



# AVALON

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QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

# 2013 Avalon

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 Avalon operations. Every Avalon 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.

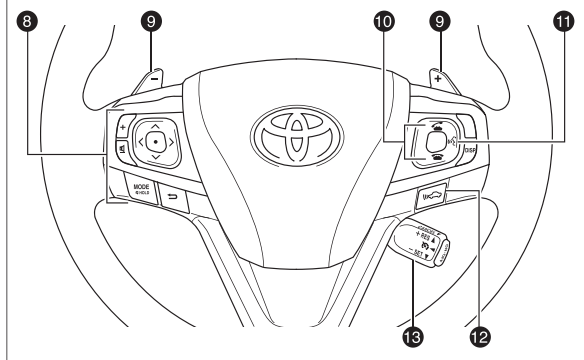
<sup>2</sup> Programmable by customer. Refer to the Owner's Manual for instructions and more information.

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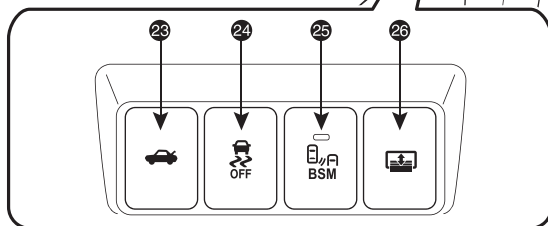
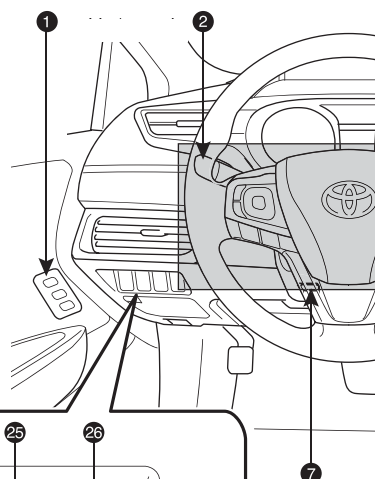
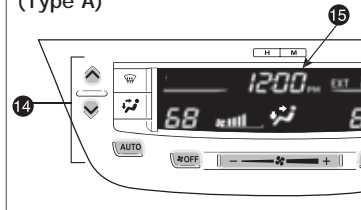
# OVERVIEW

## Instrument panel

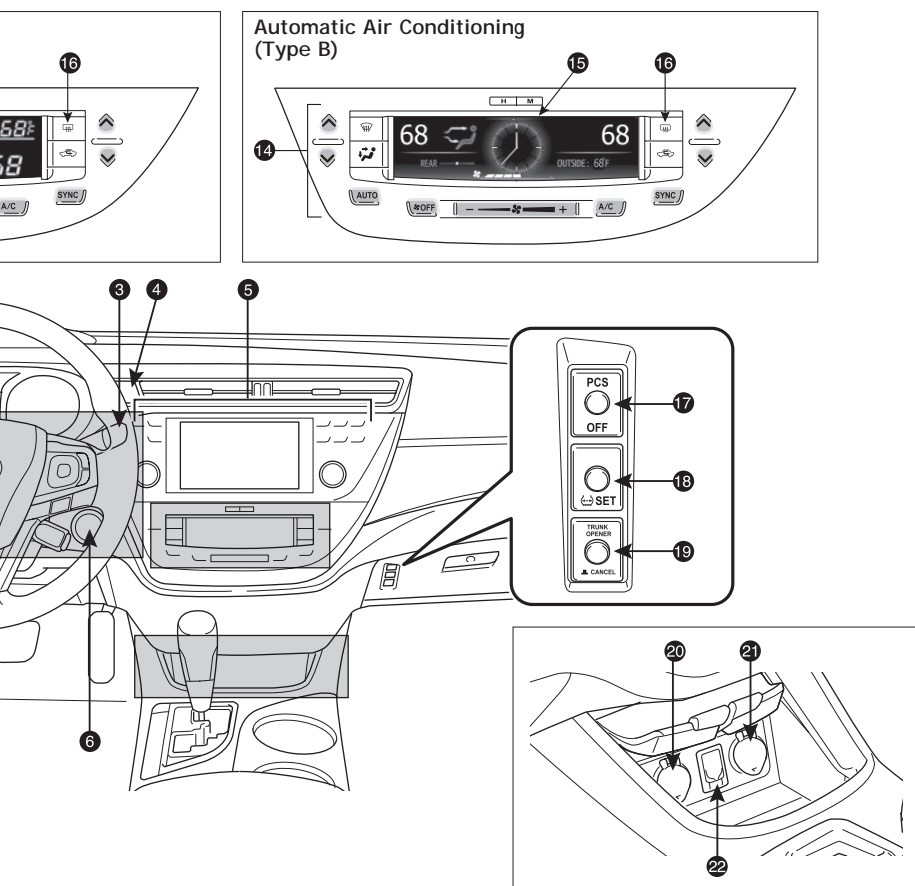
### Steering wheel controls



### Automatic Air Conditioning (Type A)



- ① Driving position memory switches<sup>1</sup>
- ② Headlight and turn signal controls/Headlight, turn signal and front fog light<sup>1</sup> controls
- ③ Wiper and washer controls
- ④ Emergency flasher button
- ⑤ Navigation system<sup>1,2</sup>/Display audio system<sup>1,3</sup>
- ⑥ "ENGINE START STOP" button
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- ⑫ Vehicle-to-vehicle distance button<sup>1</sup>
- ⑬ Cruise control<sup>1</sup>/Dynamic radar cruise control<sup>1</sup>
- ⑭ Air Conditioning controls
- ⑮ Clock
- ⑯ Outside rearview mirror/Rear window defogger button



- 17 "PCS" off switch<sup>1</sup>
- 18 Tire Pressure Monitoring (warning) System reset
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- 20 12V DC power outlet
- 21 12V DC power outlet<sup>1</sup>/Wireless charger switch<sup>1</sup>
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- 26 Rear sunshade switch<sup>1</sup>

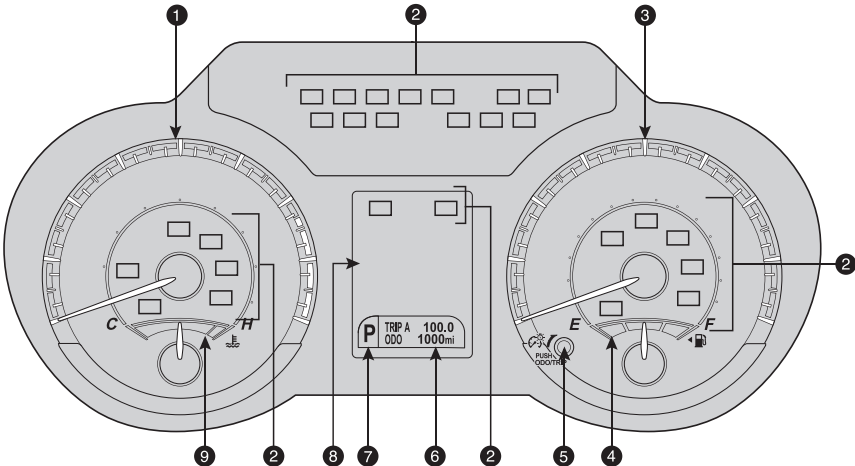
<sup>1</sup> If equipped

<sup>2</sup> For details, refer to the "Navigation System Owner's Manual."

<sup>3</sup> For details, refer to the "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](http://www.toyota.com/entune).







Instrument cluster



- 1 Tachometer
- 2 Service indicators and reminders
- 3 Speedometer
- 4 Fuel gauge
- 5 Trip meter reset knob/Instrument panel light control knob
- 6 Odometer/trip meter
- 7 Shift position/shift range display
- 8 Multi-Information Display
- 9 Engine coolant temperature gauge

Indicator symbols

For details, refer to “Indicators and warning lights,” Section 2, 2013 Owner’s Manual.

-  BRAKE Brake system warning<sup>1</sup>
-  Driver/Front passenger seat belt reminder (alarm will sound if speed is over 12 mph)
-  Electric power steering system warning<sup>1</sup>
-  Charging system warning<sup>1</sup>
-  AIR BAG  
OFF ON SRS AIR BAG ON/OFF indicator
-  Master warning light<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> If this light flashes, refer to “Cruise control,” Section 4-5, 2013 Owner’s Manual.

	Low engine oil pressure warning <sup>1</sup>
	Malfunction/Check Engine indicator <sup>1</sup>
	Low fuel level warning
	Open door warning
	Airbag SRS warning <sup>1</sup>
	Low Tire Pressure Warning <sup>1</sup>
	Theft deterrent/Engine immobilizer system indicator
	Headlight low/high beam indicator
	Automatic high beam indicator <sup>4</sup>
	Turn signal indicator
	Front fog light indicator
	Slip indicator <sup>1</sup>
	Vehicle Stability Control OFF indicator <sup>1</sup>
	Traction Control OFF indicator <sup>1</sup>
	Cruise control indicator <sup>2</sup> /Cruise control SET indicator <sup>2</sup>
	Radar cruise control indicator <sup>3,4</sup>
	Pre-Collision System indicator <sup>1,5</sup>
	Anti-lock Brake System warning <sup>1</sup>
	ECO drive mode indicator
	SPORT mode indicator
	Eco Driving Indicator Light <sup>1</sup>

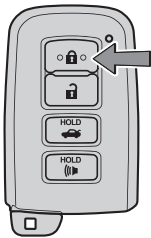
<sup>3</sup> If this light flashes, refer to "Dynamic radar cruise control," Section 4-5, 2013 Owner's Manual.


<sup>4</sup> The indicator flashes to indicate a malfunction.

<sup>5</sup> The indicator flashes faster than usual to indicate that the system is operating.

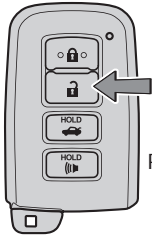
Keyless entry

Locking operation




Push 

Unlocking operation

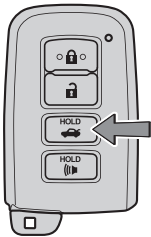



Push ONCE: Driver door  
TWICE: All doors




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


Trunk lid



Push and hold 

Panic button

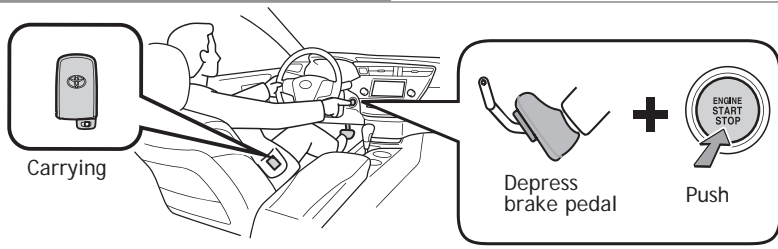


Push and hold 



## Smart Key system

### Start function



**NOTE:** Gear shift lever must be in Park and brake pedal depressed.

### Power (without starting engine)

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

#### ACCESSORY

Accessories such as the radio will operate.

#### ON

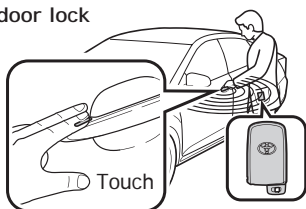
Power ON; the engine not running.

#### OFF

All systems OFF.

### Locking operation

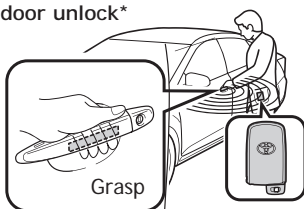
#### Front door lock



Carry remote to lock

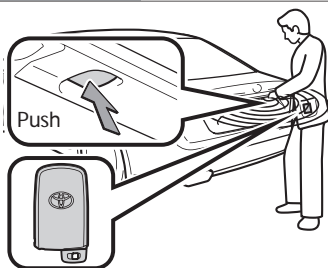
### Unlocking operation

#### Front door unlock\*



Carry remote to unlock

### Trunk unlock



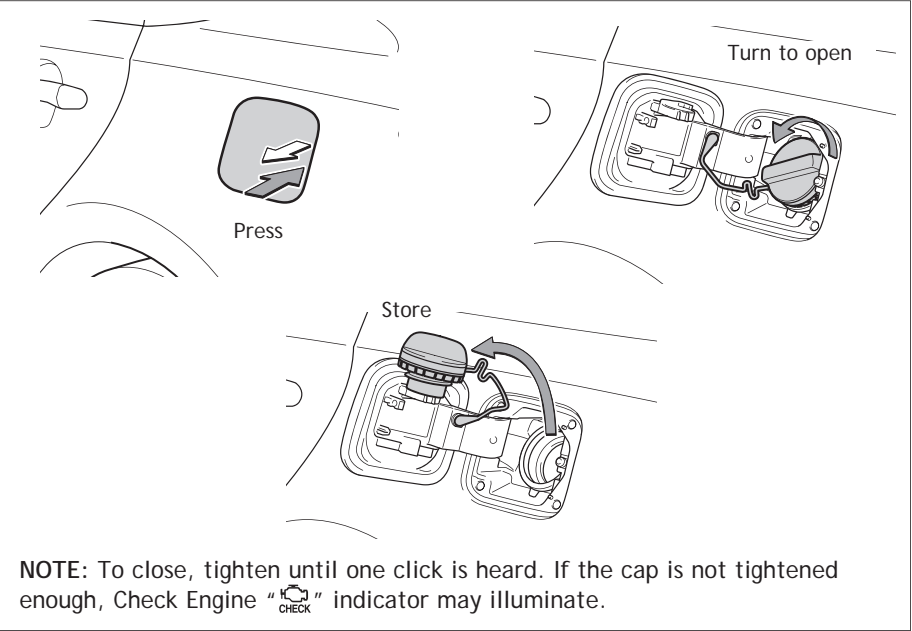
Carry remote to unlock

\* Driver door unlocking function can be programmed to unlock driver door only, or all doors. In some models, grasping front passenger door handle will unlock all doors.

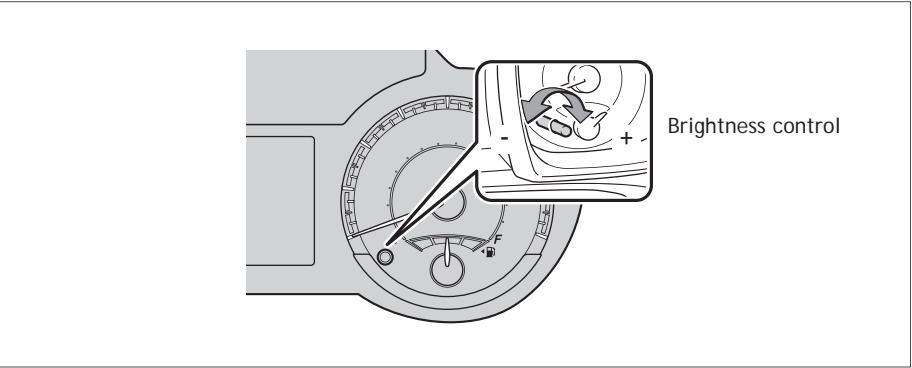
**NOTE:** Doors may also be locked/unlocked using remote.

Fuel tank door release and cap

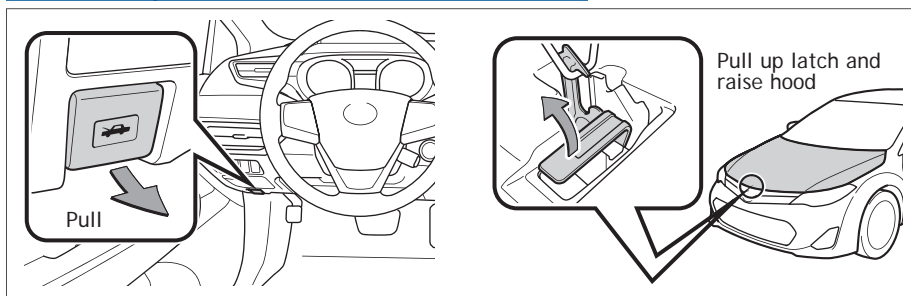
The fuel tank door locks/unlocks with the vehicle's doors.



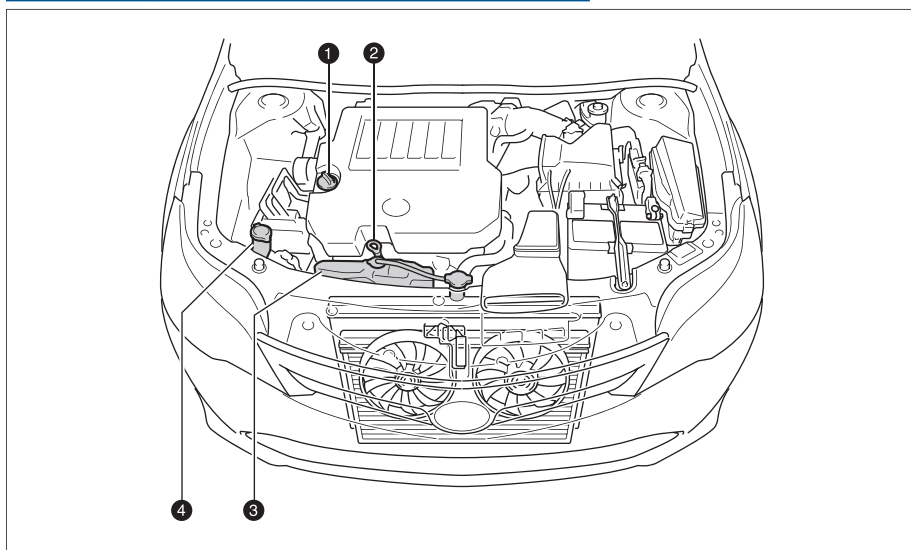
Light control-Instrument panel



## Hood release



## Engine maintenance



- ❶ Engine oil filler cap
- ❷ Engine oil level dipstick
- ❸ Engine coolant reservoir
- ❹ 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

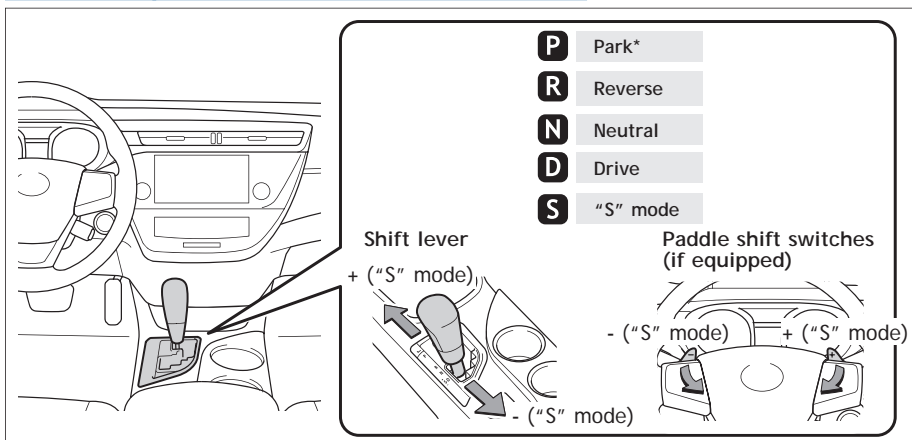
## Auto lock/unlock

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

- Doors lock when shifting from Park.
- Doors lock when the vehicle speed goes above approximately 12 mph.
- Doors unlock when shifting into Park.
- Doors unlock when the "ENGINE START STOP" switch is set to OFF and driver's door is opened.

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

## Automatic Transmission



\* The "ENGINE START STOP" switch must be IGNITION ON mode and the brake pedal depressed to shift from Park.

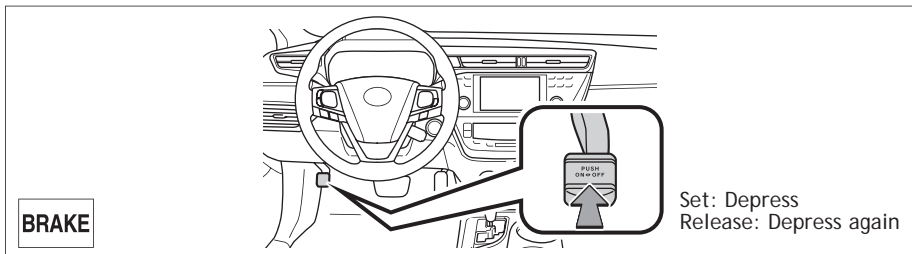
### "S" (Sequential) mode

Shift the shift lever to "S" position from "D" position.

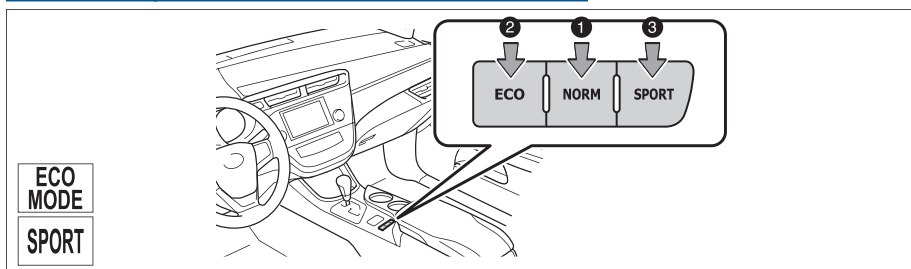
- + : Upshifting
- : Downshifting

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.

## Parking brake

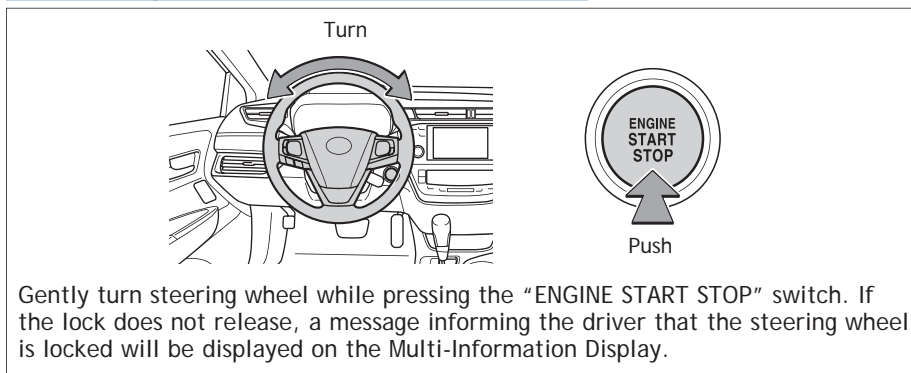


## Driving mode select (if equipped)

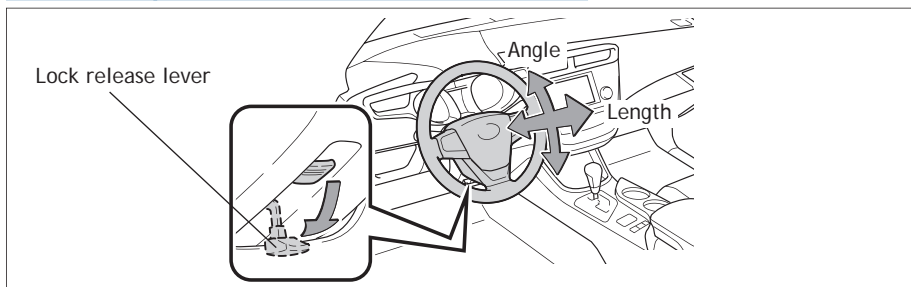


- 1 **Normal mode**  
Use for normal driving.
- 2 **ECO drive mode**  
Use ECO drive mode to help achieve low fuel consumption during trips that involve frequent accelerating.
- 3 **SPORT mode**  
Use SPORT mode when increased acceleration response and precise handling is desired, such as when driving on mountain roads.

## Steering lock release



## Tilt and telescopic steering wheel

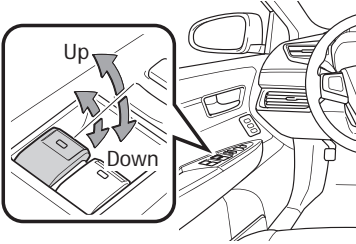


Hold wheel, push lever down, set angle and length, and return lever.

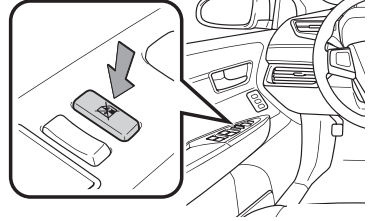
**NOTE:** Do not attempt to adjust while the vehicle is in motion.

## Windows-Power

Driver side



Window lock switch

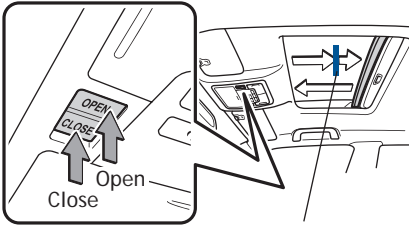


**Automatic operation** Push the switch completely down or pull it completely up and release to fully open or close. To stop the window partway, operate the switch in the opposite direction.

**Window lock switch** Deactivates all passenger windows. Driver remains able to operate all windows.

## Moonroof (if equipped)

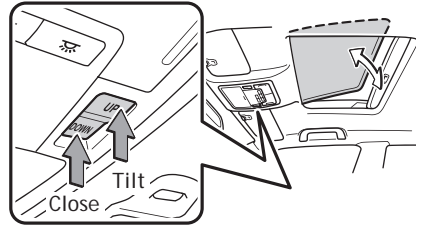
Sliding operation



Push once to open partway; again to open completely.

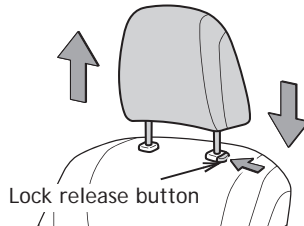
Recommended driving position to minimize wind noise.

Tilting operation



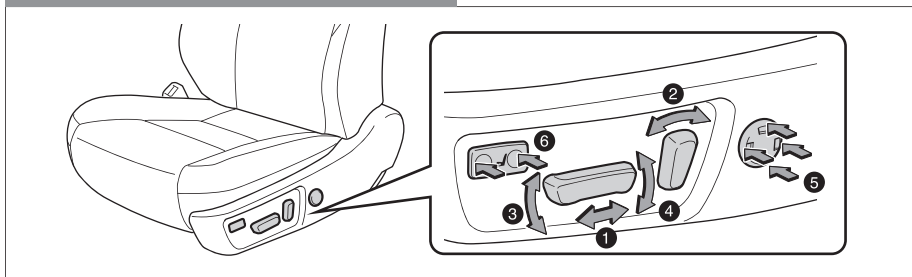
Push once to open; moonroof will automatically stop at the recommended position. Push again to open completely.

## Seats-Head restraints

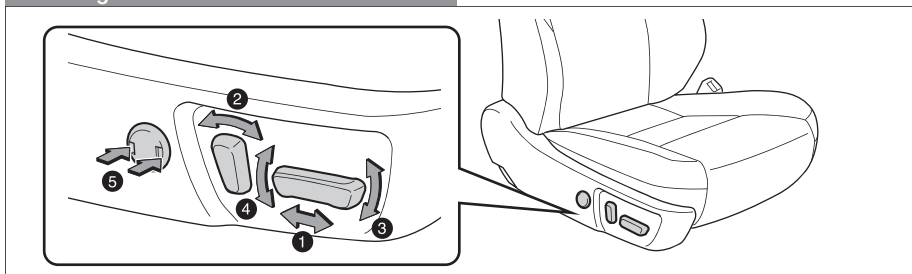


## Seat adjustments-Front

### Driver's seat

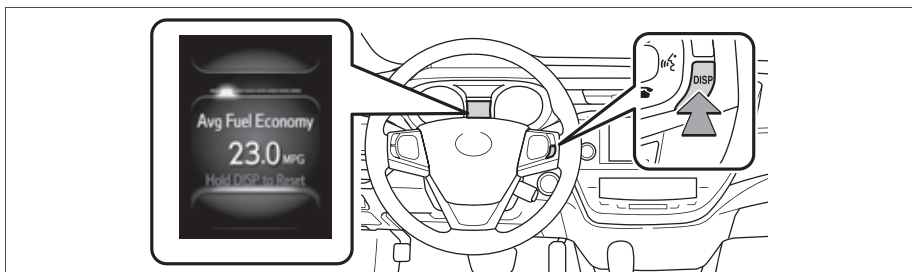


### Passenger's seat



- ① Seat position (forward/backward)
- ② Seatback angle
- ③ Seat cushion angle (if equipped)
- ④ Seat height (if equipped)
- ⑤ Lumbar support (if equipped)
- ⑥ Seat cushion length (if equipped)

## Multi-Information Display

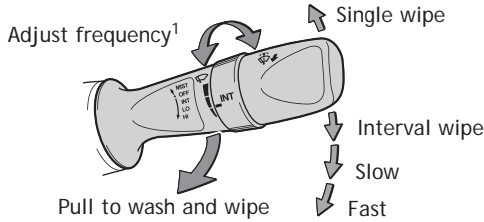


Push "DISP" to scroll through the following information screens:

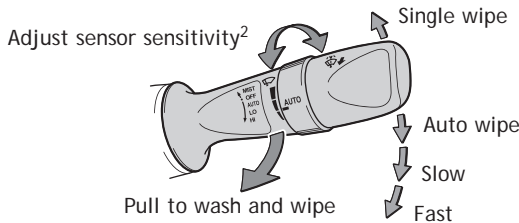
- (1) Distance to empty
- (2) Average fuel economy
- (3) Current fuel economy
- (4) ECO Drive Level
- (5) Digital speedometer
- (6) Settings

Windshield wipers & washers

With intermittent wiper (if equipped)



With AUTO rain-sensing wiper (if equipped)

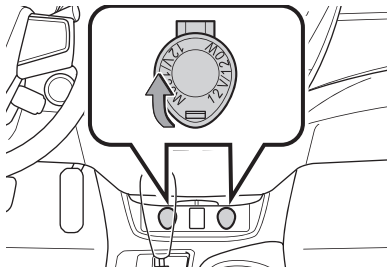


<sup>1</sup> Intermittent windshield wiper frequency adjustment  
Rotate to increase/decrease wipe frequency.

<sup>2</sup> Rain-sensing windshield wiper Rotate to increase/decrease sensor sensitivity.

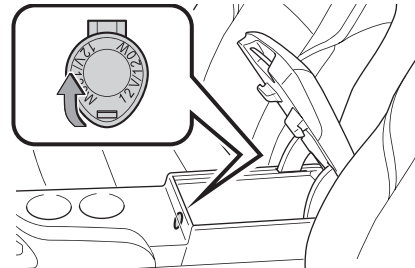
Power outlets-12V DC

Front console



Right side: if equipped

Center console

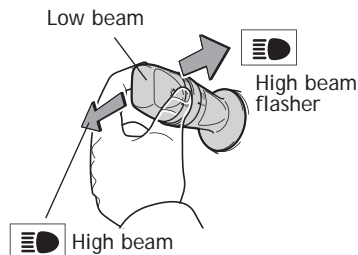
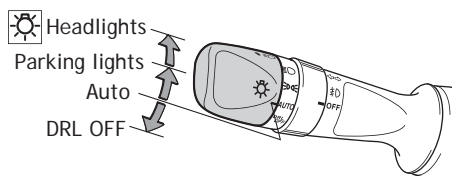


The “ENGINE START STOP” switch must be in the ACCESSORY or IGNITION ON mode for use.



## Lights & turn signals

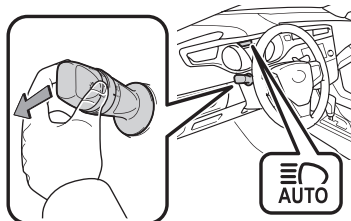
### Headlights



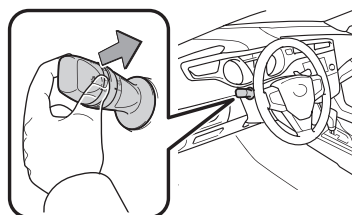
- Daytime Running Light system (DRL)** Automatically turns on the headlights to make vehicle more visible to other drivers. Not for use at night.
- Automatic light cut off system** Automatically turns lights off after 30-second delay, or lock switch on remote may be pushed after locking.

### Automatic high beam (if equipped)

Activate\*



Deactivate



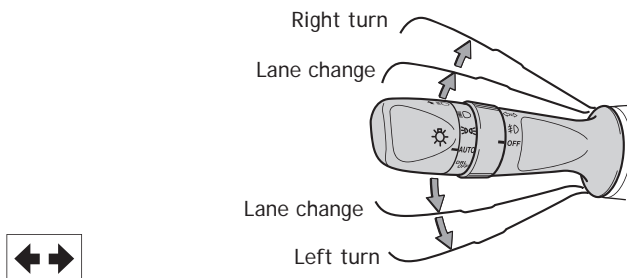
\* Refer to the *Owner's Manual* for details on activating the automatic high beams.

### Front fog lights (if equipped)

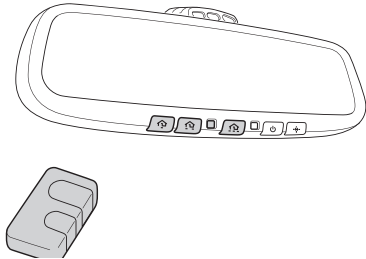


Front fog lights come on only when the headlights are on low beam.

### Turn signals



**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.

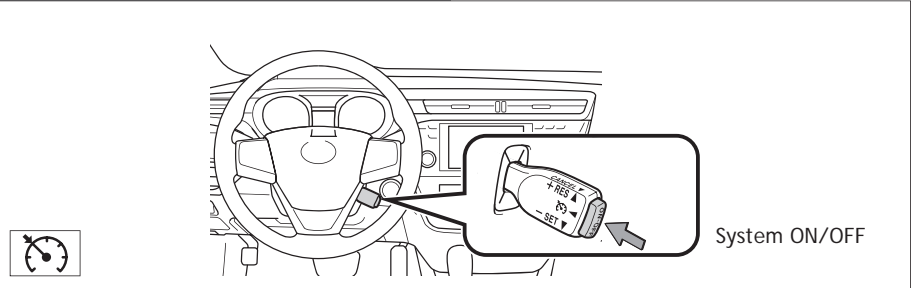
Refer to “Garage door opener,” Section 5-5 in the *Owner’s Manual* for more details.

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

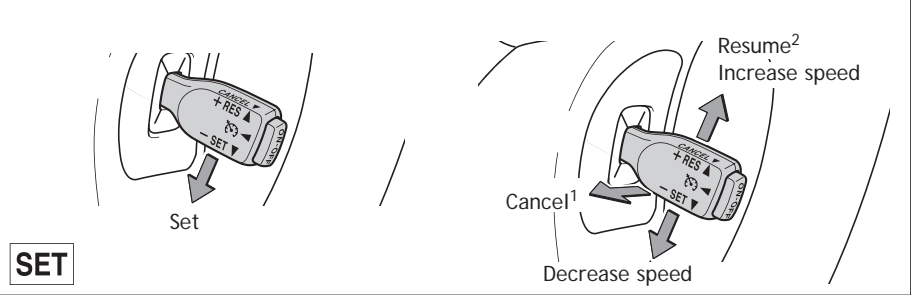
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**Cruise control**

**Turning system ON/OFF**



**Functions**



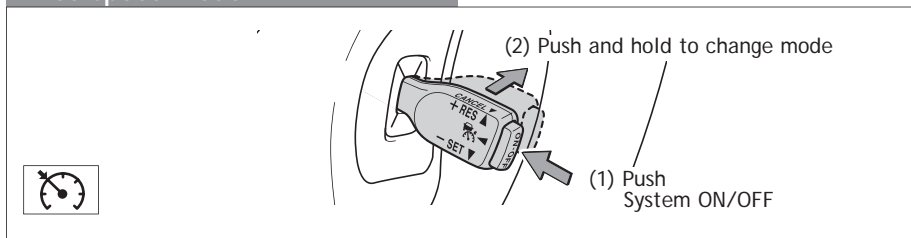
¹ The set speed may also be cancelled by depressing the brake pedal.

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

## Dynamic radar cruise control (if equipped)

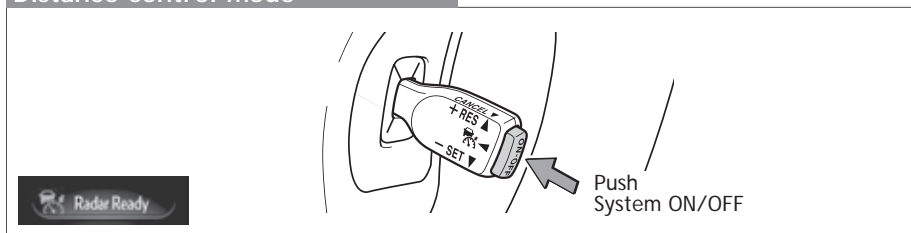
Refer to the *Owner's Manual* for more details and complete safety precautions before attempting to use "Dynamic radar cruise control."

### Fixed speed mode



To set, cancel and resume a speed Refer to "Functions" in the *Cruise Control* section, and to the *Owner's Manual* for more details.

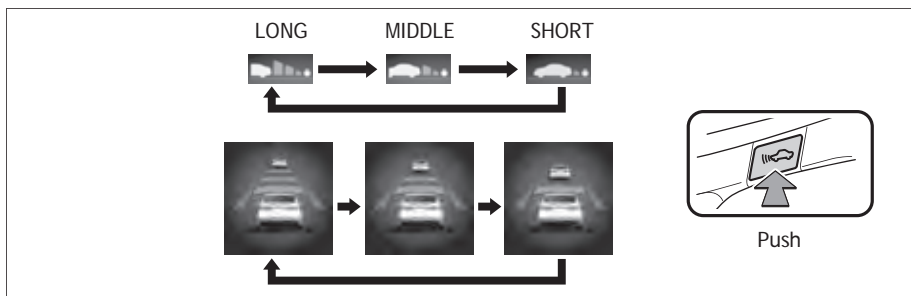
### Distance control mode



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

To set, cancel and resume a speed Refer to "Functions" in the *Cruise Control* section, and your *Owner's Manual* for more details.

**NOTE:** Once vehicle speed is set, pushing lever up toward "+ RES" will increase speed by 1 mph, or in 5 mph increments if held. Pushing lever down toward "- SET" will reduce speed in the same way.



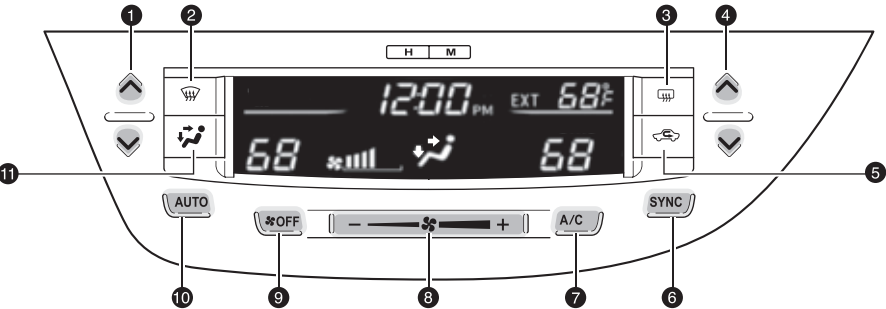
To change the vehicle-to-vehicle distance

Push the distance button to cycle through the settings, which will change progressively from LONG to MIDDLE to SHORT.

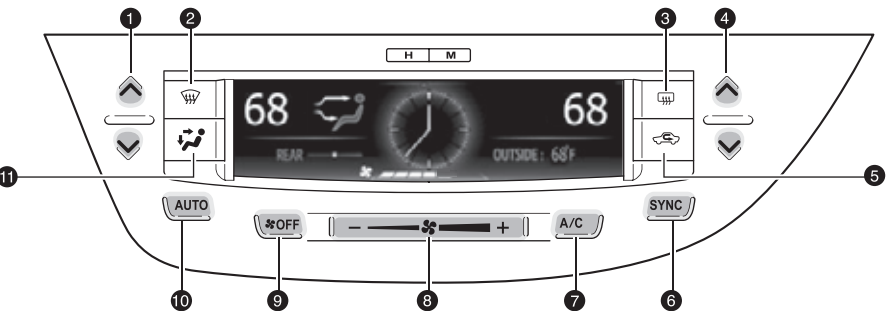
Air Conditioning/Heating

Front control panel

Type A



Type B



- 1 Temperature selector (driver side)
- 2 Windshield airflow/defogger
- 3 Outside rearview mirror/Rear defogger
- 4 Temperature selector (passenger side)
- 5 Recirculate cabin air (fresh air when OFF)
- 6 "SYNC" button

**Indicator ON:** Synchronized temperature settings for driver, passengers and rear seat (if equipped).

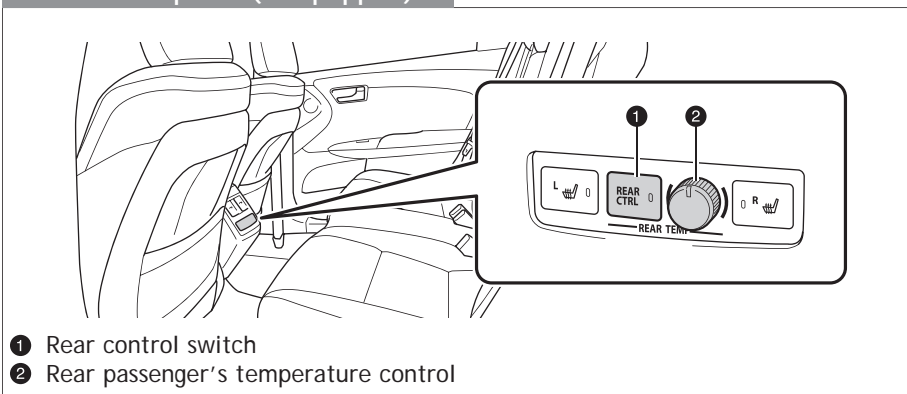
**Indicator OFF:** Separate temperature settings for driver and passengers.

- 7 Air Conditioning ON/OFF
- 8 Fan speed
- 9 Climate control OFF
- 10 Automatic climate control ON

Adjusting the temperature setting will cause the airflow vents, air intake and fan to adjust automatically.

- 11 Airflow vent
- In " " mode, use fresh air ( " " indicator ON) to reduce window fogging.

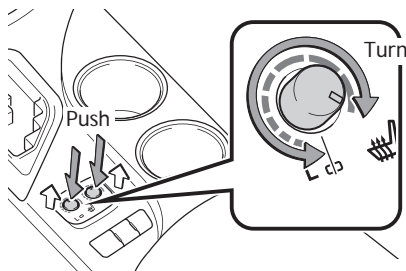
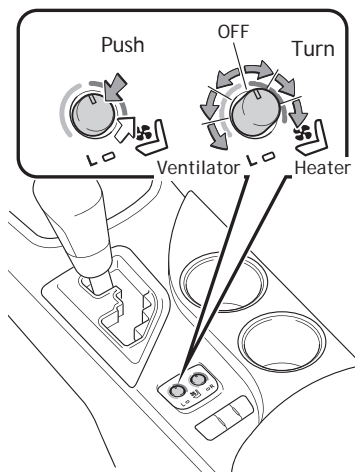
## Rear control panel (if equipped)



## Seat ventilators/Heaters (if equipped)

### With ventilator

### Heater only



Push knob to pop the controller out.  
Turn clockwise for heater, counter-clockwise for ventilator.

Audio\*1

Push to display audio screen

Seek station/ CD track select

Push to turn ON/OFF

Eject CD

Touch screen display

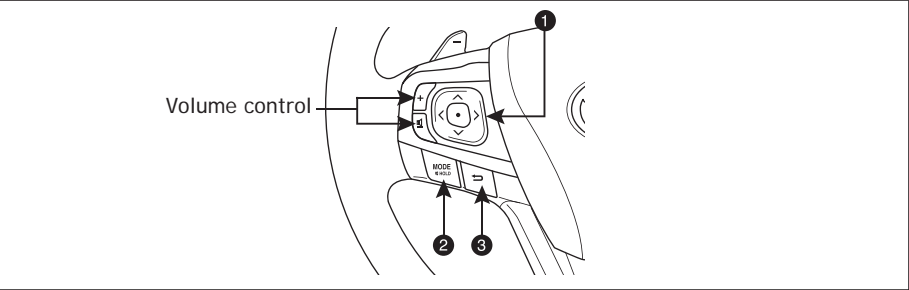
\*2

\*3

Turn to tune radio stations manually or select tracks or files

\*1 Refer to the "Display Audio System Owner's Manual" for instructions and more information.  
\*2 Display Audio system  
\*3 Premium Display Audio system

Steering wheel switches



- 1 "V A < >"  
Use to search within a selected audio medium (radio, CD, iPod, etc.), or to perform certain telephone operations.
- 2 "MODE"  
Push to turn audio ON and select an audio mode. Push and hold to turn the audio system OFF.
- 3 Back switch  
Returns to the previous screen.

Clock

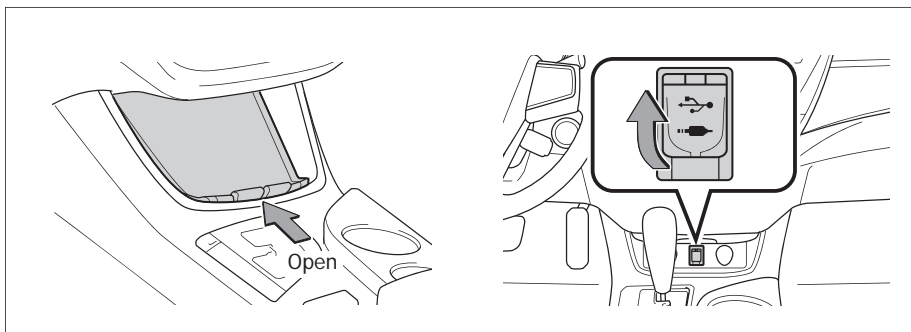
Type A

H-Hour set  
M-Minute set

Type B

Press [H] or [M] to change clock style

## iPod®/USB/AUX port



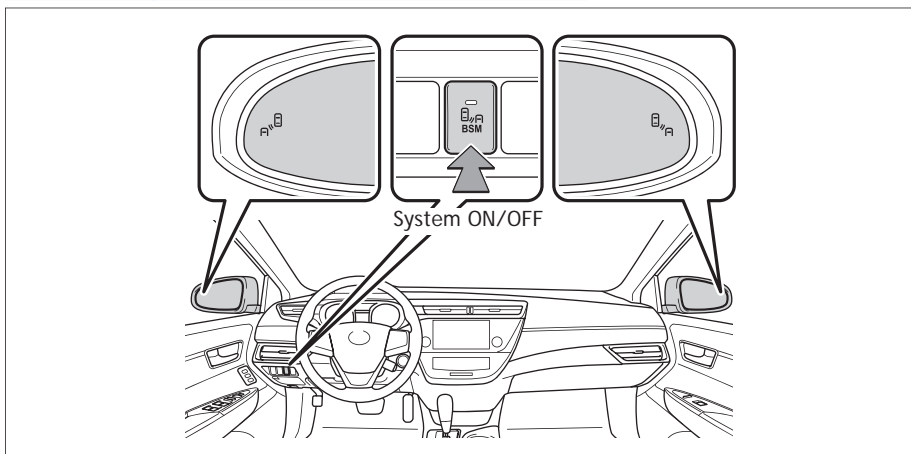
### iPod®/USB port

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.

## BSM (Blind Spot Monitor)(if equipped)



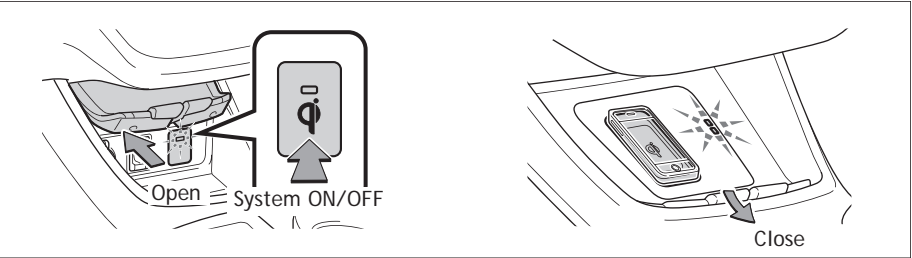
The Blind Spot Monitor is a system that has two functions:


- The Blind Spot Monitor function (assists the driver in marking the decision when changing lanes)
- The Rear Cross Traffic Alert function (assists the driver when backing up)

The system uses radar sensors to detect vehicles that are traveling in the area that is not reflected in the outside rearview mirror (the blind spot), and advises the driver of the vehicles' existence via the outside rearview mirror indicator.

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

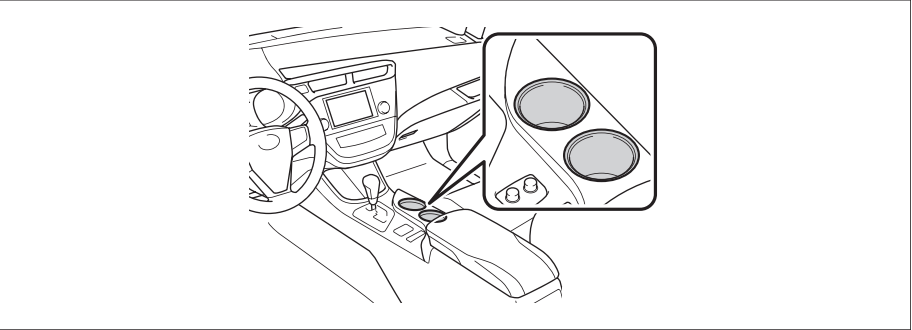
Wireless charger (if equipped)



A mobile device with the “” logo can be charged wirelessly. Charging can only be performed with the “ENGINE START STOP” switch in ACCESSORY or IGNITION ON mode. Place a mobile device on the tray. One LED indicator is illuminated while charging and two LED indicators are illuminated when the charging is complete.

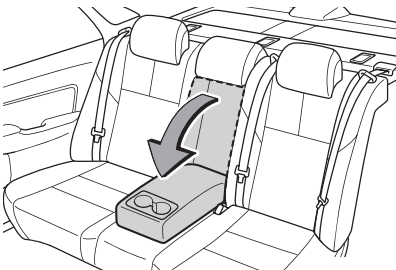
Cup holders

Front

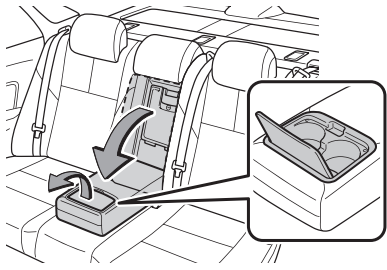


Rear

Type A



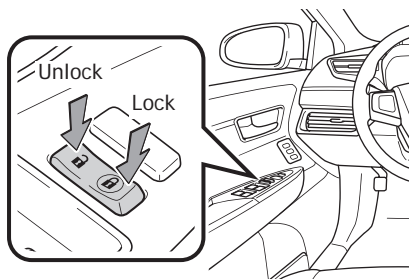
Type B





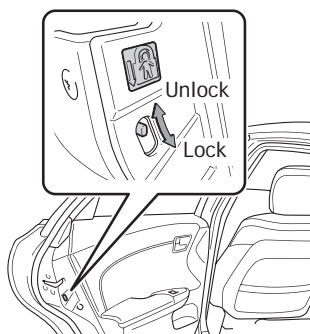
# SAFETY AND EMERGENCY FEATURES

## Door locks



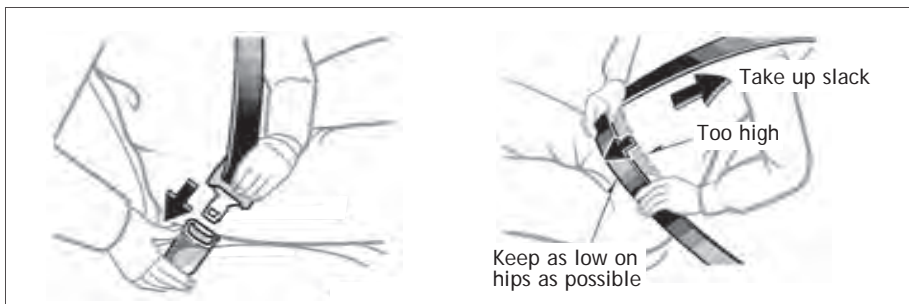
## Doors-Child safety locks

Rear door



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

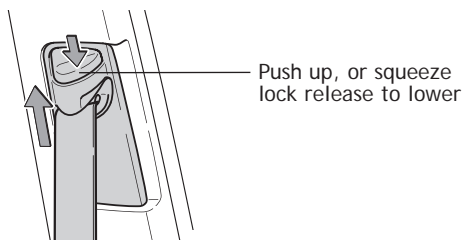
## Seat belts



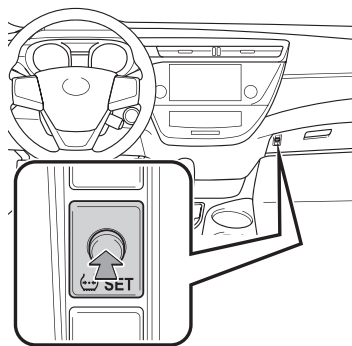
If belt is fully extended, then retracted even slightly, it cannot be re-extended beyond that point, unless fully retracted again. This feature is used to help hold child restraint systems securely.

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



#### 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 "ENGINE START STOP" switch to IGNITION ON mode 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.

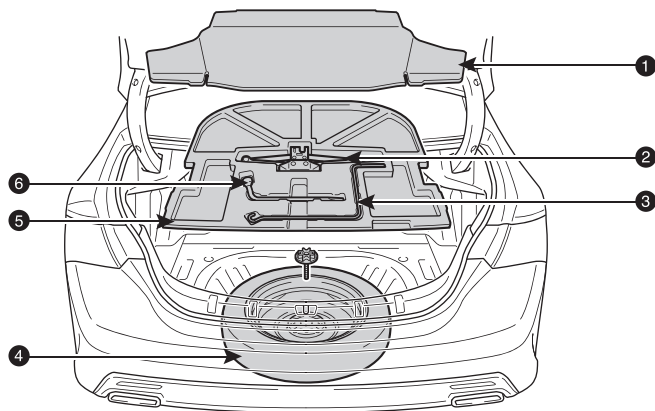
Refer to the load label on the door jamb or the *Owner's Manual* for tire inflation specifications.

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.

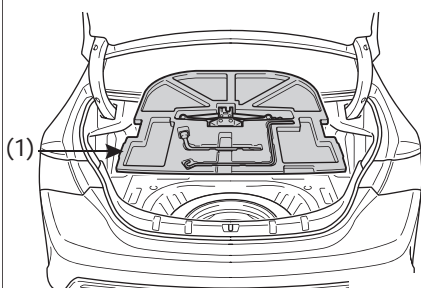
## Spare tire & tools

### Tool location

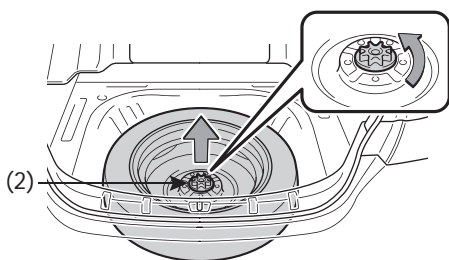


- ❶ Luggage floor cover
- ❷ Jack
- ❸ Jack handle
- ❹ Spare tire
- ❺ Tool tray
- ❻ Wheel nut wrench

### Removing the spare tire



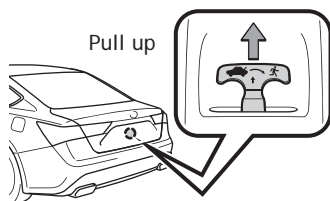
(1) Remove the tool tray.



(2) Loosen the center fastener that secures the spare tire.

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

### Trunk-Internal release



## 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 keep you on track.

#### Anti-Lock Brake System (ABS)

ABS helps prevent brakes from locking up by "pulsing" brake pressure to each wheel. This limits brake lockup and helps provide directional control 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 traction that current road conditions will allow, helping you to stay in directional control.

#### Electronic Brake Force Distribution (EBD)

Toyota's ABS technology has Electronic Brake-force Distribution (EBD) to help maintain control and balance when braking. Abrupt stops can cause a vehicle to tilt forward, reducing the braking power of the rear wheels. EBD responds to sudden stops by redistributing brake force to enhance 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 help 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 driving torque 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.

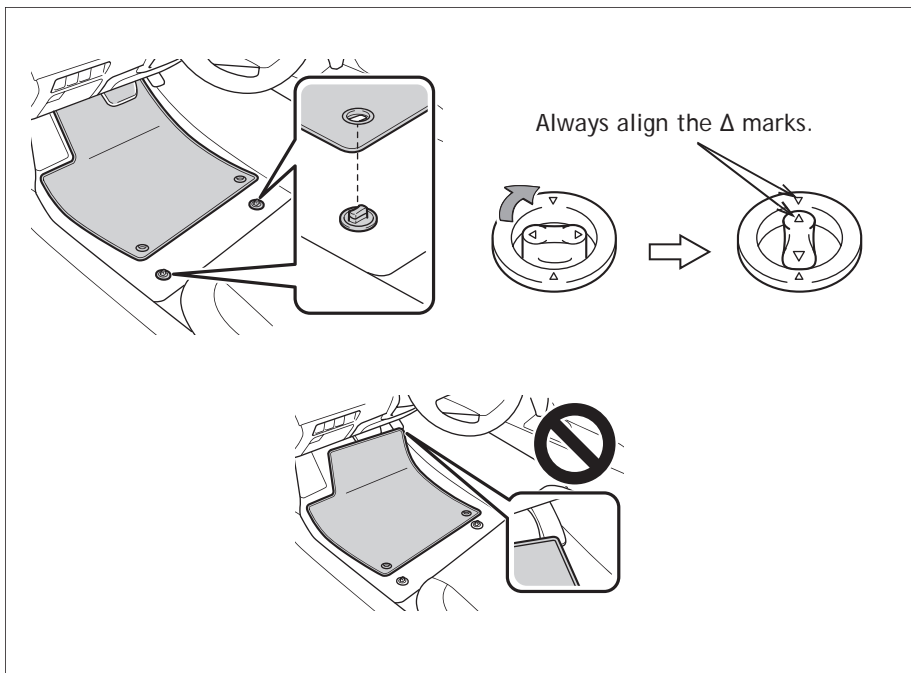
SST doesn't engage if the brake pedal is depressed before the accelerator pedal, allowing vehicles to start on a steep hill and safely accelerate without rolling backward.

## 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.

To keep your floor mat properly positioned, 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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