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QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE



# 2012 Prius c

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

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

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

## A word about safe vehicle operations

This *Quick Reference Guide* is not a full description of Prius c operations. Every Prius c 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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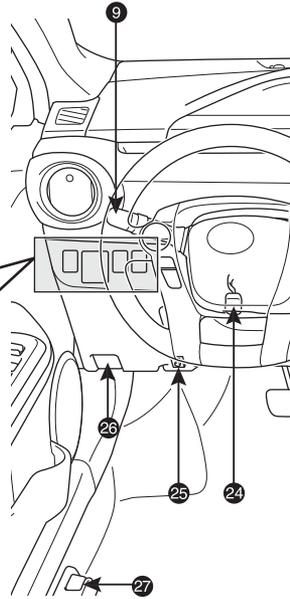
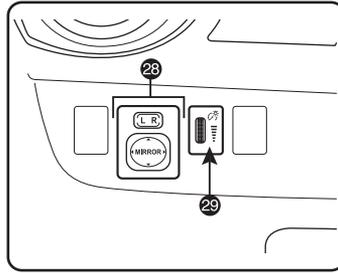
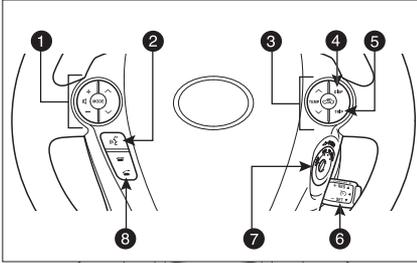
<sup>1</sup> Visit your Toyota dealer for information on customizing this feature.

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

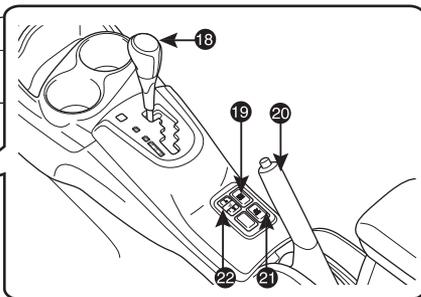
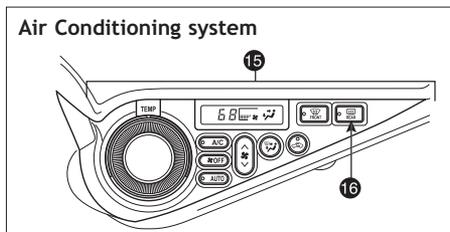
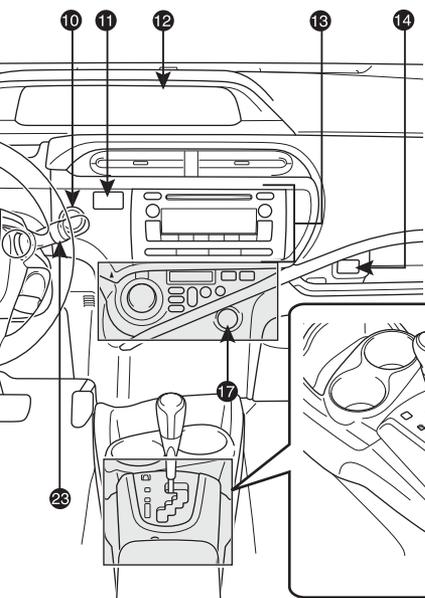
# OVERVIEW

## Instrument panel

### Steering wheel controls



- 1 Steering wheel audio controls
- 2 Voice command button<sup>1,2</sup>
- 3 Steering wheel climate controls
- 4 Multi-Information Display button
- 5 "TRIP" button
- 6 Cruise control<sup>1</sup>
- 7 Ignition switch (standard key)<sup>1</sup>
- 8 Telephone controls<sup>1,3</sup>
- 9 Headlight and turn signal controls/Headlight, turn signal and front fog light controls<sup>1</sup>
- 10 Power button (Smart Key)<sup>1</sup>
- 11 Emergency flasher button
- 12 Multi-Information Display
- 13 Audio system or Display Audio system<sup>1,2</sup>
- 14 AUX or USB/AUX port
- 15 Air Conditioning/Heating controls
- 16 Outside rearview mirror<sup>1</sup>/Rear window defogger button
- 17 12V DC power outlet



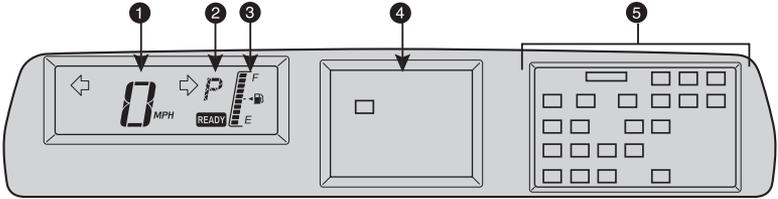
- 18 Shift lever
- 19 "ECO MODE" switch
- 20 Parking brake
- 21 "EV" switch
- 22 Seat heater controls<sup>1</sup>
- 23 Wiper and washer controls
- 24 Tilt and telescopic steering lock release lever
- 25 Tire Pressure Monitoring (warning) System reset
- 26 Hood lock release lever
- 27 Fuel filler door opener
- 28 Power rearview mirror controls
- 29 Instrument panel light control

<sup>1</sup> If equipped

<sup>2</sup> Refer to the "Display Audio System Owner's Manual."

<sup>3</sup> For vehicles with a Display Audio System, refer to the "Display Audio System Owner's Manual."

### Instrument cluster



- 1 Speedometer
- 2 Transmission shift position indicator
- 3 Fuel gauge
- 4 Multi-information display
- 5 Service indicators and reminders

### Indicator symbols

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

-  BRAKE Brake system warning<sup>1</sup>
-  Brake system warning light (yellow indicator)<sup>1</sup>
-  Driver seat belt reminder (alarm will sound if speed is over 12 mph)
-  Charging system warning<sup>1</sup>
-  Malfunction/Check Engine indicator<sup>1</sup>
-  Low fuel level warning
-  Airbag SRS warning<sup>1</sup>
-  Master warning<sup>1</sup>
-  Low Tire Pressure Warning<sup>1</sup>
-  Electric power steering system warning<sup>1</sup>
-  Immobilizer system indicator

<sup>1</sup> 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.

		Headlight low/high beam indicator
		Turn signal indicator
		READY indicator
		EV Drive Mode indicator
		Eco Mode indicator
		EV drive indicator
		Front fog light indicator
		Slip indicator/Hill-start Assist Control indicator <sup>1</sup>
		Cruise control indicator <sup>2</sup>
		Anti-lock Brake System warning <sup>1</sup>

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

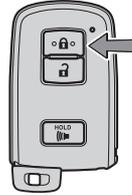
## Keyless entry

### Locking operation

Type A



Type B



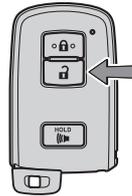
Push 

### Unlocking operation

Type A



Type B



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.

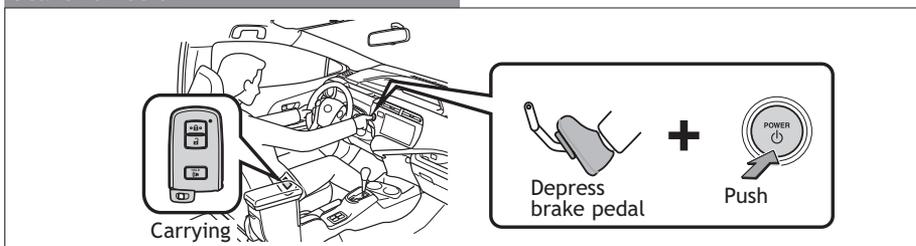
### Panic button



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.

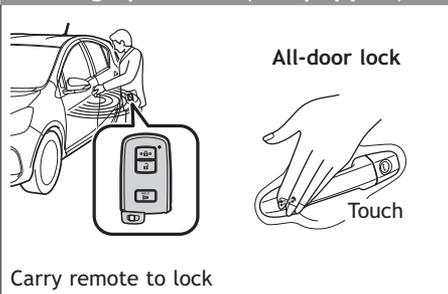
#### ON

Power ON; hybrid system is not engaged.

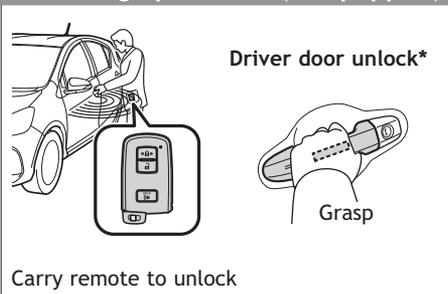
#### OFF

All systems OFF.

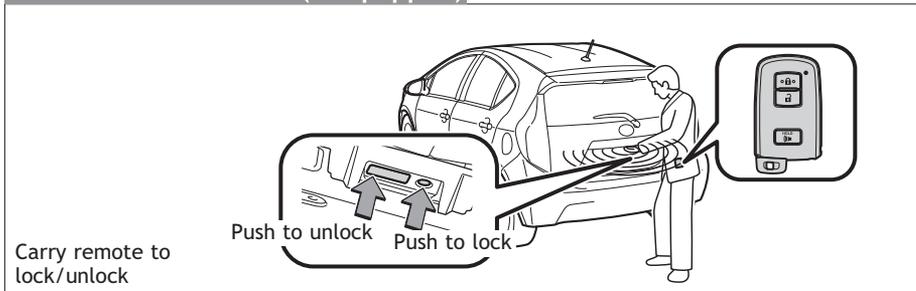
### Locking operation (if equipped)



### Unlocking operation (if equipped)



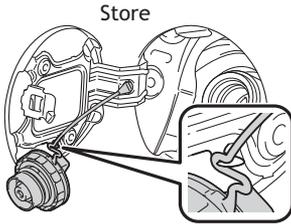
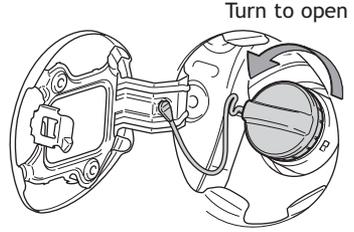
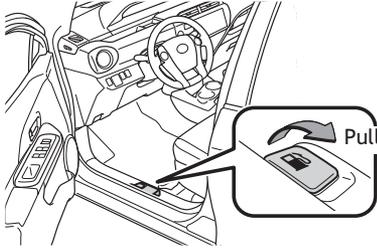
### Back door lock/unlock (if equipped)



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

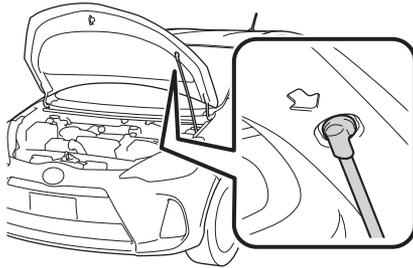
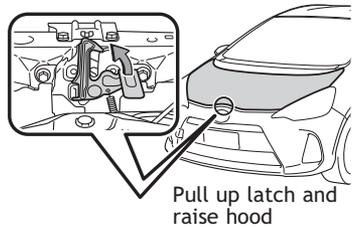
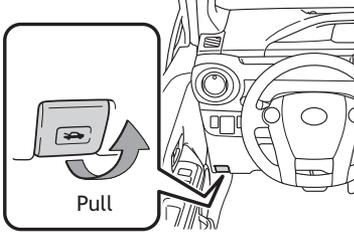
**NOTE:** Doors may also be locked/unlocked using remote.

### Fuel tank door release and cap

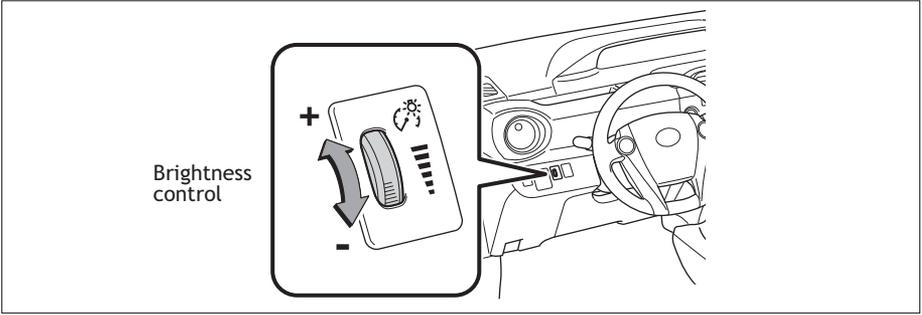


**NOTE:** Tighten until one click is heard. If the cap is not tightened enough, Check Engine “” indicator may illuminate.

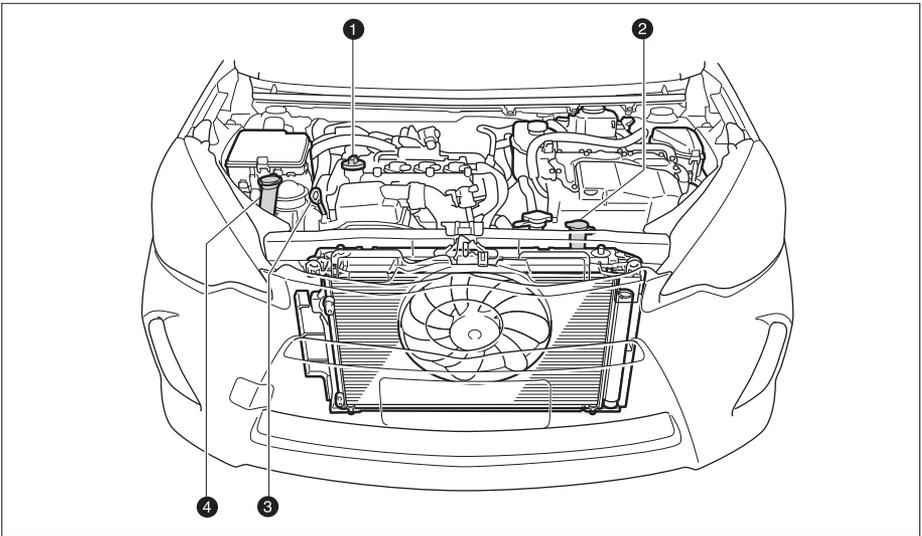
### Hood release



## Light control-Instrument panel



## Engine maintenance



- ① Engine oil filler cap
- ② Engine coolant reservoir
- ③ Engine oil level dipstick
- 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

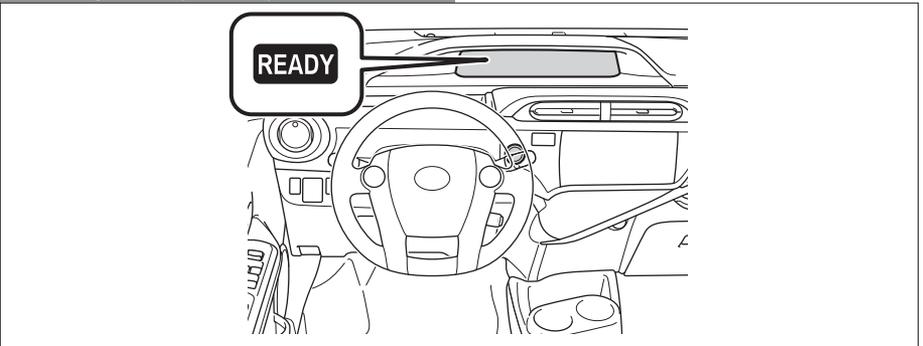
The Hybrid Synergy Drive System utilizes a computer-controlled gasoline engine and electric motor to provide the most efficient combination of power for the vehicle. To conserve energy, when the brakes are applied the braking force generates electricity which is then sent to the traction battery. In 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 or the Display Audio System.*

### Tips for improved fuel economy

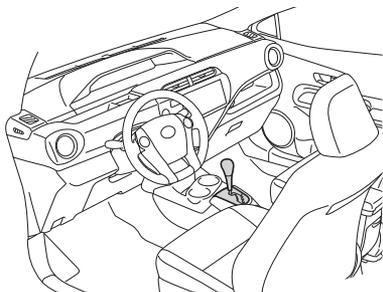
- Ensure tire pressures are maintained at levels specified in the *Owner's Manual*.
- When possible, link trips to reduce engine cold starts.
- Avoid driving at speeds that are higher than necessary, especially on the highway.
- When possible, avoid sudden stops to maximize regenerative braking energy.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

### Starting the hybrid system



- (1) Put the selector lever in "P."
- (2) **Vehicles with Smart Key system:**  
Depress the brake pedal, and press the "POWER" switch briefly and firmly.  
**Vehicles without Smart Key system:**  
Depress the brake pedal, and turn the key to the "START" position.
- (3) The "READY" light will blink. After a few seconds, when the light remains steady and a beep sounds, you may begin driving.

## Transmission

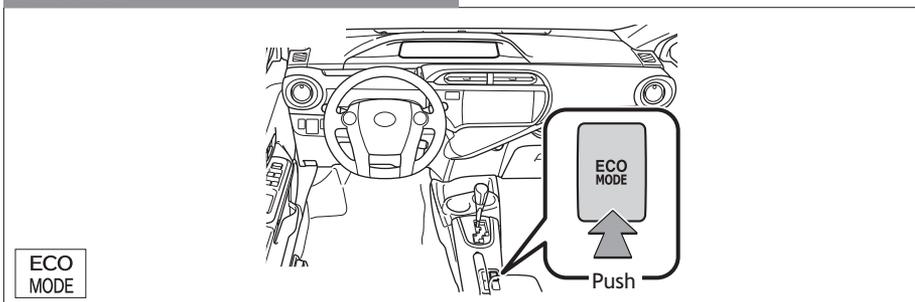


<b>P</b>	Park <sup>1</sup>
<b>R</b>	Reverse
<b>N</b>	Neutral
<b>D</b>	Drive
<b>B</b>	Engine brake <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The “POWER”/ignition switch must be “ON” and the brake pedal depressed to shift from Park.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

## 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.

### Vehicles without Smart Key system

-Doors unlock when the ignition switch is set from “ON” to “ACC” or “LOCK” and driver’s door is opened.

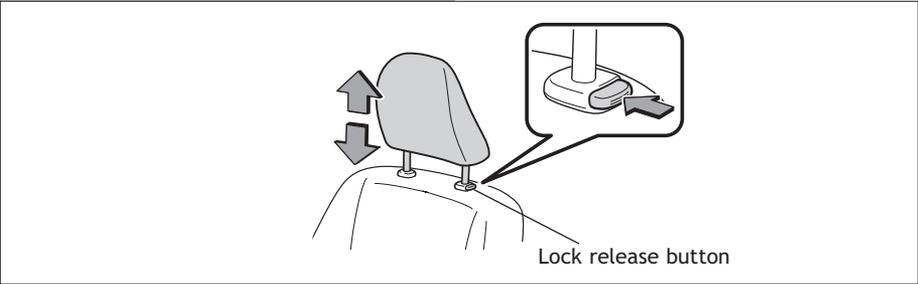
### Vehicles with Smart Key system

-Doors unlock when the “POWER” switch is set to OFF and driver’s door is opened.

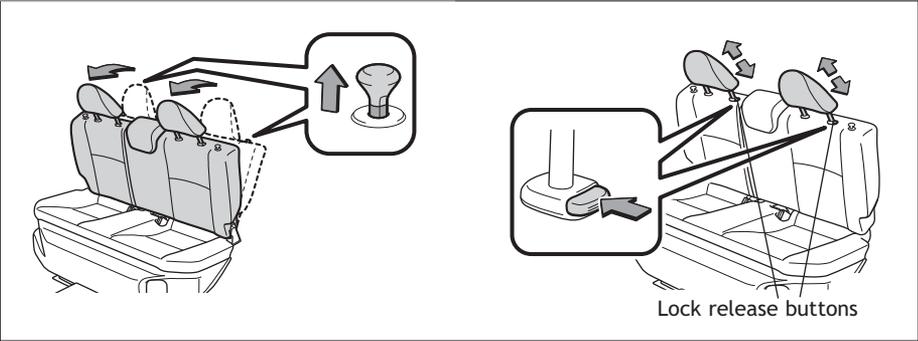
Refer to the *Owner’s Manual* for more details.

## Seats-Head restraints

Front (adjustable type)/Rear center



Rear outboard



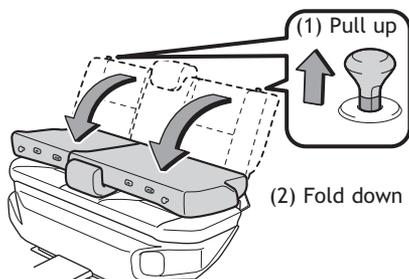
## Seat adjustments-Front



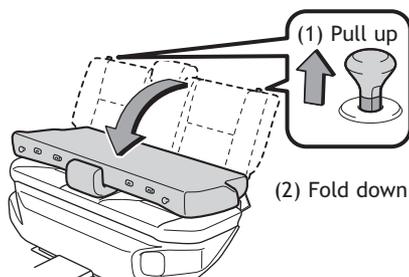
- ① Seat position (forward/backward)
- ② Height crank (driver side; if equipped)
- ③ Seatback angle

## Seat-Folding down rear seat

### Split rear seats

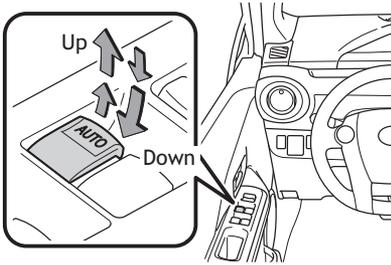


### Non-split rear seat

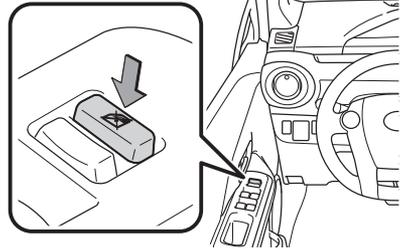


## Windows-Power

Driver side



Window lock switch

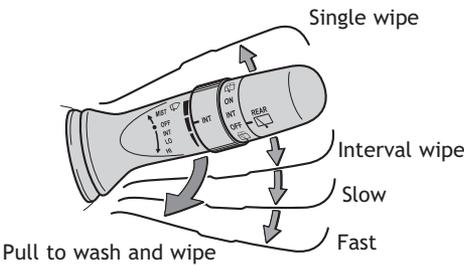


**Automatic operation (driver side only)** Push the switch completely down or pull it completely up and release to fully open or close. To stop window midway, push the switch in the opposite direction.

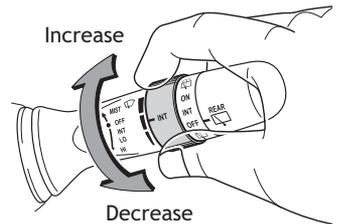
**Window lock switch** Deactivates all passenger windows. Driver's window remains operable.

## Windshield wipers & washers

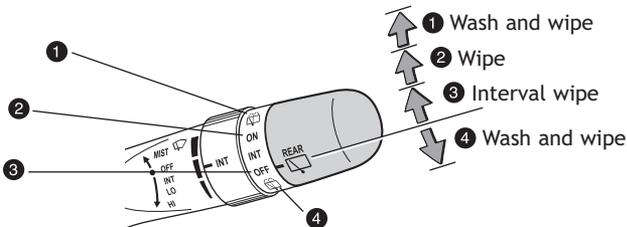
Front



**Intermittent windshield wiper frequency (if equipped)**

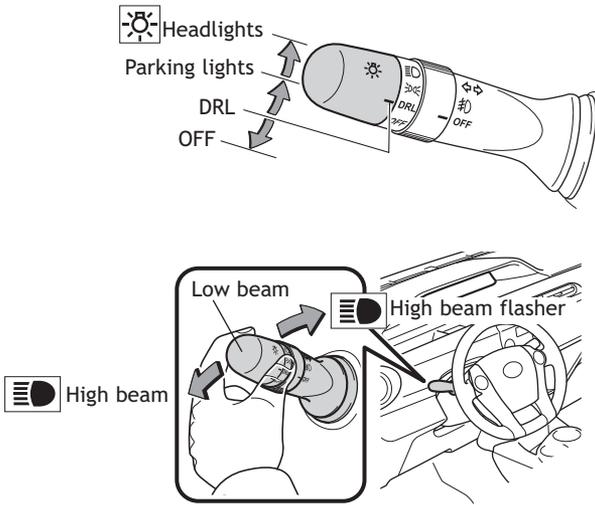


Rear (if equipped)



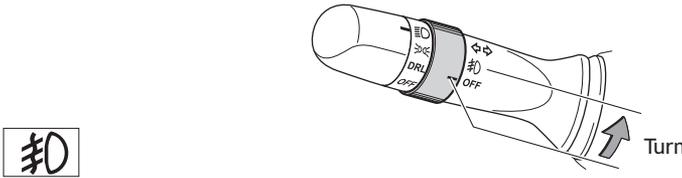
# Lights & turn signals

## Headlights



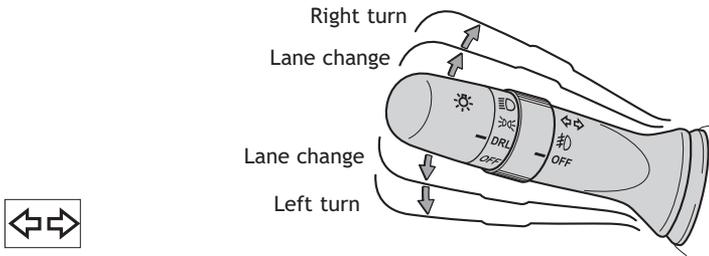
**Daytime Running Light system (DRL)** Automatically turns on the headlights at a reduced intensity.

## Front fog lights (if equipped)

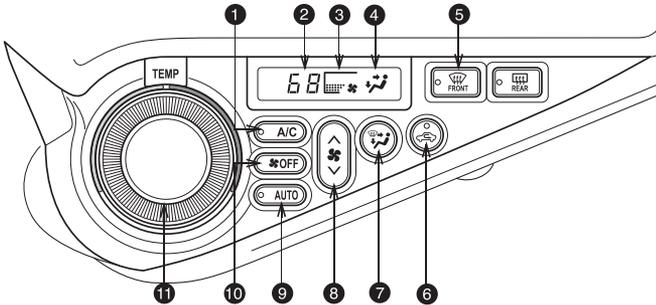


Front fog lights come on only when the headlights are on low beam.

## Turn signals



**Air Conditioning/Heating**

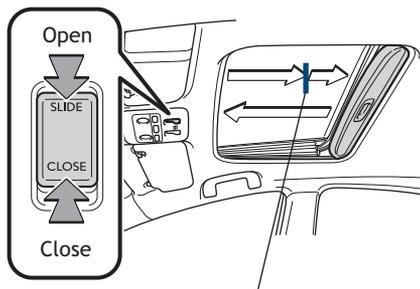


- ① Air Conditioning ON/OFF
- ② Temperature setting display
- ③ Fan speed display
- ④ Air outlet display
- ⑤ Windshield defogger
- ⑥ Recirculate cabin air (fresh air when OFF)
- ⑦ Airflow vent
  - In “” mode, use fresh air (“” indicator OFF) to reduce window fogging.
- ⑧ Fan speed control
- ⑨ Automatic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

## Moonroof (if equipped)

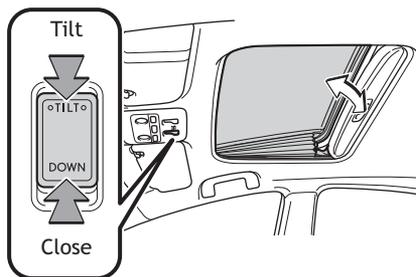
### Sliding operation

Push once to open partway;  
again to open completely.



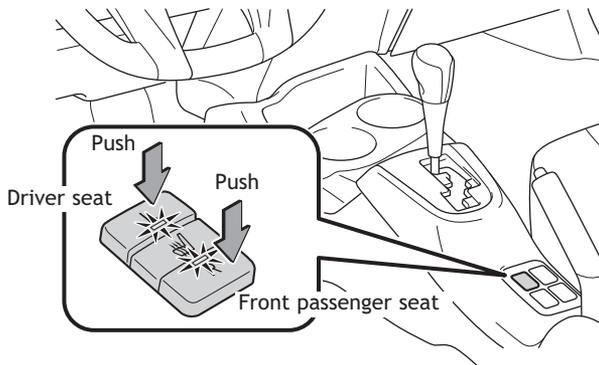
Recommended open position to  
minimize wind noise.

### Tilting operation



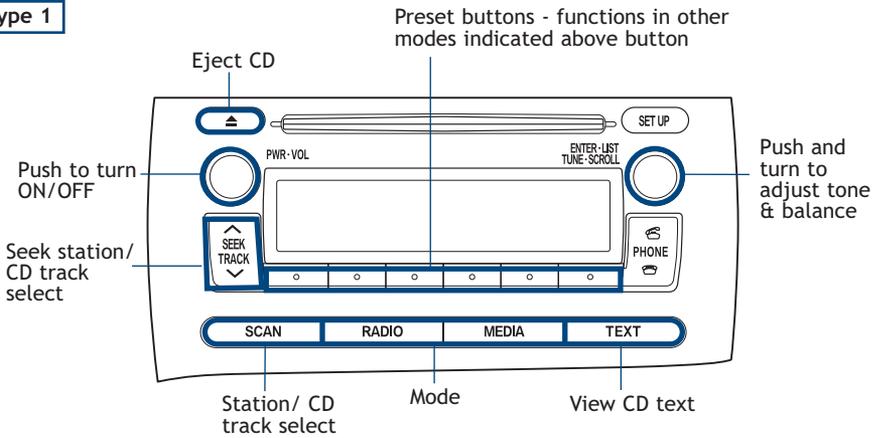
Push once to open; moonroof will automatically stop at the recommended position. Push again to open completely.

## Seat heaters (if equipped)

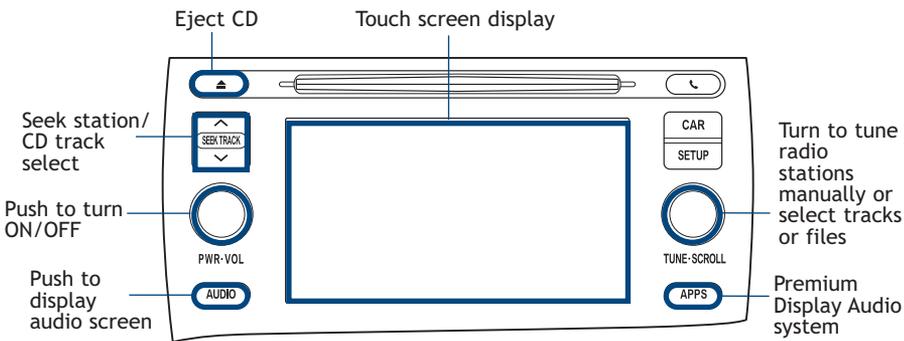


**Audio**

**Type 1**



**Type 2\***



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

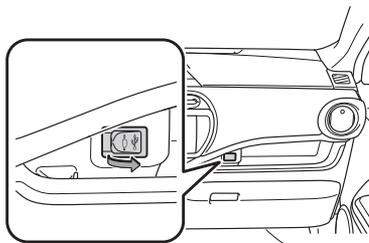
**CD player (Type 1)**

- To scan tracks on a disc Push “SCAN.” Push again to hold selection.
- To select a file (MP3/WMA only) Turn “TUNE-SCROLL.”
- To select a folder (MP3/WMA only) Push “◀” ( < ) or “▶” ( > ).

**Radio (Type 1)**

- To preset stations Tune in the desired station and hold down a preset button until you hear a beep. Push desired preset button to select.
- To scan stations Push and hold “SCAN” to scan preset stations. Push again to hold selection.

## iPod®/USB/AUX port



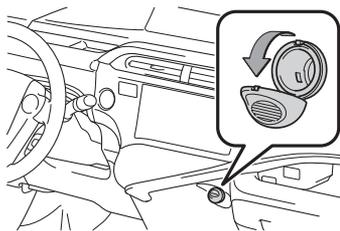
### iPod®/USB port

By connecting a USB-compatible portable audio device or USB memory to the USB port, you can listen to music from the portable audio device or USB memory through the vehicle's speaker system.

### AUX port

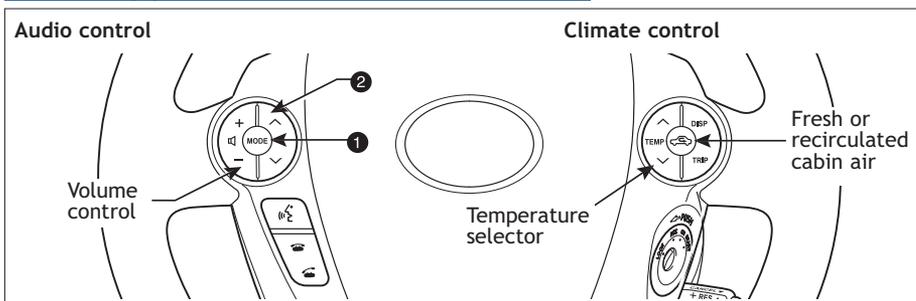
By inserting a mini plug into the AUX port, you can listen to music from a portable audio device through the vehicle's speaker system while in AUX mode.

## Power outlets



The "POWER"/ignition switch must be set at the "ACC" or "ON" position for use.

## Steering wheel switches



### 1 "MODE"

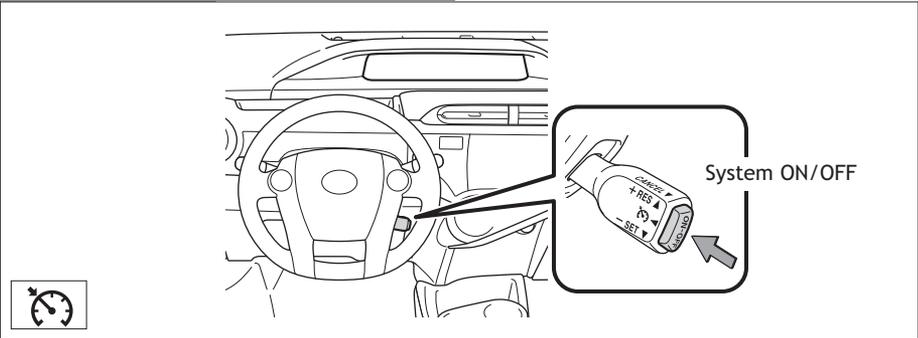
Push to turn audio ON and select an audio mode. Push and hold to turn the audio system OFF.

### 2 "V A"

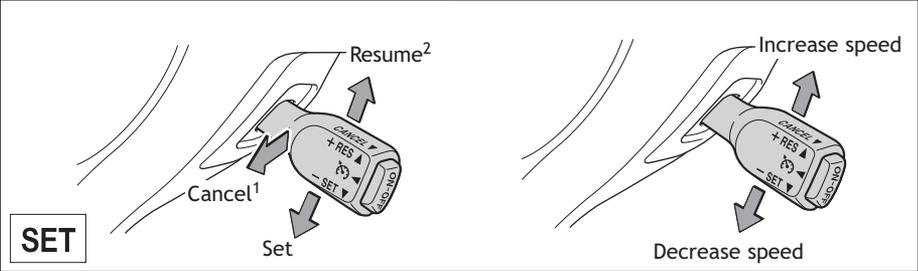
Use to search within the selected audio medium (radio, CD, iPod®, etc.).

### Cruise control (if equipped)

#### Turning system ON/OFF

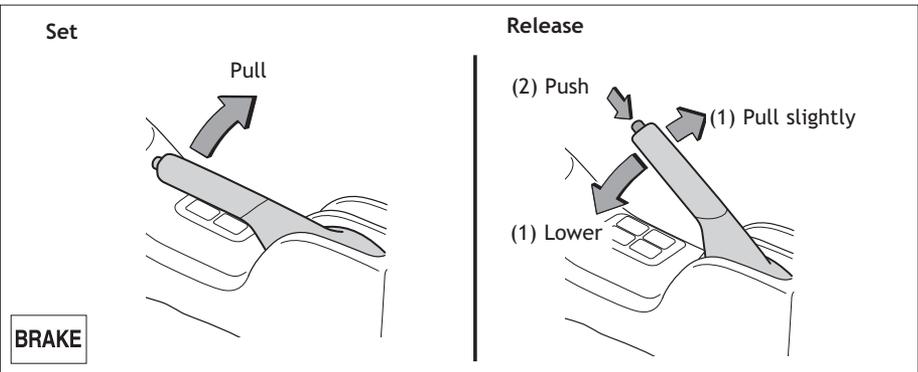


#### Functions

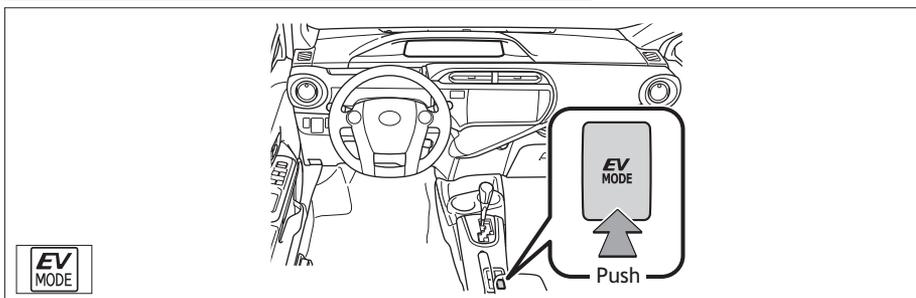


<sup>1</sup> The set speed may also be cancelled by depressing the brake pedal.  
<sup>2</sup> The set speed may be resumed once vehicle speed exceeds 25 mph.

### Parking brake



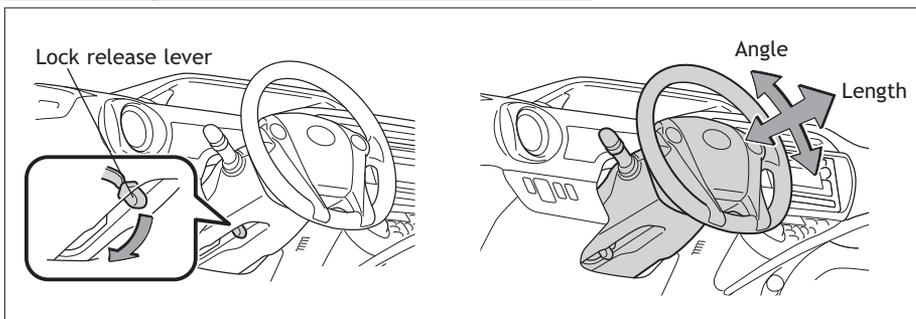
## EV-Drive Mode



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.

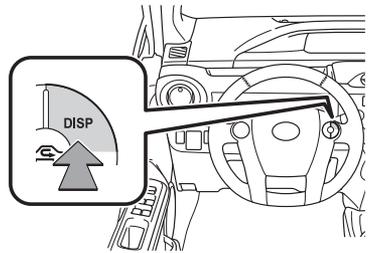
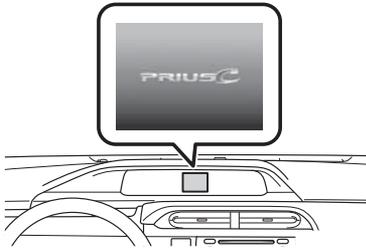
## Tilt and telescopic steering wheel



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

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

**Multi-Information Display**



**Push “DISP” to scroll through the following information screens:**

- (1) Energy Monitor
- (2) Drive Information
- (3) ECO Score
- (4) 5min Consumption\*
- (5) ECO Savings
- (6) ECO Savings Record\*
- (7) Past Record\*
- (8) Settings & Screen Off

\* Factory default is OFF. To activate, access settings through “Settings & Screen Off.”

After reaching the desired menu screen (1-7), wait for a moment and the details screen will appear. However, to display the details of “Settings & Screen Off” (8), push and hold the “DISP” button while on that menu screen.

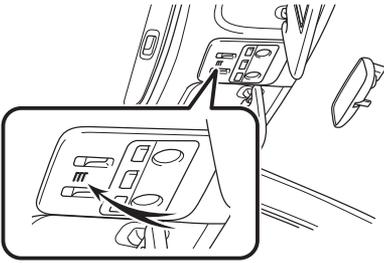
**Clock**



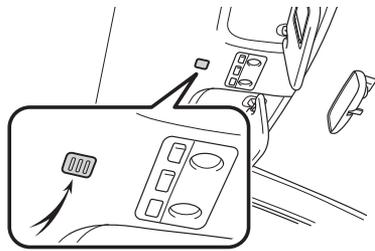
Refer to the *Owner’s Manual* for details on adjusting time.

## Telephone controls (Bluetooth®)

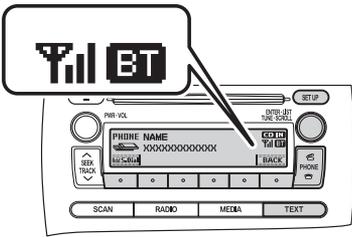
Microphone (Type A)



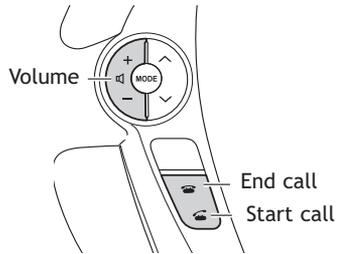
Microphone (Type B)



Audio unit



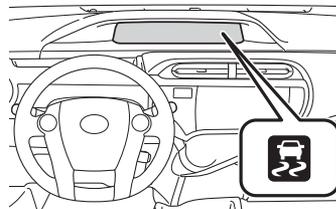
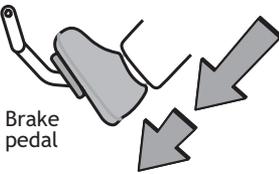
Steering wheel telephone switches



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 “Bluetooth® audio/phone,” Section 3-3 in the *Owner’s Manual*, for more information about phone connections and compatibility.

## Hill-start Assist Control (HAC)

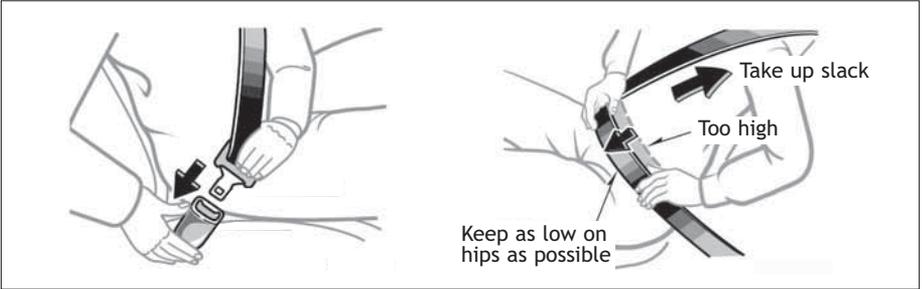


HAC helps prevent rolling backwards on an incline. To engage, push further down on brake pedal while at a complete stop until a beep sounds and slip indicator illuminates. HAC holds for approximately two seconds after releasing brake pedal.

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

# SAFETY AND EMERGENCY FEATURES

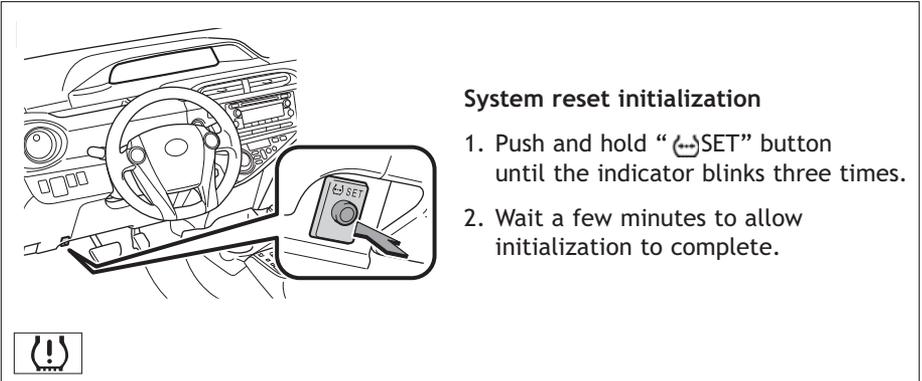
## Seat belts



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*.

## Tire Pressure Monitoring (warning) System



### System reset initialization

1. Push and hold “SET” button until the indicator blinks three times.
2. Wait a few minutes to allow initialization to complete.

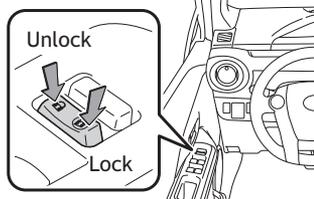
After adjusting tire pressures, or after tires have been rotated or replaced, turn the “POWER”/ignition switch “ON” and press and hold the “SET” button until indicator blinks three times. Let the vehicle sit for a few minutes to allow initialization to complete.

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.

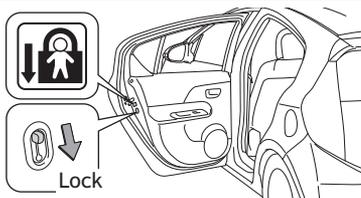
**NOTE:** The warning light may come on due to temperature changes or changes in tire pressure from natural air leakage. If the system has not been initialized recently, setting the tire pressures to factory specifications should turn off the light.

## Door locks



## Doors-Child safety locks

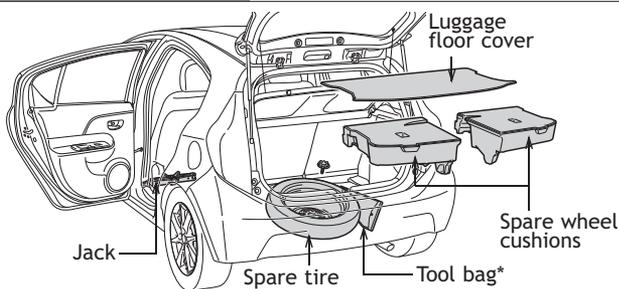
Rear door



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

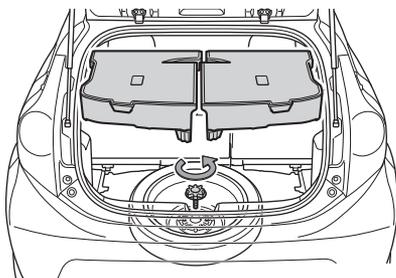
## Spare tire & tools

### Tool location



\* Jack handle, wheel nut wrench and towing eyelet

### Removing the spare tire



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.

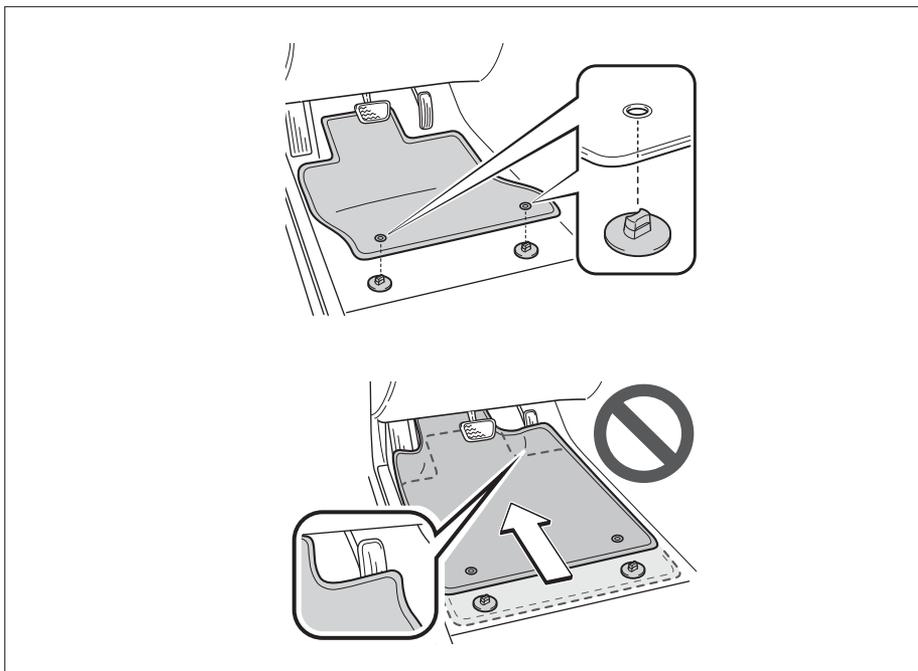
SST doesn't engage if the brake pedal is depressed before the accelerator pedal, allowing vehicles to start on a steep hill and safely accelerate without rolling backward.

## 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.



# NOTES

