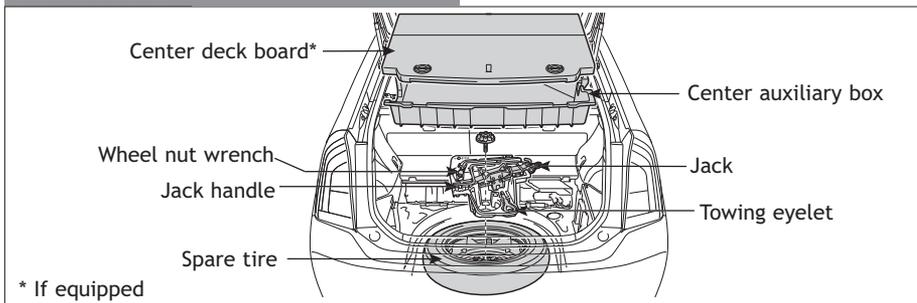
Doors-Child safety locks



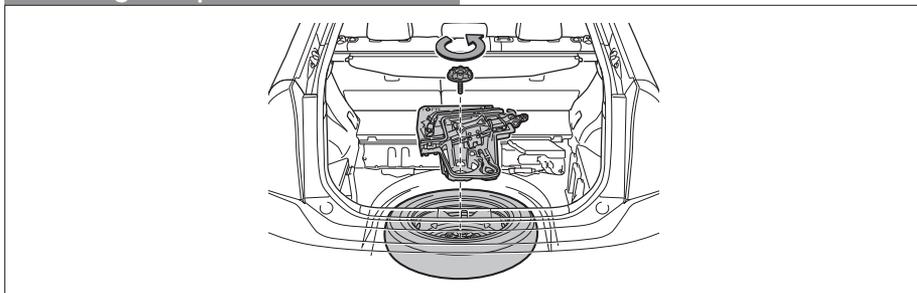
Moving the lever to lock position will allow the door to be opened only from the outside.

Spare tire & tools

Tool location



Removing the spare tire



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

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.

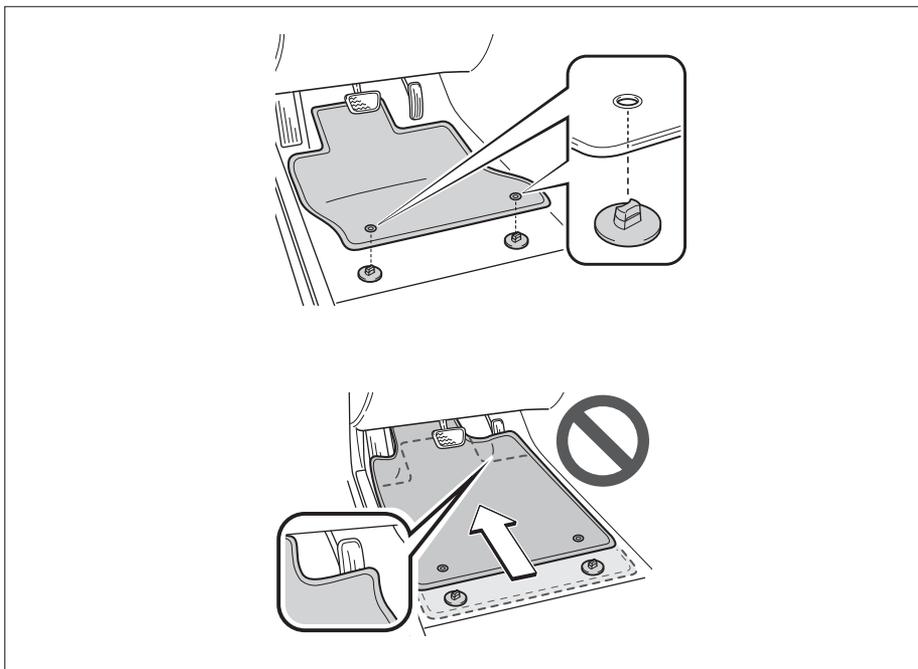
SST doesn't engage if the brake pedal is depressed before the accelerator pedal, allowing vehicles to start on a steep hill and safely accelerate without rolling backward.

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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