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#### INTRODUCTION

Thank you for selecting a Jeep<sup>®</sup> Wrangler and welcome to our worldwide family.

This is a specialized utility vehicle designed for both on-road and off-road use. It can go places and perform tasks for which conventional two-wheel drive enclosed vehicles were not intended. It handles and maneuvers differently from many passenger cars both on-road and off-road, so take time to become familiar with your vehicle.

Before you start to drive this vehicle, read the Owner's Manual. Be sure you are familiar with all vehicle controls, particularly those used for braking, steering, transmission, and transfer case shifting. Learn how your vehicle handles on different road surfaces. Your driving skills will improve with experience. When driving off-road or working the vehicle, don't overload it or expect it to overcome the laws of nature. Always observe federal, state, provincial and local laws wherever you drive. As with other vehicles of this type, failure to operate this vehicle correctly may result in loss of control or an accident. Be sure to read "On-Road/Off-Road Driving Tips" in this manual.

#### **Roll Over Warning**

Utility vehicles have a significantly higher roll over rate than other types of vehicles. This vehicle has a higher ground clearance, higher center of gravity, and narrower track than many passenger cars. It is capable of performing better in a wide variety of off-road applications. Driven in an unsafe manner, all vehicles can be caused to go out of control. Because of the higher center of gravity and the narrower track, if this vehicle is out of control it may roll over when some other vehicles may not.

Do not attempt sharp turns or abrupt maneuvers or other unsafe driving actions that can cause loss of vehicle control. Failure to operate this vehicle safely may result in an accident, roll over of the vehicle and serious injury or death. Because of its open-body construction, your vehicle offers less protection than closed vehicles in the event of an accident.



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**Failure to use driver and passenger seat belts** provided is a major cause of severe or fatal injury. In fact, the U.S. government notes that the universal use of existing seat belts could cut the highway death toll by 10,000 or more each year, and could reduce disabling injuries by 2 million annually. In a roll over crash, an unbelted person is significantly more likely to die than a person wearing a seal belt. Always buckle up.

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Although your vehicle may be equipped with a soft top or optional hard top to give the occupants protection from the weather, these tops do not offer structural protection in the event of an accident and do not change the open-body characteristic of the vehicle. Even though your vehicle has a sport bar and side bars for some extra protection, it is a truly open vehicle-there is no structural integrated top and it has low sides and a folding windshield. Many of these vehicles do not have fully enclosed hard doors.

Operating this vehicle at excessive speeds or while intoxicated may result in loss of control, collision with other vehicles or objects, going off the road, or overturning, any of which may lead to serious injury or death. Also, **failure to use standard seat belts** subjects the driver and passengers to a greater risk of being thrown out of an open-body vehicle than out of a closed vehicle in an accident which can result in injury or death.

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This manual has been prepared with the assistance of service and engineering specialists to acquaint you with the operation and maintenance of your new vehicle. It is supplemented by a Warranty Information Booklet and various customer oriented documents. You are urged to read these publications carefully. Following the instructions and recommendations in this manual will help assure safe and enjoyable operation of your vehicle.

NOTE: After you read the manual, it should be stored in the vehicle for convenient reference and remain with the vehicle when sold so that the new owner will be aware of all safety warnings.

When it comes to service, remember that your authorized dealer knows your vehicle best, has the factory-trained technicians and genuine Mopar<sup>®</sup> parts, and is interested in your satisfaction.

#### WARNING!

Engine exhaust, some of its constituents, and certain vehicle components contain or emit chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. In addition, certain fluids contained in vehicles and certain products of component wear contain or emit chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.

#### HOW TO USE THIS MANUAL

Consult the table of contents to determine which section contains the information you desire.

The detailed index, at the rear of the manual, contains a complete listing of all subjects.

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#### WARNINGS AND CAUTIONS

This manual contains **WARNINGS** against operating procedures which could result in an accident or bodily injury. It also contains **CAUTIONS** against procedures which could result in damage to your vehicle. If you do not read this entire manual you may miss important information. Observe all Warnings and Cautions.

#### **VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER**

The vehicle identification number (VIN) is found on a stamped plate located on the left front corner of the instrument panel pad, visible from outside of vehicle through windshield. This number also appears on the Automobile Information Disclosure Label affixed to a window on your vehicle. Save this label for a convenient record of your vehicle identification number and optional equipment.



**NOTE:** It is illegal to remove the VIN plate.

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#### **VEHICLE MODIFICATIONS / ALTERATIONS**

### WARNING!

Any modifications or alterations to this vehicle could seriously affect its roadworthiness and safety and may lead to an accident resulting in serious injury or death.

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#### A WORD ABOUT YOUR KEYS

The keys for your new vehicle are enclosed in a plastic bag with the key code number on it. If you received your keys without the bag, ask your dealer to give you the number. The key code can also be obtained by the dealer from your vehicle invoice.

#### **Ignition Key**

Insert the key fully, then turn the switch to one of the four illustrated positions. The key can be inserted or withdrawn only in the LOCK position.



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To remove the ignition key on models with an automatic transmission, place the gearshift lever in P (Park), turn the ignition key to LOCK, and remove the key.



To remove the ignition key on models with a manual transmission, depress and hold the key release button, turn the ignition key to LOCK, and remove the key.

#### **Key-In-Ignition Reminder**

Opening the driver's door when the key is in the ignition, sounds a signal to remind you to remove the key.

#### CAUTION!

Always remove the key from the ignition, and lock all doors when leaving the vehicle unattended.

# SENTRY KEY IMMOBILIZER SYSTEM — IF EQUIPPED

The Sentry Key Immobilizer System (SKIS) prevents unauthorized operation of the vehicle by disabling the engine. The system will shut the engine down after 2 seconds of running if an invalid key is used to start the vehicle. This system utilizes ignition keys which have an electronic chip (transponder) embedded into them. Only keys that have been programmed to the vehicle can be used to start and operate the vehicle for longer than the 2 second validation time period.

The Sentry Key Immobilizer System does not need to be armed or activated. Operation of the system is automatic regardless of whether or not the vehicle is locked or unlocked. During normal operation, the SKIS indicator light will come on for 3 seconds immediately after the ignition switch is turned on for a bulb check. Afterwards, if the bulb remains on, this indicates a malfunction in the electronics. If the bulb begins to flash immediately after the ignition switch is turned on, this indicates that an invalid key is being used to start the vehicle. Both of these conditions will result in the engine being shut down after 2 seconds of running. Keep in mind that a key which has not been programmed is also considered an invalid key even if it is cut to fit the ignition for that vehicle.

If the SKIS indicator light comes on during normal vehicle operation (it has been running for longer than 10 seconds) a fault has been detected in the electronics and the vehicle should be serviced as soon as possible.

#### NOTE:

• The Sentry Key Immobilizer System is not compatible with remote starting systems. Use of these systems may result in vehicle starting problems and loss of security protection. • Mobil Speedpass<sup>™</sup>, additional Sentry Keys, or any other transponder equipped components on the same keychain will not cause a key-related (Transponder) fault unless the additional part is physically held against the ignition key being used when starting the vehicle. Also, cell phones, pagers, or other RF electronics will not cause interference with this system.

All of the keys provided with your new vehicle have been programmed to the vehicle electronics.

#### **Important Note About Service**

A four digit PIN number is needed to service the Sentry Key Immobilizer System. This number can be obtained from your authorized dealer. However, this number can also be found on your customer invoice that you were given upon receipt of your vehicle.

#### **Replacement Keys**

**NOTE:** Only keys that have been programmed to the vehicle electronics can be used to start the vehicle. Once a Sentry Key has been programmed to a vehicle, it cannot be programmed to any other vehicle.

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At the time of purchase, the original owner is provided with a four digit PIN number. This number is required for dealer replacement of keys. Duplication of keys may be performed at an authorized dealer or by using the 2 Customer Key Programming procedure. This procedure consists of programming a blank key to the vehicle electronics. A blank key is one which has never been programmed.

**NOTE:** When having the Sentry Key System serviced, bring all vehicle keys to the dealer.

#### **Customer Key Programming**

You can program new keys to the system if you have two valid keys by doing the following:

1. Cut the additional Sentry Key Transponder blank(s) to match the ignition switch lock cylinder key code.

2. Insert the first valid key into the ignition switch and turn the ignition switch ON for at least 3 seconds but no longer than 15 seconds. Turn the ignition switch OFF and remove the first key.

3. Insert the second valid key and turn the ignition switch ON within 15 seconds. After ten seconds, a chime will sound and the SKIS indicator light will begin to flash. Turn the ignition switch OFF and remove the second key.

4. Insert a blank Sentry Key into the ignition switch and turn the ignition switch ON within 60 seconds. After 10 seconds, a single chime will sound. The SKIS indicator light will stop flashing, turn on for 3 seconds; then turn off.

The new Sentry Key has been programmed. Repeat this process to program up to a total of 8 keys.

#### **General Information**

The Sentry Key Immobilizer System complies with FCC rules part 15 and with RSS-210 of Industry Canada. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

1. This device may not cause harmful interference.

2. This device must accept any interference that may be received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

#### STEERING WHEEL LOCK — IF EQUIPPED

Your vehicle may be equipped with a passive steering wheel lock (manual transmission only). This lock prevents steering the vehicle without the ignition key. If the steering wheel is moved a half turn in either direction and the key is not in the ignition, the steering wheel will lock.

#### To Manually Lock the Steering Wheel

With the engine running, rotate the steering wheel 1/2 revolution from straight ahead position, turn off the engine and remove the key. Rotate the steering wheel slightly in both directions until the lock engages.

#### To Release the Steering Wheel Lock

Insert the key in the ignition and turn the wheel slightly to the right or left to disengage the lock.

**NOTE:** If you turned the wheel to the right to engage the lock, you must turn the wheel slightly to the right to disengage it. If you turned the wheel to the left to engage the lock, turn the wheel slightly to the left to disengage it.

#### ILLUMINATED ENTRY — IF EQUIPPED

The interior lights will come on when you open any door.

The lights will remain on after all of the doors are closed, and then fade to off or they will immediately fade to off once the ignition switch is turned on.

#### **DOORS AND LOCKS**

NOTE: The ignition key that is used to start the vehicle is used to lock or unlock the doors, tailgate, console storage, and glove box.

To unlock doors and tailgate insert the key and turn. Once unlocked, the tailgate can be opened or closed without using the key.

To open the tailgate, lift the latch release and swing open the tailgate.

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#### **Door Locks**

Doors on both hard-top and soft-top models are equipped with a rocker-type interior door lock. To lock a door when leaving your vehicle, press to the "Lock" 2 position and close the door.



#### WARNING!

- For personal security reasons and safety in an accident, lock the vehicle doors when you drive as well as when you park and leave the vehicle.
- When leaving the vehicle always remove the key from the ignition lock, and lock your vehicle. Do not leave children unattended in the vehicle, or with access to an unlocked vehicle. Unsupervised use of vehicle equipment may cause severe personal injuries and death.

#### **OCCUPANT RESTRAINTS**

Some of the most important safety features in your vehicle are the restraint systems. These include the front and rear seat belts for the driver and all passengers, and front airbags for both the driver and front passenger. If you will be carrying children too small for adult-size belts, your seat belts can also be used to hold infant and child restraint systems.

Please pay close attention to the information in this section. It tells you how to use your restraint system properly to keep you and your passengers as safe as possible.

#### WARNING!

In a collision, you and your passengers can suffer injuries, including fatalities, if you are not properly buckled up. You can strike the interior of your vehicle or other passengers, or you can be thrown out of the vehicle. Always be sure you and others in your vehicle are buckled up properly. Buckle up even though you are an excellent driver, even on short trips. Someone on the road may be a poor driver and cause a collision that includes you. This can happen far away from home or on your own street.

Research has shown that seat belts save lives, and that they can reduce the seriousness of injuries in a collision. Some of the worst injuries happen when people are thrown from the vehicle. Seat belts reduce the possibility of ejection and the risk of injury caused by striking the inside of the vehicle. **Everyone** in a motor vehicle should be belted at all times to reduce or prevent injuries.

#### Lap/Shoulder Belts

The outboard front and rear seats of your vehicle are equipped with lap/shoulder belts.

The belt webbing retractor is designed to lock during very sudden stops or collisions. This feature allows the shoulder part of the belt to move freely with you under normal conditions. But in a collision, the belt will lock and reduce the risk of your striking the inside of the vehicle or being thrown out.

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#### WARNING!

- It is extremely dangerous to ride in a cargo area, inside or outside of a vehicle. In a collision, people riding in these areas are more likely to be seriously injured or killed.
- Do not allow people to ride in any area of your vehicle that is not equipped with seats and seat belts.
- Be sure everyone in your vehicle is in a seat using a seat belt properly.

#### WARNING!

- Wearing a seat belt incorrectly is dangerous. Seat belts are designed to go around the large bones of your body. These are the strongest parts of your body and take the forces of a collision the best. Wearing your belt in the wrong place could make your injuries in a collision much worse. You might suffer internal injuries, or you could even slide out of part of the belt. Follow these instructions to wear your seat belt safely and to keep your passengers safe, too.
- Two people should never be belted into a single seat belt. People belted together can crash into one another in an accident, hurting one another badly. Never use a lap/shoulder belt or a lap belt for more than one person, no matter what their size.

#### Lap/Shoulder Belt Operating Instructions

1. Enter the vehicle and close the door. Sit back and adjust the seat.

2. The seat belt latch plate is above the back of the front seat, next to your arm in the rear seat. Grasp the latch plate and pull out the belt. Slide the latch plate up the webbing as far as necessary to allow the belt to go around your lap.



3. When the belt is long enough to fit, insert the latch plate into the buckle until you hear a "click."

#### WARNING!

- A belt that is buckled into the wrong buckle will not protect you properly. The lap portion could ride too high on your body, possibly causing internal injuries. Always buckle your belt into the buckle nearest you.
- A belt that is loose will not protect you as well. In a sudden stop you could move too far forward, increasing the possibility of injury. Wear your seat belt snugly.
- A belt that is worn under your arm is very dangerous. Your body could strike the inside surfaces of the vehicle in a collision, increasing head and neck injury. A belt worn under the arm can cause internal injuries. Ribs aren't as strong as shoulder bones. Wear the belt over your shoulder so that the strongest bones will take the force in a collision.
- A shoulder belt placed behind will not protect you from injury during a collision. You are more likely to hit your head in a collision if you do not wear your shoulder belt. The lap and shoulder belt are meant to be used together.

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4. Position the lap belt across your thighs, below your abdomen. To remove slack in the lap belt portion, pull up on the shoulder belt. To loosen the lap belt if it is too tight, tilt the latch plate and pull on the lap belt. A snug belt 2 reduces the risk of sliding under the belt in a collision.



#### WARNING!

- A lap belt worn too high can increase the risk of internal injury in a collision. The belt forces won't be at the strong hip and pelvic bones, but across your abdomen. Always wear the lap belt as low as possible and keep it snug.
- A twisted belt cannot do its job as well. In a collision it could even cut into you. Be sure the belt is straight. If you cannot straighten a belt in your vehicle, take it to your dealer and have it fixed.

5. Position the shoulder belt on your chest so that it is comfortable and not resting on your neck. The retractor will withdraw any slack in the belt.

6. To release the belt, push the red button on the buckle. The belt will automatically retract to its stowed position. If necessary, slide the latch plate down the webbing to allow the belt to retract fully.



#### WARNING!

A frayed or torn belt could rip apart in a collision and leave you with no protection. Inspect the belt system periodically, checking for cuts, frays, or loose parts. Damaged parts must be replaced immediately. Do not disassemble or modify the system. Seat belt assemblies must be replaced after a collision if they have been damaged (bent retractor, torn webbing, etc.).

#### Adjustable Upper Shoulder Belt Anchorage

In the front seats, the shoulder belt anchorage can be adjusted upward or downward to position the belt away from your neck. Push in on the anchorage near your outside shoulder and slide it up or down to reach the position that serves you best.



As a guide, if you are shorter than average, you will prefer a lower position, and if you are taller than average, you'll prefer a higher position. When you release the anchorage, try to move it up or down to make sure that it is locked in position.

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#### Seat Belts And Pregnant Women

We recommend that pregnant women use seat belts throughout their pregnancy. Keeping the mother safe is the best way to keep the baby safe.

Pregnant women should wear the lap part of the belt across the thighs and as snug across the hips as possible. Keep the belt low so that it does not come across the abdomen. That way the strong bones of the hips will take the force if there is a collision.

#### Seat Belt Extender

If a seat belt is too short, even when fully extended and when the adjustable upper shoulder belt anchorage (if equipped) is in its lowest position, your dealer can provide you with a seat belt extender. This extender should be used only if the existing belt is not long enough. When it is not required, remove the extender and store it.

#### WARNING!

Using a seat belt extender when not needed can increase the risk of injury in a collision. Only use when the seat belt is not long enough when it is worn low and snug, and in the recommended seating positions. Remove and stow the seat belt extender when not needed.

Driver And Front Passenger Supplemental Restraint Systems (SRS) — Airbags



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This vehicle has front airbags for both the driver and front passenger as a supplement to the seat belt restraint system. The driver's front airbag is mounted in the center of the steering wheel. The passenger's front airbag is mounted in the instrument panel, above the glove compartment. The words SRS/AIRBAG are embossed on the airbag covers.

**NOTE:** The front airbags are certified to the Federal regulations that allow less forceful deployment.

**NOTE:** Airbag covers may not be obvious in the interior trim; but they will open to allow airbag deployment.

#### WARNING!

Do not put anything on or around the front airbag covers or attempt to manually open them. You may damage the airbags and you could be injured because the airbags are not there to protect you. These protective covers for the airbag cushions are designed to open only when the airbags are inflating. Airbags inflate in moderate to high speed impacts. Along with the seat belts, front airbags work with the instrument panel knee bolsters to provide improved protection for the driver and front passenger.

The seat belts are designed to protect you in many types of collisions. The front airbags deploy in moderate to severe frontal collisions. But even in collisions where the airbags work, you need the seat belts to keep you in the right position for the airbags to protect you properly.

Here are some simple steps you can take to minimize the risk of harm from a deploying airbag.

#### 1. Children 12 years old and under should always ride buckled up in a rear seat.

Infants in rear-facing child restraints (designed for children up to 20 lbs (9 kg) and at least one year old) should NEVER ride in the front seat of a vehicle with a passenger front airbag, unless the airbag is turned off. An airbag deployment can cause severe injury or death to infants in this position.

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Children that are not big enough to properly wear the vehicle seat belt (Refer to "Child Restraint" in this section.) should be secured in the rear seat, in a child restraint or belt-positioning booster seat. Older children 2 who do not use child restraints or belt-positioning booster seats should ride properly buckled up in the rear seat. Never allow children to slide the shoulder belt behind them or under their arm.

If a child from 1 to 12 years old must ride in the front passenger seat because the vehicle is crowded, move the seat as far back as possible, and use the proper child restraint. Refer to "Child Restraint" in this section.

You should read the instructions provided with your child restraint to make sure that you are using it properly.

2. All occupants should use their lap and shoulder belts properly.

3. The driver and front passenger seats should be moved back as far as practical to allow the front airbags room to inflate.

#### WARNING!

- Relying on the airbags alone could lead to more severe injuries in a collision. The airbags work with your seat belt to restrain you properly. In some collisions the airbags won't deploy at all. Always wear your seat belts even though you have airbags.
- Being too close to the steering wheel or instrument panel during airbag deployment could cause serious injury. Airbags need room to inflate. Sit back, comfortably extending your arms to reach the steering wheel or instrument panel.

#### **Airbag System Components**

The airbag system consists of the following:

- Airbag Control Module (ACM)
- Airbag Warning Light
- Driver Airbag
- Passenger Airbag

- Steering Wheel And Column
- Instrument Panel
- Crash Sensor
- Interconnecting Wiring
- Knee Impact Bolsters
- Passenger Airbag ON/OFF Switch (If Equipped)

#### How The Airbag System Works

- The **Airbag Control Module** (**ACM**) determines if a frontal collision is severe enough to require the airbags to inflate.
- The ACM will not detect side, roll over, or rear impacts.
- The ACM also monitors the readiness of the electronic parts of the system whenever the ignition switch is in the START or ON position. These include all of the items listed above except the knee bolster, the instrument panel, and the steering wheel and column. If the ignition key is in the OFF or ACC position, or not in the ignition, the airbags are not on and will not inflate.

• Also, the ACM turns on the "Airbag Warning Light" in the instrument panel for 6 to 8 seconds when the ignition is first turned on, then turns the light off. If it detects a malfunction in any part of the system, it turns on the light either momentarily or continuously. If the ACM detects a malfunction, the "Airbag Warning Light" will illuminate for a minimum of 12 seconds and will remain illuminated as long as the malfunction exists.

#### WARNING!

Ignoring the "Airbag Warning Light" in your instrument panel could mean you won't have the airbags to protect you in a collision. If the light does not come on, stays on after you start the vehicle, or if it comes on as you drive, have the airbag system checked right away.

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- The Driver and Passenger Airbag/Inflator Units are located in the center of the steering wheel and in the instrument panel. When the ACM detects a collision requiring the airbags, it signals the inflator units. A 2large quantity of nontoxic gas is generated to inflate the airbags. The airbag covers separate and fold out of the way as the bags inflate to full size. The bags fully inflate in about 50 milliseconds. This is about half of the time it takes to blink your eyes. The airbags then quickly deflate while helping to restrain the driver and front passenger. The driver's front airbag gas is vented through the airbag material towards the instrument panel. The passenger's front airbag gas is vented through vent holes in the sides of the airbag. In this way the airbags do not interfere with your control of the vehicle.
- The Knee Impact Bolsters help protect the knees and position the driver and front passenger's for the best interaction with the front airbag.

#### Passenger Airbag On/Off Switch — If Equipped

**NOTE:** The Passenger Airbag ON/OFF Switch is designed so that the switch position can be changed using the ignition key. The key inserts into the switch far enough to fully depress a spring-loaded locking plunger, and then rotates to the desired position. The key will not insert fully into the switch, and the spring-loaded locking plunger prevents the key from remaining in the switch.

The Passenger Airbag ON/OFF Switch is located on the instrument panel. The switch is to be turned off only if the passenger is an infant (less than 1 year old) or a child (age 1 to 12) who must ride in the front seat because there is no rear seat.



#### WARNING!

Whenever an airbag is turned off, even a lap/ shoulder belted passenger may hit their head, neck, or chest on the dashboard (instrument panel) or windshield in a crash. This may result in serious injury or death.

#### To Shut Off the Passenger Airbag

- 1. Turn ignition to OFF position.
- 2. Remove the water-resistant plug.

3. Place the ignition key in the Passenger Airbag ON/ OFF Switch, press inward and turn the key to the right to the OFF position. This will shut off the passenger airbag.

4. Reinstall the water-resistant plug.

**NOTE:** When the Passenger Airbag ON/OFF Switch is in the OFF position, a indicator light will illuminate when the ignition is ON. If the indicator light does not illuminate for 3 seconds after the ignition is turned ON, or when the Passenger Airbag ON/OFF Switch is turned OFF (while ignition is in the ON position), have an authorized dealer service the system immediately.

#### To Turn On the Passenger Airbag

- 1. Turn ignition to OFF position.
- 2. Remove the water-resistant plug.

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3. Place the ignition key in the Passenger Airbag ON/OFF Switch, press inward and turn the key to the left to the ON position. This will turn on the passenger airbag.

4. Reinstall the water-resistant plug.

**NOTE:** Do not turn the Passenger Airbag ON/OFF Switch on or off with the ignition in the ON/RUN or START positions, as the ACM could cause the "Airbag Warning Lamp" to illuminate.

#### If A Deployment Occurs

The airbag system is designed to deploy when the impact sensors detect a moderate-to-severe frontal collision, to help restrain the driver and right front passenger, and then to immediately deflate.

**NOTE:** A frontal collision that is not severe enough to need airbag protection will not activate the system. This does not mean something is wrong with the airbag system.

If you do have a collision which deploys the airbags, any or all of the following may occur:

• The nylon airbag material may sometimes cause abrasions and/or skin reddening to the driver and front passenger as the airbags deploy and unfold.

The abrasions are similar to friction rope burns or those you might get sliding along a carpet or gymnasium floor. They are not caused by contact with chemicals. They are not permanent and normally heal quickly. However, if you haven't healed significantly within a few days, or if you have any blistering, see your doctor immediately.

• As the airbags deflate you may see some smoke-like particles. The particles are a normal by-product of the process that generates the nontoxic gas used for airbag inflation. These airborne particles may irritate the skin, eyes, nose, or throat. If you have skin or eye irritation, rinse the area with cool water. For nose or throat irritation, move to fresh air. If the irritation continues, see your doctor. If these particles settle on your clothing, follow the garment manufacturer's instructions for cleaning.

• It is not advisable to drive your vehicle after the airbags have deployed. If you are involved in another collision, the airbags will not be in place to protect you.

#### WARNING!

Deployed airbags cannot protect you in another collision. Have the airbags replaced by an authorized dealer as soon as possible.

#### Maintaining Your Airbag System

#### WARNING!

- Modifications to any part of the airbag system could cause it to fail when you need it. You could be injured because the airbags are not there to protect you. Do not modify the components or wiring, including adding any kind of badges or stickers to the steering wheel hub trim cover or the upper right side of the instrument panel. Do not modify the front bumper, vehicle body structure, or frame.
- You need proper knee impact protection in a collision. Do not mount or locate any aftermarket equipment on or behind the knee bolster.
- It is dangerous to try to repair any part of the airbag system yourself. Be sure to tell anyone who works on your vehicle that it has airbags.

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#### **Airbag Warning Light**

You will want to have the airbags ready to inflate for your protection in an collision. While the airbag system is designed to be maintenance free, if any of the following 2 occurs, have an authorized dealer service the system immediately.

- The "Airbag Warning Light" does not come on or flickers during the 6 to 8 seconds when the ignition switch is first turned on.
- The "Airbag Warning Light" remains on or flickers after the 6 to 8 second interval.
- The "Airbag Warning Light" flickers or comes on and remains on while driving.

#### **Child Restraint**

Everyone in your vehicle needs to be buckled up all the time-babies and children, too. Every state in the United States and all Canadian provinces require that small children ride in proper restraint systems. This is the law, and you can be prosecuted for ignoring it.

Children 12 years and under should ride properly buckled up in a rear seat, if available. According to crash statistics, children are safer when properly restrained in the rear seats rather than in the front.

#### WARNING!

In a collision, an unrestrained child, even a tiny baby, can become a missile inside the vehicle. The force required to hold even an infant on your lap can become so great that you could not hold the child, no matter how strong you are. The child and others could be badly injured. Any child riding in your vehicle should be in a proper restraint for the child's size.

#### Infants and Small Children

There are different sizes and types of restraints for children from newborn size to the child almost large enough for an adult safety belt. Always check the child seat owner's manual to ensure that you have the right seat for your child. Use the restraint that is correct for your child.

- The rearward-facing infant carrier is for babies weighing up to about 20 lbs (9 kg), and one year old or more. The infant restraint must **NEVER** be used in the front seat of a vehicle with a front passenger airbag unless the airbag is turned off. An airbag deployment could cause severe injury or death to infants in this position. The infant carrier is held in the vehicle by the lap belt, lap/shoulder belt, or the LATCH child restraint anchorage system.
- Children under one year of age should continue to ride in a rear-facing infant seat, even if they weigh more than 20 lbs (9 kg). A "convertible" child seat, one that is designed to be used either rearward-facing or forward-facing, should be used for children who are too heavy for the infant carrier, but who are too young to face forward in the vehicle.
- The forward-facing child seat is for children from about 20–40 lbs (9–18 kg), and more than one year old. The child seat is held in the vehicle by the lap belt, lap/shoulder belt, or the LATCH child restraint an-chorage system.

#### WARNING!

- Improper installation can lead to failure of an infant or child restraint. It could come loose in a collision. The child could be badly injured or killed. Follow the manufacturer's directions exactly when installing an infant or child restraint.
- A rearward facing infant restraint should only be used in a rear seat unless the passenger frontal airbag is turned off. If the airbag is left on, a rearward facing infant restraint in the front seat may be struck by a deploying passenger airbag which may cause severe or fatal injury to the infant.
- The belt-positioning booster seat is for children weighing more than 40 lbs (18 kg), but who are still too small to fit in the vehicle's seat belts properly. If the child cannot sit with knees bent over the seat cushion while the child's back is against the seat back, they should use a belt-positioning booster seat. The child and booster seat are held in the vehicle by lap/shoulder belt. (Some booster seats are equipped with a front shield and are held in the vehicle by the lap portion or lap belt.)
- For additional information, refer to **www.seatcheck.org**.

### Here are some tips on getting the most out of your child restraint:

- Before buying any restraint system, make sure that it has a label certifying that it meets all applicable Safety Standards. The manufacturer also recommends that you make sure that you can install the child restraint in the vehicle where you will use it before you buy it.
- The restraint must be appropriate for your child's weight and height. Check the label on the restraint for weight and height limits.
- Carefully follow the instructions that come with the restraint. If you install the restraint improperly, it may not work when you need it.
- The passenger seat belts are equipped with cinching latch plates designed to keep the lap portion or lap belt tight around the child restraint so that it is not necessary to use a locking clip. Pull up on the shoulder portion of the lap/shoulder belt, or on the free end of the lap belt to tighten the belt. The cinching latch plate will keep the belt tight, however, any seat belt system will loosen with time, so check the belt occasionally and pull it tight if necessary.

- In the rear seat, you may have trouble tightening the lap belt or lap/shoulder belt on the child restraint because the buckle or latch plate is too close to the belt path opening on the restraint. Disconnect the latch plate from the buckle and twist the short buckle-end belt several times to shorten it. Insert the latch plate into the buckle with the release button facing out.
- If the belt still cannot be tightened, or if pulling and pushing on the restraint loosens the belt, disconnect the latch plate from the buckle, turn the buckle around, and insert the latch plate into the buckle again. If you still cannot make the child restraint secure, try a different seating position.
- Buckle the child into the seat according to the child restraint manufacturer's instructions.
- When your child restraint is not in use, secure it with the seat belt or remove it from the vehicle. Do not leave it loose in the vehicle. In a sudden stop or collision, it could strike the occupants or seat backs and cause serious personal injury.

#### LATCH — Child Seat Anchorage System (Lower Anchors and Tether for CH ildren)

Your vehicle's front passenger and two rear outboard (if equipped) seating positions are equipped with the child restraint anchorage system called LATCH. The LATCH system provides for the installation of the child restraint without using the vehicle's seat belts, instead securing the child restraint using lower anchorages and upper tether straps from the child restraint to the vehicle structure.

LATCH-compatible child restraint systems are now available. However, because the lower anchorages are to be introduced over a period of years, child restraint systems having attachments for those anchorages will continue to also have features for installation using the vehicle's seat belts. Child restraints having tether straps and hooks for connection to the top tether anchorages have been available for some time. For some older child restraints, many child restraint manufacturers offer add-on tether strap kits or retro-fit kits. You are urged to take advantage of all the available attachments provided with your child restraint in any vehicle.

The two rear outboard seating positions have lower anchorages that are capable of accommodating LATCHcompatible child seats having flexible, webbing-mounted lower attachments. Child seats with fixed lower attach- 2 ments must be installed in the outboard positions only. Regardless of the specific type of lower attachment, NEVER install LATCH-compatible child seats such that two seats share a common lower anchorage. If installing child seats in adjacent rear-seating positions or if your child restraints are not LATCH-compatible, install the restraints using the vehicle's seat belts.

#### Installing the LATCH-Compatible Child Restraint System

We urge that you carefully follow the directions of the manufacturer when installing your child restraint. Not all child restraint systems will be installed as described here. Again, carefully follow the installation instructions that were provided with the child restraint system.

The front passenger and rear seat lower anchorages are round bars, located at the rear of the seat cushion where it meets the seat back, and are just visible when you lean into the rear seat to install the child restraint. You will easily feel them if you run your finger along the intersection of the seatback and seat cushion surfaces.



**Front Seat Latch Anchors** 



**Rear Seat Latch Anchors** 

In addition, there are tether strap anchorages behind the front passenger and the rear seat (on the floor behind each rear outboard seating position).



**Front Seat Tether** 

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**Rear Seat Tether Anchor** 

Many, but not all restraint systems will be equipped with separate straps on each side, with each having a hook or connector for attachment to the lower anchorage and a means of adjusting the tension in the strap. Forwardfacing toddler restraints and some rear-facing infant restraints will also be equipped with a tether strap, a hook for attachment to the tether strap anchorage and a means of adjusting the tension of the strap.

You will first loosen the adjusters on the lower straps and on the tether strap so that you can more easily attach the hooks or connectors to the vehicle anchorages. Next attach the lower hooks or connectors over the top of the anchorage bars, pushing aside the seat cover material. Then lift the tether anchorage cover directly behind the seat where you are placing the child restraint and attach the tether strap to the anchorage, being careful to route the tether strap to provide the most direct path between the anchor and the child restraint. If the Add-A-Trunk<sup>™</sup> option is present in the vehicle, the lid should be opened and positioned against the back of the rear seat prior to attaching and adjusting the strap. Finally, tighten all three straps as you push the child restraint rearward and downward into the seat, removing slack in the straps according to the child restraint manufacturer's instructions.

#### WARNING!

Improper installation of a child restraint to the LATCH anchorages can lead to failure of an infant or child restraint. The child could be badly injured or killed. Follow the manufacturer's directions exactly when installing an infant or child restraint.

# Installing Child Restraints Using the Vehicle Seat Belt

The passenger seat belts are equipped with cinching latch plates, which are designed to keep the lap portion tight around the child restraint so that it is not necessary to use a locking clip. Pull up on the shoulder portion of the lap/shoulder belt to tighten the belt. The cinching latch plate will keep the belt tight, however, any seat belt system will loosen with time, so check the belt occasionally and pull it tight if necessary.
In the rear seat, you may have trouble tightening the lap/shoulder belt on the child restraint because the buckle or latch plate is too close to the belt path opening on the restraint. Disconnect the latch plate from the buckle and twist the short buckle-end belt several times to shorten it. Insert the latch plate into the buckle with the release button facing out.

If the belt still cannot be tightened, or if by pulling and pushing on the restraint loosens the belt, you may need to do something more. Disconnect the latch plate from the buckle, turn the buckle around, and insert the latch plate into the buckle again. If you still can't make the child restraint secure, try a different seating position.

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To attach a child restraint tether strap:

Route the tether strap over the front passenger seat back and attach the hook to the tether anchor located on the 2 back of the seat. For the rear outboard seating positions, route the tether over the rear seat and attach to the rear floor tether anchors. If the Add-A-Trunk<sup>™</sup> option is present in the vehicle, the lid should be opened and positioned against the back of the rear seat prior to attaching and adjusting the strap.



**Front Seat Tether** 



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**Rear Seat Tether Anchor** 

## WARNING!

An incorrectly anchored tether strap could lead to increased head motion and possible injury to the child. Use only the anchor positions directly behind the child seat to secure a child restraint top tether strap.

## **Children Too Large for Booster Seats**

Children who are large enough to wear the shoulder belt comfortably, and whose legs are long enough to bend over the front of the seat when their back is against the seat back should use the lap/shoulder belt in a rear seat.

- Make sure that the child is seated upright in the seat.
- The lap belt portion should be low on the hips and as snug as possible.
- Check belt fit periodically. A child's squirming or slouching can move the belt out of position.

• If the shoulder belt contacts the child's face or neck, move the child closer to the center of the vehicle. Never allow a child to put the shoulder belt under an arm or behind their back.

#### **Transporting Pets**

Airbags deploying in the front seat could harm your pet. An unrestrained pet will be thrown about and possibly injured, or injure a passenger during panic braking or in a collision.

Pets should be restrained in the rear seat in pet harnesses or pet carriers that are secured by seat belts.

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#### ENGINE BREAK-IN RECOMMENDATIONS

A long break-in period is not required for the engine in your new vehicle.

Drive moderately during the first 300 miles (500 km). After the initial 60 miles (100 km), speeds up to 50 or 55 mph (80 or 90 km/h) are desirable.

While cruising, brief full-throttle acceleration, within the limits of local traffic laws, contributes to a good break-in. Wide open throttle acceleration in low gear can be detrimental and should be avoided.

The engine oil installed in the engine at the factory is a high quality energy conserving type lubricant. Oil changes should be consistent with anticipated climate conditions under which vehicle operations will occur. The recommended viscosity and quality grades are shown in Section 7 of this manual. NON-DETERGENT OR STRAIGHT MINERAL OILS MUST NEVER BE USED.

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A new engine may consume some oil during its first few thousand miles (kilometers) of operation. This should be considered as a normal part of the break-in and not interpreted as an indication of difficulty.

## SAFETY TIPS

## **Exhaust Gas**

## WARNING!

Exhaust gases can injure or kill. They contain carbon monoxide (CO) which is colorless and odorless. Breathing it can make you unconscious and can eventually poison you. To avoid breathing (CO) follow the safety tips below.

• Do not inhale exhaust gases. They contain carbon monoxide, a colorless and odorless gas which can kill. Never run the engine in a closed area, such as a garage, and never sit in a parked vehicle with the engine running for a extended period. If the vehicle is stopped in an open area with engine running for more than a short period, adjust the ventilation system to force fresh, outside air into the vehicle.

- Guard against carbon monoxide with proper maintenance. Have the exhaust system inspected every time the vehicle is raised. Have any abnormal conditions repaired promptly. Until repaired, drive with all side windows fully open.
- Always run the climate control in panel or floor mode when driving with any windows open, even if only slightly, to help keep fresh air circulating inside vehicle. Otherwise poisonous gases could be drawn into the vehicle.
- On hardtop models, keep the tailgate window closed when driving your vehicle. On fabric top models, do not drive with the rear window curtain up unless the side curtains are also open. This will prevent carbon monoxide and other poisonous exhaust gases from entering the vehicle.

## Safety Checks You Should Make Inside The Vehicle

#### **Seat Belts**

Inspect the belt system periodically, checking for cuts, frays and loose parts. Damaged parts must be replaced immediately. Do not disassemble or modify the system.

Seat belt assemblies must be replaced after an accident if they have been damaged (bent retractor, torn webbing, etc.). If there is any question regarding belt or retractor condition, replace the belt.

#### **Airbag Warning Light**

The light should come on and remain on for 6 to 8 seconds as a indicator check when the ignition switch is first turned on. If the indicator is not lit during starting, have it serviced. If the light stays on or comes on while driving, have the system checked by an authorized dealer.

#### **Defrosters**

Check operation by selecting the defrost mode and place the blower control on high speed. You should feel the air directed against the windshield.

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## Safety Checks You Should Make Outside The Vehicle

## Tires

Examine tires for excessive tread wear or uneven wear 2 patterns. Check for stones, nails, glass, or other objects lodged in the tread. Inspect for tread cuts or sidewall cracks. Check wheel nuts for tightness and tires (including spare) for proper pressure.

#### Lights

Have someone observe the operation of all exterior lights while you work the controls. Check turn signal and high beam indicator lights on the instrument panel.

#### Fluid Leaks

Check area under vehicle after overnight parking for fuel, coolant, oil, or other fluid leaks. Also, if gasoline fumes are detected, the cause should be located and corrected immediately.

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#### **MIRRORS**

#### **Inside Day/Night Mirror**

The mirror should be adjusted to center on the view through the rear window. A two-point pivot system allows for horizontal and vertical adjustment of the mirror.



Annoying headlight glare can be reduced by moving the small control under the mirror to the night position (toward rear of vehicle). The mirror should be adjusted while set in the day position (toward windshield).

#### Inside Automatic Dimming Compass/Temperature Mirror — If Equipped

The automatic day/night mirror is equipped with three buttons: the left switch for the left LED lamp, the right switch for the right side LED lamp and the center switch for the compass/temperature function. Pressing the left and right switches simultaneously for more than 5 seconds will turn the auto dim function on or off. If the feature is turned off, it will automatically turn back on with the next ignition cycle. A green light next to the right button will indicate when the dimming feature is activated active. The mirror also senses the backup lamp circuit, and will automatically disable its self-dimming feature whenever the transmission gear selector is in the R (Reverse) position.



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## **CAUTION!**

To avoid damage to the mirror during cleaning, never spray any cleaning solution directly onto the mirror. Apply the solution onto a clean cloth and wipe the mirror clean.

The compass/temperature display provides the outside temperature and one of eight compass headings (N, NE, E, SE, S, SW, W, NW).

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Each time the center button is pressed and released within 3 seconds, the display toggles through the following three configurations:

- display compass/temperature (Fahrenheit),
- display compass/temperature (Celsius),
- and display off.

## **Compass Calibration**

#### **Automatic Calibration**

Once calibrated, the compass has the ability to selfcorrect for changes in magnetic field to keep the compass accurate. This is referred to as Automatic Calibration. If magnetic field changes are too great, the compass will enter CAL mode on it's own and manual calibration will be required. To recalibrate the compass, drive the vehicle at less than 5 mph (8 km/h) through up to 1½ 360° turns in an area free from large metal objects or power lines. When the compass has been calibrated, the CAL symbol will turn off and the compass will function normally.

When the vehicle is new, the compass should initially be verified for correct compass variance (refer to Compass Variation Adjustment) and calibrated manually (refer to Manual Calibration). This will ensure correct initial calibration and eliminate initial erroneous compass headings.

#### **Manual Calibration**

If the compass appears erratic and CAL does not appear, you must manually put the compass into the calibration mode. To ensure proper compass calibration, make sure the compass variance is properly set before manually calibrating the compass (refer to Compass Variation Adjustment).

To put the compass into calibration mode: Turn the ignition to the ON position. Press and hold the center button for more than 6 seconds until CAL (calibration mode) appears in the display. To change the display between VAR (compass variance) and CAL (compass calibration) modes. Release the button to invoke manual calibration mode. To recalibrate the compass, drive the vehicle at less than 5 mph (8 km/h) through up to CAL should display for a complete  $1\frac{1}{2}$  360° turns in an area

free from large metal objects or power lines. When the compass has been calibrated, the CAL symbol will turn off and the compass will function normally.

#### **Compass Variation Adjustment**

Compass Variance is the difference between magnetic north and geographic north. In some areas of the country, the difference between magnetic and geographic north is great enough to cause the compass to give false readings. If this occurs, the compass variance must be set according to the Compass Variance Map.

**NOTE:** When the mirror is in the VAR mode, the letter "Z" will be displayed along with the currently selected zone number.



To set the variance: Turn the ignition ON, and press and hold the center button for 3 to 6 seconds. The last variance zone number will be displayed. Each press of the center button will select a new variance zone. When the proper zone is selected, wait 5 seconds to resume normal operation.

## **Outside Mirrors**

To receive maximum benefit, adjust the outside mirror(s) to center on the adjacent lane of traffic with a slight overlap of the view obtained on the inside mirror.



## WARNING!

- Vehicles and other objects seen in the right side convex mirror will look smaller and f arther away than they really are. Relying too much on your right side mirror could cause you to collide with another vehicle or other object.
- Use your inside mirror when judging the size or distance of a vehicle seen in the right side mirror.

## SEATS

## WARNING!

Adjusting a seat while the vehicle is moving is dangerous. The sudden movement of the seat could cause you to lose control. The seat belt might not be properly adjusted and you could be injured. Adjust any seat only while the vehicle is parked.

## Front Seat Adjustment

Move seat forward or rearward by lifting the lever. Be sure the latch engages fully.



#### Front Seat Adjustment — Recline

To adjust seatback, lift lever, lean back, and release lever at desired position. To return seatback, lift the lever, lean forward and release the lever.



## WARNING!

Do not ride with the seatback reclined so that the shoulder belt is no longer resting against your chest. In a collision you could slide under the seat belt and be seriously or even fatally injured. Use the recliner only when the vehicle is parked.

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## **Tilting Front Seats**

Push the lever upward on the seatback to tilt the entire seat forward.



## **Fold And Tumble Rear Seat** To expand the cargo area:

1. Slide seat belts through the seat cushions into the cargo area.

2. Lift the seatback release lever and fold seatback forward.



3. Slowly flip the entire seat forward.



4. Secure the seat with the strap. Wrap strap around sport bar, and put one end of the strap through loop of the other end. Pull to tighten strap around sport bar. Place the opposite loop around hook of seat. Route the strap so that it is between the plates of the seat to eliminate slack and increase tension, as shown.



5. When completed, return seat to it's normal position.

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**Removing the Rear Seat** 

## WARNING!

- It is extremely dangerous to ride in a cargo area, inside or outside of a vehicle. In a collision people riding in these areas are more likely to be seriously injured or killed.
- Do not allow people to ride in any area of your vehicle that is not equipped with seats and seat belts.
- Be sure everyone in your vehicle is in a seat and using a seat belt properly.

- First fold the rear seat forward following steps 1 through 3 under "Fold and Tumble Rear Seat" in this section.
- Press down on release bar on each side, and pull seat out and away from lower bracket.
- Remove seat from the vehicle.



## **Replacing the Rear Seat**

Reverse steps for removing the seat. Be certain to pull the seat belts between the seat cushion and seatback. Position them for passenger use.

## WARNING!

- To help protect against personal injury, passengers should not be seated in the rear cargo area with the rear seat folded down or removed from the vehicle.
- The rear cargo space is intended for load carrying purposes only, not for passengers, who should sit in seats and use seat belts.

## **TO OPEN AND CLOSE THE HOOD** To open hood, first release both hood latches.



Next, locate handle in middle of the front end of the hood. Insert hand into gap between hood and radiator support and lift up on handle to raise hood. You may have to push down slightly on hood before lifting up on handle. Insert the support rod into the slot in the radiator support.

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To close the hood, remove the support rod from the radiator support and place it in the retaining clip. Lower the hood slowly, then let it drop the last few inches. Secure both of the hood latches.

## WARNING!

If the hood is not fully latched, it could fly up when the vehicle is moving and block your forward vision. Be sure all hood latches are latched fully before driving.

#### LIGHTS

## **Interior Lights**

The overhead light comes on when a door is opened. It may also be turned on by rotating the control for the dimmer switch on the muti-function control lever fully upward.

The overhead light will automatically turn off in about 20 minutes if a door is left open or the dimmer control is left in the dome light position. Turn the ignition switch ON to restore the overhead light operation.

## **Daytime Brightness Feature**

Certain instrument panel components (odometer, radio display) can be illuminated at full brightness during the daytime. This can be helpful when driving with your headlights on during the daytime such as in a parade or a funeral procession. To activate this feature, rotate the left stalk one detent lower than the dome light.

## **Multi-Function Control Lever**

The multi-function control lever controls the operation of the parking lights, headlights, headlight beam selection, passing light, fog lights, instrument panel light dimming, and turn signals.

## Parking Lights, Instrument Panel Lights, and Headlights

Turn the end of the multi-function control lever to the first detent for parking lights and instrument panel lights. Turn to the second detent for headlight operation.



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To change the brightness of the instrument panel lights, rotate the center portion of the muti-function control lever up or down.

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NOTE: If the driver's door is left open, and the headlights or parking lights are left on, the "High Beam Indicator Light" will flash and a chime will sound.

#### **Lights-On Reminder**

If the headlights or parking lights are on after the ignition 3 is turned off, a chime will sound when the driver's door is opened.

#### **Headlight Dimmer Switch**

Pull the multi-function control lever towards you to switch the headlights to HIGH beam. Pull the mutifunction control lever a second time to switch the headlights to LOW beam.

#### Passing Light

You can signal another vehicle with your headlights by lightly pulling the multi-function control lever toward the steering wheel. This will cause the headlights to turn on at high beam and remain on until the lever is released.

#### Front Fog Lights — If Equipped

The front fog light switch is in the multi-function control lever. To activate the front fog lights, turn on the parking or low beam headlights and pull out the end of the lever.

**NOTE:** The fog lights will only operate with the parking lights or the headlights on low beam. Selecting high beam headlights will turn off the fog lights.

#### **Turn Signals**

Move the multi-function control lever up or down and the arrows on each side of the instrument cluster flash to show proper operation of the front and rear turn signal lights. You can signal a lane change by moving the lever partially up or down without moving beyond the detent.

If either light remains on and does not flash, or there is a very fast flash rate, check for a defective outside light bulb. If an indicator fails to light when the lever is moved, it would suggest that the fuse or indicator bulb is defective.

**NOTE:** A tone will chime if the turn signals are left on for more than 1 mile (2 km).

## Daytime Running Lights — Canada Only

The headlights come on at a low intensity level after the vehicle has been driven approximately 3 feet (1 meter). They will turn off when the vehicle is turned off or when the headlights are switched on.

#### WINDSHIELD WIPERS AND WASHERS

## **CAUTION!**

In cold weather, always turn off the wiper switch and allow the wipers to return to the park position before turning off the engine. If the wiper switch is left on and the wipers freeze to the windshield, damage to the wiper motor may occur when the vehicle is restarted.

#### Intermittent Wiper System

Use the intermittent wiper when weather conditions make a single wiping cycle, with a variable pause between cycles, desirable. Move the lever to the DELAY position, then select the delay interval by turning the end of the lever. The delay can be regulated from a maximum of approximately 18 seconds between cycles, to a cycle every second.

#### Windshield Wiper Operation

Move the lever upward to the second detent for LO speed wiper operation, or to the third detent for HI speed operation



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#### Windshield Washers

To use the washer, pull the lever toward you and hold while spray is desired. If the lever is pulled while in the delay range, the wiper will operate for two wipe cycles after the lever is released, and then resume the intermittent interval previously selected.

If the lever is pulled while in the OFF position, the wipers will operate for as long as the lever is held plus two wipe cycles, then turn OFF.

#### **Mist Feature**

Push down on the wiper lever to activate a single wipe to clear off road mist or spray from a passing vehicle. As long as the lever is held down, the wipers will continue to operate.

#### **TILT STEERING COLUMN**

To tilt the column, push down on the lever below the turn signal control and move the wheel up or down, as desired. Pull the lever back upwards to lock the column firmly in place.



## WARNING!

Tilting the steering column while the vehicle is moving is dangerous. Without a stable steering column, you could lose control of the vehicle and have an accident. Adjust the column only while the vehicle is stopped. Be sure it is locked before driving.

## **ELECTRONIC SPEED CONTROL**

When engaged, this device takes over accelerator operations at speeds greater than 35 mph (60 km/h). The controls are mounted on the steering wheel and consist of ON·OFF, SET, RESUME/ACCEL, CANCEL, and COAST controls.



#### **To Activate**

Press and release the ON·OFF button to turn the system on. To turn the system off, press the ON·OFF button again. The system should be turned off when not in use. The CRUISE indicator light in the instrument cluster illuminates when the system is on.

## To Set At A Desired Speed

When the vehicle has reached the desired speed, press and release the SET button. Release the accelerator and the vehicle will operate at the selected speed.

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#### **To Deactivate**

A soft tap on the brake pedal, normal braking, or pressing the CANCEL button will deactivate the Speed Control without erasing the memory. Pressing the ON·OFF button or turning off the ignition erases the memory.

## To Resume Speed

To resume a previously set speed, press and release the RESUME/ACCEL button. Resume can be used at any speed above 30 mph (50 km/h).

### To Vary The Speed Setting

When the Speed Control is on and set, speed can be increased by pressing and holding the RESUME/ACCEL button. When the button is released, a new set speed will be established.

Tapping the RESUME/ACCEL button once will result in a 2 mph (3 km/h) speed increase. Each time the button is tapped, speed increases, so tapping the button three times will increase speed by 6 mph (9 km/h), etc.

To decrease speed while speed control is on and set, press and hold the COAST button. Release the button when the desired speed is reached, and the new speed will be set.

#### To Accelerate for Passing

Depress the accelerator as you would normally. When the pedal is released, the vehicle will return to the set speed.

**NOTE:** When driving uphill, at elevations above 2,000 ft. (610 meters), or when the vehicle is heavily loaded (especially when towing) the vehicle may slow below the SET speed. (If the vehicle speed drops below 30 mph (48 km/h), the Speed Control will automatically disengage). If this happens, you can push down on the accelerator pedal to maintain the desired speed.

## WARNING!

Leaving the Speed Control on when not in use is dangerous. You could accidentally set the system or cause it to go faster than you want. You could lose control and have an accident. Always turn the system off when you are not using it.

# CIGAR LIGHTER AND ASHTRAYS — IF EQUIPPED

The vehicle may be equipped with a cigar lighter receptacle, element, and ashtray (Smoker's Package Only). The cigar lighter will be located in the lower instrument panel (near the heater controls), and the removable ashtray will be located in the center console.



## ELECTRICAL POWER OUTLET

To the right of the cigar lighter (if equipped) is the 12 volt power outlet. The outlet is connected directly to the battery, items plugged into this outlet may discharge the battery and/or prevent engine starting. The outlet includes a tethered cap labeled with a battery symbol indicating the power source.



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**Electrical Outlet Use With Engine Off** 

#### WARNING!

- Many accessories that can be plugged in draw power from the vehicle's battery, even when not in use (i.e. cellular phones, etc.). Eventually, if plugged in long enough, the vehicle's battery will discharge sufficiently to degrade battery life and/or prevent engine starting.
- Accessories that draw higher power (i.e. coolers, vacuum cleaners, lights, etc.), will degrade the battery even more quickly. Only use these intermittently and with greater caution.
- After the use of high power draw accessories, or long periods of the vehicle not being started (with accessories still plugged in), the vehicle must be driven a sufficient length of time to allow the alternator to recharge the vehicle's battery.
- Power outlets are designed for accessory plugs only. Do not hang any type of accessory or accessory bracket from the plug. Improper use of the power outlet can cause damage not covered by your warranty.

## **CUP HOLDERS**

In the center console there are two cup holders for the front seat passengers.

**NOTE:** The cup holder insert is removable from the console, for cleaning.



The rear passengers have cup holders at the rear of the center console.



## STORAGE

## **Glove Compartment**

To unlock the glove compartment, insert the key and turn. To open, pull the latch up.



**Console Storage Compartment** — **If Equipped** To unlock, insert key and turn. To open, press the latch button.

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Add-A-Trunk<sup>™</sup> — If Equipped The factory-installed Add-A-Trunk<sup>™</sup> option provides a

secured compartment for parcels or equipment when the tailgate is closed and locked. To gain access to this compartment, simply open the tailgate and release the spring loaded latch pins. The cover of the Add-A-Trunk<sup>TM</sup> can then be raised.

When the Add-A-Trunk<sup>™</sup> is not desired, it can be easily removed from the rear compartment. Remove the four knobs that secure the "trunk" to the body. Lift the Add-A-Trunk<sup>™</sup> out and place the knobs in the molded-in storage area. Storage space is also provided for the wheel lock, and lock key tool.

Do not leave the Add-A-Trunk  $^{TM}$  loose in your vehicle. Remove it and store it in a safe place.

## DUAL TOP — IF EQUIPPED

If your vehicle is equipped with a Dual Top, **you must remove one of the tops from the vehicle.** The soft top was installed at the factory for shipping purposes only. **The soft top and the hard top are to be used independently.** Removal is mandatory to prevent any possible wear and tear on the soft top, should both tops remain on the vehicle at the same time. Failure to do so may void your soft top warranty.

## **Removing The Soft Top**

1. Locate and remove the 2 boxes that contain the following items:

- right and left door frames
- door frame attachment knobs (4)
- right and left quarter windows
- rear tailgate window

2. Remove the hard top. Refer to "Hard Top Removal" in this section.

3. Remove the soft top bow assembly pivot bracket screws (2 per side) using a #30 Torx<sup>®</sup> head driver.

4. Using a rubber mallet, carefully tap the knuckles from the outside edge. This will remove the bow assembly from the pivot bracket. Remove the soft top from the vehicle and store in a clean, dry location.



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5. Unzip the zipper on the sport bar cover to expose the pivot bracket. Remove the brackets using a #T40 Torx<sup>®</sup> head driver. Recover and re-zip the sports bar cover. Store pivot brackets and screws in a safe place.



6. Reinstall the hard top. Refer to "Hard Top Installation" in this section.

#### Installing the Soft Top

**NOTE:** The following procedures are for first time set up only. For future soft top procedures, refer to "Soft Top" in this section. 1. Locate and remove the following items prior to hard top removal:

- right and left door frames
- door frame attachment knobs (4)
- right and left quarter windows
- rear tailgate window.

2. Remove the hard top. Refer to "Hard Top Removal" in this section.

3. Install the door frames. Refer to "Door Frame" in this section.

4. If the soft top has been removed, follow these steps to reinstall the soft top. If the soft top is on the vehicle, proceed to step #4.

a. If the pivot brackets have been removed, unzip the sport bar cover and attach the pivot brackets and screws with a #T40 Torx<sup>®</sup> head driver. Re-cover and re-zip sport bar cover.

b. If the door frames have been removed, re-install them (refer to "Door Frame" in this section).

c. Lay the soft top back into the vehicle with the curved portion of the bows facing upward.

d. Tap the knuckles on the side with a rubber mallet to reattach them to the pivot bracket.

e. Screw the pivot screws back into place. Secure them until they are snug being careful not to cross-thread the screws.



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## CAUTION!

Do not overtighten the screws. You can strip the screws if they are overtightened.

5. Unsnap and remove the black boot cover. This cover should be discarded. It was intended as a protective cover for shipping only.

**NOTE:** A visual instruction sheet is enclosed in the dual top wrap.



6. Open the tailgate.

7. Remove the tailgate bar (black bar with end caps) that is located in the soft top and set aside.

**NOTE:** Be sure the wire harness is not attached to the soft top bows before you lift the top.

8. Lift the soft top fabric up and away from the plastic header with latches.

9. Pull all of the soft top fabric toward the rear of the vehicle and wrap around the plastic header.

10. Pull the soft top fabric around the ends of the plastic header so that the fabric has a tight, smooth appearance.

11. Working from the rear of the vehicle with the tailgate open, lift the plastic header up and over the sport bar. As the header reaches the top, locate the 2 bow and push it up and over the sport bar.



12. Move to the side of the vehicle and pull the side bow forward and down. You will see the 3 bow rise from the rear of the vehicle.



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13. Unclip and move the sun visor to the side.



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14. Open the header latches and engage the hooks on each side into the windshield slot.

**NOTE:** Do not latch at this time.



15. Grasp the drip rail retainers and untuck them from the door frame. The soft top fabric should cover the header completely from one side to the other. This may require you to pull some of the fabric down and around the corners. Repeat this step for the other side.



**NOTE:** Do not tuck the drip rail retainers into the frame at this time.
16. Move to the rear of the vehicle and gently pull the sail panels over the 3 bow. Let them hang down over the sport bar. Make sure that the nylon check straps between the 2 bow and 3 bow are not twisted or wrapped around the 2 bow.



NOTE: Do not tuck the sail panel retainers at this time.

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17. Fold the rear seat back and sit in the rear cargo area, facing rearward. Look up at the 2 bow. Wrap fabric around 2 bow attaching it with the Velcro<sup>®</sup>. Look up at the 3 bow and locate the 4 snaps on the rear side of the 3 bow. Grasp the fabric rearward of the 3 bow (fabric contains the snaps) and pull it up and around, attaching 3 all 4 snaps. Return the rear seat to it's original position.



18. Begin working from the rear tailgate opening and align the sail panel retainer to the edge of the body side retainer. Tuck the retainer around the corner working from back to front.



**NOTE:** This may be difficult to do the first time. The fabric will stretch after the soft top is installed in the up position.

19. To install the quarter window, affix the rear corner of the quarter window temporarily to the Velcro<sup>®</sup> in the rear of the vehicle. Now, zip the zipper only about 1 inch (2.5 cm). At this time, it is necessary to tuck in the door frame retainer into the door frame. After the door frame retainer has been tucked in completely, remove the window from the Velcro<sup>®</sup> and finish zipping in the window. Tuck and fold the Velcro<sup>®</sup> flaps which are above and to the rear of the quarter windows. Repeat this step for the other side.



20. Tuck in the bottom retainers on the quarter windows into the bodyside retainer, beginning from the rear and working to the front of the vehicle. Repeat this step for the other side.



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21. Locate the black retainer bar that was set aside. Remove and discard the end caps. Slide the retainer bar over the receiver at the bottom inside, with the bulky seal away from you.



22. Zip the rear window beginning from the left using both zipper ends. Leave one zipper end at the start.



23. Tuck in the retainer bar ends into the tailgate clips on each side of the tailgate opening. 22





- UNDERSTANDING THE FEATURES OF YOUR VEHICLE 77 24. Tuck in the plastic retainers on each side of the rear
  - 25. Tuck in the drip rail retainers into the rail slot.





26. Close the header latches and position the sun visor.

### HARD TOP

## **CAUTION!**

- The hard top is not designed to carry any additional loads such as roof racks, spare tires, building, hunting, or camping supplies, and/or luggage, etc. Also, it was not designed as a structural member of the vehicle, and thus cannot properly carry any additional loads other than environmental (rain, snow, etc.).
- The hard top does not include any devices to properly secure any loads on the roof, and any damage (structural or surface finish) that occurs due to any additional loading to the top area will void the vehicle warranty.

# CAUTION!

Do not move your vehicle until the top has been either fully attached to the windshield frame and bodyside, or fully removed.

#### Hard Top Removal

1. Fold down the sun visors and move them to the side.

2. Unlatch the two hard top latches located at the top of the windshield.



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3. Unbolt the six Torx<sup>®</sup> head screws which secure the hard top to the vehicle using a #40 Torx<sup>®</sup> head driver.



## **CAUTION!**

When removing the 2 front screws just rearward of the doors, make sure that the nut does not fall into the seat belt retractor. Grasp the nut to prevent this from occurring.

**NOTE:** On a dual top vehicle, the two rear and center nuts are retained onto the bodyside.

4. Open both doors.

5. Open tailgate all the way to ensure clearance of the rear window glass. Lift rear window glass.



6. Locate the wiring harness at the rear left side corner of the vehicle.



7. Disconnect the washer hose and install the tethered cap.



materials from entering tube and clogging system.

8. Disconnect the wire harness from the hard top by pressing the tab at the side of the connector and pulling to disconnect.

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**NOTE:** If the red latch on the connector is locked, push the red latch to the right until you can only see the latch on one end (right) of the connector. This will unlock connector tab, allowing the tab to be pressed down and enabling the harness to be disconnected from the hard top.



9. Remove the hard top from the vehicle.

10. Fold the harness back and secure it to the main harness using the attached Velcro<sup>®</sup> strap, to prevent the harness from rattling.

**NOTE:** If the doors are to be removed, pull the #4 fuse from the fuse block to prevent dome lamp illumination.

#### Hard Top Installation

**NOTE:** If the door frames are installed from soft top usage, they must be removed prior to installation of the hard top.

1. Inspect the hard top seals for damage and replace if necessary.

2. Install the hard top using the same steps for removal in reverse order.

**NOTE:** The hard top must be positioned properly to ensure sealing. Set the hard top on the windshield frame so that there is no overhang. Also, make sure that the hard top is sitting flush with the body at the sides and check to ensure that there is a uniform gap between the lift glass and hard top.

SOFT TOP

#### **CAUTION!**

- The soft top is not designed to carry any additional loads such as roof racks, spare tires, building, hunting, or camping supplies, and/or luggage, etc. Also, it was not designed as a structural member of the vehicle, and thus cannot properly carry any additional loads other than environmental (rain, snow, etc.).
- The soft top does not include any devices to properly secure any loads on the roof, and any damage (structural or surface finish) that occurs due to any additional loading to the top area will void any vehicle warranty.

If the temperature is below  $72^{\circ}F$  (24°C) and/or the top has been folded down for a period of time, the top will appear to have shrunk when you raise it, making it difficult to put up. This is caused by a natural contraction of the vinyl coating on the fabric top.

Place the vehicle in a warm area. Pull steadily on the top fabric. The vinyl will stretch back to its original size and the top can then be snapped into place. If temperature is 41°F (5°C) or below, do not attempt to put the top down or roll the rear or side curtains.

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## **CAUTION!**

- Do not run a fabric top through an automatic car wash. Window scratches and wax build up may result.
- Do not lower the top when the temperature is below 41°F (5°C). Damage to the top may result.
- Do not lower the top when the windows are dirty. Grit may scratch the window.
- Do not move your vehicle until the top has been either fully attached to the windshield frame, or fully lowered.
- Do not lower the top with the windows installed. Window and top damage may occur.
- Refer to "Appearance Care for Fabric Top Models" in Section 7 of this manual. It contains important information on cleaning and caring for your vehicle's fabric top.

# WARNING!

- Do not drive vehicle with rear window curtain up unless side curtains are also open. Dangerous exhaust gases which can kill could enter the vehicle.
- The fabric upper doors and fabric top are designed only for protection against the elements. Do not rely on them to contain occupants within the vehicle or to protect against injury during an accident. Remember, always wear seat belts.

# Folding Down The Soft Top

1. If your vehicle has half doors, remove each half door window by opening the door and lifting the half door window out.



**NOTE:** Stow half doors carefully outside of the vehicle, never inside to avoid scratches.

2. Grasp the drip rail retainers and untuck both of them from the door frame slot. Repeat this on the other side.



3. Unclip and move the sun visor to the side.

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- 4. Release the header latches and leave the hooks in the windshield slots.



5. Open the tailgate, partially unzip the rear window on each side, and unlock the rear window retainers.



**NOTE:** If zippers are difficult to operate due to road dust, etc., clean them with a mild soap solution and a small brush. Cleaning products are available through Mopar<sup>®</sup> distributors.

6. Pull the retainer bar straight out from the tailgate clips.



• Remove the rear window entirely. This is done by unzipping the window bringing the right zipper tab all the way to the end of the zipper track at the bottom left corner. Stow the windows carefully to avoid scratching, pull up on the window to disengage zipper end.

7. Beginning from the rear, moving forward, partially unzip the side window and untuck the bottom retainers.



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8. Finish unzipping the window and repeat this step on the other side.

**NOTE:** Stow clean windows carefully outside of the vehicle to avoid scratches.

9. Untuck the sail panels from the bodyside.



10. Remove Sunrider<sup>TM</sup> pins to release side rails from brackets located on both door rails (Unlimited Models Only).

11. Release the hook portion of the latches. Grasp the side bow behind the header and lift the top back.



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12. As you begin to lower the top, wrap the sail panels so that they rest on the roof of the vehicle.



**NOTE:** If your vehicle is equipped with a Dual Top, ensure that the hard top wire harness is folded back and secured to the main harness, using the attached Velcro<sup>®</sup> strap, to prevent connector damage.

13. Make sure the sides of the top are folded inward as the top continues to fold, and that the check straps are clear of the vehicle. Tuck the top between the 2 bow and the 3 bow as it folds.



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- 14. Tuck the top between the 2 bow and the header.



15. After the top is folded down, ensure that the drip rail retainers are tucked in inward as shown. This is to avoid unnecessary wear to the fabric.



16. After the top is folded down, the check straps must be wrapped around the header. This will keep them from hanging and flapping outside the vehicle.



# Putting Up The Soft Top

**NOTE:** Be sure the wire harness is not attached to the soft top bows before you lift the top.

1. Slide Sunrider sleeve towards header to cover Sunrider link (Unlimited Models Only).

2. Begin working from the rear of the vehicle, with the tailgate open. Lift the plastic header (with latches) up and over the sport bar. As the header reaches the top, locate the 2 bow and push it up and over the sport bar.



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3. Move to the side of the vehicle and pull the side bow forward and down. Be sure the check straps are not tangled around the 2 bow. You will see the 3 bow rise from the rear of the vehicle.



4. Unclip and move the sun visor to the side.



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5. Open the header latches and engage the hook on each side into the windshield slot.



6. Guide side bows down into bracket on door rails. Make sure door rail Sunrider pins engage into bracket on side bows (Unlimited Models Only).

7. Grasp the drip rail retainer and untuck them from the door frame.



**NOTE:** Do not tuck the drip rails into the door frame at this time.

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8. Move to the rear of the vehicle and gently pull the sail panels over the 3 bow. Let them hang down over the sport bar.



9. Tuck the sail panel retainer into the bodyside retainer. Begin working from the rear tailgate opening and work to the corner.



**NOTE:** This may be difficult to do the first time. If difficulty is experienced with fabric tension, place your hand on top of the 3 bow and push down to help tuck in the sail panels.



10. To install the quarter windows, affix the rear corner of the window temporarily. Now, zip the zipper only about 1 inch (2.5 cm). At this time it is necessary to tuck in the door frame retainer.



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11. After the door frame retainer has been completely tucked in, finish zipping in the window. Then affix the Velcro $^{\textcircled{B}}$  flaps around the window.



12. Tuck the bottom retainers on the quarter window into the bodyside retainer, beginning from the rear and working to the front of the vehicle. Repeat this step for the other side.



13. Zip in rear window beginning from the left using both zipper ends. Leave one zipper end at the start.



14. To assist in getting the zipper started, lay the bar on the inside of the wheel wells and uninstall half of the D-pillar retainer from U-rail to expose zipper ends.



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- 15. Tuck the retainer bar into the tailgate clip.



16. Tuck in the solid plastic retainers on each side of the tailgate under the tailgate clip.



17. Tuck in drip rail retainers into the door frame slots.



18. Close the header latches and return the sun visor to it's original position.



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# To Raise

1. Grasp the drip rail retainers and untuck both of them from the door frame slot. Repeat this on the other side.



- 2. Unclip and move the sun visors to the side.
- 3. Release the header latches, and slide the plastic sleeves forward.



4. Grasp the header and lift the top back. Make sure the material is folded back as shown. Secure latches to plastic retainer on header. Locate strap to secure the header to the sport bar. Wrap strap around sport bar and hook to header and tighten.



5. Attach and reposition sunvisors.

## To Lower

- 1. Remove strap from header and sport bar.
- 2. Release header latches from header retainer.
- 3. Unclip and move the sun visors to the side.
- 4. Grasp the front header and pull to the front of the vehicle.
- 5. Slide plastic sleeve rearward over Sunrider<sup>™</sup> link.

6. Tuck drip rail retainers into the door frame slots.

7. Close the header latches, and return sun visors to their original position.

## DOOR FRAME

# WARNING!

Do not drive your vehicle on-pavement with the door frame removed or the windshield down as you lose the protection these structural elements can provide. These two procedures are furnished for use during off-road operation only.

#### **Door Frame Removal**

1. Unscrew and remove the door frame attachment knobs. Place one hand in the upper rear and one hand on the upper front of the door frame. Pull the frame towards you with your rearward hand to remove the frame from the vehicle. UNDERSTANDING THE FEATURES OF YOUR VEHICLE 101

2. Fold the door frames and store the knobs and door frames outside of the vehicle. Repeat this step for the other side.

#### WARNING!

- Use both hands to remove the door frames. The door frames will fold and could cause injury if both hands are not used.
- Never store the door frames in your vehicle. In an event of an accident, a loose door frame many cause personal injury. If removed, always store the door frames outside of the vehicle.

#### **Door Frame Installation**

1. Set the door frame pin into the hole on top of the body side, just behind the door opening.

2. Insert the top front of the door frame into the opening at the top corner of the door opening. Push the top rear of the door frame to the side bar.



3. Slide door frame forward until the pin holes in the top line up with the holes in the side bar. Screw in the knobs and tighten, beginning with the front knob. Repeat procedures on the other side.



### FOLDING WINDSHIELD

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The fold down windshield and removable side bars on your vehicle are structural elements that can provide some protection in some accidents. The windshield also provides some protection against weather, road debris and intrusion of small branches and other objects.

Do not drive your vehicle on-road with the windshield down and the side bars removed as you lose the protection these structural elements can provide. NOTE: Before lowering windshield, disconnect the electrical connector for the inside Compass/Temperature mirror (if equipped).

If required for certain off-road uses, the side bars can be removed and the windshield folded down. However, the protection afforded by these features is then lost. If you remove the side bars and fold down the windshield, drive slowly and cautiously. It is recommended that the speed of the vehicle be limited to 10 mph (16 km/h), with low range operation preferred, if you are driving off-road with the windshield folded down.

Raise the windshield and reinstall the side bars as soon as the task that required their removal is completed and before you return to on-road driving. Both you and your passenger should wear seat belts at all times, on-road and off-road, regardless of whether the windshield is raised or folded down.

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Outside rear view mirrors are mounted on the doors. If you choose to remove the doors, see your authorized dealer for a replacement cowl-mounted outside mirror. Federal law requires outside mirrors on vehicles for on-road use.

NOTE: If the doors are removed, the courtesy lights 3 will remain on. To turn these lights off, remove fuse #4 in the fuse panel. Refer to "Fuse Panel" in Section 7 of this manual.

## WARNING!

Carefully follow these warnings to help protect against personal injury:

- Do not drive your vehicle on-road with the windshield down.
- Do not drive your vehicle unless the windshield is securely fastened, either up or down.
- Eye protection, such as goggles, should be worn at all times when the windshield is down.
- Be sure that you carefully follow the instructions for raising the windshield. Make sure that the folding windshield, windshield wipers, side bars, and all associated hardware and fasteners are correctly and tightly assembled before driving your vehicle. Failure to follow these instructions may prevent your vehicle from providing you and your passengers protection in some accidents.
- If you remove the doors, store them outside the vehicle. In the event of an accident, a loose door may cause personal injury.

# Lowering the Windshield and Removing Side Bars

1. Lower the fabric top or remove the hard top following the instructions in this manual.

2. Remove the sun visors, if desired. Store the sun visors.



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3. Remove the two Torx<sup>®</sup> head screws holding each side bar to the windshield frame. Shift the side bar inboard to clear windshield pillar molding when removing the side bar.



**NOTE:** Store all of the mounting bolts in their original threaded holes and tighten for safekeeping.

4. Unzip the sport bar padding to expose the side bar bolts. Remove the two front and rear Torx<sup>®</sup> head screws for each bar. Remove the side bars and rezip sport bar padding in place.

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Do not loosen or remove the adjusting bolts on the side of the side bars. These bolts are set at the factory to properly fit the side bar to the vehicle.

#### CAUTION!

Do not remove the head impact foam from the side bars, as damage to the foam may result.

5. To safely store the side bars in your vehicle, use four of the cinch straps, found in the glove box. Attach the straps through the footman loops located in the floor behind the folded rear seat on each side of the vehicle.

## WARNING!

You or others could be injured if you carry the side bars loose in your vehicle. Remove the bars from the vehicle or securely store them as described or they may cause personal injury if an accident occurs. See your authorized dealer for replacement if the cinch straps are not found in the glove box. 6. Remove the windshield wipers by first pulling the wiper away from the windshield and out to the "lock" position. Then, using a small flat tool such as a screw driver, release the retaining clip. Lift the wipers off and store in center console or securely behind the rear seat.



7. Remove the black round headed windshield Torx<sup>®</sup> head screw on each side of the base of the windshield.



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8. Lower the windshield gently until it contacts the rubber hood bumpers.



9. Secure the windshield by passing the remaining cinch strap, found in the glove box, through the footman hoop on the center of the hood and on the center of the windshield frame. Tighten the strap to secure the windshield in place.



**Raising The Windshield And Replacing Side Bars** To raise the windshield, install the windshield wipers, and install the side bars use these same steps in reverse.

#### WARNING!

To help protect against personal injury, always install the side bars when raising the windshield on your vehicle. If you do not raise the windshield and install the side bars, you lose the protection these structural elements provide in some accidents.
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# **INSTRUMENT CLUSTER**



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#### **INSTRUMENT CLUSTER DESCRIPTION**

Your vehicle is equipped with the instrument cluster described on the following pages.

#### 1. Voltmeter

Indicates available battery voltage and charging system operation. The lower red zone indicates that battery charge may be too low to start the engine. With the engine running, the normal operating range is between 11 and 15 volts. Prolonged gauge readings between 8-11 (undercharge) or above 15 (overcharge) indicate possible malfunction of generator, voltage regulator or battery. See your dealer if such indications occur.

# 2. Front Fog Light Indicator Light — If Equipped This light shows when the front fog lights are

on.

# 3. Cruise Indicator Light

**CRUISE** This light shows when the electronic speed control system is turned on.

# 4. Sentry Key Indicator Light — If Equipped



Refer to "Sentry Key Immobilizer System" in Section 2 of this manual.

#### 5. Tachometer

Indicates the engine speed in revolutions per minute (RPM).

### **CAUTION!**

Do not operate the engine with the tachometer pointer in the red area. Engine damage will occur.

# 6. Turn Signal Indicator Lights

The arrows will flash with the exterior turn signals when the turn signal lever is operated. A tone will chime if the turn signals are left on for more than 1 mile (2 km).

# 7. High Beam Indicator Light

This light shows that the headlights are on high beam. Pull the turn signal lever towards the steering wheel to switch the headlights from high or low. If the driver's door is open, and the headlights or parklights are left on, the "High Beam Indicator Light" will flash and a chime will sound.

#### 8. Seat Belt Indicator Light

A warning chime and an indicator light will alert you to buckle the seat belts. When the belt is buckled, the chime will stop, but the light will stay on until it times out (about 6 seconds).

#### 9. Speedometer

Indicates vehicle speed.

#### **10.** Front Axle Lock Indicator Light — If Equipped

Indicates when the front axle lock has been FRONT activated. LOCK

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11. Rear Axle Lock Indicator Light — If Equipped Indicates when the rear axle lock has been REAR activated. LOCK

#### 12. 4WD Indicator Light

This light alerts the driver that the vehicle is in the four-wheel drive mode, and the front 4 4WD and rear driveshafts are mechanically locked together forcing the front and rear wheels to rotate at the same speed.

## 13. Shift Indicator Light — If Equipped

This light shows the driver when to shift to the next higher gear for best fuel economy (4.0L Only).

#### 14. Oil Pressure Gauge

Market Andreas Angle Ang not indicate oil level, and pressure varies with engine speed, temperature and oil viscosity. Consistent lower readings indicate possible malfunction. Seek authorized service.

#### 15. Coolant Temperature Gauge

Indicates engine coolant temperature. The red zone to the far right indicates possible overheating. Seek authorized service immediately if the

gauge operates in the red zone. In U.S. vehicles, temperature is indicated in degrees fahrenheit; in Canadian vehicles in degrees centigrade.

# 16. Airbag Warning Light



This indicator lights and remains lit for 6 to 8 seconds when the ignition is first turned on. If the light does not come on for 6 to 8 seconds, stays on or comes on while driving,

have the airbag system checked by an authorized dealer.

#### 17. Check Gauges Warning Light

**CHECK** This light monitors the engine coolant tem-**GAUGES** perature, engine oil pressure, and voltage

gauges. If it detects an extreme condition a chime will sound and the light will come on. If the light comes on, check the operation of these gauges for a malfunction condition.

#### 18. Malfunction Indicator Light

This light is a part of an Onboard Diagnostic System called OBD II that monitors engine, and automatic transmission control systems. The light will illuminate when the ignition is in the ON position before engine start. If the bulb does not come on when turning the key from OFF to ON, have the condition checked promptly.

Certain conditions such as a loose or missing gas cap, poor quality fuel, etc. may illuminate the light after engine start. The vehicle should be serviced if the light stays on through several typical driving styles. In most situations, the vehicle will drive normally and will not require towing.

When the engine is running, the "Malfunction Indicator Light" may flash to alert serious conditions that could lead to immediate loss of power or severe catalytic converter damage. The vehicle should be serviced as soon as possible if this occurs.

#### **19. Trip Odometer Button**

Press and release this button to toggle between the odometer and trip odometer displays. This button is also used to reset the trip odometer to 0. While the display is showing the trip odometer, press and hold the button for approximately 2 seconds and the display will reset to 0.

# 20. Odometer/Trip Odometer

The odometer shows the total distance the vehicle has been driven.

The odometer will "illuminate" when the driver's door has been opened, and will remain on for 20 seconds after exiting the vehicle.

U.S. federal regulations require that upon transfer of vehicle ownership, the seller certify to the purchaser the correct mileage that the vehicle has been driven. Therefore, if the odometer reading is changed during repair or replacement, be sure to keep a record of the reading before and after the service so the correct mileage can be determined.

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The trip odometer shows individual mileage up to 999.9 miles (1 600 km). To switch from odometer to trip odometer, press the trip odometer button.

#### 21. Anti-Lock (ABS) Warning Light

(ABG) After ignition is turned on, illuminates to indicate function check at vehicle start-up. If light remains on after start-up or comes on and stays on at 🛛 road speeds, it may indicate that the ABS has detected a malfunction or has become inoperative. The system reverts to standard non-anti-lock brakes.

If both the red BRAKE warning light and the amber ABS warning light are on, see your dealer immediately. Refer to "Anti-Lock Brake System" in Section 5 of this manual.

#### 22. Brake Warning Light

After ignition is turned on, illuminates to in-BRAKE dicate function check at vehicle start-up. Indi-

cates parking brake is applied. If the light stays on when the parking brake is off, it indicates a possible brake system fluid leak or low pressure level, see your authorized dealer immediately.

If the parking brake is applied and the vehicle is in motion, the red BRAKE warning light will "flash" and a chime will sound.

The operation of the BRAKE warning light can be checked by turning the ignition switch from the OFF position to the ON position. The light should illuminate for approximately two seconds. The light should then turn off unless the parking brake is applied or a brake fault is detected. If the light does not illuminate, have the light inspected by an authorized dealer.

#### 23. Low Fuel Warning Light

When the fuel level reaches approximately 2 U.S. Gallons (7.6L) this light will come on and remain on until fuel is added. The "Low Fuel Warning Light" may turn on and off again, especially during and after hard braking, accelerations, or turns. This occurs due to the shifting of the fuel in the tank.

#### 24. Fuel Cap Indicator



This symbol indicates the side of the vehicle where the fuel cap is located.

#### 25. Fuel Gauge

The pointer shows the level of fuel in the fuel tank. When the fuel gauge pointer initially moves to E, for your safety, approximately 2 U.S. Gallons (7.6L) of fuel remain.

**NOTE:** When the ignition switch is turned to OFF, the fuel gauge, voltmeter, oil pressure and temperature gauges may not show accurate readings. When the engine is not running, turn the ignition switch to ON to obtain accurate readings.

# **ELECTRONIC DIGITAL CLOCK**

The clock and radio each use the display panel built into the radio. A digital readout shows the time in hours and minutes whenever the ignition switch is in the ON or ACC position and the time button is pressed.

When the ignition switch is in the OFF position, or when the radio frequency is being displayed, time keeping is accurately maintained.

# **Clock Setting Procedure**

1. Turn the ignition switch to the ON or ACC position and press the time button. Using the tip of a ballpoint pen or similar object, press either the hour (H) or minute (M) buttons on the radio.

2. Press the H button to set hours or the M button to set minutes. The time setting will increase each time you press a button.

### **RADIO GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **Radio Broadcast Signals**

Your new radio will provide excellent reception under most operating conditions. Like any system, however, car radios have performance limitations, due to mobile operation and natural phenomena, which might lead you to believe your sound system is malfunctioning. To help you understand and save you concern about these "apparent" malfunctions, you must understand a point or two about the transmission and reception of radio signals.

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#### Two Types of Signals

There are two basic types of radio signals... AM or Amplitude Modulation, in which the transmitted sound causes the amplitude, or height, of the radio waves to vary... and FM or Frequency Modulation, in which the frequency of the wave is varied to carry the sound.

# **Electrical Disturbances**

Radio waves may pick up electrical disturbances during transmission. They mainly affect the wave amplitude, and thus remain a part of the AM reception. They interfere very little with the frequency variations that carry the FM signal.

# AM Reception

AM sound is based on wave amplitude, so AM reception can be disrupted by such things as lightning, power lines and neon signs.

# **FM Reception**

Because FM transmission is based on frequency variations, interference that consists of amplitude variations can be filtered out, leaving the reception relatively clear, which is the major feature of FM radio.

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#### **Radio Security Code**

This radio is equipped with an anti-theft feature which requires that a four digit code number be entered whenever the power supply is interrupted (such as a disconnected battery). The four digit code can be found on the last page of this manual. Please remove this page from the manual and store it in a safe place outside of the vehicle. To enter the code, turn the key to the ON or ACC position and press the ON/VOL control. The word CODE will appear on the display. Enter your four digit code by pressing the appropriate preset buttons in sequence. Your radio is now ready for basic operation.

If an invalid code is entered into the radio, the radio will allow two more attempts. After a third attempt of entering an invalid code, the radio will go into a lockup mode. This is to prevent continuous attempts at entering the wrong code until the right code is found.

Once a radio is in this lockup mode, it must be in a state where battery is applied for approximately 30 minutes. During this time, if the radio is on, the display will show "WAIT". After approximately 30 minutes, (radio on) radio will display "CODE" thereby again querying the operator for the 4 digit anti-theft code.

# **Operating Instructions - Radio Mode**

**NOTE:** Power to operate the radio is supplied through the ignition switch. It must be in the ON or ACC position to operate the radio.

#### **Power Switch, Volume Control**

Press the ON/VOL control to turn the radio on. Turn the volume control to the right to increase the volume.

#### Seek Button (Radio Mode)

Press and release the Seek button to search for the next station in either the MW/LW or FM mode. Press the top of the button to seek up and the bottom to seek down. The radio will remain tuned to the new station until you make another selection. Holding the button in will by-pass stations without stopping until you release it.

#### Tuning

Press the TUNE control up or down to increase or decrease the frequency. If you press and hold the button, the radio will continue to tune until you release the button. The frequency will be displayed and continuously updated while the button is pressed.

#### Balance

The Balance control adjusts the left-to-right speaker balance. Push in the button and it will pop out. Adjust the balance and push the button back in.

#### Fade

The Fade control provides for balance between the front and rear speakers. Push in the button and it will pop out. Adjust the balance and push the button back in.

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#### **Tone Control**

Slide the Bass and/or Treble controls up or down to adjust the sound for the desired tone.

#### AM/FM-TAPE/CD/CD-C

Press the top of this button to switch between MW, FM, and LW. Press the bottom of this button to switch between Tape, CD, and optional CD changer control operation.

#### To Set The Radio Push-button Memory

You can store a total of 10 FM, 5 MW and 5 LW stations into memory.

When you are receiving a FM station that you wish to commit to push-button memory, press the SET button. SET 1 will appear in the radio display window. Select the push button you wish to lock on this station and press and release that button. If a button is not selected within

5 seconds after pressing the SET button, the station will continue to play, but will not be locked into push-button memory.

You may add a second FM station to each push button by repeating the above procedure with this exception: Press the SET button twice and SET 2 will appear in the radio display window. Each button can be set for SET 1 and SET 2 in the FM mode. This allows for 10 FM stations to be locked into push button memory. The stations stored in SET 2 memory can be selected by pressing the push button twice.

When you are receiving the MW or LW station that you wish to commit to push-button memory, press SET 1 button. SET 1 will appear in the radio display window. Select the push-button you wish to lock on this station and press and release that button.

# **Operating Instructions - RDS Mode**

The following RDS functions can be selected while in radio mode by pushing the appropriate button.

#### Time Button

Briefly press the Time button to change the display between radio frequency and time.

To set the "HOME CLK" use a ballpoint pen or similar object to press the hour (H) or minute (M) buttons on the radio, The time setting will increase each time you press the button. Press any other button to exit from the clock setting mode.

Any time the hour (H) or minute (M) buttons are pressed when in the "RDS CLK" mode the clock will automatically switch to the "HOME CLK" mode and only the home time will be set.

Pressing and holding the TIME button for 2 seconds will toggle the clock between "RDS CLK" and "HOME CLK". The display will indicate which clock is activated. The "RDS CLK" is only updated by the signal transmitted from a radio station with an RDS signal.

# TA (Traffic Announcement) Button

Pressing the TA button will enable the Traffic Information system. If the current station does not have the TP function or is not a RDS station the radio will beep and display "NO TA" and then go into the TA seek mode. During Tape/CD mode the TA will give priority to traffic announcements from the last tuned TA station. TA mode is always off in the MW/LW mode.

During TA seek mode the radio display will flash "TA SEEK". If no TP station is found after one cycle of the search the radio will display "NO TA" and then turn the TA feature off.

# PTY (Program Type) Button

- Pressing this button once will turn on the PTY mode for 10 seconds. If no action is taken during the 10 second time out the PTY icon will turn off. Pressing the PTY button within 10 seconds will allow the program format type to be selected. Toggle the PTY button to select the following format types:
  - None
  - Affairs

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- Children
- Classics
- Country
- Culture
- Document
- Drama
- Easy M
- Educate
- Finance
- Folk M
- Info
- Jazz
- Leisure
- Light M
- Nation M
- News

- Oldies
- Other M
- Phone In
- Pop M
- Religion
- Rock M
- Science
- Social
- Sport
- Travel
- Varied
- Weather

By pressing the SEEK button when the PTY icon is displayed, the radio will be tuned to the next frequency station with the same selected PTY name. The PTY function only operates when in the FM mode. If a preset button is activated while in the PTY (Program Type) mode, the PTY mode will be exited and the radio will tune to the preset station.

# AF LOC (Alternative Frequencies and Local Frequencies) Button

Pressing the AF LOC button will toggle the radio display as follows: LOC ON »» AF OFF »» LOC OFF. The radio display will indicate when the LOC and AF are activated.

AF will automatically tune to another frequency of the same national program when the signal quality of the currently tuned frequency becomes poor.

LOC limits AF to only tune to another station within the same region code to ensure the program remains local.

# **Operating Instructions - Tape Mode**

Insert the cassette with the exposed tape side toward the right and the mechanical action of the player will gently pull the cassette into the play position. **NOTE:** When subjected to extremely cold temperatures, the tape mechanism may require a few minutes to warm up for proper operation. Sometimes poor playback may be experienced due to a defective cassette tape. Clean and demagnetize the tape heads at least twice a year.

### **Changing Tape Direction**

Press the top of the PTY button to change tape play direction. The display will confirm the selected tape play direction. The time is always displayed.

#### **Seek Button**

Press the SEEK button up for the next selection on the tape and down to return to the beginning of the current selection.

Press the SEEK button up or down to move the track number to skip forward or backward 1 to 7 selections. Press the SEEK button once to move 1 selection, twice to move 2 selections, etc. the display will show the total number of times the SEEK button was pushed. The SEEK function will be cancelled by pressing either the FF/RW or FM/MW/LW button.

#### Fast Forward (FF)

Press the FF button up momentarily to advance the tape in the direction that it is playing. The tape will advance until the button is pressed again or the end of the tape is reached. At the end of the tape, the tape will play in the opposite direction.

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# **Rewind (RW)**

Press the RW button down momentarily to reverse the tape direction. The tape will reverse until the button is pressed again or until the end of the tape is reached. At the end of the tape, the tape will play in the opposite direction.

# Tape Eject $\Delta$

Press the Eject Tape button and the cassette will disengage and eject from the radio.

#### Metal Tape Selection (70µs)

If a standard 70  $\mu$  (metal) tape is inserted into the player, the player will automatically select the correct equalization.

#### **Pinch Roller Release**

If ignition power or the radio ON/OFF switch are turned off, the pinch roller will automatically retract to protect the tape from any damage. When power is restored to the tape player, the pinch roller will automatically reengage and the tape will resume play.

# **Dolby Noise Reduction**

The Dolby Noise Reduction System $^*$  is on whenever the tape player is on, but may be switched on/off.

To turn the Dolby Noise reduction System on/off: Press the Dolby NR button (button 2) after you insert the tape. The NR light in the display will go off when the Dolby System is off.

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# **Operation Instructions — CD Player**

**NOTE:** The ignition switch must be in the ON or ACC position and the volume control ON before the CD player will operate.

#### Inserting The Compact Disc

You may either insert or eject a disc with the radio OFF.

If you insert a disc with the ignition ON and the radio OFF, the time of day will be displayed.

If the volume control is ON, the unit will switch from radio to CD mode and begin to play when you insert the disc. The display will show the track number and index time in minutes and seconds. Play will begin at the start of track 1.

#### Seek Button

Press the top of the SEEK button for the next selection on the CD. Press the bottom of the button to return to the beginning of the current selection, or return to the beginning of the previous selection if the CD is within the first 10 seconds of the current selection.

# EJT CD (Eject) Button

Press the EJT CD button and the disc will unload and move to the entrance for easy removal. The unit will switch to the radio mode. If you do not remove the disc within 15 seconds, it will be reloaded, and the display will remain unchanged in whatever mode it is in.

# **FF/TUNE/RW** Button

Press FF (Fast Forward) and the CD player will begin to fast forward until FF is released. The RW (Reverse) button works in a similar manner.

#### **Program Button 4 (Random Play)**

Press this button while the CD is playing to activate Random Play. This feature plays the selections on the compact disc in random order to provide an interesting change of pace.

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Press the SEEK button to move to the next randomly selected track.

Press button 4 a second time to stop Random Play.

#### CD/CD—C/Tape Button

Press this button to select between CD player, Remote CD changer, and Tape player.

# **Time Button**

Press this button to change the display from elapsed CD playing time to time of day.

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#### **Operating Instructions**

**NOTE:** Power to operate the radio is supplied through the ignition switch. It must be in the ON or ACC position to operate the radio.

**NOTE:** When first learning the control functions, the user should set the controls as shown in the following list.

Tone Controls...As illustrated. Speaker Control...Centered.

#### **Power Button**

The volume control/power button pops out when pressed, this turns the sound system ON in the mode last used. Pushing the button back in turns the sound system OFF.

#### **Electronic Volume Control**

The electronic volume control turns continuously (360 degrees) in either direction without stopping. Turning the volume control to the right increases the volume and to the left decreases it.

When the audio system is turned on, the sound will be set at the same volume level as last played.

For your convenience, the volume can be turned down, but not up, when the audio system is off and the ignition is ON.

# Seek

Press and release the SEEK button to search for the next station in either the AM or FM mode. Press the top of the button to seek up and the bottom to seek down. The radio will remain tuned to the new station until you make another selection. Holding the button will bypass stations without stopping until you release it.

#### Tune

Press the TUNE control up or down to increase or decrease the frequency. If the button is pushed and held, the radio will continue to tune until the button is released. The frequency will be displayed and continuously updated while the button is pushed.

#### **To Set The Push-Button Memory**

When you are receiving a station that you wish to commit to push-button memory, press the SET button. The symbol SET 1 will now show in the display window. Select the "1-5" button you wish to lock onto this station and press and release that button. If a button is not selected within 5 seconds after pressing the SET button, the station will continue to play but will not be locked into push-button memory.

You may add a second station to each push-button by repeating the above procedure with this exception: Press the SET button twice and SET 2 will show in the display window. Each button can be set for SET 1 and SET 2 in both AM and FM. This allows a total of 10 AM and 10 FM

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stations to be locked into push-button memory. The stations stored in SET 2 memory can be selected by pressing the push-button twice.

Every time a preset button is used a corresponding button number will be displayed.

# **Balance**

The balance control adjusts the left-to-right speaker balance. Press the BAL button in and it will pop out. Adjust the balance and push the button back in.

#### Fade

The fade control provides for balance between the front and rear speakers. Press the FADE button in and it will pop out. Adjust the balance and push the button back in.

#### **Bass and Treble Tone Control**

The tone controls consist of 2 separate bands. The bass band is on the left, and the treble band is on the right. Each band is adjusted by a slider control with a detent at the mid-position. Moving the control up or down increases or decreases amplification of that band. The mid position provides a balanced output.

#### **AM/FM Selection**

Press the AM/FM button to change from AM to FM. The operating mode will be displayed next to the station frequency. The display will show ST when a stereo station is received in the FM mode.

### **Mode Button**

Press the MODE button to select between the cassette tape player, CD changer, or the Satellite Radio (if equipped). When the Satellite Radio (if equipped) is selected "SA" will appear in your radio display.

A CD or tape may remain in the player while in the Satellite or radio mode.

#### **Cassette Player Features**

With ignition OFF and the sound system OFF, you can eject the tape cassette by pushing the EJECT button.

You can turn the tape player ON by inserting a cassette or activating the MODE button (with a cassette in the radio), but only when the ignition and radio are on.

Each time a cassette is inserted the tape player will begin playing on the side of the cassette that is facing up in the player.

#### **Music Search**

Pressing the SEEK button while playing a tape will start the Music Search mode. Press the SEEK button up for the next selection on the tape and down to return to the beginning of the current selection, or return to the beginning of the previous selection if the tape is within the first 5 seconds of the current selection.

The SEEK symbol appears on the display when Music Search is in operation. Music Search shuts off automatically when a selection has been located.

#### **Selective Music Search**

Press the SEEK button up or down to move the track number to skip forward or backward 1 to 7 selections. Press the SEEK button once to move 1 selection, twice to move 2 selections, etc.

#### **Fast Forward And Rewind Buttons**

Pressing the TUNE button up or down momentarily activates Fast Forward or Rewind and makes the directional arrows appear on the display.

To stop Fast Forward or Rewind, press the TUNE button again.

# **Time Button**

Press the time button to toggle between station frequency and time of day.

Pressing this button while playing a cassette tape will change the side of the tape being played.

# **NR** (Noise Reduction)

Pushing the Number 2 Pre-set button when a tape is playing deactivates the Dolby Noise Reduction System\*. When Dolby is ON, the NR symbol appears on the display. Each time a tape is inserted the Dolby will turn ON.

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# CD Changer Control Capability — If Equipped

This radio is compatible with a remote mounted CD changer available through Mopar Accessories. The following instructions are for the radio controls that operate this CD changer.

# **Mode Button**

To activate the CD changer, press the MODE button until CD information appears on the display.

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#### **Push-Button**

While the CD changer is playing, press the NUMBER 1 push-button or the NUMBER 5 push-button to select a disc numbered higher or lower than the one currently **A** being played.

# Seek Button

Press the SEEK up or down to select another track on the same disc. A SEEK symbol will appear on the display.

# Fast Forward And Rewind Buttons

Press and hold the FF button for fast forward. Press and hold the RW button for fast reverse.

The audio output can be heard when fast forward and fast reverse are activated.

# **Random Play (RND)**

Press the Random button to play the tracks on the selected disc in random order for an interesting change of pace.

Random can be cancelled by pressing the button a second time or by ejecting the CD from the changer.

### **CD Diagnostic Indicators**

When driving over a very rough road, the CD player may skip momentarily. Skipping will not damage the disc or the player, and play will resume automatically.

As a safeguard and to protect your CD player, one of the following warning symbols may appear on your display.

A CD HOT symbol indicates the player is too hot.

CD HOT will pause the operation. Play can be resumed when the operating temperature is corrected or another MODE is selected.

An ERR symbol will appear on the display if the laser is unable to read the Disc data for the following reasons:

- Excessive vibration
- Disc inserted upside down
- Damaged disc
- Water condensation on optics

# Radio Display Messages

Your radio has been designed to display certain messages when a problem is detected with the CD player.

DISPLAY	EXPLANATION	WHAT TO DO
E-🛛 ¦	Deadlock problem	See your dealer for service
E-85	Disc eject problem	See your dealer for service
E-06	Elevator problem	See your dealer for service
E-87	Magazine eject problem	Check that magazine is OK- if not see your dealer for service
i CD I Set I CD Seek Track	FM 3 15.5 \$84	No discs in magazine. Load discs in magazine.
ie CD Get EI Seek Track	Ħ <b>M ゚゚゚゚゙゙゙゙゙゙゙゚゚゚゙゙゙゙</b> ゚゚゚ <b>゚</b> ゙゚゚゚゚゚゚゚゚゚゚゚゚	Player overheating. Allow to cool down.

# SALES CODE RBK—AM/ FM STEREO RADIO WITH CD PLAYER AND CD CHANGER CONTROLS



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#### **Radio Operation**

#### **Power/Volume Control**

Press the ON/VOL control to turn the radio on. Turn the volume control clockwise to increase the volume.

**NOTE:** Power to operate the radio is supplied through the ignition switch. It must be in the ON or ACC position to operate the radio.

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# Seek

Press and release the SEEK button to search for the next station in either the AM or FM mode. Press the top of the button to seek up and the bottom to seek down. The radio will remain tuned to the new station until you make another selection. Holding the button in will bypass stations without stopping until you release it.

# Tune

Press the TUNE control up or down to increase or decrease the frequency. If you press and hold the button, the radio will continue to tune until you release the button. The frequency will be displayed and continuously updated while the button is pressed.

#### **Balance**

The Balance control adjusts the left-to-right speaker balance. Press the BAL button in and it will pop out. Adjust the balance and push the button back in.

#### Fade

The Fade control provides for balance between the front and rear speakers. Press the FADE button in and it will pop out. Adjust the balance and push the button back in.

#### **Bass and Treble Tone Control**

The tone controls consist of 2 separate bands. The bass band is on the left, and the treble band is on the right. Each band is adjusted by a slider control with a detent at the mid-position. Moving the control up or down increases or decreases amplification of that band. The mid position provides a balanced output.

#### **AM/FM Selection**

Press the AM/FM button to change from AM to FM. The operating mode will be displayed next to the station frequency. The display will show ST when a stereo station is received.

#### To Set The Radio Push-Button Memory

When you are receiving a station that you wish to commit to push-button memory, press the SET button. SET 1 will show in the display window. Select the "1–5" button you wish to lock onto this station and press and release that button. If a button is not selected within 5 seconds after pressing the SET button, the station will continue to play but will not be locked into push-button memory.

You may add a second station to each push-button by repeating the above procedure with this exception: Press the SET button twice and SET 2 will show in the display window. Each button can be set for SET 1 and SET 2 in both AM and FM. This allows a total of 10 AM and 10 FM stations to be locked into push-button memory. The stations stored in SET 2 memory can be selected by pressing the push-button twice. Every time a preset button is used a corresponding button number will be displayed.

#### Time

Press the TIME button to change the display between radio frequency and time.

#### **General Information**

This radio complies with Part 15 of FCC rules and with RSS-210 of Industry Canada. Operation is subject to the following conditions:

1. This device may not cause harmful interference,

2. This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

NOTE: Changes or modifications not expressively approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

### **CD** Player Operation

**NOTE:** The ignition switch must be in the ON or ACC position and the volume control ON before the CD player will operate.

# **Inserting The Compact Disc**

# **CAUTION!**

This CD player will accept 4 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inch (12 cm) discs only. The use of other sized discs may damage the CD player mechanism.

You may either insert or eject a disc with the radio OFF.

If you insert a disc with the ignition ON and the radio OFF, the display will show the time of day.

If the power is ON, the unit will switch from radio to CD mode and begin to play when you insert the disc. The display will show the track number and index time in minutes and seconds. Play will begin at the start of track one.

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#### Seek

Press the top of the SEEK button for the next selection on **1** the CD. Press the bottom of the button to return to the beginning of the current selection, or return to the beginning of the previous selection if the CD is within the first second of the current selection.

# EJT — Eject

Press the EJT button and the disc will unload and move to the entrance for easy removal. The unit will switch to the radio mode.

If you do not remove the disc within 15 seconds, it will be reloaded. The unit will continue in radio mode.

The disc can be ejected with the radio and ignition OFF.

#### **FF/TUNE/RW**

Press FF (Fast Forward) and the CD player will begin to fast forward until FF is released. The RW (Reverse) button works in a similar manner.

# Random Play — RND/Program Button 4

Press the RND (button 4) button while the CD is playing to activate Random Play. This feature plays the tracks on the selected disc in random order to provide an interesting change of pace.

Press the SEEK button to move to the next randomly selected track.

Press the RND (button 4) button a second time to stop Random Play.

#### Mode

Press the MODE button repeatedly to select between the CD player, the optional remote CD changer and the Satellite Radio (if equipped). When Satellite Radio (if equipped) is selected "SA" will appear in your radio display.

A CD or tape may remain in the player while in the Satellite mode.

## Time

Press the TIME button to change the display from elapsed CD playing time to time of day.

# CD Changer Control Capability — If Equipped

This radio is compatible with a remote mounted CD changer available through Mopar Accessories. The following instructions are for the radio controls that operate this CD changer.

# **Mode Button**

To activate the CD changer, press the MODE button until CD information appears on the display.

# **Push-Button**

While the CD changer is playing, press the NUMBER 1 push-button or the NUMBER 5 push-button to select a disc numbered higher or lower than the one currently being played.

# **Seek Button**

Press the SEEK up or down to select another track on the same disc. A SEEK symbol will appear on the display.

# **Fast Forward And Rewind Buttons**

Press and hold the FF button for fast forward. Press and hold the RW button for fast reverse.

The audio output can be heard when fast forward and fast reverse are activated.

#### **Random Play (RND)**

Press the Random button to play the tracks on the selected disc in random order for an interesting change of pace.

Random can be cancelled by pressing the button a second time or by ejecting the CD from the changer.

# **CD Diagnostic Indicators**

When driving over a very rough road, the CD player may skip momentarily. Skipping will not damage the disc or the player, and play will resume automatically.

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As a safeguard and to protect your CD player, one of the following warning symbols may appear on your display.

A CD HOT symbol indicates the player is too hot.

CD HOT will pause the operation. Play can be resumed when the operating temperature is corrected or another MODE is selected.

An ERR symbol will appear on the display if the laser is unable to read the Disc data for the following reasons:

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- Excessive vibration
- Disc inserted upside down
- Damaged disc
- Water condensation on optics

# **Radio Display Messages**

Your radio has been designed to display certain messages when a problem is detected with the CD player.

DISPLAY	EXPLANATION	WHAT TO DO
E-01	Deadlock problem	See your dealer for service
E-85	Disc eject problem	See your dealer for service
E-06	Elevator problem	See your dealer for service
E-07	Magazine eject problem	Check that magazine is OK- if not see your dealer for service
i CD Set III Seek Track		No discs in magazine. Load discs in magazine.
ieiset eie Seek track	ĦM <b>┝╷_°Ŀ</b> .	Player overheating. Allow to cool down.

# SALES CODE RBT/RBY—AM STEREO & FM STEREO RADIO WITH GRAPHIC EQUALIZER, CASSETTE TAPE PLAYER AND CD PLAYER



**Operating Instructions - Radio Mode** 

**NOTE:** Power to operate the radio is supplied through the ignition switch. It must be in the ON or ACC position to operate the radio.

# **Power Switch, Volume Control**

Press the ON/VOL control to turn the radio on. Turn the volume control to the right to increase the volume.

**NOTE:** The volume control knob will need to be pushed out for the ON position and in for the OFF position.

#### Seek (Radio Mode)

Press and release the SEEK button to search for the next station in either the AM or FM mode. Press the top of the button to seek up and the bottom to seek down. The radio will remain tuned to the new station until you make another selection. Holding the button in will bypass stations without stopping until you release it.

#### Tune

Press the TUNE control up or down to increase or decrease the frequency. If you press and hold the button, the radio will continue to tune until you release the button. The frequency will be displayed and continuously updated while the button is pressed.

#### Balance

The Balance control adjusts the left-to-right speaker balance. Push in the button and it will pop out. Adjust the balance and push the button back in.

# Fade

The Fade control provides for balance between the front and rear speakers. Push in the button and it will pop out. Adjust the balance and push the button back in.

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## Tone Control

Slide the Bass and/or Treble controls up or down to adjust the sound for the desired tone.

#### **AM/FM Selection**

Press the top of the AM/FM CD/CD-C button to switch between AM and FM.

#### To Set The Radio Push-Button Memory

When you are receiving a station that you wish to commit to push-button memory, press the SET button. SET 1 will now show in the display window. Select the "1–5" button you wish to lock on this station and press and release that button. If a button is not selected within 5 seconds after pressing the SET button, the station will continue to play but will not be locked into push-button memory.

You may add a second station to each push-button by repeating the above procedure with this exception: Press the SET button twice and the symbol SET 2 will show in the display window. Each button can be set for SET 1 and SET 2 in both AM and FM. This allows a total of 10 AM and 10 FM stations to be locked into push-button

memory. The stations stored in SET 2 memory can be selected by pressing the push-button twice.

#### Time

Press the TIME button to change the display between radio frequency and time.

To set the clock, use a ballpoint pen or similar object to press the hour (H) or minute (M) buttons on the radio, The time setting will increase each time you press the button. Press any other button to exit from the clock setting mode.

# **Operating Instructions - Tape Mode**

Insert the cassette with the exposed tape side toward the right and the mechanical action of the player will gently pull the cassette into the play position.

**NOTE:** When subjected to extremely cold temperatures, the tape mechanism may require a few minutes to warm up for proper operation. Sometimes poor playback may be experienced due to a defective cassette tape. Clean and demagnetize the tape heads at least twice a year.

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Pressing the  $(\nabla \Delta)$  button during tape mode will cause the other side of the tape to be played. The display will confirm the selected tape play direction. The time is always displayed.

# Таре

Press the TAPE button to select the Tape mode.

# Seek

Press the SEEK button up for the next selection on the tape and down to return to the beginning of the current selection.

Press the SEEK button up or down to move the track number to skip forward or backward 1 to 7 selections. Press the SEEK button once to move 1 selection, twice to move 2 selections, etc. the display will show the total number of times the SEEK button was pushed. The SEEK function will be cancelled by pressing either the FF/RW or AM/FM button.

## Fast Forward (FF)

Press the FF button up momentarily to advance the tape in the direction that it is playing. The tape will advance until the button is pressed again or the end of the tape is reached. At the end of the tape, the tape will play in the opposite direction.

# **Rewind (RW)**

Press the RW button down momentarily to reverse the tape direction. The tape will reverse until the button is pressed again or until the end of the tape is reached. At the end of the tape, the tape will play in the current direction.

# **EJT Tape**

Press the EJT TAPE button and the cassette will disengage and eject from the radio.

#### Metal Tape Selection (70µs)

If a standard 70  $\mu$  (metal) tape is inserted into the player, the player will automatically select the correct equalization.

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#### **Pinch Roller Release**

If ignition power or the radio ON/OFF switch are turned off, the pinch roller will automatically retract to protect the tape from any damage. When power is restored to the tape player, the pinch roller will automatically reengage and the tape will resume play.

# **Dolby Noise Reduction**

The Dolby Noise Reduction System\* is on whenever the tape player is on, but may be switched on/off.

To turn the Dolby Noise Reduction System on/off: Press the Dolby NR button (button 2) after you insert the tape. The NR light in the display will go off when the Dolby System is off.

\* "Dolby" noise reduction manufactured under license from Dolby Laboratories Licensing Corporation. Dolby and the double-D symbol are trademarks of Dolby Laboratories Licensing Corporation.

# **Operation Instructions — CD Player**

**NOTE:** The ignition switch must be in the ON or ACC position and the volume control ON before the CD player will operate.

#### **Inserting The Compact Disc**

You may either insert or eject a disc with the radio OFF.

If you insert a disc with the ignition ON and the radio OFF, the disc icon will be displayed in addition to the time of day.

If the volume control is ON, the unit will switch from radio to CD mode and begin to play when you insert the disc. The display will show the track number and index time in minutes and seconds. Play will begin at the start of track 1.

#### Seek

Press the top of the SEEK button for the next selection on the CD. Press the bottom of the button to return to the beginning of the current selection, or return to the beginning of the previous selection, if the CD is within the first second of the current selection.

# EJT CD

Press the EJT CD button and the disc will unload and move to the entrance for easy removal. The unit will switch to the radio mode.

If you do not remove the disc within 15 seconds, it will be reloaded. The unit will continue in radio mode.

# **FF/TUNE/RW**

Press FF (Fast Forward) and the CD player will begin to fast forward until FF is released. The RW (Reverse) button works in a similar manner.

# **RND (Random Play)**

Press the RND button while the CD is playing to activate Random Play. This feature plays the selections on the compact disc in random order to provide an interesting change of pace.

Press the SEEK button to move to the next randomly selected track.

Press TUNE FF to fast forward through the tracks.

Press the RND button a second time to stop Random Play.
# CD/CD-C

Press the bottom of the AM/FM CD/CD-C button to switch between the CD and CD changer (if equipped).

#### Time

Press the TIME button to change the display from elapsed CD playing time to time of day.

# SATELLITE RADIO — IF EQUIPPED

Satellite radio uses direct satellite to receiver broadcasting technology to provide clear digital sound, coast to coast. The subscription service provider is Sirius<sup>™</sup> Satellite Radio. This service offers up to 100 channels of music, sports, news, entertainment, and programming for children, directly from its satellites and broadcasting studios.

#### **System Activation**

To activate your Sirius Satellite Radio service, call the toll-free number 888-539-7474, or visit the Sirius web site at www.sirius.com. Please have the following information available when activating your system:

1. The Electronic Serial Number/Sirius Identification Number (ESN/SID).

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- 2. Credit card information.
- 3. Your Vehicle Identification Number.

# **Electronic Serial Number/Sirius Identification** Number (ENS/SID)

The Electronic Serial Number/Sirius Identification Number is needed to activate your Sirius Satellite Radio system. To access the ESN/SID, refer to the following 4 steps:

#### ESN/SID Access With RBB and RBK Radios

With the ignition switch in the ACCESSORY position and the radio OFF, press the Tape Eject or CD Eject (depending on the radio type) and Time buttons simultaneously for 3 seconds. The first four digits of the twelve-digit ESN/SID number will be displayed. Press the SEEK UP button to display the next four digits. Continue to press the SEEK UP button until all twelve ESN/SID digits have been displayed. The SEEK DOWN will page down until the first four digits are displayed. The radio will exit the ESN/SID mode when any other button is pushed, the ignition is turned OFF, or 5 minutes has passed since any button was pushed.

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# ESN/SID Access With RBP, RBU, RAZ, and RBQ Radios

With the ignition switch in the ACCESSORY position and the radio OFF, press the CD Eject and TIME buttons simultaneously for 3 seconds. All twelve ESN/SID numbers will be displayed. The radio will exit the ESN/SID mode when any other button is pushed, the ignition is turned OFF, or 5 minutes has passed since any button was pushed.

#### Selecting Satellite Mode in RBB and RBK Radios

Press the MODE button repeatedly until "S A" appears in the display. A CD or tape may remain in the radio while in the Satellite radio mode.

# Selecting Satellite Mode in RBP, RBU, RAZ, and RBQ Radios

Press the MODE button repeatedly until the word "SIRIUS" appears in the display. These radios will also display the following:

• After 3 seconds, the current channel name and channel number will be displayed for 5 seconds.

- The current program type and channel number will then be displayed for 5 seconds.
- The current channel number will then be displayed until an action occurs.

A CD or tape may remain in the radio while in the Satellite radio mode.

#### Selecting a Channel

Press and release the SEEK or TUNE buttons to search for the next channel. Press the top of the button to search up and the bottom of the button to search down. Holding the TUNE button causes the radio to bypass channels until the button is released.

Press and release the SCAN button (if equipped) to automatically change channels every 7 seconds. The radio will pause on each channel for 7 seconds before moving on to the next channel. The word "SCAN" will appear in the display between each channel change. Press the SCAN button a second time to stop the search. **NOTE:** Channels that may contain objectionable content can be blocked. Contact Sirius Customer Care at 888-539-7474 to discuss options for channel blocking or unblocking. Please have your ESN/SID information available.

# Storing and Selecting Pre-Set Channels

In addition to the 10 AM and 10 FM pre-set stations, you may also commit 10 satellite stations to push button memory. These satellite channel pre-set stations will not erase any AM or FM pre-set memory stations. Follow the memory pre-set procedures that apply to your radio.

# Using the PTY (Program Type) Button (if equipped)

Follow the PTY button instructions that apply to your radio.

#### PTY Button "SCAN"

When the desired program type is obtained, press the "SCAN" button within five seconds. The radio will play 7 seconds of the selected channel before moving to the next channel of the selected program type. Press the "SCAN" button a second time to stop the search.

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**NOTE:** Pressing the "SEEK" or "SCAN" button while performing a music type scan will change the channel by one and stop the search. Pressing a pre-set memory button during a music type scan, will call up the memory channel and stop the search.

#### PTY Button "SEEK"

When the desired program is obtained, press the "SEEK" button within five seconds. The channel will change to the next channel that matches the program type selected.

#### Satellite Antenna

To ensure optimum reception, do not place items on the roof around the rooftop antenna location. Metal objects placed within the line of sight of the antenna will cause decreased performance. Larger luggage items should be placed as far forward as possible. Do not place items directly on or above the antenna.

# **Reception Quality**

Satellite reception may be interrupted due to one of the following reasons.

• The vehicle is parked in an underground parking structure or under a physical obstacle.

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- Dense tree coverage may interrupt reception in the form of short audio mutes.
- Driving under wide bridges or along tall buildings can cause intermittent reception.
- Placing objects over or too close to the antenna can cause signal blockage.

# CASSETTE TAPE AND PLAYER MAINTENANCE

To keep the cassette tapes and player in good condition, take the following precautions:

1. Do not use cassette tapes longer than C-90; otherwise, sound quality and tape durability will be greatly diminished.

2. Keep the cassette tape in its case to protect from slackness and dust when it is not in use.

3. Keep the cassette tape away from direct sunlight, heat and magnetic fields such as the radio speakers.

4. Before inserting a tape, make sure that the label is adhering flatly to the cassette.

5. A loose tape should be corrected before use. To rewind a loose tape, insert the eraser end of a pencil into the tape drive gear and twist the pencil in the required directions.

Maintain your cassette tape player. The head and capstan shaft in the cassette player can pick up dirt or tape deposits each time a cassette is played. The result of deposits on the capstan shaft may cause the tape to wrap around and become lodged in the tape transport. The other adverse condition is low or "muddy" sound from one or both channels, as if the treble tone control were turned all the way down. To prevent this, you should periodically clean the head with a commercially available WET cleaning cassette.

As preventive maintenance, clean the head about every 30 hours of use. If you wait until the head becomes very dirty (noticeably poor sound), it may not be possible to remove all deposits with a simple WET cleaning cassette.

# **CD/DVD DISC MAINTENANCE**

To keep the CD/DVD discs in good condition, take the following precautions:

1. Handle the disc by its edge; avoid touching the surface.

2. If the disc is stained, clean the surface with a soft cloth, wiping from center to edge.

3. Do not apply paper, paper CD labels, or tape to the disc; avoid scratching the disc.

4. Do not use solvents such as benzine, thinner, cleaners, or antistatic sprays.

- 5. Store the disc in its case after playing.
- 6. Do not expose the disc to direct sunlight.

7. Do not store the disc where temperatures may become too high.

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### **RADIO OPERATION AND CELLULAR PHONES**

Under certain conditions, the cellular phone being On in your vehicle can cause erratic or noisy performance from your radio. This condition may be lessened or eliminated by relocating the cellular phone antenna. This condition is not harmful to the radio. If your radio performance does not satisfactorily "clear" by the repositioning of the antenna, it is recommended that the radio volume be 4 turned down or off during cellular phone operation.

# **CLIMATE CONTROLS**

The controls for the heating and ventilation system in this vehicle consist of three rotary control knobs. These comfort controls can be set to obtain desired interior conditions.

**NOTE:** For the HVAC to operate efficiently and reduce the possibility of fog build up on the interior of the windows, the air exhausters should be kept clear at all times. The air exhausters are the slots located on the rear tailgate.

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#### Heater Only — If Equipped



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In snowy weather, always clear the air inlet grille at the base of the windshield before driving your vehicle.

# **Blower Switch**

turned OFF.

The blower switch is the rotary knob to the left of the controls. The blower speed will increase as the knob

is turned clockwise. There are four blower speeds. **NOTE:** The blower motor will run until the system is turned to the "Off" ("O") position or the ignition is

# **Temperature Control**

The temperature control is the center knob located on the climate controls. It controls the temperature of the air delivered to the passenger compartment.

The "Blue" area on the left side of the control indicates cooler temperatures while the "Red" area indicates warmer temperatures.

# **Mode Selection**

The mode selector is the right knob located on the climate controls. It can be set in any of the following positions:

Off

• This position turns off the blower motor. In this mode, there may be some slight air flow from the floor outlets, side window outlets, and defrost outlet located at the base of the windshield.

# Panel

Air comes from the outlets in the instrument panel. Each of these outlets can be individually adjusted to direct the flow of air. Also, a slight amount of airflow may be noticed at the defrost outlet located at the base of the windshield.

#### **Bi-Level**

Air comes from both instrument panel and floor outlets. Also, a slight amount of airflow may be noticed at the defrost outlet located at the base of the windshield.

#### Floor

Air comes from the floor outlets. Also, a slight amount of airflow may be noticed at the defrost outlet located at the base of the windshield.

#### Mix

Air comes from the floor and defrost outlets with air being directed through the demisters. This

mode works best in cold or snowy conditions. It allows you to stay comfortable while keeping the windshield clear.

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# Defrost

Air comes from the windshield outlets with a slight amount of air being directed through the floor and demisters. Use this setting when necessary to defrost or defog your windshield.

# Air Conditioning — If Equipped

#### **Blower Switch**

The blower switch is the rotary knob to the left of the controls. Turn the knob to the right to one of the four positions to obtain the blower speed you desire.

**NOTE:** The blower motor will run until the system is turned to the "Off" ("O") position or the ignition is turned OFF.

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# **Temperature Control**

The temperature control is the center knob located on the climate controls. It controls the temperature of the air delivered to the passenger compartment.



The "Blue" area on the left side of the control indicates cooler temperatures while the "Red" area indicates warmer temperatures.

# **Mode Selection**



The mode selector is the right knob located on the climate controls. It can be set in any of the following positions:

Off

• Turning the rotary knob to this position shuts off the blower motor and outside air will not come through any outlet.

#### Recirculation

 $\clubsuit$  Select this position when the outside air contains smoke, odors, high humidity, or if rapid cooling is desired. This feature allows for recirculation of interior air only. Air flows through the panel outlets in this mode. Also, a slight amount of airflow may be noticed at the defrost outlet located at the base of the windshield.

#### Panel

∜ Outside air flows through the air conditioning system, and then through the outlets located in the instrument panel. Also, a slight amount of airflow may be noticed at the defrost outlet located at the base of the windshield.

#### **Bi-Level**

 $\bullet$  - Outside air flows through the air conditioning system, and then through the outlets located in the instrument panel and those located on the floor. Also, a slight amount of airflow may be noticed at the defrost outlet located at the base of the windshield.

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# Panel

→ **2** Outside air comes from the outlets in the instrument panel. Each of these outlets can be individually adjusted to direct the flow of air. Also, a slight amount of airflow may be noticed at the defrost outlet located at the base of the windshield.

# Floor

Outside air comes from the floor outlets. Also, a slight amount of airflow may be noticed at the defrost outlet located at the base of the windshield.

# Mix

W Air comes from the floor and defrost outlets. This mode works best in cold or snowy conditions. It

allows you to stay comfortable while keeping the windshield clear.

#### **Defrost**

Air comes from the windshield outlets with a small amount being directed through the floor outlets. Use this setting when necessary to defrost your windshield.

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**NOTE:** For improved safety, the A/C compressor is activated when "Mix" or "Defrost" modes are selected. This is done to assist in drying the air and it will help in keeping the windshield from fogging.

#### **Operating Tips**

# **Summer Operation**

The engine cooling system in air conditioned vehicles must be protected with a high-quality antifreeze coolant to provide proper corrosion protection and to protect against engine overheating. A 50% solution of ethylene glycol antifreeze coolant in water is recommended.

#### Winter Operation

The air from the heater system will heat faster in cold weather if you use lower blower speeds until the engine warms up.

# **REAR WINDOW FEATURES — HARD TOP ONLY**

rocker switch. If you press the switch a second

# **Rear Window Defogger** To turn the rear window defogger on, press the



The defogger will automatically turn off after about ten minutes. For five more minutes of operation, depress the top of the switch to turn the defogger on again. To prevent excessive battery drain use the defogger only when the engine is operating.

# **CAUTION!**

Use care when washing the inside of the rear window to prevent damage to heating elements. Use a soft cloth and a mild washing solution, wiping parallel to the heating elements. Also, keep all objects a safe distance from the window to prevent damaging the heating elements.

# **Rear Window Wiper/Washer**

To utilize the rear wiper, press the switch to the first detent. To activate the rear washer, depress the switch to the second detent. The washer will continue to spray as long as the switch is held. The switch will return to the wiper mode when released. To turn the rear wiper off, lift the bottom of the switch.

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# **Adding Washer Fluid**

The fluid reservoir for the windshield washers and the rear window washer is shared. It is located in the front of the engine compartment on the passenger side and should be checked for fluid level at regular intervals. Fill the reservoir with windshield washer solvent (not radiator antifreeze) and operate the system for a few seconds to flush out the residual water.

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# STARTING PROCEDURES

Before starting your vehicle, adjust your seat, adjust both inside and outside mirrors, and fasten your seat belts.

# WARNING!

Do not leave children or animals inside parked vehicles in hot weather. Interior heat build up may cause serious injury or death.

# Manual Transmission

Apply the parking brake, place the gearshift control lever in N (Neutral) and depress the clutch pedal before starting vehicle. This vehicle is equipped with a clutch interlocking ignition system. It will not start unless the clutch pedal is pressed to the floor.

# WARNING!

You or others around you could be injured if you attempt to start the engine with a manual transmission in gear — your vehicle will move. Remember, always push the clutch pedal in fully and shift into N (Neutral) before attempting to start the engine.

# Automatic Transmission

Start the engine with the selector lever in the N (Neutral) or P (Park) position. Apply the brake before shifting to any driving range.

# **Normal Starting**

Normal starting of either a cold or a warm engine is obtained without pumping or depressing the accelerator pedal. Turn the key to the START position and release when the engine starts. If the engine fails to start within 10 seconds, turn the key to the OFF position, wait 5 seconds, then repeat the normal starting procedure.



# Extreme Cold Weather (below –20°F or –29°C)

To insure reliable starting at these temperatures, use of an externally powered electric engine block heater (available from your dealer) is recommended.

## If Engine Fails to Start

If the engine fails to start after you have followed the "Normal Starting" or "Extreme Cold Weather" procedures, it may be flooded. Push the accelerator pedal all the way to the floor and hold it there while cranking the engine. This should clear any excess fuel in case the engine is flooded.

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# **CAUTION!**

To prevent damage to the starter, do not crank the engine for more than 15 seconds at a time. Wait 10 to 15 seconds before trying again.

If the engine has been flooded, it may start to run, but not have enough power to continue running when the key is released. If this occurs, continue cranking with the accel- 5 erator pedal pushed all the way to the floor. Release the accelerator pedal and the key once the engine is running smoothly.

If the engine shows no sign of starting after two 15 second periods of cranking with the accelerator pedal held to the floor, the "Normal Starting" or "Extreme Cold Weather" procedures should be repeated.

# WARNING!

Never pour fuel or other flammable liquids into the throttle body air inlet opening in an attempt to start the vehicle. This could result in a flash fire causing serious personal injury.

# After Starting

The idle speed will automatically decrease as the engine warms up.

# CAUTION!

Long periods of engine idling, especially at high engine speeds can cause excessive exhaust temperatures which can damage your vehicle. Do not leave your vehicle unattended with the engine running.

# ENGINE BLOCK HEATER — IF EQUIPPED

The engine block heater warms engine coolant and permits quicker starts in cold weather. Connect the cord to a standard 110-115 volt AC electrical outlet with a grounded, three wire extension cord. The engine block heater cord is found under the hood clipped to the tie rod between the radiator grille and the dash panel.

# WARNING!

Remember to disconnect the cord before driving. Damage to the 110-115 volt AC electrical cord could cause electrocution.

Use the heater when temperatures below 0°F (-18°C) are expected to last for several days.

# TRANSMISSION SHIFTING

**5-Speed Manual Overdrive Transmission** Follow the shift pattern on the gearshift knob.

**NOTE:** The backup lights will come on when your vehicle is in reverse gear and the ignition is in the ON position.



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# WARNING!

When parking your vehicle, always leave a manual transmission in first gear and apply the parking brake fully to guard against vehicle movement and possible injury or damage. Never use any gear as a substitute for the parking brake.

# **CAUTION!**

To drive as safely as possible and to prolong the life of your manual transmission, follow these tips:

- Before shifting from a forward gear into reverse, or from reverse to a forward gear, stop vehicle completely. Otherwise, transmission damage may result.
- Do not operate at sustained high engine or road speeds in lower gears. Engine damage may result.

- Do not downshift into a low gear while traveling at too high a speed for that gear. Engine, clutch, or transmission damage may result.
- Do not rest your foot on the clutch pedal. This causes heat buildup and damages the clutch.
- When you slow down or go up a grade, downshift as speed requires or the engine may overheat.
- Never hold the vehicle stopped on a hill by using the clutch pedal. The clutch may be damaged.
- During cold weather, you may experience increased effort in shifting until the transmission fluid warms up. This is normal.
- Push in the clutch pedal completely when shifting. Otherwise, transmission or clutch damage may result.
- When "rocking" a stuck vehicle by shifting between a forward gear and reverse, do not spin wheels faster than 15 mph (24 km/h), or drivetrain damage may result.

• The manual transmission may be equipped with a "Reverse Blocker" to prevent inadvertent shifts from 5th gear to Reverse. If you experience difficulty shifting into "Reverse", make sure that you are not inadvertently moving the shift lever toward 5th gear when shifting into "Reverse."

# Recommended Manual Transmission Shifting Speeds

The "Shift Indicator Light" in the instrument cluster reminds you when to shift to the next higher gear (4.0L Only). The manufacturer recommends that you use the SIL for normal driving. The desired shift speeds are listed in the chart below.

Manual	Ianual Transmission Shift Speeds in MPH (KM/H)						
Engine	Speeds	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5		
2.4L	Accel.	15 (24)	25 (40)	40 (64)	45 (72)		
	Cruise	15 (24)	25 (40)	40 (64)	45 (72)		
4.0L	Accel.	14 (23)	23 (37)	36 (58)	44 (71)		
	Cruise	14 (23)	20 (32)	28 (45)	38 (61)		

# **Clutch Interlocking Ignition System**

Manual transmission vehicles are equipped with a clutch interlock safety feature. With this feature engaged, you must depress the clutch pedal to allow cranking of the engine. To temporarily bypass this safety feature while off-road driving, which will allow cranking the engine without depressing the clutch, follow these steps:

1. Locate the instrument panel fuseblock behind the glove compartment.

2. Put a 20 Amp fuse (optional) in the fuseblock cavity (f20) marked as Transmission.

**NOTE:** A fuse is provided in fuseblock cavity (f19) marked as Spare.

3. Be sure to re-engage the clutch interlock safety feature by following these steps in reverse order when you are finished off-road driving.

#### Automatic Transmission

Shifting from D (Drive) to P (Park) or R (Reverse) (or from P or R to D) should be done only after the accelerator pedal is released and the vehicle is stopped. Be sure to keep your foot on the brake when moving the shift lever between these gears.



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# WARNING!

It is dangerous to shift the selector lever out of "P" or "N" if the engine speed is higher than idle speed. If your foot is not firmly on the brake pedal, the vehicle could accelerate quickly forward or in reverse. You could lose control of the vehicle and hit someone or something. Only shift into gear when the engine is idling normally and when your right foot is firmly on the brake pedal.

# Brake Transmission Shift Interlock System

This vehicle is equipped with a brake transmission shift interlock system (BTSI) that holds the gearshift lever in the P (Park) position when the ignition switch is in the OFF position. To move the gear selector lever out of the P (Park) position, the ignition switch must be turned to the ON position, the brake pedal and the button on the front of the shifter handle must be depressed.

# **Gear Ranges**

# P (Park)

Supplements the parking brake by locking the transmission. The engine can be started in this range. Never use P (Park) while the vehicle is in motion. Apply the parking brake when leaving the vehicle in this range. Always apply the parking brake first, and then place the selector in P (Park) position.

# WARNING!

Unintended movement of a vehicle could injure those in and near the vehicle. As with all vehicles, you should never exit a vehicle while the engine is running. Before exiting a vehicle, you should always shift the vehicle into P (Park), remove the key from the ignition, and apply the parking brake. Once the key is removed from the ignition, the transmission shift lever is locked in the P (Park) position, securing the vehicle against unwanted movement. Furthermore, you should never leave children unattended inside a vehicle.

The following indicators should be used to ensure that you have engaged the transmission shift lever into the P (Park) position:

- When shifting into P (Park), depress the button on the shift lever and firmly move the lever all the way forward until it stops.
- Look at the shift indicator window on the console to ensure it is in the P (Park) position.

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- When engaged in P (Park), you will not be able to move the shifter rearward without depressing the shift lever button.

# **CAUTION!**

Before moving the shift lever out of P (Park), you must turn the ignition from LOCK to ON so the steering wheel and shift lever are released. Otherwise, damage to the steering column or shifter could result.

# R (Reverse)

For moving the vehicle rearward. Always stop before moving the lever to R (Reverse), except when rocking the vehicle.

# N (Neutral)

Engine may be started in this position.

# WARNING!

Do not coast in N (Neutral) and never turn off the ignition to coast down a hill. These are unsafe practices that limit your response to changing traffic or road conditions. You might lose control of the vehicle.

# Overdrive (O/D)

For most city and highway driving. The transmission contains an electronically controlled Overdrive, and will automatically shift from D (Drive) to O/D (Overdrive) if the following conditions are present:

- The transmission selector is in D (Drive).
- The O/D OFF switch has not been activated.
- Vehicle speed is above approximately 30 mph (48 km/h).

When frequent transmission shifting occurs while using Overdrive, such as when operating the vehicle under heavy load conditions (for example, in hilly terrain, strong head winds, or trailer towing), turning off overdrive will improve performance and extend transmission life by reducing excessive shifting and heat buildup.



Overdrive can be locked out by pressing the O/D OFF switch located on the instrument panel. The O/D OFF indicator light (on the switch) will illuminate to show that the switch has been activated. When the indicator light is on, Overdrive is locked out. Pressing the switch a second time restores the Overdrive function. The lockout feature is useful when towing a trailer or carrying a heavy load.

# 2 (Second)

For moderate grades and to assist braking on dry pavement or in mud and snow. Begins at a stop in low gear with automatic upshift to 2nd gear. Will not shift to 3rd.

# 1 (First)

For hard pulling at low speeds in mud, sand, snow, or on steep grades. Begins and stays in low gear with no upshift. Provides engine compression braking at low speeds.

# WARNING!

Never use P (Park) position with an automatic transmission as a substitute for the parking brake. Always apply parking brake fully when parked to guard against vehicle movement and possible injury or damage.

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# **CAUTION!**

- Before moving the shift lever out of P (Park), you must turn the ignition from LOCK so the steering wheel and shift lever are released. Otherwise, damage to steering column or shifter could result.
- Never race the engine with the brakes on and the vehicle in gear, and never hold the vehicle on an incline without applying the brakes. These practices can overheat and damage the transmission.
- When "rocking" a stuck vehicle by moving between D (Drive) and R (Reverse), do not spin the wheels faster than 15 mph (24 km/h), or drivetrain damage may result.

#### **Torque Converter Clutch**

A feature designed to improve fuel economy has been added to the automatic transmission of this vehicle. A clutch within the torque converter engages automatically at calibrated speeds. This may result in a slightly different feeling or response during normal operation in high gear. When the vehicle speed drops or during acceleration, the clutch automatically and smoothly disengages.

# FOUR–WHEEL DRIVE OPERATION (COMMAND-TRAC<sup>™</sup> OR ROCK-TRAC<sup>™</sup>) — IF EQUIPPED



# **Operating Instructions/Precautions**

The transfer case provides four mode positions — two (rear) wheel drive high range, four wheel drive high range, neutral, and four wheel drive low range.

This transfer case is intended to be driven in the two wheel drive (2H) position for normal street and highway conditions such as dry hard surfaced roads.

In the events when additional traction is required, the transfer case 4H and 4L positions can be used to lock the front and rear driveshafts together and force the front and rear wheels to rotate at the same speed. This is accomplished by simply moving the shift lever to these positions. The 4H and 4L positions are intended for loose, slippery road surfaces only. Driving in the 4H and 4L positions on dry hard surfaced roads may cause increased tire wear and damage to the driveline components.

The 4WD indicator light, located in the instrument panel, alerts the driver that the vehicle is in four wheel drive and that the front and rear driveshafts are locked together. This light illuminates when the transfer case is shifted to either the 4H or 4L positions.

**NOTE:** Do not attempt to make a shift while only the front or rear wheels are spinning. The transfer case is not equipped with a synchronizer and therefore the front and rear driveshafts speeds must be equal for the shift to take place. Shifting while only the front or rear wheels are spinning can cause damage to the transfer case.

When operating your vehicle in 4L, the engine speed is approximately three times that of the 2H or 4H positions at a given road speed. Take care not to overspeed the engine and do not exceed 25 mph (40 km/h).

Proper operation of four wheel drive vehicles depends on tires of equal size, type, and circumference on each wheel. Any difference will adversely affect shifting and cause damage to the transfer case.

Because four wheel drive provides improved traction, there is a tendency to exceed safe turning and stopping speeds. Do not go faster than road conditions permit.

# WARNING!

You or others could be injured if you leave the vehicle unattended with the transfer case in the N (Neutral) position without first fully engaging the parking brake. The transfer case N (Neutral) position disengages both the front and rear driveshafts from the powertrain and will allow the vehicle to move regardless of the transmission position. The parking brake should always be applied when the driver is not in the vehicle.

# **Shift Positions**

For additional information on the appropriate use of each transfer case mode position, see the information below:

# **2H Position**

Rear Wheel Drive High Range — Normal street and highway driving. Dry hard surfaced roads.

#### **4H Position**

Four Wheel Drive High Range — Locks the front and rear driveshafts together. Forces the front and rear wheels to rotate at the same speed. Additional traction for loose, slippery road surfaces.

#### N (Neutral) Position

Neutral — Disengages both the front and rear driveshafts from the powertrain. To be used for flat towing behind another vehicle. Refer to "Recreational Towing" in Section 5 of this manual.

## **4L Position**

Four Wheel Drive Low Range — Locks the front and rear driveshafts together. Forces the front and rear wheels to rotate at the same speed. Additional traction and maximum pulling power for loose, slippery road surfaces only. Do not exceed 25 mph (40 km/h).

### **Shifting Procedure**

#### 2H to 4H or 4H to 2H

Shifting between 2H and 4H can be made with the vehicle stopped or in motion. If the vehicle is in motion, shifts can be made up to 55 mph (88 km/h). With the vehicle in motion, the transfer case will engage/ disengage faster if you momentarily release the accelerator pedal after completing the shift. Apply a constant force when shifting the transfer case lever.

## 4H to 4L or 4L to 4H

With the vehicle rolling at 2 to 3 mph (3 to 5 km/h), shift an automatic transmission to N (Neutral) or depress the clutch pedal on a manual transmission. While the vehicle is coasting at 2 to 3 mph (3 to 5 km/h), shift the transfer case lever firmly to the desired position. Do not pause in transfer case N (Neutral).

**NOTE:** Pausing in transfer case N (Neutral) in vehicles equipped with an automatic transmission may require shutting the engine OFF to avoid gear clash while completing the shift. If difficulty occurs, shift the automatic transmission to N (Neutral), hold foot on brake, and turn the engine OFF. Make shift to desired mode.

**NOTE:** Shifting into or out of 4L is possible with the vehicle completely stopped, however, difficulty may occur due to the mating teeth not being properly aligned. Several attempts may be required for clutch teeth alignment and shift completion to occur. The preferred method is with the vehicle rolling at 2 to 3 mph (3 to 5 km/h). Avoid attempting to engage or disengage 4L with the vehicle moving faster than 2 to 3 mph (3 to 5 km/h).

# WARNING!

Failure to engage a position completely can cause transfer case damage or loss of power and vehicle control. You could have an injury accident. Do not drive the vehicle unless the transfer case is fully engaged.

# TRAC-LOK™ REAR AXLE

The Trac-Lok<sup>™</sup> rear axle provides a constant driving force to both rear wheels and reduces wheel spin caused by the loss of traction at one driving wheel. If traction differs between the two rear wheels, the differential automatically proportions the usable torque by providing more torque to the wheel that has traction.

Trac-Lok<sup>™</sup> is especially helpful during slippery driving conditions. With both rear wheels on a slippery surface, a 5 slight application of the accelerator will supply maximum traction. When starting with only one rear wheel on an excessively slippery surface, slight application of the parking brake may be necessary to gain maximum traction.

# **WARNING!**

On vehicles equipped with a limited-slip differential, never run the engine with one rear wheel off the ground. The vehicle may drive through the rear wheel remaining on the ground and cause you to lose control of your vehicle.

# AXLE LOCK (TRU–LOK™) — IF EQUIPPED



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The Axle Locker switch is located on the lower center of the instrument panel. This feature will only activate when the following conditions are met:

- Key in ignition, vehicle in 4L (Low) range.
- The vehicle must be traveling at 10 mph (16 km/h) or less.

To activate the system, press the switch once to lock the rear axle only (the REAR LOCK indicator light will illuminate), press the switch again to lock the front axle (the FRONT LOCK indicator light will illuminate). Once the rear axle is locked, pressing the switch again will lock or unlock the front axle.

**NOTE:** The indicator lights will flash until the axles are fully locked or unlocked. A chime will sound three times and the indicator lights will continue to flash at a different rate if the key is removed while the axles are still in the locked position.

To unlock the axles, pull up on the switch.

# **PARKING BRAKE**

To set the parking brake, pull the lever up as firmly as possible. When the parking brake is applied with the ignition ON, the BRAKE warning light in the instrument cluster will light.

**NOTE:** The BRAKE warning light indicates only that the parking brake is applied. It does not indicate the degree of brake application.

**NOTE:** If the parking brake is applied and the vehicle is in motion, the BRAKE warning light will flash and a chime will sound.



Before leaving the vehicle parked on a hill, you must make sure the parking brake is fully applied and place the gear selector in the P (Park) position (automatic transmission) or first gear (manual transmission). Make certain the transfer case is in gear. Failure to do so may cause the vehicle to roll and cause damage or injury.

# WARNING!

- Always fully apply the parking brake when leaving your vehicle, or vehicle may roll and cause damage or injury. Also be certain to leave a automatic transmission in P (Park), or a manual transmission in 1st gear. Make certain the transfer case is in gear. Failure to do so may cause the vehicle to roll and cause damage or injury.
- If the parking brake is released, and the BRAKE warning light glows while the ignition switch is ON or the engine is running, there may be a brake system problem. Brake pedal travel, effort and stopping distances may increase, and you should obtain corrective service immediately.

When parking on a hill, it is important to set the parking brake before placing the gear selector in P (Park), otherwise the load on the transmission locking mechanism may make it difficult to move the selector out of P (Park).

The parking brake should always be applied when the driver is not in the vehicle.

# WARNING!

• Leaving children unattended in a vehicle is dangerous for a number of reasons. A child or others could be injured. Children should be warned not to touch the parking brake or the gear selector lever. Don't leave the keys in the ignition. A child could operate controls or move the vehicle.

To release the parking brake, pull up slightly, press center button, then lower lever completely.



If the parking brake is not completely released, the BRAKE warning light will remain on.

**NOTE:** Your vehicle has automatically adjusting rear brakes and we do not recommend any adjustment other than the maintenance performed by your authorized dealer.

# ABOUT YOUR BRAKES

Your vehicle is equipped with power assisted brakes as standard equipment. In the event power assist is lost for any reason (for example, repeated brake applications with the engine off), the brakes will still function. The effort required to brake the vehicle will be much greater than that required with the power system operating. STARTING AND OPERATING 177

# WARNING!

Riding the brakes can lead to brake failure and possibly an accident. Driving with your foot resting or riding on the brake pedal can result in abnormally high brake temperatures, excessive lining wear, and possible brake damage. You wouldn't have your full braking capacity in an emergency.

If either of two hydraulic systems lose normal capability, the remaining system will still function with some loss of overall braking effectiveness. This will be evident by increased pedal travel during application and greater pedal force required to slow or stop.

# WARNING!

To use your brakes and decelerate more safely, follow these tips:

- Do not "ride" the brakes by resting your foot on the pedal. This could overheat the brakes and result in unpredictable braking action, longer stopping distances, or brake damage.
- When descending mountains or hills, repeated braking can cause brake fade with loss of braking control. Avoid repeated heavy braking by downshifting the transmission whenever possible.
- Do not downshift on icy or slippery roads, because engine braking may cause skidding and loss of control.
- Engines may idle at higher speeds during warm-up, which could cause rear wheels to spin and result in loss of vehicle control. Be especially careful while driving on slippery roads, in close-quarter maneuvering, parking or stopping. Remember, always engage 4-wheel drive when driving on slippery roads.
- Do not drive too fast for road conditions, especially when roads are wet or slushy. A wedge of water can build up between the tire tread and the road. This hydroplaning action can cause loss of traction, braking ability, and control. Under such conditions, engage 4-wheel drive.
- After going through deep water or a car wash, brakes may become wet, resulting in poor performance and unpredictable braking action. Dry the brakes by gentle, intermittent pedal action while driving at very slow speeds.

# WARNING!

The weight and position of cargo and passengers can change the vehicle center of gravity and vehicle handling. To avoid loss of control resulting in personal injury, follow these guidelines:

- Always place cargo evenly on the cargo floor, and locate heavier objects as low and as far forward as possible.
- Place as much cargo as possible in front of the rear axle. Too much weight or improperly placed weight over or behind the rear axle can cause the rear of the vehicle to sway.
- Do not pile luggage or cargo higher than the top of the seatback. This could impair visibility or become a dangerous projectile in a sudden stop or collision.
- The rear cargo space is intended for load carrying purposes only, not for passengers, who should sit in seats and use seat belts.
- On hardtop models, do not drive with the lift glass up. On fabric top models, do not drive with the rear window curtain up unless the side curtains are also open. This will prevent dangerous exhaust fumes from entering the vehicle.

# WARNING!

To help avoid personal injury, follow these tips:

- Never reach through the steering wheel to operate steering column controls. Injury to your hands or loss of vehicle control may result.
- If the engine stalls or power assist fails due to a malfunction, vehicle steering and braking will require greater effort.

# ANTI-LOCK BRAKE SYSTEM — IF EQUIPPED

The Anti-Lock Brake System is designed to aid the driver in maintaining vehicle control under adverse braking conditions. The system operates with a separate computer to modulate hydraulic pressure to prevent wheel lock-up and help avoid skidding on slippery surfaces.

All vehicle wheels and tires must be the same size and type and tires must be properly inflated to produce accurate signals for the computer.

# WARNING!

Significant over or under-inflation of tires, or mixing sizes of tires or wheels on the vehicle can lead to loss of braking effectiveness.

The Anti-Lock Brake System conducts a low speed selftest at about 12 mph (20 km/h). If for any reason, your foot is on the brake when the vehicle reaches 12 mph (20 5 km/h), this check will be delayed until 25 mph (40 km/h).

The Anti-Lock Brake System pump motor runs during the self-test and during an ABS stop to provide the regulated hydraulic pressure. The motor pump makes a low humming noise during operation, this is normal.

During off-road use, loss of traction can temporarily defeat the system and cause the warning light to illuminate. Turn the ignition OFF and ON again to restore Anti-Lock Brake System function.

# WARNING!

Pumping of the Anti-Lock Brakes will diminish their effectiveness and may lead to an accident. Pumping makes the stopping distance longer. Just press firmly on your brake pedal when you need to slow down or stop.

# WARNING!

- Anti-lock system (ABS) cannot prevent the natural laws of physics from acting on the vehicle, nor can it increase braking or steering efficiency beyond that afforded by the condition of the vehicle brakes and tires or the traction afforded.
- The ABS cannot prevent accidents, including those resulting from excessive speed in turns, following another vehicle too closely, or hydroplaning. Only a safe, attentive, and skillful driver can prevent accidents.
- The capabilities of an ABS equipped vehicle must never be exploited in a reckless or dangerous manner which could jeopardize the user's safety or the safety of others.
# **CAUTION!**

The Anti-Lock Brake System is subject to possible detrimental effects of electronic interference caused by improperly installed aftermarket radios or telephones.

**NOTE:** During severe braking conditions, a pulsing sensation may occur and a clicking noise will be heard. This is normal, indicating that the Anti-Lock Brake System is functioning.

#### **ON-ROAD DRIVING TIPS**

Utility vehicles have higher ground clearance and a narrower track to make them capable of performing in a wide variety of off-road applications. Specific design characteristics give them a higher center of gravity than ordinary cars.

An advantage of the higher ground clearance is a better view of the road, allowing you to anticipate problems. They are not designed for cornering at the same speeds as conventional 2-wheel drive vehicles any more than lowslung sports cars are designed to perform satisfactorily in off-road conditions. If at all possible, avoid sharp turns or abrupt maneuvers. As with other vehicles of this type, failure to operate this vehicle correctly may result in loss of control or vehicle rollover.

### OFF-ROAD DRIVING TIPS

#### When To Use Low Range

5 When driving off-road, shift to 4L (Low) for additional traction in pulling forward or descending a hill, for low-speed pulling power or to improve handling and control on slippery or difficult terrain. Also use 4L (Low) in rain, ice, snow, mud or sand to get heavy loads rolling, or whenever 4H (High) range four-wheel drive traction will not do the job.

#### In Snow, Mud and Sand

In heavy snow, when pulling a load, or for additional control at slower speeds, shift the transmission to a low gear and shift the transfer case to 4L (Low) if necessary.

Don't shift to a lower gear than necessary to maintain headway. Over-revving the engine can spin the wheels and traction will be lost.

Do not downshift on icy or slippery roads because engine braking may cause skidding and loss of control.

When driving on soft sand, reduce your tire pressure to 15 psi (103 kPa) minimum to allow greater tire surface area. You must return the tires to normal air pressure before driving on pavement or other hard surfaces.

**NOTE:** Reduced tire pressures below 15 psi (103 kPa) may cause tire unseating and loss of air pressure.

#### **Hill Climbing**

**Before climbing a steep hill**, change transmission to a lower gear and shift the transfer case to 4L (Low). Use first gear and 4L (Low) for very steep hills.

**If you stall or begin to lose headway** while climbing a steep hill, allow your vehicle to come to a stop and immediately apply the brake. Restart the engine and shift to R (Reverse). Back up slowly down the hill allowing the compression braking of the engine and transmission to

help regulate your speed. If the brakes are required to control vehicle speed, apply them lightly and avoid locking or skidding the tires.

#### WARNING!

If the engine stalls or you lose headway or cannot make it to the top of a steep hill or grade, never attempt to turn around. To do so may result in tipping and rolling the vehicle. Always back carefully straight down a hill in R (Reverse) gear. Never back down a hill in N (Neutral) or with the clutch pedal depressed, using only the brake.

# Remember, never drive diagonally across a hill, always drive straight up or down.

If the wheels start to slip as you approach the crest of a hill, ease off the accelerator and maintain headway by turning the front wheels sharply left and right. This will provide fresh "bite" into the surface and will usually provide traction to complete the climb.

#### **Traction Downhill**

Shift the transmission into a low gear and transfer case to 4L (Low) range. Let the vehicle go slowly down the hill with all four wheels turning against engine compression drag. This will permit you to control the vehicle speed and direction.

# After Driving Off-Road

Off-road operation puts more stress on your vehicle than does most on-road driving. After driving off-road, it is always a good idea to check for damage.

- Completely inspect the underbody of your vehicle. Check tires, body structure, steering, suspension, and exhaust system for damage.
- Check threaded fasteners for looseness, particularly on the chassis, drivetrain components, steering, and suspension. Retighten them, if required, and torque to the values specified in the Service Manual.
- Check for accumulations of plants or brush. These things could be a fire hazard, or they might hide damage to fuel lines, brake hoses, axle pinion seals, and propeller shafts.

• After extended operation in mud, sand, water, or similar dirty conditions, have brake drums, brake linings, and axle yokes inspected and cleaned as soon as possible.

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# WARNING!

Abrasive material in any part of the brakes may cause excessive wear or unpredictable braking. You might not have full braking power when you need it to prevent an accident. If you have been operating your vehicle in dirty conditions, get your brakes checked and cleaned as necessary.

• If you experience unusual vibration after driving in mud, slush or similar conditions, check the wheels for packed material. Packed foreign material can cause a wheel imbalance and freeing the wheels will correct the situation.



**NOTE:** P(Passenger)-Metric tire sizing is based on U.S. design standards. P-Metric tires have the letter "P" molded into the sidewall preceding the size designation. Example: P215/65R15 95H.

**NOTE:** European Metric tire sizing is based on European design standards. Tires designed to this standard have the tire size molded into the sidewall beginning with the section width. The letter "P" is absent from this tire size designation. Example: 215/65R15 96H

**NOTE:** LT(Light Truck)-Metric tire sizing is based on U.S. design standards. The size designation for LT-Metric tires is the same as for P-Metric tires except for the letters "LT" that are molded into the sidewall preceding the size designation. Example: LT235/85R16.

**NOTE:** Temporary Spare tires are high pressure compact spares designed for temporary emergency use only. Tires designed to this standard have the letter "T" molded into the sidewall preceding the size designation. Example: T145/80D18 103M.

**NOTE:** High Flotation tire sizing is based on U.S. design standards and begins with the tire diameter molded into the sidewall. Example: 31x10.5 R15 LT.

Tire Sizing Chart
EXAMPLE:
Size Designation:
$\mathbf{P}$ = Passenger car tire size based on U.S. design standards
"blank" = Passenger car tire based on European design standards
LT = Light Truck tire based on U.S. design standards
$\mathbf{T}$ = Temporary Spare tire
31 = Overall Diameter in Inches (in)
<b>215</b> = Section Width in Milimeters (mm)
65 = Aspect Ratio in Percent (%)
—Ratio of section height to section width of tire.
10.5 = Section Width in Inches (in)
$\mathbf{R}$ = Construction Code
—"R" means Radial Construction.
—"D" means Diagonal or Bias Construction.
15 = Rim Diameter in Inches (in)

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EXAMPLE:				
Service Description:				
95 = Load Index				
—A numerical code associated with the maximum load a tire can carry.				
H = Speed Symbol				
—A symbol indicating the range of speeds at which a tire can carry a load corresponding to its load index under certain operating conditions.				
—The maximum speed corresponding to the Speed Symbol should only be achieved un- der specified operating conditions. (ie. tire pressure, vehicle loading, road conditions and posted speed limits).				
Load Identification:				
"blank" = Absence of any text on sidewall of the tire indicates a Standard Load (SL) Tire				
Extra Load (XL) = Extra Load (or Reinforced) Tire				
Light Load = Light Load Tire				
C,D,E = Load range associated with the maximum load a tire can carry at a specified pressure				
Maximum Load — Maximum Load indicates the maximum load this tire is designed to carry.				
Maximum Pressure — Maximum Pressure indicates the maximum permissible cold tire inflation pressure for this				
tire.				

# **Tire Identification Number (TIN)**

The TIN may be found on one or both sides of the tire however the date code may only be on one side. Tires with white sidewalls will have the full TIN including date code located on the white sidewall side of the tire. Look for the TIN on the outboard side of black sidewall tires as mounted on the vehicle. If the TIN is not found on the outboard side then you will find it on the inboard side of the tire.

EXAMPLE:	]
DOT MA L9 ABCD 0301	1
<b>DOT</b> = Department of Transportation	]_
—This symbol certifies that the tire is in compliance with the U.S. Department of Transportation tire safety standards, and is approved for highway use.	
MA = Code representing the tire manufacturing location.(2 digits)	]
<b>L9</b> = Code representing the tire size.(2 digits)	
<b>ABCD</b> = Code used by tire manufacturer.(1 to 4 digits)	
03 = Number representing the week in which the tire was manufactured.(2 digits)	
—03 means the 3rd week.	
<b>01</b> = Number representing the year in which the tire was manufactured.(2 digits)	
-01 means the year 2001.	

—Prior to July 2000, tire manufacturers were only required to have 1 number to represent the year in which the tire was manufactured. Example: 031 could represent the 3rd week of 1981 or 1991.

#### **Tire Loading and Tire Pressure**

#### **Tire Placard Location**

**NOTE:** The tire placard is located on the lower driver's side instrument panel.

#### **Tire and Loading Information Placard**

	TIRE AND LOADING INFORMATION SEATING CAPACITY - TOTAL 5 FRONT 2 REAR 3 THE COMBINED WEIGHT OF OCCUPANTS AND CARGO SHOULD NEVER EXCEED XXX KG OF XXX IBS.							
Т	IRE	FRONT	REAR	SPARE				
ORIGINAL	TIRE SIZE	P195/70R14	P195/70R14	T125/70D15	₹3			
	.D TIRE I PRESSURE	200kPa, 29PSI	200kPa, 29PSI	420kPa, 60PSI	4			
SEE OWNER	'S MANUAL FOR J	ADDITIONAL INFORM		4N109268	)			

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This placard tells you important information about the,

number of people that can be carried in the vehicle
the total weight your vehicle can carry

3) the tire size designed for your vehicle

4) the cold tire inflation pressures for the front, rear and spare tires.

#### Loading

The vehicle maximum load on the tire must not exceed the load carrying capacity of the tire on your vehicle. You will not exceed the tire's load carrying capacity if you adhere to the loading conditions, tire size and cold tire inflation pressures specified on the Tire and Loading Information placard and the Vehicle Loading section of this manual.

**NOTE:** Under a maximum loaded vehicle condition, gross axle weight ratings (GAWR's) for the front and rear axles must not be exceeded. For further information on GAWR's, vehicle loading and trailer towing, see the Vehicle Loading section of this manual.

To determine the maximum loading conditions of your vehicle, locate the statement "The combined weight of occupants and cargo should never exceed XXX kg or XXX lbs." on the Tire and Loading Information placard. The

combined weight of occupants, cargo/luggage and trailer tongue weight (if applicable) should never exceed the weight referenced here.

#### Steps for Determining Correct Load Limit

1. Locate the statement "The combined weight of occupants and cargo should never exceed XXX pounds" on your vehicle's placard.

2. Determine the combined weight of the driver and passengers that will be riding in your vehicle.

3. Subtract the combined weight of the driver and passengers from XXX kilograms or XXX pounds.

4. The resulting figure equals the available amount of cargo and luggage load capacity. For example, if "XXX" amount equals 1400 lbs. and there will be five 150 lb. passengers in your vehicle, the amount of available cargo and luggage load capacity is 650 lb.  $(1400-750 (5 \times 15) =$ 650 lb.)

5. determine the combined weight of luggage and cargo being loaded on the vehicle. That weight may not safely exceed the available cargo and luggage load capacity calculated in step 4.

6. If your vehicle will be towing a trailer, load from your trailer will be transferred to your vehicle. Consult this manual to determine how this reduces the available cargo and luggage load capacity of your vehicle.

**NOTE:** The following table shows examples on how to **5** calculate total load, cargo/luggage and towing capacities of your vehicle with varying seating configurations and number and size of occupants. This table is for illustration purposes only and may not be accurate for the seating and load carry capacity of your vehicle.

**NOTE:** For the following example the combined weight of occupants and cargo should never exceed 865 lbs. (392 Kg).



# WARNING!

Overloading of your tire is dangerous. Overloading can cause tire failure, affect vehicle handling, and increase your stopping distance. Use tires of the recommended load capacity for your vehicle-never overload them.

# TIRES — GENERAL INFORMATION

#### **Tire Pressure**

Proper tire inflation pressure is essential to the safe and satisfactory operation of your vehicle. Three primary areas are affected by improper tire pressure:

#### 1. Safety-

### WARNING!

Improperly inflated tires are dangerous and can cause accidents.

• Under inflation increases tire flexing and can result in tire failure.

• Over inflation reduces a tire's ability to cushion shock. Objects on the road and chuck holes can cause damage that results in tire failure.

- Unequal tire pressures can cause steering problems. You could lose control of your vehicle.
- Over inflated or under inflated tires can affect vehicle handling and can fail suddenly, resulting in loss of vehicle control.

Always drive with each tire inflated to the recommended pressure.

#### 2. Economy—

Improper inflation pressures can cause uneven wear patterns to develop across the tire tread. These abnormal wear patterns will reduce tread life resulting in a need for earlier tire replacement. Under inflation also increases tire rolling resistance and results in higher fuel consumption.

#### 3. Ride Comfort and Vehicle Stability—

Proper tire inflation contributes to a comfortable ride. Over inflation produces a jarring and uncomfortable ride. Both under inflation and over inflation affect the stability of the vehicle and can produce a feeling of sluggish response or over-responsiveness in the steering.

Unequal tire pressures can cause erratic and unpredictable steering response.

Unequal tire pressure from side to side may cause the vehicle to drift left or right.

#### **Tire Inflation Pressures**

The proper cold tire inflation pressure is located on the lower driver's side instrument panel.

The tire pressure should be checked and adjusted at least once every month. Check more often if subject to a wide range of outdoor temperatures, as tire pressures vary with temperature changes.

Inflation pressures specified on the label are always "Cold Inflation Pressure." Cold inflation pressure is defined as the tire pressure after the vehicle has been idle for at least 3 hours, or driven less than a mile after a 3 hour period. The cold inflation pressure must not exceed the maximum values molded into the tire sidewall.

Tire pressures may increase from 13 to 40 kPa (2 to 6 psi) [0.138 to 0.414 bar] during operation. DO NOT reduce this normal pressure buildup.

#### **High Speed Operation**

# WARNING!

High speed driving with your vehicle under load is dangerous. The added strain on your tires could cause them to fail. You could have a serious accident. Don't drive a vehicle loaded to maximum capacity at continuous speeds above 75 mph (120 km/h).

The manufacturer advocates driving at safe speeds within posted speed limits. Where speed limits or conditions are such that the vehicle can be driven at high speeds, correct tire inflation pressure is very important.

#### **Radial-Ply Tires**

#### WARNING!

Combining radial ply tires with other types of tires on your vehicle will cause your vehicle to handle poorly. The instability could cause an accident. Always use radial tires in sets of four. Never combine them with other types of tires.

Cuts and punctures in radial tires are repairable only in the tread area because of sidewall flexing. Consult your dealer for radial tire repairs.

#### Tire Spinning

When stuck in mud, sand, snow, or ice conditions, do not spin your vehicle's wheels above 35 mph (55 km/h).

### WARNING!

Fast spinning tires can be dangerous. Forces generated by excessive wheel speeds may cause tire damage or failure. A tire could explode and injure someone. Do not spin your vehicle's wheels faster than 35 mph (55km/h) when you are stuck. And don't let anyone near a spinning wheel, no matter what the speed.

#### **Tread Wear Indicators**



These indicators are narrow strips 1/16 inch (1.6 mm) thick and are found in the tread pattern grooves.

When the tread pattern is worn down to these treadwear indicators, the tires should be replaced.

Overloading your vehicle, long trips in very hot weather, and driving on bad roads may result in greater wear.

#### **Replacement Tires**

The tires on your new vehicle provide a balance of many characteristics. They should be inspected regularly for wear and correct inflation pressure. The manufacturer strongly recommends that you use tires equivalent to the originals in quality and performance when replacement is needed (see section on tread wear indicators). Failure to use equivalent replacement tires may adversely affect the safety, handling and ride of your vehicle. We recommend that you contact your original equipment tire dealer on any questions you may have on tire specifications or capability.

# WARNING!

- Do not use a tire, wheel size or rating other than that specified for your vehicle. Some combinations of unapproved tires and wheels may change suspension dimensions and performance characteristics, resulting in changes to steering, handling, and braking of your vehicle. This can cause unpredictable handling and stress to steering and suspension components. You could lose control and have an accident resulting in serious injury or death. Use only the tire and wheel sizes with load ratings approved for your vehicle.
- Never use a tire smaller than the minimum tire size listed on your vehicle's tire label. Using a smaller tire could result in tire overloading and failure. You could lose control and have an accident.
- Failure to equip your vehicle with tires having adequate speed capability can result in sudden tire failure and loss of vehicle control.
- Overloading your tires is dangerous. Overloading can cause tire failure. Use tires of the recommended load capacity for your vehicle - never overload them.

# **CAUTION!**

Replacing original tires with tires of a different size may result in false speedometer and odometer readings. Check with your dealer before replacing tires with a different size.

#### **Alignment And Balance**

Tire suspension components of your vehicle should be 5 inspected and aligned when needed, to obtain maximum tire tread life.

Poor suspension alignment may result in:

- reduced tread life;
- uneven tire wear, such as feathering and one-sided wear,
- vehicle pull to the right or to the left.

Tires may also cause your vehicle to pull to the left or right. Alignment won't correct this condition. See your dealer for proper diagnosis.

Improper alignment will not cause vehicle vibration, which may be a result of tire and wheel out-of-balance. Proper balancing will reduce vibration and avoid tire cupping and spotty wear.

#### **TIRE CHAINS**

Install chains on rear tires only. Tire chains may be installed on all models except Sahara. Follow these recommendations to guard against damage and excessive tire and chain wear:

- Use chains on P205/75R15 or P215/75R15 tires only. P225/75R15, LT30 x 9.50R15, and LT245/75R16 tires do not provide adequate clearance.
- Use SAE class "S" tire chains or traction devices only.
- Chains must be the proper size for the vehicle, as recommended by the chain manufacturer.
- Follow tire chain manufacturer's instructions for mounting chains.
- Install chains snugly and tighten after.6 mile (1 km) of driving.

- Do not exceed 30 mph (48 km/h).
- Drive cautiously, avoiding large bumps, potholes and extreme driving maneuvers.
- **Do not** use chains or traction devices on the Poly-spare tire.

#### TIRE ROTATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Tires on the front and rear axles of vehicles operate at different loads and perform different steering, handling, and braking functions. For these reasons, they wear at unequal rates, and develop irregular wear patterns.

These effects can be reduced by timely rotation of tires. The benefits of rotation are especially worthwhile with aggressive tread designs such as those on On/Off Road type tires. Rotation will increase tread life, help to maintain mud, snow, and wet traction levels, and contribute to a smooth, quiet ride.

Follow the recommended tire rotation frequency for your type of driving found in the "Maintenance Schedules" Section of this manual. More frequent rotation is permissible if desired. The reasons for any rapid or unusual wear should be corrected prior to rotation being performed.

The suggested rotation method is the "forward-cross" shown in the following diagram.



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#### FUEL REQUIREMENTS



Your engine is designed to meet all emissions regulations and provide excellent fuel economy and performance when using high quality unleaded gasoline having an octane rating of 87. The use of premium gasoline is not recommended. The use of

premium gasoline will provide no benefit over high quality regular gasoline, and in some circumstances may result in poorer performance.

Light spark knock at low engine speeds is not harmful to your engine. However, continued heavy spark knock at high speeds can cause damage and immediate service is required. Engine damage resulting from operation with a heavy spark knock may not be covered by the new vehicle warranty.

Poor quality gasoline can cause problems such as hard starting, stalling and hesitations. If you experience these symptoms, try another brand of gasoline before considering service for the vehicle.

Over 40 auto manufacturer's world wide have issued and endorsed consistent gasoline specifications (the Worldwide Fuel Charter, WWFC) to define fuel properties necessary to deliver enhanced emissions, performance, and durability for your vehicle. The manufacturer recommends the use of gasoline that meets the WWFC specifications if they are available.

#### **Reformulated Gasoline**

Many areas of the country require the use of cleaner burning gasoline referred to as Reformulated Gasoline. Reformulated gasoline contains oxygenates, and is specifically blended to reduce vehicle emissions and improve air quality.

The manufacturer strongly supports the use of reformulated gasoline. Properly blended reformulated gasoline will provide excellent performance and durability for the engine and fuel system components.

### **Gasoline/Oxygenate Blends**

Some fuel suppliers blend unleaded gasoline with oxygenates such as 10% ethanol, MTBE, and ETBE. Oxygenates are required in some areas of the country during the winter months to reduce carbon monoxide emissions. Fuels blended with these oxygenates may be used in your vehicle.

# CAUTION!

DO NOT use gasoline containing METHANOL. Gasoline containing methanol may damage critical fuel system components.

#### **MMT In Gasoline**

MMT is a manganese containing metallic additive that is blended into some gasoline to increase octane. Gasoline blended with MMT provides no performance advantage beyond gasoline of the same octane number without MMT. Gasoline blended with MMT reduces spark plug life and reduces emission system performance in some vehicles. The manufacturer recommends that gasoline without MMT be used in your vehicle. The MMT content of gasoline may not be indicated on the gasoline pump, therefore, you should ask your gasoline retailer whether or not his/her gasoline contains MMT.

It is even more important to look for gasoline without MMT in Canada because MMT can be used at levels higher than allowed in the United States. MMT is prohibited in Federal and California reformulated gasoline.

#### **Sulfur In Gasoline**

If you live in the northeast United States, your vehicle may have been designed to meet California low emission standards with clean burning, low sulfur, California gasoline. Gasoline sold outside of California is permitted to have higher sulfur levels which may affect the performance of the vehicle's catalytic converter. This may cause the "Malfunction Indicator Light" to illuminate.

Illumination of this light while operating on high sulfur gasoline does not necessarily mean your emission control system is malfunctioning. The manufacturer recommends that you try a different brand of unleaded gasoline having lower sulfur to determine if the problem is fuel related prior to returning your vehicle to an authorized dealer for service.

# **CAUTION!**

If the "Malfunction Indicator Light" is flashing, immediate service is required. See "Onboard Diagnostic System" in Section 7 of this manual.

### Materials Added To Fuel

All gasoline sold in the United States is required to contain effective detergent additives. Use of additional 5 detergents or other additives is not needed under normal conditions.

#### FUEL FILLER CAP (GAS CAP)

The fuel cap is located on the left side of the vehicle. If the fuel cap is lost or damaged, be sure the replacement cap is for use with this vehicle.



# **CAUTION!**

Damage to the fuel system or emission control system could result from using an improper fuel cap (gas cap). A poorly fitting cap could let impurities into the fuel system. Also, a poorly fitting aftermarket cap can cause the MIL (Malfunction Indicator Light) to illuminate, due to fuel vapors escaping from the system.

- Turn the engine off.
- Rotate the fuel cap to the left to remove.
- To replace the cap, insert it into the filler neck and tighten the cap about 1/4 turn until you hear one click. This is an indication that the cap is properly tightened.
- Make sure that the fuel cap tether strap is not caught under the fuel cap.

### CAUTION!

To avoid fuel spillage and overfilling, do not "top off" the fuel tank after filling.

**NOTE:** When the fuel nozzle "clicks" or shuts off, the fuel tank is full.

# WARNING!

- Remove the fuel cap (gas cap) slowly to prevent fuel spray from the filler neck which may cause injury.
- The volatility of some gasoline may cause a buildup of pressure in the fuel tank that may increase while you drive. This pressure can result in a spray of gasoline and/or vapors when the cap is removed from a hot vehicle. Removing the cap slowly allows the pressure to vent and prevents fuel spray.
- Never have any smoking materials lit in or near the vehicle when the fuel cap is removed or the tank filled.
- Never add fuel to the vehicle when the engine is running.

# WARNING!

A fire may result if gasoline is pumped into a portable container that is inside of a vehicle. You could be burned. Always place gas containers on the ground while filling.

# Locking Fuel Filler Cap (Gas Cap) — If Equipped

- Turn the engine off.
- Insert the ignition key into the fuel cap, and turn the key to the right to unlock the fuel cap. Rotate the fuel cap to the left to remove.
- To replace the cap, insert it into the filler neck and tighten the cap about 1/4 turn until you hear one click. This is an indication that the cap is properly tightened.
- Make sure that the fuel cap tether strap is not caught under the fuel cap.
- Be sure to remove the key.

# CAUTION!

To avoid fuel spillage and overfilling, do not "top off" the fuel tank after filling.

**NOTE:** When the fuel nozzle "clicks" or shuts off, the fuel tank is full.

#### **TRAILER TOWING**

In this section you will find information on limits to the type of towing you can reasonably do with your vehicle. Before towing a trailer, carefully review this information to tow your load as efficiently and safely as possible.

To maintain warranty coverage, follow the requirements and recommendations in this manual concerning vehicles used for trailer towing.

Perform maintenance services as prescribed in the "Maintenance Schedules" section. When your vehicle is used for trailer towing, never exceed the gross axle weight rating (GAWR) by the addition of:

• The tongue weight of the trailer.

• The weight of any other type of cargo or equipment put in or on your vehicle.

Remember that everything put in or on the trailer adds to the load on your vehicle.

#### Warranty Requirements

The manufacturer's warranty will apply to vehicles used to tow trailers for noncommercial use, however the following conditions must be met:

- The "D" Overdrive range can be selected when towing. However, if frequent shifting occurs move the shift lever to the next lower position to eliminate excessive automatic transmission shifting. This action will also reduce the possibility of transmission overheating and provide better engine braking. Refer to "Transmission Shifting" in this section for additional information.
- A load equalizing hitch is recommended for loaded trailer weights above 1,000 lbs (454 kg).

# CAUTION!

If the trailer weighs more than 1,000 lbs (454 kg) loaded, it should have its own brakes and they should be of adequate capacity. Failure to do this could lead to accelerated brake lining wear, higher brake pedal effort, and longer stopping distances.

#### WARNING!

Connecting trailer brakes to your vehicle's hydraulic brake lines can overload your brake system and cause it to fail. You might not have brakes when you need them and could have an accident.

- Whenever you pull a trailer, regardless of the trailer size, stop lights and turn signals on the trailer are mandatory for motoring safety.
- Follow the maintenance intervals in schedule "B" for changing the automatic transmission fluid and filter, if you REGULARLY tow a trailer for more than 45 minutes of continuous operation.

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Trailer Type	Gross Trailer Weight	Tongue Weight (See Note 1)	Towing Package	GCWR (Max.) (See Note 2)	Engine	Trans- mission	Cooling	Axle
Fold Down and Low Profile • 25 ft² (2.3m²) or Less Frontal Area • Up to 2,000 lbs. (907 kg) (also small boats flatbed trailers, etc.)	1,000 lbs. (453 kg) (Max.)	10 to 15% of GTW 300 lbs. (Max)	Class 1 Hitch	5,350 lbs. (2,247 kg)	2.4 L	ALL	ALL	ALL
	2,000 lbs. (907 kg) (Max.)		Class 1 Hitch	6,250 lbs. (2,835 kg)	4.0 L	ALL	ALL	ALL
	3,500 lbs. (1587 kg) (Max.)		Class 2 Hitch (Unlimited Models Only)	8,100 lbs. (3,674 kg) (Unlimited Models Only)	4.0 L	ALL	ALL	ALL
Other Trailer Types and Weights up to Full Box Shape								
• Up to 64 ft <sup>2</sup> (5.8m <sup>2</sup> ) Frontal Area	NOT RECOMMENDED							
• Up to 5,000 lbs. (2,268 kg) GTW								
•Maximum Travel Trailer Length 25 ft. (7.6m)	ב							

# **Minimum Vehicle Requirements for Trailer Towing**

The towing vehicle payload should be reduced by the tongue load (for a dead weight hitch) to keep the rear axle loading below GAWR (Gross Axle Weight Rating) of 2,650 lbs. (1,204 kg).
GCWR= Total combined weight of trailer and tow vehicle.

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**NOTE:** Refer to "Recommended Fluids, Lubricants, and Genuine Parts" in Section 7 for axle differential lubrication specifications for towing.

# **SNOW PLOW**

Snow plows **should not** be added to the front end of your vehicle.

# RECREATIONAL TOWING (BEHIND MOTORHOME, ETC.)

# CAUTION!

Internal damage to the transfer case will occur if a front or rear wheel lift is used when recreational towing.

**NOTE:** The transfer case must be shifted into N (Neutral) for recreational towing.

#### Shifting Into Neutral (N)

Use the following procedure to prepare your vehicle for recreational towing.

# **CAUTION!**

It is necessary to follow these steps to be certain that the transfer case is fully in N (Neutral) before recreational towing to prevent damage to internal parts.

1. Depress brake pedal.

2. Shift automatic transmission into N (Neutral) or depress clutch pedal on manual transmission.

- 3. Shift transfer case lever into N (Neutral).
- 4. Start engine.

5. Shift automatic transmission into D (Drive) or manual transmission into gear.

6. Release brake pedal and ensure that there is no vehicle movement.

7. Shut the engine off and place the ignition key into the unlocked OFF position.

- 8. Shift automatic transmission into P (Park).
- 9. Apply parking brake.
- 10. Attach vehicle to the tow vehicle with tow bar.
- 11. Release parking brake.

# CAUTION!

Damage to the transmission may occur if the transmission is shifted into P (Park) with the transfer case in N (Neutral) and the engine running. With the transfer case in N (Neutral) ensure that the engine is off prior to shifting the transmission into P (Park) (refer to steps 7 - 8 above).

#### Shifting Out Of Neutral (N)

Use the following procedure to prepare your vehicle for normal usage.

1. Shift automatic transmission into N (Neutral) or depress clutch pedal on manual transmission.

2. Shift transfer case lever into desired position.

3. Shift automatic transmission into D (Drive) or release clutch on manual transmissions.

**NOTE:** When shifting out of transfer case N (Neutral) on automatic transmission equipped vehicles, turning the engine off may be required to avoid gear clash.

# WARNING!

You or others could be injured if you leave the vehicle unattended with the transfer case in the N (Neutral) position without first fully engaging the parking brake. The transfer case N (Neutral) position disengages both the front and rear driveshafts from the powertrain and will allow the vehicle to move despite the transmission position. The parking brake should always be applied when the driver is not in the vehicle.

# CAUTION!

• Do not use a bumper mounted clamp-on tow bar on your vehicle. The bumper face bar will be damaged.

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#### HAZARD WARNING FLASHER

The flasher switch is on top of the steering column, just behind the steering wheel. Depress the switch and both cluster indicators and all front and rear directional signals will flash. Depress the switch again to turn Hazard Warning Flashers off.



Do not use this emergency warning system when the vehicle is in motion. Use it when your vehicle is disabled and is creating a safety hazard for other motorists.

If it is necessary to leave the vehicle to go for service, the flasher system will continue to operate with the ignition key removed and the vehicle locked.

**NOTE:** With extended use, the flasher may wear down your battery.

# IF YOUR ENGINE OVERHEATS

In any of the following situations, you can reduce the potential for overheating by taking the appropriate action.

- On the highways Slow down.
- In city traffic While stopped, put transmission in N (Neutral), but do not increase engine idle speed.

**NOTE:** There are steps that you can take to slow down an impending overheat condition. If your air conditioner is on, turn it off. The air conditioning system adds heat to the engine cooling system and turning off the A/C removes this heat. You can also turn the Temperature Control to maximum heat, the Mode Control to floor, and the Fan Control to High. This allows the heater core to act as a supplement to the radiator and aids in removing heat from the engine cooling system.

# **CAUTION!**

Driving with a hot cooling system could damage your vehicle. If the temperature gauge reads "H", pull over and stop the vehicle. Idle the vehicle with the air conditioner turned off until the pointer drops back into the normal range. If the pointer remains on the "H", and you hear continuous chimes, turn the engine off immediately, and call for service.

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#### **CHANGING A FLAT TIRE**

#### **Tool Kit Location**

The jack handle driver and jack extension are located in a kit that is stored on the floor board to the right of the front passenger seat. On some models, this tool kit is under the carpeting in the same location.

# Jack Location

The jack and lug wrench are stored under the front passenger seat.



To remove the jack from its stowage position, carefully release the rubber strap from the bracket. Turn the thumb screw counterclockwise to loosen jack and then remove it from the bracket.

# WARNING!

Always store the jack, lug wrench, jack handle driver, jack extension, and spare, flat or damaged tire securely in the proper place. Never leave them loose in the vehicle where they could become dangerous projectiles during a quick stop or collision.

# WARNING!

The jack is designed to use as a tool for changing tires only. The jack should not be used to lift the vehicle for service purposes, unless suitable supports are placed under the vehicle as a safety measure. The vehicle should be jacked on a firm level surface only. Avoid ice or slippery areas.

# **CAUTION!**

Never use your vehicle jack on the bumpers, sills or underbody of your vehicle. Damage may result. Place your vehicle jack only under an axle and in the positions shown for "Tire Changing Procedures."

# Spare Tire Location

To remove the spare tire from the carrier, remove the tire cover, if equipped, and remove the lug nuts with the lug wrench turning them counterclockwise. If equipped with an anti-theft lug nut (A), use the "Key" (B) and the lug wrench. The "Key" is stored in the glove box.



**NOTE:** If you have added aftermarket accessories to the spare tire mounted carrier, it cannot exceed a gross weight of 50 lbs (23 kg) including the weight of the spare tire.

# **Tire Changing Procedures**

# WARNING!

You can be injured or killed if you try to change a wheel too close to moving traffic. Pull far enough off the road to avoid being hit when operating the jack or changing the wheel.

### Preparation

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• Park on a firm, level surface well off the road, to provide ample work space. Place automatic transmission in P (Park), or manual transmission in R (Reverse), and stop engine. Set parking brake firmly and activate hazard warning flasher.

• Get everyone out of the vehicle before you jack it up. If the jack should fall, someone in the vehicle could be hurt.



• Block tire diagonally opposite tire to be changed to prevent forward and backward vehicle movement.

#### Instructions

- 1. Remove spare tire, jack and tools from stored location.
- 2. Before raising vehicle, loosen lug nuts on wheel with flat tire.

3. Assemble the jack and jacking tools as shown. Connect jack handle driver (1) to extension (2) then to lug wrench (3).



4. Operate jack from the front or the rear of the vehicle. Place the jack under the axle tube, as shown.



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5. Use a clockwise rotation to raise the jack. Raise vehicle just enough to be able to remove flat tire and install spare tire.

6. Remove lug nuts and wheel.

7. Position spare wheel/tire on vehicle and install lug nuts with cone-shaped end toward wheel. Lightly tighten nuts clockwise. To avoid the risk of forcing the vehicle off the jack, do not tighten the nuts fully until the vehicle has been lowered.

8. Lower the vehicle by using a counterclockwise rotation to lower the jack.

9. Finish tightening the lug nuts securely in crisscross pattern as shown. Tighten to 85-110 ft. lbs. (115-149 N·m).

10. Remove jack assembly and wheel blocks.

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11. Secure jack, lug wrench, jack handle driver, jack extension, and tire in proper locations.

# WARNING!

Carefully follow these tire changing warnings to help prevent personal injury or damage to your vehicle:

- Always park on a firm, level surface as far from the edge of the roadway as possible before raising the vehicle.
- Apply the parking brake firmly before jacking.
- Always block the wheel diagonally opposite the wheel being raised.
- Do not raise the vehicle higher than is necessary to remove the tire.
- Never start the engine with the vehicle on a jack.
- Do not let passengers sit in the vehicle when it is on a jack.
- Do not get under the vehicle when it is on a jack.
- Failure to follow the "Tire Changing Procedure" may result in personal injury or damage to your vehicle.
- Only use the jack in the positions indicated.

# JUMP STARTING

# WARNING!

To prevent personal injury or damage to clothing, do not allow battery fluid to contact eyes, skin, or fabrics. Do not lean over a battery when connecting jumper cables or allow cable clamps to touch each other. Keep open flames or sparks away from battery vent holes. Always wear eye protection when working with batteries. Do not use a booster battery or any other booster source that has a greater than 12-volt system, i.e. do not use a 24-volt power source.

Your vehicle is equipped with a 12–volt battery. If it becomes necessary to use a booster battery, with jumper cables, to start the vehicle's engine because it's battery is discharged, the following procedure should be followed:
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Set the parking brake, place an automatic transmission in P (Park) (or N (Neutral) for a manual transmission). Turn off lights, heater, and other electrical loads. Observe charge indicator in the battery. If indicator is light or yellow, replace the battery.

## **CAUTION!**

Use the "Jump Starting" procedure only when the charge indicator is dark in the center. Do not attempt jump starting when the battery charge indicator is bright or yellow. If the charge indicator is dark and has a green dot in the center, failure to start is not due to a discharged battery and the cranking system should be checked.

1. Attach one end of the jumper cable to the positive terminal of the discharged battery and the other end of the same cable to the positive terminal of the booster battery.



Do not permit vehicles to touch each other as this could establish a ground connection and personal injury could result.

2. Connect one end of the other jumper cable to the negative terminal of the booster battery. Connect the other end of the jumper cable to a good ground on the vehicle with the discharged battery. Make sure a good connection is made, free of dirt and grease.

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## WARNING!

- Do not connect the cable to the negative terminal of the discharged battery. The resulting electrical spark could cause the battery to explode.
- During cold weather when temperatures are below freezing point, electrolyte in a discharged battery may freeze. Do not attempt jump starting because the battery could rupture or explode. The battery temperature must be brought up above freezing point before attempting to jump start.

3. Take care that the clamps from one cable do not touch clamps from the other cable. Do not lean over the battery when making the connection. The negative connection must provide good electrical conductivity and current carrying capacity.

- 4. After the engine is started or if the engine fails to start, the cables must be disconnected in the following order:
  - a. Disconnect the negative cable at the engine ground.
  - b. Disconnect the negative cable at the negative terminal on the booster battery.
  - c. Disconnect the cable from the positive terminals of both batteries.

## WARNING!

Any procedure other than above could result in:

- Personal injury caused by electrolyte squirting out the battery vent.
- Personal injury or property damage due to battery explosion.
- Damage to charging system of booster vehicle or of immobilized vehicle.

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## TOWING A DISABLED VEHICLE

The manufacturer recommends towing with all four wheels off the ground. Acceptable methods are to tow the vehicle on a flatbed or with one end of the vehicle raised and the other end on a towing dolly.

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#### **ONBOARD DIAGNOSTIC SYSTEM — OBD II**

Your vehicle is equipped with a sophisticated onboard diagnostic system called OBD II. This system monitors the performance of the emissions, engine, and automatic transmission control systems. When these systems are operating properly, your vehicle will provide excellent performance and fuel economy, as well as engine emissions well within current government regulations.

If any of these systems require service, the OBD II system will turn on the "Malfunction Indicator Light." It will also store diagnostic codes and other information to assist your service technician in making repairs. Although your vehicle will usually be drivable and not need towing, see your dealer for service as soon as possible.

#### CAUTION!

- Prolonged driving with the "Malfunction Indicator Light" on could cause further damage to the emission control system. It could also affect fuel economy and driveability. The vehicle must be serviced before any emissions tests can be performed.
- If the "Malfunction Indicator Light" is flashing while the engine is running, severe catalytic converter damage and power loss will soon occur. Immediate service is required.

# EMISSIONS INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS

In some localities, it may be a legal requirement to pass an inspection of your vehicle's emissions control system. Failure to pass could prevent vehicle registration.

For states which have an I/M (Inspection and Maintenance) requirement, this check verifies the following: the MIL (Malfunction Indicator Lamp) is functioning and is not on when the engine is running, and that the OBD (On Board Diagnostic) system is ready for testing.

Normally, the OBD system will be ready. The OBD system may **not** be ready if your vehicle was recently serviced, if you recently had a dead battery, or a battery replacement. If the OBD system should be determined not ready for the I/M test, your vehicle may fail the test.

Your vehicle has a simple ignition key actuated test which you can use prior to going to the test station. To check if your vehicle's OBD system is ready, you must do the following:

1. Insert your ignition key into the ignition switch.

2. Turn the ignition to the ON position, but do not crank or start the engine.

3. If you crank or start the engine, you will have to start this test over.

4. As soon as you turn your key to the ON position, you will see your MIL symbol come on as part of a normal bulb check.

5. Approximately 15 seconds later, one of two things will happen:

a. The MIL will flash for about 10 seconds and then return to being fully illuminated until you turn off the ignition key or start the engine. This means that your vehicle's OBD system is **not ready** and you should **not** proceed to the I/M station.

b. The MIL will not flash at all and will remain fully illuminated until you turn off the ignition key or start the engine. This means that your vehicle's OBD system is **ready** and you can proceed to the I/M station.

If your OBD system is not ready, you should see your authorized dealer or repair facility. If your vehicle was recently serviced or had a battery failure or replacement, you may need to do nothing more than drive your vehicle as you normally would in order for your OBD system to update. A recheck with the above test routine may then indicate that the system is now ready.

Regardless of whether your vehicle's OBD system is ready or not ready, if the MIL symbol is illuminated during normal vehicle operation, you should have your vehicle serviced before going to the I/M station. The I/M station can fail your vehicle because the MIL symbol is on with the engine running.

#### **REPLACEMENT PARTS**

Use of genuine Mopar® parts for normal/scheduled maintenance and repairs is highly recommended to insure the designed performance. Damage or failures caused by the use of non-Mopar® parts for maintenance and repairs will not be covered by the manufacturer's warranty.

#### DEALER SERVICE

Your dealer has the qualified service personnel, special tools and equipment to perform all service operations in an expert manner. Service Manuals are available which include detailed service information for your vehicle. Refer to these manuals before attempting any procedure **7** yourself.

**NOTE:** Intentional tampering with emissions control systems can result in civil penalties being assessed against you.

## WARNING!

You can be badly injured working on or around a motor vehicle. Do only that service work for which you have the knowledge and the proper equipment. If you have any doubt about your ability to perform a service job, take your vehicle to a competent mechanic.

#### MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

The pages that follow contain the **required** maintenance services determined by the engineers who designed your vehicle.

Besides the maintenance items for which there are fixed maintenance intervals, there are other items that should operate satisfactorily without periodic maintenance. However, if a malfunction of these items does occur, it could adversely affect the engine or vehicle performance. These items should be inspected if a malfunction is observed or suspected.

## Engine Oil

#### **Checking Oil Level**

To assure proper lubrication of your vehicle's engine, the engine oil must be maintained at the correct level. Check the oil level at regular intervals, such as every fuel stop.

The best time to check the engine oil level is about 5 minutes after a fully warmed engine is shut off, or before starting the engine after it has sat overnight.

Checking the oil while the vehicle is on level ground will improve the accuracy of the oil level readings. Maintain the oil level between the ADD and SAFE markings on the dipstick. Adding 1 U.S. Quart (0.95L) of oil when the reading is at the ADD mark will result in a SAFE reading on these engines.



## CAUTION!

Overfilling or underfilling the crankcase will cause aeration or loss of oil pressure. This could damage your engine.

## **Change Engine Oil**

Road conditions as well as your kind of driving affect the interval at which your oil should be changed. Check the following to determine if any apply to you:

- Day or night temperatures are below 32°F (0°C)
- Stop and go driving
- Extensive engine idling
- Driving in dusty conditions
- Short trip driving of less than 10 miles (16.2 km)

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- More than 50% of your driving is at sustained high speeds during hot weather, above 90°F (32°C)
- Taxi, Police, or delivery service (commercial service)
- Trailer towing
- Off-road or desert driving
- If equipped for and operating with E-85 (ethanol) fuel

If **ANY** of these apply to you, then change your engine oil at every interval shown in schedule "B" of the "Maintenance Schedules" section of this manual.

If none of these apply to you, then change your engine oil at every interval shown on schedule "A" of the "Maintenance Schedules" section of this manual

**NOTE:** Under no circumstances should oil change intervals exceed 6,000 miles (10 000 km) or 6 months whichever comes first.

#### **Engine Oil Selection**

For best performance and maximum protection for all engines under all types of operating conditions, the manufacturer recommends engine oils that are API Certified and meet the requirements of DaimlerChrysler Material Standard MS-6395.

## American Petroleum Institute (API) Engine Oil Identification Symbol



This symbol means that the oil has been certified by the American Petroleum Institute (API). The manufacturer only recommends API Certified engine oils.

## **Engine Oil Viscosity Chart**

The proper SAE viscosity grade of engine oil should be selected based on the following recommendation and be within the operating temperature shown in the engine oil viscosity chart.



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#### **Materials Added To Engine Oils**

The manufacturer **strongly recommends** against the addition of any additives (other than leak detection dyes) to engine oil. Engine oil is an engineered product and it's performance may be impaired by supplemental additives.

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#### **Disposing of Used Engine Oil**

Care should be taken in disposing of used engine oil from your vehicle. Used oil, indiscriminately discarded, can present a problem to the environment. Contact your authorized dealer, service station, or governmental agency for advice on how and where used oil can be safely discarded in your area.

#### **Engine Oil Filter**

The engine oil filter should be replaced at every engine oil change.

#### **Engine Oil Filter Selection**

All of the manufacturer's engines have a full-flow type disposable oil filter. Use a filter of this type for replacement. The quality of replacement filters varies considerably. Only high quality filters should be used to assure most efficient service. Mopar<sup>®</sup> engine oil filters are high quality oil filters and are recommended.

## Drive Belts — Check Condition and Tension

At the mileage shown in the appropriate "Maintenance Schedule," check all drive belts for condition and proper tension. Improper belt tension can cause belt slippage and failure.

Inspect the drive belt for evidence of cuts, cracks, or glazing and replace them if there is any sign of damage which could result in belt failure. If adjustment is required, adjust the belts according to the specifications and procedures shown in the Service Manual.

Special tools are required to properly measure tension and to restore belt tension to factory specifications. Also, check belt routing to make sure there is no interference between the belts and other engine components.

#### **Spark Plugs**

Spark plugs must fire properly to assure engine performance and emission control. New plugs should be installed at the mileage specified in the appropriate maintenance chart. The entire set should be replaced if there is any malfunction due to a faulty spark plug.

Refer to the "Vehicle Emission Control Information" label in the engine compartment for spark plug information.

#### **Catalytic Converter**

The catalytic converter requires the use of unleaded fuel only. Leaded gasoline will destroy the effectiveness of the converter as an emission control device.

Under normal operating conditions, the catalytic converter will not require maintenance. However, it is important to keep the engine properly tuned to assure proper catalyst operation and prevent possible catalyst damage.

## **CAUTION!**

Damage to the catalytic converter can result if your vehicle is not kept in proper operating condition. In the event of engine malfunction, particularly involving engine misfire or other apparent loss of performance, have your vehicle serviced promptly. Continued operation of your vehicle with a severe malfunction could cause the converter to overheat, resulting in possible damage to the converter and vehicle.

## WARNING!

A hot exhaust system can start a fire if you park over materials that can burn. Such materials might be grass or leaves coming into contact with your exhaust system. Do not park or operate your vehicle in areas where your exhaust system can contact anything that can burn.

In unusual situations involving grossly malfunctioning engine operation, a scorching odor may suggest severe and abnormal catalyst overheating. If this occurs, stop the vehicle, turn off the engine and allow it to cool. Service, including a tune up to manufacturer's specifications, should be obtained immediately.

To minimize the possibility of catalytic converter damage:

• Do not shut off the engine or interrupt the ignition when the transmission is in gear and the vehicle is in motion.

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- Do not try to start the engine by pushing or towing the vehicle.
- Do not idle the engine with any spark plug wires disconnected or removed, such as when diagnostic testing.
- Do not idle the engine for prolonged periods during very rough idle or malfunctioning operating conditions.
- Do not allow vehicle to run out of fuel.

**NOTE:** Intentional tampering with emissions control systems can result in civil penalties being assessed against you.

## Engine Timing Belt — 2.4L Engine

Replace the engine timing belt at the intervals described in the appropriate maintenance schedule.

## Ignition Wiring System — 2.4L Engine

Replace the ignition cables at the intervals described in the appropriate maintenance schedule.

#### **Crankcase Emission Control System**

Proper operation of this system depends on freedom from sticking or plugging due to deposits. As vehicle mileage builds up, the PCV valve and passages may accumulate deposits. If a valve is not working properly, replace it with a new valve. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CLEAN THE OLD PCV VALVE!

Check ventilation hose for indication of damage or plugging deposits. Replace if necessary.

#### **Fuel Filter**

A plugged fuel filter can cause hard starting or limit the speed at which a vehicle can be driven. Should an excessive amount of dirt accumulate in the fuel tank, frequent replacement of the fuel filter which is mounted in the fuel tank may be necessary.

#### **Engine Air Cleaner Filter**

Under normal driving conditions, replace the air filter at the intervals shown on "Maintenance Schedule A." If, however, you drive the vehicle frequently under dusty or severe conditions, the filter element should be inspected periodically and replaced if necessary at the intervals shown on "Maintenance Schedule B."

## WARNING!

The air cleaner can provide protection in the case of engine backfire. Do not remove the air cleaner unless it is necessary for repair or maintenance. Make sure that no one is near the engine compartment before starting the vehicle with the air cleaner removed. Failure to do so can result in serious personal injury.

#### **Maintenance-Free Battery**

Your vehicle is equipped with a maintenance-free battery. You will never have to add water, nor is periodic maintenance required.

## WARNING!

Battery posts, terminals, and related accessories contain lead and lead compounds. Always wash hands after handling the battery.



To determine the battery charge, check the battery test indicator (if equipped) on top of the battery. Refer to the illustration.

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#### CAUTION!

It is essential when replacing the cables on the battery that the positive cable is attached to the positive post and the negative cable is attached to the negative post. Battery posts are marked (+) positive and negative (-) and identified on the battery case. Also, if a "fast charger" is used while battery is in the vehicle, disconnect both vehicle battery cables before connecting the charger to battery. Do not use a "fast charger" to provide starting voltage.

#### **Air Conditioner Maintenance**

For best possible performance, your air conditioner should be checked and serviced by an Authorized Dealer at the start of each warm season. This service should include cleaning of the condenser fins and a performance test. Drive belt tension should also be checked at this time.

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## WARNING!

- Use only refrigerants and compressor lubricants approved by the manufacturer for your air conditioning system. Some unapproved refrigerants are flammable and can explode, injuring you. Other unapproved refrigerants or lubricants can cause the system to fail, requiring costly repairs.
- The air conditioning system contains refrigerant under high pressure. To avoid risk of personal injury or damage to the system, adding refrigerant or any repair requiring lines to be disconnected should be done by an experienced repairman.

#### **Refrigerant Recovery and Recycling**

R-134a Air Conditioning Refrigerant is a hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) that is endorsed by the Environmental Protection Agency and is an ozone-saving product. However, the manufacturer recommends that air conditioning service be performed by dealers or other service facilities using recovery and recycling equipment. **NOTE:** Air Conditioning systems found to be contaminated with A/C System Sealers, Stop Leak Products, Seal Conditioners, Compressor Oil, or Refrigerants not approved by the manufacturer, voids the warranty for the Air Conditioning system.

#### **Power Steering Fluid Check**

Checking the power steering fluid level at a defined service interval is not required. The fluid should only be checked if a leak is suspected, abnormal noises are apparent, and/or the system is not functioning as anticipated. Coordinate inspection efforts through a certified DaimlerChrysler Dealership."

## WARNING!

Fluid level should be checked on a level surface with the engine off to prevent injury from moving parts, and to insure accurate fluid level reading. Do not overfill. Use only the manufacturer's recommended fluid.

If necessary, add fluid to restore to the proper indicated level. With a clean cloth, wipe any spilled fluid from all surfaces. Refer to Recommended Fluids, Lubricants, and Genuine Parts for correct fluid type.

## **Driveline And Steering Component Lubrication**

U-joints (cardan joints) are sealed and do not require lubrication. Prop shafts, yokes, ball joints and other driveline and steering components may be provided with grease fittings for lubrication. Lubrication of these components at the intervals specified in the appropriate "Maintenance Schedule" in Section 8 is very important, particularly if your vehicle is subjected to off-road or other heavy-duty use. See your authorized dealer for complete service information.

#### **Body Lubrication**

Locks and all body pivot points, including such items as seat tracks, doors, tailgate and hood hinges, should be lubricated periodically to assure quiet, easy operation and to protect against rust and wear. Prior to the application of any lubricant, the parts concerned should be wiped clean to remove dust and grit; after lubricating excess oil and grease should be removed. Particular attention should also be given to hood latching components to insure proper function. When performing other underhood services, the hood latch, release mechanism and safety catch should be cleaned and lubricated.

The external lock cylinders should be lubricated twice a year, preferably in the fall and spring. Apply a small amount of a high quality lubricant such as Mopar<sup>®</sup> Lock Cylinder Lubricant directly into the lock cylinder.

#### Windshield Wiper Blades

Clean the rubber edges of the wiper blades and the windshield periodically with a sponge or soft cloth and a mild non-abrasive cleaner. This will remove accumulations of salt or road film.

Operation of the wipers on dry glass for long periods may cause deterioration of the wiper blades. Always use washer fluid when using the wipers to remove salt or dirt from a dry windshield. Avoid using the wiper blades to remove frost or ice from the windshield. Keep the blade rubber out of contact with petroleum products such as engine oil, gasoline, etc.

#### Windshield Washers



The fluid reservoir in the engine compartment should be checked for fluid level at regular intervals. Fill the reservoir with windshield antifreeze (not radiator antifreeze) rated not to freeze at -25°F (-31°C). Operate the system for a few seconds to flush out the residual water.

## WARNING!

Commercial windshield washer solvents are flammable. They could ignite and burn you. Care must be exercised when filling or working around the washer solution.

## Windshield Washer Aiming

To change the aim of the windshield washers, place a safety pin into the nozzle opening and move the nozzle slightly. Continue making slight adjustments until you obtain the desired pattern.

## Exhaust System

The best protection against carbon monoxide entry into the vehicle body is a properly maintained engine exhaust system.

If you notice a change in the sound of the exhaust system; or if the exhaust fumes can be detected inside the vehicle; or when the underside or rear of the vehicle is damaged; have an authorized technician inspect the complete exhaust system and adjacent body areas for broken, damaged, deteriorated, or mispositioned parts. Open seams or loose connections could permit exhaust fumes to seep into the passenger compartment. In addition, inspect the exhaust system each time the vehicle is raised for lubrication or oil change. Replace as required.

## **Cooling System**

## WARNING!

You or others can be badly burned by hot coolant or steam from your radiator. If you see or hear steam coming from under the hood, don't open the hood until the radiator has had time to cool. Never try to open a cooling system pressure cap when the radiator or coolant bottle is hot.

## **Coolant Checks**

Check coolant protection every 12 months (before the onset of freezing weather, where applicable). If coolant is dirty or rusty in appearance, the system should be drained, flushed and refilled with fresh coolant.

Check the front of the radiator for any accumulation of bugs, leaves, etc. Clean the radiator by gently spraying water from a garden hose at the back of the core.

Check the engine cooling system hoses for condition and tightness of connection. Inspect the entire system for leaks. Any hoses that show cuts or severe abrasion must be replaced.

## Cooling System — Drain, Flush, And Refill

At the intervals shown in the appropriate "Maintenance Schedule," the system should be drained, flushed, and refilled.

If the solution is dirty and contains a considerable amount of sediment, clean and flush with reliable cooling system cleaner. Follow with a thorough rinsing to remove all deposits and chemicals.

#### **Engine Coolant Disposal**

Used ethylene glycol based engine coolant is a regulated substance requiring proper disposal. Check with your local authorities to determine the disposal rules for your community. Do not store ethylene glycol based engine coolant in open containers or allow it to remain in puddles on the ground. Prevent ingestion by animals or children. If ingested by a child, contact a physician immediately.

#### **Selection Of Coolant**

Use only the manufacturer's recommended coolant, refer to Recommended Fluids, Lubricants, and Genuine Parts for correct coolant type.

## **CAUTION!**

- Mixing of coolants other than the specified HOAT coolant may result in decreased corrosion protection and engine damage that may not be covered under the new vehicle warranty. If a non-HOAT coolant is introduced into the cooling system in an emergency, it should be replaced with the specified coolant as soon as possible.
- Do not use plain water alone or alcohol base antifreeze products. Do not use additional rust inhibitors or antirust products, as they may not be compatible with the radiator coolant and may plug the radiator.
- This vehicle has not been designed for use with Propylene Glycol based coolants. Use of Propylene Glycol base coolants is not recommended.

#### **Adding Coolant**

When adding coolant, a minimum solution of recommended 50% ethylene glycol antifreeze coolant in water should be used. Use higher concentrations (not to exceed 70%) if temperatures below -37°F (-38°C) are anticipated.

Use only high purity water such as distilled or deionized water when mixing the water/antifreeze solution. The use of lower quality water will reduce the amount of corrosion protection in the engine cooling system.

**NOTE:** Mixing coolant types will decrease the life of the engine coolant and will require more frequent engine coolant changes.

Please note that it is the owner's responsibility to maintain the proper level of protection against freezing according to the temperatures occurring in the area where the vehicle is operated.

## **Cooling System Pressure Cap**

The cap must be fully tightened to prevent loss of coolant, and to insure that coolant will return to the radiator from the coolant reserve tank.

The cap should be inspected and cleaned if there is any accumulation of foreign material on the sealing surfaces.

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## WARNING!

The warning words DO NOT OPEN HOT on the cooling system pressure cap are a safety precaution. Never add coolant when the engine is overheated. Do not loosen or remove the cap to cool an overheated engine. Heat causes pressure to build up in the cooling system. To prevent scalding or injury, do not remove the pressure cap while the system is hot or under pressure.

## **Coolant Level**

The coolant bottle provides a quick visual method for determining that the coolant level is adequate. The coolant level must be at the FULL mark or above the ADD mark on the bottle.

The radiator normally remains completely full, so there is not need to remove the radiator cap unless checking for coolant freeze point or replacing coolant. Advise your

service attendant of this. As long as the engine operating temperature is satisfactory, the coolant bottle need only be checked once a month.

When additional coolant is needed to maintain the proper level, it should be added to the coolant bottle. Do not overfill.

## **Points To Remember**

**NOTE:** When the vehicle is stopped after a few miles of operation, you may observe vapor coming from the front of the engine compartment. This is normally a result of moisture from rain, snow, or high humidity accumulating on the radiator and being vaporized when the thermostat opens, allowing hot coolant to enter the radiator.

If an examination of your engine compartment shows no evidence of radiator or hose leaks, the vehicle may be safely driven. The vapor will soon dissipate.

- Do not overfill the coolant bottle.
- Check coolant freeze point in the system.

- If frequent coolant additions are required, or if the level in the recovery bottle does not drop when the engine cools, the cooling system should be pressure tested for leaks.
- Maintain coolant concentration at 50% ethylene glycol antifreeze (minimum) in water for proper corrosion protection of your engine that contains aluminum components.
- Make sure that the radiator and coolant bottle hoses are not kinked or obstructed.
- Do not change the thermostat for summer or winter operation. If replacement is ever necessary, install ONLY the correct type thermostat. Other designs may result in unsatisfactory cooling performance, poor gas mileage, and increased emissions.

## Hoses and Vacuum/Vapor Harnesses

Inspect surfaces of hoses and nylon tubing for evidence of heat and mechanical damage. Hard or soft spots, brittle rubber, cracking, tears, cuts, abrasions, and excessive swelling indicate deterioration of the rubber.

Pay particular attention to the hoses nearest to high heat sources such as the exhaust manifold. Inspect hose routing to be sure hoses do not touch any heat source or moving component that may cause heat damage or mechanical wear.

Insure nylon tubing in these areas has not melted or collapsed. Inspect all hose connections such as clamps and couplings to make sure they are secure and no leaks are present. Components should be replaced immediately if there is any evidence of degradation that could cause failure.

## **Brake System**

In order to assure brake system performance, all brake system components should be inspected periodically. Refer to the appropriate "Maintenance Schedule" in Section 8 for suggested service intervals.

## WARNING!

Riding the brakes can lead to brake failure and possibly an accident. Driving with your foot resting or riding on the brake pedal can result in abnormally high brake temperatures, excessive lining wear, and possible brake damage. You wouldn't have your full braking capacity in an emergency.

## Brake and Power Steering System Hoses

When servicing the vehicle for scheduled maintenance, inspect surface of hoses for evidence of heat and mechanical damage. Hard and brittle rubber, cracking, tears, cuts, abrasion, and excessive swelling suggest deterioration of the rubber. Particular attention should be made to examining those hose surfaces nearest to high heat sources, such as the exhaust manifold.

Inspect all hose clamps and couplings to make sure they are secure and no leaks are present.

NOTE: Inspection of brake hoses should be done whenever the brake system is serviced and every engine oil change.

## WARNING!

Worn brake hoses can burst and cause brake failure. You could have an accident. If you see any signs of cracking, scuffing, or worn spots, have the brake hoses replaced immediately.

#### **Brake Master Cylinder**

The fluid level in the master cylinder should be checked when performing under hood services, or immediately if the BRAKE warning light shows system failure



Be sure to clean the top of the master cylinder area before removing the cap. If necessary, add fluid to bring the fluid level up to the requirements described on the brake fluid reservoir. With disc brakes, fluid level can be expected to fall as the brake pads wear. Brake fluid level should be checked when pads are replaced. However, low fluid level may be caused by a leak and a checkup may be needed.

Use only manufacturer's recommended brake fluid, refer to Recommended Fluids, Lubricants, and Genuine Parts for correct fluid type.

## WARNING!

- Use of a brake fluid that may have a lower initial boiling point or unidentified as to specification, may result in sudden brake failure during hard prolonged braking. You could have an accident.
- Overfilling the brake fluid reservoir can result in spilling brake fluid on hot engine parts and the brake fluid catching fire.

Use only brake fluid that has been in a tightly closed container to avoid contamination from foreign matter. Do not allow petroleum base fluid to contaminate the brake fluid as seal damage will result.

#### Automatic Transmission

#### Selection of Lubricant

It is important that the proper lubricant is used in the transmission to assure optimum transmission performance. Use only manufacturer's recommended transmission fluid, refer to Recommended Fluids, Lubricants, and Genuine Parts for correct fluid type. It is important that the transmission fluid be maintained at the prescribed level using the recommended fluid.

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## **CAUTION!**

Using a transmission fluid other than the manufacturer's recommended fluid may cause deterioration in transmission shift quality and/or torque converter shudder. Using a transmission fluid other than the manufacturer's recommended fluid will result in more frequent fluid and filter changes. Refer to Recommended Fluids, Lubricants, and Genuine Parts for correct fluid type.

#### Fluid Level Check — 42RLE

This fluid level should be checked when the engine is 7 fully warmed up and the fluid in the transmission is heated to its normal operating temperature. Operation of the transmission with an improper fluid level will greatly reduce the life of the transmission and of the fluid.

To check the automatic transmission fluid level properly, the following procedure must be used:

1. The vehicle must be on level ground.

2. The engine should be running at curb idle speed for a minimum of 60 seconds.

3. Fully apply parking brake.

4. Apply the brakes and shift the transmission into P (Park).

5. The fluid **MUST** be checked with the transmission in P (Park) to be sure that the fluid level is accurate.

6. Wipe the dipstick clean and reinsert until seated. Remove dipstick and note reading.

At normal operating temperature (approximately  $180^{\circ}$  F ( $82^{\circ}$  C), the fluid level is correct if it is in the HOT region (cross-hatched area) on the oil level indicator. The fluid level indicator should be in the COLD region at  $70^{\circ}$  F ( $21^{\circ}$  C) fluid temperature.

If the fluid level is low, add sufficient fluid to bring to the proper level. Refer to Recommended Fluids, Lubricants and Genuine Parts for correct fluid type.

Fluid is added through the dipstick tube.

**NOTE:** To prevent dirt and water from entering the transmission after checking or replenishing fluid, make certain that the dipstick cap is properly reseated.

#### **Special Additives**

The manufacturer strongly recommends against the addition of any additives to the transmission. The only exception to this policy is the use of special dyes to aid in detecting fluid leaks. The use of transmission sealers should be avoided as they may adversely affect seals.

#### Hydraulic Clutch Fluid — Manual Transmission

The clutch hydraulic system is a sealed maintenance free system. In the event of leakage or other malfunction, the system must be replaced.

## **Manual Transmission**

#### Selection of Lubricant

Use only manufacturer's recommended manual transmission fluid, refer to Recommended Fluids, Lubricants, and Genuine Parts for correct fluid type.

#### **Fluid Level Check**

Check the fluid level by removing the fill plug. The fluid level should be between the bottom of the fill hole and a point not more than 3/16" (4.76 mm) below the bottom of the hole.

Add fluid, if necessary, to maintain the proper level.

## **Frequency of Fluid Change**

Under normal operating conditions, the fluid installed at the factory will give satisfactory lubrication for the life of the vehicle. Fluid changes are not necessary unless the lubricant has become contaminated with water. If contaminated with water, the fluid should be changed immediately.

## **Transfer Case**

#### **Fluid Level Check**

The fluid level should be to the bottom edge of the fill hole (A) when the vehicle is in a level position.



## **Adding Fluid**

Fluid should be added only at filler hole until fluid 7 begins to run out of the hole.

#### Drain

First remove fill plug (B), then drain plug (C). Recommended tightening torque for drain and fill plugs is 15-25 ft.lbs. (20-34 N·m).

## CAUTION!

When replacing plugs, do not overtighten. You could damage them and cause them to leak.

#### **Selection of Lubricant**

Use only manufacturer's recommended fluid, refer to Recommended Fluids, Lubricants, and Genuine Parts for correct fluid type.

#### Front/Rear Axle Fluid



## **Fluid Level Check**

Lubricant should be at bottom edge of the oil fill hole.

#### Adding Fluid

Add lubricant only at the fill hole and only to the level specified above.

#### **Selection of Lubricant**

Use only manufacturer's recommended fluid, refer to Recommended Fluids, Lubricants, and Genuine Parts for correct fluid type.

#### Appearance Care And Protection From Corrosion

## **Protection Of Body And Paint From Corrosion**

Vehicle body care requirements vary according to geographic locations and usage. Chemicals that make roads passable in snow and ice, and those that are sprayed on trees and road surfaces during other seasons, are highly corrosive to the metal in your vehicle. Outside parking, which exposes your vehicle to airborne contaminants, road surfaces on which the vehicle is operated, extreme hot or cold weather and other extreme conditions will have an adverse effect on paint, metal trim, and underbody protection.

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The following maintenance recommendations will enable you to obtain maximum benefit from the corrosion resistance built into your vehicle.

#### What Causes Corrosion?

Corrosion is the result of deterioration or removal of paint and protective coatings from your vehicle.

The most common causes are:

- Road salt, dirt and moisture accumulation.
- Stone and gravel impact.
- Insects, tree sap and tar.
- Salt in the air near sea-coast localities.
- Atmospheric fallout/industrial pollutants.
- Bird droppings.

## Washing

- Wash your vehicle regularly. Always wash your vehicle in the shade using a mild car wash soap and rinse the panels completely with clear water.
- If insects, tar, or other similar deposits have accumulated on your vehicle, wash it as soon as possible.
- Use Mopar<sup>®</sup> Auto Polish to remove road film and stains and to polish your vehicle. Take care never to scratch the paint.
- Avoid using abrasive compounds and power buffing that may diminish the gloss or thin out the paint finish.

## **CAUTION!**

Do not use abrasive or strong cleaning materials such as steel wool or scouring powder, which will scratch metal and painted surfaces.

#### **Appearance Care For Fabric Top Models**

## **CAUTION!**

To maintain the appearance of your vehicle's interior trim and top, follow these precautions:

- Avoid leaving your vehicle unattended with the top down, as exposure to sun or rain may damage interior trim.
- Do not use harsh cleaners or bleaching agents on top material, as damage may result.
- Do not allow any vinyl cleaner to run down and dry on the paint, leaving a streak.
- After cleaning your vehicle's fabric top, always make sure it is completely dry before lowering.
- Be especially careful when washing the windows by following the directions for "Care of Fabric Top Windows."

**WASHING** — Always use mild soap suds, lukewarm water, and a brush with soft bristles. If extra cleaning is required, use a mild foaming cleaner on the entire top, but support top from underneath.

**RINSING** — Be sure to remove all trace of cleaner by rinsing the top thoroughly with clean water. Remember to allow the top to dry before lowering it.

**Care Of Fabric Top Windows** 

## CAUTION!

Your vehicle's fabric top has pliable plastic windows which can be scratched unless special care is taken by following these directions:

1. Never use a dry cloth to remove dust. Instead, use a soft cotton cloth moistened with cold or warm, clean water, and wipe across the window, not up and down.

2. When washing, **never use hot water** or anything stronger than a mild soap. Never use solvents such as alcohol or harsh cleaning agents.

3. Always rinse thoroughly with cold water, then wipe with a soft and slightly moist, clean cloth.

4. When removing frost, snow or ice, **never use a scraper or de-icing chemicals.** Use warm water only if you must clean the window quickly.

5. Debris (sand, mud/dirt, dust, or salt) from off-road driving will have a major impact on zipper operation. Even normal on-road driving and vehicle washing will eventually impact window zipper operation. To maintain ease of use of the window zippers, each window zipper should be cleaned and lubricated regularly. Use Mopar® Soft Top Zipper Cleaner and Lubricant to ease zipper operation. Before applying, make sure the zipper teeth are clear of sand, mud, and other materials. Clean both sides of the zipper, not just one side. Rinse both zipper halves with fresh water and allow to dry. Aggressively work the Mopar® Soft Top Zipper Cleaner and Lubricant into the zipper teeth. If a stuck zipper slide is experienced, work the Mopar® Soft Top Zipper Cleaner and Lubricant into the zipper slide. Several applications may be required before the zipper comes free.

6. Never paste stickers, gummed labels or any tape to the windows. Adhesives are hard to remove and may damage the windows.

#### Special Care

- If you drive on salted or dusty roads or if you drive near the ocean, hose off the undercarriage at least once a month.
- It is important that the drain holes in the lower edges of the doors, rocker panels and tailgate must be kept clear and open.
- If you detect any stone chips or scratches in the paint, touch them up immediately. The cost of such repairs is considered the responsibility of the owner.
- If you carry special cargo such as chemicals, fertilizers, de-icer salt, etc., assure that such materials are well packaged and sealed.
- If a lot of driving is done on gravel roads, consider mud or stone shields behind each wheel.

- Use Mopar<sup>®</sup> Touch Up Paint on scratches or chips as soon as possible. Your authorized dealer has touch up paint to match the color of your vehicle.
- Aluminum wheels should be cleaned regularly with mild soap and water to prevent corrosion. To remove heavy soil, select a non-abrasive, non-acidic cleaner. Do not use scouring pads or metal polishes. Avoid automatic car washes that use acidic solutions or harsh brushes that may damage the wheels' protective finish.

#### **Interior Care**

Use Mopar<sup>®</sup> Fabric Cleaner to clean fabric upholstery and carpeting.

Use Mopar<sup>®</sup> Vinyl Cleaner to clean vinyl or leather upholstery.

Mopar<sup>®</sup> Vinyl Cleaner is specifically recommended for interior vinyl trim.

## WARNING!

Do not use volatile solvents for cleaning purposes. Many are potentially flammable, and if used in closed areas they may cause respiratory harm.

## **Glass Surfaces**

All glass surfaces should be cleaned on a regular basis with any commercial household-type glass cleaner. Never use an abrasive type cleaner. Use caution when cleaning inside rear windows equipped with electric defrosters. Do not use scrapers or other sharp instruments which may scratch the elements.

When cleaning the rear view mirror, spray cleaner on the towel or rag that you are using. Do not spray cleaner directly on the mirror.

#### Carpet

Vacuum your carpet regularly to prevent a soil build-up. Shampoo soiled carpet with a reliable upholstery cleaner, using a natural sponge or soft bristle brush. After carpet dries, vacuum it thoroughly.
# WARNING!

Only remove the carpet for cleaning purposes. It provides insulation against high floor pan temperatures. You or your passengers could be burned if the carpet is not properly in place. Always put the carpet back into the vehicle before driving.

# Follow These Steps To Remove The Carpet:

1. Unsnap the front and rear floor carpets. A snap is located on the outboard side of each front seat.

2. Remove the attachment cap from the front footwell area on both the driver and passenger side. The cap is removed by pulling it straight out.

3. Remove the front and rear floor carpets.

4. Remove the cargo floor and wheelhouse carpets.

**NOTE:** If your vehicle is equipped with an Add-A-Trunk<sup>TM</sup> it must be removed to be able to remove the cargo floor and wheelhouse carpets. For Add-A-Trunk<sup>TM</sup> removal procedure, refer to "Storage" in Section 3 of this manual.

# Follow These Steps To Replace The Carpet:

1. Place the front floor carpets in the vehicle.

2. Attach the carpet to the studs in the footwell and press on the attachment caps to secure the carpet.

3. Place rear floor carpet in vehicle and snap rear carpet to front floor carpet.

4. Install wheelhouse carpet followed by the cargo floor carpet.

5. Reinstall Add-A-Trunk<sup>™</sup> if so equipped.

# Seat Belt Maintenance

Do not bleach, dye or clean the belts with chemical solvents or abrasive cleaners. This will weaken the fabric. Sun damage will also weaken the fabric.

If the belts need cleaning, use a mild soap solution or lukewarm water. Do not remove the belts from the vehicle to wash them.

Replace the belts if they appear frayed or worn or if the buckles do not work properly.

# Maintenance After Off-Road Driving

After extended operation in mud, sand or water, or similar dirty conditions, have your brake drums, brake linings, and axle joints inspected and cleaned as soon as possible. This will prevent any abrasive material from causing excessive wear or unpredictable braking action.

Following off-road usage, completely inspect the underbody of your vehicle. Check tires, body structure, steering, suspension and exhaust system for damage. Check threaded fasteners for looseness, particularly on the chassis, drivetrain components, steering and suspension. Retighten, if required, to torque values specified in the Service Manual. Also check for accumulations of vegetation or brush that could become a fire hazard, or conceal damage to fuel lines, brake hoses, axle pinion seals, and propeller shafts. Check air conditioning drain tube on the lower dash wall in the engine compartment for mud or debris, and clean as required. A plugged tube will adversely affect air conditioning performance.

# CAUTION!

Under frequent heavy-duty driving conditions, change all lubricants, and lubricate body components and steering linkage more often than in normal service to prevent excessive wear.

# **FUSE PANEL**

# **Interior Fuses**

The fuse panel is located behind the glove box.



To access the fuse panel the glove box must be removed. It is removed by slipping the glove box strap off the hook and letting the door roll down off its hinges. To reinstall, position the glove box door at an 8 o'clock orientation, engage the hinge hook formations on the lower edge of the glove box door with the hinge pins on the lower edge of the instrument panel. Tilt the upper edge of the glove box door upward toward the instrument panel enough to reattach the glove box strap to the door. Rotate glove box door to closed position. Open and close to insure proper installation.

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Cavity	Fuse	Description
1	20 Amp Yellow	Park Lights, Skim
		(Sentry Key)
2	20 Amp Yellow	Stop Lights
3	20 Amp Yellow	Subwoofer System
4	10 Amp Red	Door Switch Defeat
5	10 Amp Red	Airbag
6	20 Amp Yellow	Rear Wiper
7	10 Amp Red	Back-Up Lights, Rear Win-
	_	dow Defroster Relay, ABS
8	10 Amp Red	HEVAC

Cavity	Fuse	Description
9	10 Amp Red	Airbag
10	10 Amp Red	Instrument Cluster
11	10 Amp Red	Solenoids, DRL
12	10 Amp Red	Power Distribution Relays, Skim (Sentry Key)
13	10 Amp Red	Turn Signals
14	10 Amp Red	Radio
15	10 Amp Red	HBL (Rear Window De- froster) Switch
16	10 Amp Red	Headlamp Aim (Export Only)
17	25 Amp Natu- ral	Front Wiper
18	20 Amp Yellow	Cigar Lighter
19	20 Amp Yellow	Spare
20	20 Amp Yellow	Transmission: Manual - Clutch Interlock Switch By- pass Automatic - Ignition Starter Circuit

# **Underhood Fuses (Power Distribution Center)**

Your vehicle is equipped with an electrical power distribution center located in the engine compartment near the battery. This power center houses plug-in "Cartridge" fuses, ISO relays, and Mini (Micro) fuses.



A label inside the latching cover of the center identifies each component for ease of replacement, if necessary. Cartridge and mini (micro) fuses can be obtained from your authorized dealer.

# **VEHICLE STORAGE**

If you are leaving your vehicle dormant for more than 21 days you may want to take steps to protect your battery. You may:

- Remove Cartridge fuse #15 in the Power Distribution Center labeled Ignition-Off Draw (IOD).
- Store the removed IOD fuse in the Power Distribution Center location #11 labeled "IOD Storage."
- Or, disconnect the negative cable from the battery.
- Anytime you store your vehicle, or keep it out of service (i.e. vacation) for two weeks or more, run the air conditioning system at idle for about five minutes in the fresh air and high blower setting. This will insure adequate system lubrication to minimize the possibility of compressor damage when the system is started again.

# REPLACEMENT BULBS — IF EQUIPPED

Interior Lights	Bulb Type
Auto. Trans. Indicator Light	
Courtesy Lights, Under Dash (1)	906
Heater Control Lights (2)	194
Rocker Switch Indicator Light (Rear Window	7
Defogger, and Rear Wash/Wipe)	**
Soundbar Dome Light	912
** Bulbs only available from authorized deale	er.

Instrument Cluster	Bulb Type
Telltale (High Beam)	74
Illumination	

Exterior Lights	Bulb Type
Backup Lights (2)	1156
Center High Mounted Stop Light (1)9	21 or W16W
Fog Lights	H3
Front Park/Turn Lights (2)	3157
Front Side Marker Lights (2)	
Headlights (2)	. H 6024BL
Stop/Tail/Turn Lights (2)	1157
Underhood Light.	
License Light.	
<b>NOTE:</b> Numbers refer to commercial bull can be purchased from your local authorized	51

If a bulb needs to be replaced, visit your authorized **7** dealer or refer to the applicable Service Manual.

# **FLUID CAPACITIES**

	U.S.	Metric
Fuel (Approximate)	19 Gallons	72 Liters
Engine Oil with Filter		
2.4 Liter Engine (SAE 5W-30, API Certified Engine Oil)	5 Qts	4.7 Liters
4.0 Liter Engine (SAE 10W-30, API Certified Engine Oil)	6 Qts	5.7 Liters
Cooling System *		
2.4 Liter Engine (Mopar® Antifreeze/Coolant 5 Year/100,000 Mile Formula)	9 Qts	8.5 Liters
4.0 Liter Engine (Mopar® Antifreeze/Coolant 5 Year/100,000 Mile Formula)	10.5 Qts	9.9 Liters
* Includes heater and coolant recovery bottle filled to MAX level		

# RECOMMENDED FLUIDS, LUBRICANTS AND GENUINE PARTS Engine

Component	Fluid, Lubricant, or Genuine Part
Engine Coolant	Mopar <sup>®</sup> Antifreeze/Coolant 5 Year/100,000 Mile Formula HOAT (Hybrid Organic Additive Technology)
Engine Oil	API Certified SAE 5W-30 Engine Oil is recommended for the 2.4L engine. API Certified SAE 10W-30 Engine Oil is recommended for the 4.0L engine. Refer to oil viscosity chart for correct SAE grade meeting DaimlerChrysler Material Standard MS-6395.
Spark Plugs	Refer to the Vehicle Emission Control Information label in the engine compart- ment.
Oil Filter (2.4L Engine)	Mopar® Oil Filter (P/N 4105409)
Oil Filter (4.0L Engine)	Mopar® Oil Filter (P/N 05281090)
Fuel Selection	87 Octane

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# Chassis

Component	Fluid, Lubricant, or Genuine Part							
Automatic Transmission	Mopar® ATF+4 Automatic Transmission Fluid.							
Manual Transmission	Mopar <sup>®</sup> Manual Transmission Lubricant or equivalent.							
Transfer Case	Mopar® ATF+4 Automatic Transmission Fluid.							
Axle Differential (front-rear)	Mopar <sup>®</sup> Hypoid Gear Lubricant (SAE 80W-90) (API GL5) or equivalent. For trailer towing, use a SAE 75W-140 Synthetic Gear Lubricant. Models equipped with Trac-Lok require an additive.							
Brake Master Cylinder	Mopar <sup>®</sup> DOT 3, SAE J1703 should be used. If DOT 3, SAE J1703 brake fluid is not available, then DOT 4 is acceptable. Use only recommended brake fluids.							
Power Steering Reservoir	Mopar® ATF+4 Automatic Transmission Fluid.							
Steering Gear & Linkage, Ball Joints, Prop Shafts & Yokes, Wheel	Mopar <sup>®</sup> Multi-Purpose Lubricant NLGI Grade 2 EP, GC-LB							
Bearings								

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# **MAINTENANCE SCHEDULES**

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# **EMISSION CONTROL SYSTEM MAINTENANCE**

The "Scheduled" maintenance services, listed in **bold type** must be done at the times or mileages specified to assure the continued proper functioning of the emission control system. These, and all other maintenance services included in this manual, should be done to provide best vehicle performance and reliability. More frequent maintenance may be needed for vehicles in severe operating conditions such as dusty areas and very short trip driving.

Inspection and service also should be done any time a malfunction is suspected.

**NOTE:** Maintenance, replacement, or repair of the emission control devices and systems on your vehicle may be performed by any automotive repair establishment or individual using any automotive part which has been certified pursuant to U.S. EPA or, in the State of California, California Air Resources Board regulations.

# MAINTENANCE SCHEDULES

There are two maintenance schedules that show the **required** service for your vehicle.

First is Schedule "**B**". It is for vehicles that are operated under the conditions that are listed below and at the beginning of the schedule.

- Day or night temperatures are below 32°F (0°C)
- Stop and go driving
- Excessive engine idling
- Driving in dusty conditions
- Short trips of less than 10 miles (16.2 km)
- More than 50% of your driving is at sustained high speeds during hot weather, above 90°F (32°C)
- Trailer towing
- Taxi, police, or delivery service (commercial service)
- Off-road or desert driving
- If equipped for and operated with E-85 (ethanol) fuel.

**NOTE:** Most vehicles are operated under the conditions listed for Schedule "B."

Second is Schedule "A". It is for vehicles that are not operated under any of the conditions listed under Schedule "B."

Use the schedule that best describes your driving conditions. Where time and mileage are listed, follow the interval that occurs first.

# CAUTION!

Failure to perform the required maintenance items may result in damage to the vehicle.

# At Each Stop for Fuel

• Check the engine oil level about 5 minutes after a fully warmed engine is shut off. Checking the oil level while the vehicle is on level ground will improve the accuracy of the oil level reading. Add oil only when the level is at or below the ADD or MIN mark.

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· Check the windshield washer solvent, add as required.

# Once a Month

- Check the tire pressure and look for unusual wear or damage.
- Inspect the battery and clean and tighten the terminals as required.
- Check the fluid levels of the coolant reservoir, brake master cylinder, and transmission, and add as needed.
- Check all lights and all other electrical items for correct operation.

### At Each Oil Change

- Change the engine oil filter.
- Inspect the exhaust system.
- Inspect brake hoses.
- Check the coolant level, hoses, and clamps.
- Inspect manual transmission fluid level if equipped.

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- Rotate the tires at each oil change interval shown on Schedule "A" 6,000 miles (10 000 km) or every other interval shown on Schedule "B" 6,000 miles (10 000 km).
- After completion of off-road operation, the underside of the vehicle should be thoroughly inspected. Examine threaded fasteners for looseness.

# Schedule "B"

Follow this schedule if you usually operate your vehicle under one or more of the following conditions.

- Day or night temperatures are below 32°F (0°C)
- Stop and go driving
- Excessive engine idling
- Driving in dusty conditions
- Short trips of less than 10 miles (16.2 km)

- More than 50% of your driving is at sustained high speeds during hot weather, above 90°F (32°C)
- Trailer towing
- Taxi, police, or delivery service (commercial service)
- Off-road or desert driving
- If equipped for and operated with E-85 (ethanol) fuel.

Miles	3,000	6,000	9,000	12,000	15,000
(Kilometers)	(5 000)	(10 000)	(14 000)	(19 000)	(24 000)
Change the engine oil and engine oil filter.	X	X	X	X	X
Inspect the engine air filter element, replace if					X
necessary.					
Lubricate the steering linkage tie rod ends.	Х	X	X	X	X
Lubricate the steering and suspension ball joints.		X		X	
Inspect the brake linings.				X	
Drain and refill the front and rear axle fluid‡				X	

Miles	18,000	21,000	24,000	27,000	30,000
(Kilometers)	(29 000)	(34 000)	(38 000)	(43 000)	(48 000)
Change the engine oil and engine oil filter.	Х	Х	X	Х	X
Inspect the engine air filter element, replace if					X
necessary.					
Inspect the PCV Valve, and replace if necessary. $\diamond$					X
Replace the spark plugs.					X
Lubricate the steering linkage tie rod ends.	Х	Х	X	Х	X
Lubricate the steering and suspension ball joints.	Х		X		X
Inspect the brake linings.			X		
Drain and refill the front and rear axle fluid‡			X		
Inspect the transfer case fluid, add if necessary.					X

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Miles	33,000	36,000	39,000	42,000	45,000
(Kilometers)	(53 000)	(58 000)	(62 000)	(67 000)	(72 000)
Change the engine oil and engine oil filter.	X	X	X	X	X
Inspect the engine air filter element, replace if					X
necessary.					
Lubricate the steering linkage tie rod ends.	X	X	X	X	X
Lubricate the steering and suspension ball joints.		X		X	
Inspect the brake linings.	,	X			
Drain and refill the front and rear axle fluid <sup>‡</sup>	1	X			
Inspect the drive belt and replace as needed.					X

Miles	48,000	51,000	54,000	57,000	60,000
(Kilometers)	(77 000)	(82 000)	(86 000)	(91 000)	(96 000)
Change the engine oil and engine oil filter.	Х	X	X	Х	X
Inspect the engine air filter element, replace if necessary.					Х
Inspect the PCV Valve, and replace if necessary.					Х
Inspect the ignition cables, and replace if neces- sary (2.4L Only).					X
Replace the spark plugs.					X
Lubricate the steering linkage tie rod ends.	Х	X	X	X	X
Lubricate the steering and suspension ball joints.	Х		X		X
Inspect the brake linings.	Х				X
Drain and refill the front and rear axle fluid‡	Х				X
Drain and refill the automatic transmission fluid, and change filter.					Х
Inspect the drive belt and replace as needed. Not required if belt was previously.					Х
Drain and refill the transfer case fluid.					Х

Miles	63,000	66,000	69,000	72,000	75,000
(Kilometers)	(101 000)	(106 000)	(110 000)	(115 000)	(120 000)
Change the engine oil and engine oil filter.	X	Х	X	Х	Х
Inspect the engine air filter element, replace if					Х
necessary.					
Lubricate the steering linkage tie rod ends.	X	Х	X	Х	X
Lubricate the steering and suspension ball joints.		Х		Х	
Inspect the brake linings.				Х	
Drain and refill the front and rear axle fluid‡				Х	
Inspect the drive belt and replace as needed. Not required if belt was previously replaced.					Х

Miles	78,000	81,000	84,000	87,000	90,000
(Kilometers)	(125 000)	(130 000)	(134 000)	(139 000)	(144 000)
Change the engine oil and engine oil filter.	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Inspect the engine air filter element, replace if					Х
necessary.					
Inspect the PCV Valve, and replace if necessary.					Х
Replace the spark plugs.					Х
Lubricate the steering linkage tie rod ends.	Х	Х	X	Х	Х
Lubricate the steering and suspension ball joints.	Х		X		Х
Replace the timing belt (2.4L Only).					Х
Inspect the brake linings.			X		
Drain and refill the front and rear axle fluid‡			X		
Inspect the drive belt and replace as needed. Not required if belt was previously replaced.					Х
Inspect the transfer case fluid, add if necessary.					Х

Miles	93,000	96,000	99,000	102,000	105,000
(Kilometers)	(149 000)	(154 000)	(158 000)	(163 000)	(168 000)
Change the engine oil and engine oil filter.	X	Х	X	X	Х
Inspect the engine air filter element, replace if necessary.					Х
Lubricate the steering linkage tie rod ends.	X	Х	X	Х	Х
Lubricate the steering and suspension ball joints.		Х		Х	
Inspect the brake linings.		Х			
Drain and refill the front and rear axle fluid‡		Х			
Inspect the drive belt and replace as needed. Not required if belt was previously replaced.					X
Flush and replace the engine coolant.				X	

Miles (Kilometers)	108,000 (173 000)	111,000 (178 000)	114,000 (182 000)	117,000 (187 000)	120,000 (192 000)
Change the engine oil and engine oil filter.	Х	Х	X	X	Х
Inspect the engine air filter element, replace if necessary.					Х
Inspect the PCV Valve, and replace if necessary.					Х
Replace the spark plugs.					Х
Inspect the ignition cables, and replace if neces- sary (2.4L Only).					Х
Lubricate the steering linkage tie rod ends.	Х	Х	X	X	Х
Lubricate the steering and suspension ball joints.	Х		X		Х
Inspect the brake linings.	Х				Х
Drain and refill the front and rear axle fluid‡	Х				Х
Drain and refill the automatic transmission fluid, and replace main sump filter.					Х
Inspect the drive belt and replace as needed. Not required if belt was previously replaced.					Х
Drain and refill the transfer case fluid.					Х

Inspection and service should also be performed anytime a malfunction is observed or suspected. Retain all receipts.  $\diamond$  This maintenance is recommended by the manufacturer to the owner, but is not required to maintain emissions warranty.

‡Off-highway operation, trailer towing, taxi, limousine, bus, snow plowing, or other types of commercial service or prolonged operation with heavy loading, especially in hot weather, require front and rear axle service indicated with a ‡ in Schedule "B". Perform these services if the vehicle is usually operated under these conditions.

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Schedule "A"					
Miles	6,000	12,000	18,000	24,000	30,000
(Kilometers)	(10 000)	(19 000)	(29 000)	(38 000)	(48 000)
[Months]	[6]	[12]	[18]	[24]	[30]
Change the engine oil and engine oil filter.	X	Х	X	X	X
Inspect the engine air filter element, and replace if necessary.					X
Replace the spark plugs.					X
Lubricate the steering linkage joints and outer tie rod ends.	X	Х	X	X	X
Lubricate the steering and suspension ball joints.		Х		X	
Inspect the brake linings.			X		
Inspect the transfer case fluid.					X

			SCHE	DULE "A" 275
Miles (Kilometers)	36,000 (58 000)	42,000 (67 000)	48,000 (77 000)	54, 000 (86 000)
[Months]	[36]	[42]	[48]	[54]
Change the engine oil and engine oil filter.	X	X	X	X
Lubricate the steering and suspension ball joints.	X		X	
Lubricate the steering linkage joints and outer tie rod ends.	X	X	X	X
Inspect the brake linings.	X			X

Miles	60,000	66,000	72,000	78,000
(Kilometers)	(96 000)	(106 000)	(115 000)	(125 000)
[Months]	[60]	[66]	[72]	[78]
Change the engine oil and engine oil filter.	Х	X	X	X
Inspect the engine air filter element, and replace if nec- essary.	Х			
Inspect the PCV Valve, and replace if necessary. $\Diamond$	Х			
Replace the ignition cables (2.4L Only).	Х			
Replace the spark plugs.	Х			
Lubricate the steering linkage joints and outer tie rod ends.	Х	X	X	X
Lubricate the steering and suspension ball joints.	Х		X	
Inspect the brake linings.			X	
Inspect the drive belt, and replace as needed.	Х			
Inspect the drive belt, and replace as needed. Not re- quired if belt was previously replaced.			X	
Flush and replace the engine coolant at 60 months, re- gardless of mileage.	Х			
Inspect transfer case fluid.	Х			

			SCHEDULE "A" 2		
Miles	84,000	90,000	96,000	102, 000	
(Kilometers)	(134 000)	(144 000)	(154 000)	(163 000)	
[Months]	[84]	[90]	[96]	[102]	
Change the engine oil and engine oil filter.	Х	X	X	X	
Inspect the engine air filter element, and replace if nec- essary.		X			
Inspect the PCV Valve, and replace if necessary.		X			
Replace the spark plugs.		X			
Lubricate the steering linkage joints and outer tie rod ends.	Х	X	X	X	
Lubricate the steering and suspension ball joints.	Х		X		
Inspect the brake linings.		X			
Inspect the drive belt, and replace as needed. Not re- quired if previously replaced.		X		X	
Flush and replace the engine coolant if not done at 60 months.				X	
Inspect the transfer case fluid.		X			

Miles	108,000	114,000	120,000
(Kilometers)	(173 000)	(182 000)	(192 000)
[Months]	[108]	[114]	[120]
Change the engine oil and engine oil filter.	Х	Х	X
Inspect the engine air filter element, and replace if necessary.			X
Replace the ignition cables (2.4L Only).			X
Inspect the PCV Valve, and replace if necessary. $\diamond$			X
Replace the spark plugs.			X
Lubricate the steering linkage joints and outer tie rod ends.	Х	Х	X
Lubricate the steering and suspension ball joints.	Х		X
Inspect the brake linings.	Х		
Replace the timing belt (2.4L Only).			X
Inspect the drive belt, and replace as needed. Not required if pre- viously replaced.			X
Drain and refill the transfer case fluid.			X

Inspection and service should also be performed anytime a malfunction is observed or suspected. Retain all receipts.  $\diamond$  This maintenance is recommended by the manufacturer to the owner, but is not required to maintain emissions warranty.

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# SUGGESTIONS FOR OBTAINING SERVICE FOR YOUR VEHICLE

## **Prepare For The Appointment**

If you're having warranty work done, be sure to have the right papers with you. Take your warranty folder. All work to be performed may not be covered by the warranty, discuss additional charges with the service manager. Keep a maintenance log of your vehicle's service history. This can often provide a clue to the current problem.

### **Prepare A List**

Make a written list of your vehicle's problems or the specific work you want done. If you've had an accident, or work done that is not on your maintenance log, let the service advisor know.

### **Be Reasonable With Requests**

If you list a number of items, and you must have your vehicle by the end of the day, discuss the situation with the service advisor and list the items in order of priority. At many dealers you may obtain a rental vehicle at a minimal daily charge. If you need a rental, it is advisable to make these arrangements when you call for an appointment.

# IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE

The manufacturer and its dealers are vitally interested in your satisfaction. We want you to be happy with our products and services.

Your selling dealer is best equipped and most anxious to provide prompt resolution for any warranty issue or related matter that you may experience. The manufacturer's dealers have the facilities, factory-trained technicians, special tools, and the latest information to assure your vehicle is fixed correctly and in a timely manner. The manufacturer has empowered its dealers to make warranty and repair decisions that ensure you are not inconvenienced. There is no need for you to wait for a decision from the manufacturer. If a special circumstance occurs that requires information from the manufacturer, we have asked the dealer's service management to make the contact on your behalf.

This is why you should always talk to your dealer's service manager first. Most matters can be resolved with this process.

- If for some reason you are still not satisfied, talk to the general manager or owner of the dealership. They want to know if you need assistance.
- If your dealership is unable to resolve the concern, you may contact the Manufacturer's Customer Center.

Any communication to the Manufacturer's Customer Center should include the following information:

- Owner's name and address
- Owner's telephone number (home and office)
- Dealership name
- Vehicle identification number
- Vehicle delivery date and mileage

# **DaimlerChrysler Motors Corporation Customer** Center

P.O. Box 21-8004 Auburn Hills, MI 48321-8004 Phone: (800) 992-1997

# DaimlerChrysler Canada Inc. Customer Center P.O. Box 1621 Windsor, Ontario N9A 4H6

# In Mexico contact:

Av. Prolongacion Paseo de la Reforma, 1240 Sante Fe C.P. 05109 Mexico. D. F. In Mexico (915) 729-1248 or 729-1240 Outside Mexico (525) 729-1248 or 729-1240

# **Customer Assistance For The Hearing Or Speech** Impaired (TDD/TTY)

To assist customers who have hearing difficulties, the manufacturer has installed special TDD (Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf) equipment at its Customer 9 Center. Any hearing or speech impaired customer who has access to a TDD or a conventional teletypewriter (TTY) in the United States can communicate with the manufacturer by dialing 1-800-380-CHRY.

### Service Contract

You may have purchased a service contract for your vehicle to help protect you from the high cost of unexpected repairs after your manufacturer's new vehicle limited warranty expires. The manufacturer stands behind only the manufacturer's Service Contracts. If you purchased a manufacturer's Service Contract, you will receive Plan Provisions and an Owner Identification Card in the mail within three weeks of your vehicle delivery date. If you have any questions about your service contract, call the manufacturer's Service Contract National Customer Hotline at 1-800-521-9922.

The manufacturer will not stand behind any service contract that is not the manufacturer's Service Contract. It is not responsible for any service contract other than the manufacturer's Service Contract. If you purchased a service contract that is not a manufacturer's Service Contract, and you require service after your manufacturer's new vehicle limited warranty expires, please refer to your contract documents, and contact the person listed in those documents.

We appreciate that you have made a major investment when you purchased your new vehicle. Your dealer has also made a major investment in facilities, tools, and training to assure that you are absolutely delighted with your ownership experience. You'll be pleased with their sincere efforts to resolve any warranty issues or related concerns.

# WARRANTY INFORMATION

See your manufacturer's Warranty Information Booklet for information on warranty coverage and transfer of warranty.

DESCRIPTION	1 Yr/ 12,000	2 Yr/ 24,000	3 Yr/ 36,000	3 Yr/ 50,000	3 Yr/ Unimtd	5 Yr/ 100,000	7 Yr/ 70,000	8 Yr/ 80,000
Basic Limited Warranty Coverage								
Special Extended Warranty Coverage								
Powertrain Limited Warranty (\$100 deductible)	2nd Owner if and 3r	Powertrain Not Tr d (And After) Own	ansferred ers	1st Owner	& 2nd Owner with	Paid Powertrain T	ransfer	
Anti-Corrosion Perforation Limited Warranty: All Panels								
Outer Panels Federal Emission Warranty								
Federal Emission Warranty - Specified Components								
California Emission Warranty								
California Emission Warranty - Specified Components								

NOTE: Vehicles used as a police vehicle, taxi, limousine, postal delivery vehicle, ambulance or rental vehicle are covered only under the 3 year/36,000 mile Basic Limited Warranty. 8132c269 9

### **MOPAR® PARTS**

Mopar<sup>®</sup> fluids, lubricants, parts, and accessories are available from your dealer. They will help you keep your vehicle operating at its best.

# **REPORTING SAFETY DEFECTS**

In the 50 United States and Washington D.C.: If you believe that your vehicle has a defect which could cause a crash or cause injury or death, you should immediately inform the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in addition to notifying the manufacturer.

If NHTSA receives similar complaints, it may open an investigation, and if it finds that a safety defect exists in a group of vehicles, it may order a recall and remedy campaign. However, NHTSA cannot become involved in individual problems between you, your dealer, and the manufacturer. To contact NHTSA, you may either call the Auto Safety Hotline toll free at 1-800-424-9393 (or 366-0123 in Washington DC area) or write to: NHTSA, U.S. Dept. of Transportation, Washington DC 20590. You can also obtain other information about motor vehicle safety from the Hotline.

# In Canada:

If you believe that your vehicle has a safety defect, you should contact the Customer Service Department immediately. Canadian customers who wish to report a safety defect to the Canadian government should write to Transport Canada, Motor Vehicle Defect Investigations and Recalls, 2780 Sheffield Road, Ottawa, Ontario K1B 3V9.

# PUBLICATION ORDER FORMS

To order the following manuals, you may use either the website or the phone numbers listed below. Visa, Mastercard, American Express, and Discover orders are accepted. If you prefer mailing your payment, please call for an order form.

**NOTE:** A street address is required when ordering manuals. (No P.O. Boxes).

• Service Manuals.

These comprehensive service manuals provide the information that students and professional technicians need in diagnosing/troubleshooting, problem solving, maintaining, servicing and repairing DaimlerChrysler Corporation vehicles. A complete working knowledge of the vehicle, system and/or components is written in straightforward language with illustrations, diagrams and charts.

• Diagnostic Procedure Manuals.

Filled with diagrams, charts and detailed illustrations, these practical manuals make it easy for students and

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technicians to find and fix problems on computercontrolled vehicle systems and features. They show exactly how to find and correct problems the first time, using step-by-step troubleshooting and driveability procedures, proven diagnostic tests and a complete list of all tools and equipment.

• Owner's Manuals.

These manuals have been prepared with the assistance of service and engineering specialists to acquaint you with specific Chrysler group vehicles. Included are starting, operating, emergency and maintenance procedures as well as specifications, capabilities and safety tips.

Call Toll Free at **1–800–890–4038 (U.S.)** or **1–800–387–1143 (Canada)** 

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www.techauthority.daimlerchrysler.com www.daimlerchrysler.ca/manuals

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