



Getting to Know Your 2009 G8



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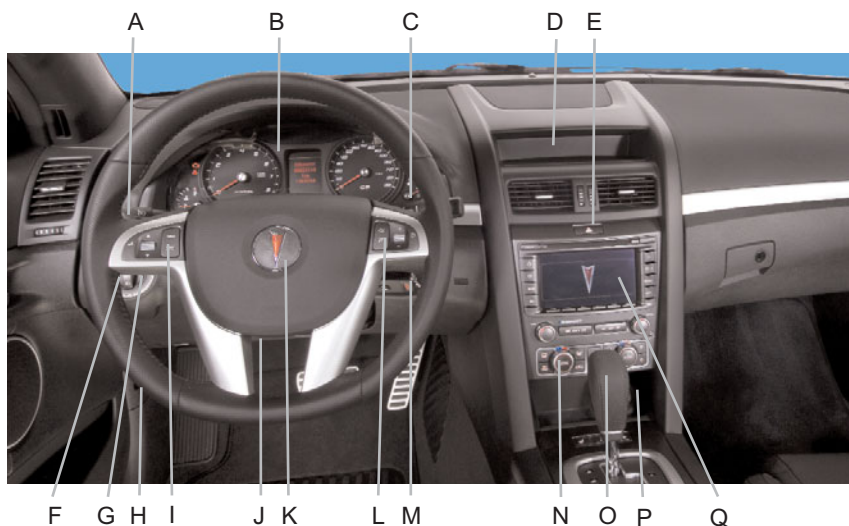
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Congratulations on your purchase of a Pontiac G8. Please read this information about your vehicle's features and your Owner Manual to ensure an outstanding ownership experience. Note that your vehicle may not include all the features described in this booklet. Keep this booklet with your Owner Manual for easy reference.

DRIVER INFORMATION

Instrument Panel

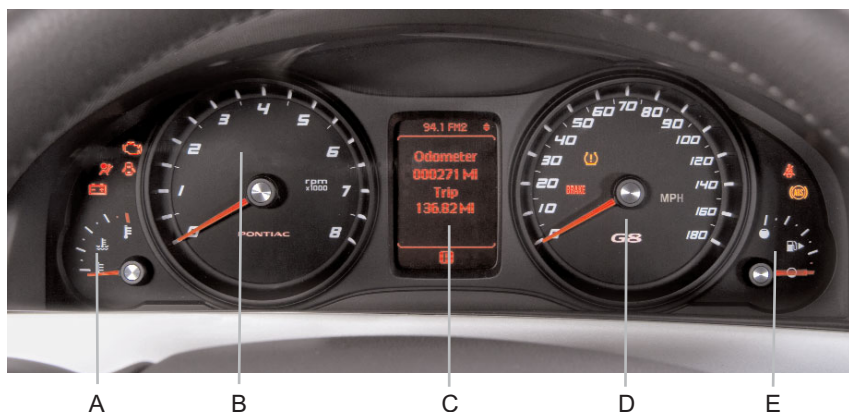


The main features of the instrument panel include:

- A. Turn Signal/Cruise Control/Multifunction Lever
- B. Instrument Panel Cluster
- C. Windshield Wipers Lever
- D. Infotainment Screen (if equipped)
- E. Hazard Warning Flashers Button
- F. Exterior Lamps Control
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- H. Hood Release
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- N. Climate Controls
- O. Shift Lever
- P. Accessory Power Outlet
- Q. Audio System/Climate Controls Display

See Instruments and Controls in your Owner Manual.

Instrument Panel Cluster



Your vehicle's instrument panel cluster is designed to let you know at a glance how your vehicle is running. It includes these key features:

- A. Engine Coolant Temperature Gauge
- B. Tachometer
- C. Driver Information Center
- D. Speedometer
- E. Fuel Gauge

Note: The instrument panel cluster is designed to let you know about many important aspects of your vehicle's operation. It is important to read your Owner Manual and become familiar with the information being relayed to you by the lights, gauges and indicators, as well as what action can be taken to ensure safety and to prevent damage.

See Instruments and Controls in your Owner Manual.

Driver Information Center



The Driver Information Center (DIC) on the instrument panel cluster displays a number of vehicle functions, including the trip computer, vehicle feature customization, audio information and vehicle warning messages.



DIC Controls

DIC functions and menus can be accessed using the following controls located on the left side of the steering wheel:

↶ (Trip): Press this button to scroll through the trip information displays and vehicle customization menu, and to acknowledge a warning message.

↵ (Enter): Use this switch to scroll through the available options. Quickly press and release this switch to reset all screens. Press and hold this switch for more than three seconds to reset **only the current screen**. A chime will sound when the reset is complete.

Trip Information

Press the **↶** (Trip) button to scroll through the trip information displays.

When scrolling through the displays, the values are highlighted for a short period before the highlighting disappears. The values cannot be reset unless they are highlighted.

Vehicle Feature Customization

The customization menu is available only when the vehicle speed is below 6 mph. To navigate the customization menu:

1. Press and release the **↶** (Trip) button until Customize Options is displayed; then press the **↵** (Enter) switch to enter the customization menu.
2. Rotate the **↶** switch with your thumb to scroll through the menu and the entries within a menu.
3. Press the **↵** switch to select a menu or menu entry.
4. To exit a menu, scroll to the **◀** symbol at the top-left corner of the display and press the **↵** switch.
5. To exit the customization menu, scroll to Exit and press the **↵** switch, or press the **↶** button.

Customization menu entries include:


- Reset settings (reset all settings to the factory defaults)
- Security
- Lighting
- Trip Computer
- Language (English or French)
- Remote Key

When scrolling through the menu, help screens are available to help you understand the features.

- To view a help screen, select a feature and wait a few seconds for the help screen to appear.

Warnings and Messages

The DIC provides a variety of vehicle warning messages (depending on optional equipment) if a problem is sensed in a vehicle system.

- To acknowledge a message and clear it from the display, press the  (Enter) switch on the steering wheel. Some urgent messages cannot be cleared from the DIC display.

If you have a current OnStar subscription, and a warning message appears, you can press the OnStar button and speak to an OnStar Advisor. In many vehicles, OnStar Advisors can access certain diagnostic information and can tell you how serious the problem is and what you should do about it.

Note: Your vehicle's warnings and messages provide critical information that can prevent damage to your vehicle. Review your Owner Manual to become familiar with the information displayed and the action required.

See *Instruments and Controls* in your Owner Manual.

SAFETY & SECURITY


Remote Keyless Entry


The functions of the Remote Keyless Entry (RKE) transmitter include:

(Unlock):

Press this button to unlock the driver's door only or all doors.


The unlock function can be customized using the Driver Information Center.


 (Lock): Press this button to lock all the doors.

 (Trunk): Press and hold this button to unlatch the trunk.

The trunk also can be unlatched by pressing the trunk release button located in the glove box.

Note: An emergency trunk release handle is located just inside the rear seat pass-through, which can be used to unlatch the trunk in case of battery failure.

 (Remote Start): Press this button to start the engine. (See Remote Vehicle Start.)

 (Vehicle Locator/Panic Alarm): Press and release this red button to locate the vehicle. The exterior lamps will flash and the horn will sound.

Press and hold the button to activate the panic alarm. The turn signals will flash and the horn will sound. To cancel the alarm, press the button again or turn the ignition key to the On position.



Keys

One RKE transmitter features a folding key and the other transmitter has a fixed blade key. There also is a glove box key.

- To extend the folding key, press the round button on the RKE transmitter.
- To retract the folding key, press the round button and fold the key into the RKE transmitter.

See *Keys, Doors and Windows* in your Owner Manual.

Door Locks

To lock/unlock the vehicle without the Remote Keyless Entry transmitter:

- Press the power door lock or unlock button located on the center console. The driver's door will not lock if the door is open.
- Insert the key in the driver's door, and turn it toward the rear of the vehicle to lock all doors; turn it once toward the front of the vehicle to unlock the driver's door, or turn it twice toward the front of the vehicle to unlock all doors.
- **The fuel door will not open if the driver's door is locked.**

See *Keys, Doors and Windows* in your Owner Manual.



OnStar®

Your vehicle may feature the OnStar Safe & Sound Plan or the uplevel OnStar Directions & Connections Plan, with one year of OnStar service from the date you purchased your new vehicle. OnStar offers a variety of capabilities, such as Remote Door Unlock, Automatic Airbag Deployment Response, and Hands-Free Calling. In addition, most vehicles can get driving directions using Turn-by-Turn Navigation. Press the OnStar button to ask an OnStar Advisor about the service plan you have or to upgrade your plan.

For more information, refer to your OnStar Owner's Guide, call 1-888-4-ONSTAR (1-888-466-7827), or visit **onstar.com**.

See *Instruments and Controls* in your Owner Manual.

Passenger Airbag Status Indicator

Your vehicle is equipped with a Passenger Sensing System located in the front passenger seat for the front passenger airbag. There also is a front passenger airbag status indicator located on the inside rearview mirror.

Note: It is recommended that children not be placed in the front passenger seat, even with the Passenger Sensing System. All children should be properly secured in a rear seat.

Aftermarket seat covers should not be used. They may interfere with the airbag sensors and will void the warranty.

See *Seats and Restraints* in your Owner Manual.

COMFORT

Power Seat Adjustments



4-Way Power Seat Adjustment

The power seat switch is located on the outboard side of each front seat.

- To move a front seat forward or rearward, lift the bar under the front of the seat and slide the seat to the desired position; then release the bar.
- To adjust the height of a front seat, move the switch up or down.
- To tilt the position of a front seat, move the switch in the desired direction.

6-Way Power Seat Adjustment (if equipped)

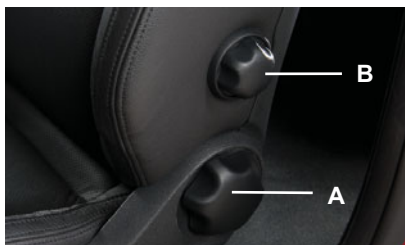
The power seat switch is located on the outboard side of each front seat.

- To move a front seat forward or rearward, move the switch forward or rearward.
- To adjust the height of a front seat, move the switch up or down.
- To tilt the position of a front seat, move the switch in the desired direction.

Seatback and Lumbar Adjustment

The recline knob and lumbar adjustment knob are located on the outboard side of the seatback.

- To adjust the driver's seatback, turn the larger lower knob (A). For ease of use, lean forward while adjusting the seatback forward.



- To adjust the amount of lumbar support, turn the smaller upper knob (B).

See *Seats and Restraints* in your Owner Manual.

Steering Wheel Adjustment

Adjust the driver's seat to a comfortable position before adjusting the steering wheel.

To tilt and telescope the position of the steering wheel:

1. Push down the lever under the steering column.
2. Adjust the wheel to a comfortable position by moving it up or down as well as in or out.
3. Pull up the lever to lock the wheel in place.




See *Instruments and Controls* in your Owner Manual.

Heated Seats (if equipped)



The heated seat buttons are located at the front of the center console.

- Press the  (Heated Seat) button to activate the Low heat setting (one indicator lamp).


Continue to press the button to cycle through the temperature settings of Medium (two indicator lights), High (three indicator lights) and Off (no indicator lights).

See *Seats and Restraints* in your Owner Manual.

Manual Climate Controls





The manual climate control system includes the following controls:


 **(Fan):** Turn the fan control knob (A) to increase or decrease the fan speed. There may be a slight delay when selecting the highest fan speed. Turn the knob fully counterclockwise to turn off the fan.

Temperature Control: Turn the temperature control knob (B) to increase or decrease the temperature setting.

Air Delivery Mode: Turn the mode control knob (C) to change the direction of the air delivery to the vent, bi-level, floor, defog/floor or defrost mode.

 **(Recirculation):** Press this button on the air delivery mode control knob to recirculate air inside the vehicle. This mode helps heat or cool the vehicle more quickly and prevents outside air and odors from entering the vehicle. Recirculation cannot be activated if the defrost mode is selected.

 **(Air Conditioning):** Press this button on the temperature control knob to turn the air conditioning system on or off.

 **(Rear Window Defogger):** Press this button on the fan control knob to turn the rear window defogger on or off. The defogger will turn off automatically after a set period of time.

See *Climate Controls* in your Owner Manual.

Automatic Dual Zone Climate Controls (if equipped)

The automatic dual zone climate control system maintains the desired individual temperature for the driver and front seat passenger. The system automatically adjusts the air delivery mode, fan speed, air conditioning and recirculation functions to reach the set temperature(s) as quickly as possible.

Automatic Operation

To set the automatic system:

1. Press the AUTO button.
2. Use the temperature controls to adjust the temperature. Allow time for the system to reach the desired temperature.



Manual Operation

To operate the system manually, use the following controls:

On/Off: Press this button to turn the system on or off. When the system is off, pressing any button will turn it on.

AUTO: Press this button to switch the system to automatic operation.

ZONE: Press this button to operate the system in the single-zone (SZ) mode or the dual-zone (DZ) mode. The single-zone mode sets one temperature for the vehicle. The dual-zone mode allows two different temperatures to be set.

Temperature Control: Turn the left temperature control knob to adjust the driver's temperature setting and the right temperature control knob to adjust the front passenger's temperature setting.

(Air Delivery Mode): Press the up or down mode button to change the direction of the air delivery to the vent, bi-level, floor or defog/floor mode.

(Fan Speed): Press the + or – button to increase or decrease fan speed.

(Air Conditioning): Press this button to turn the air conditioning on or off.

(Recirculation): Press this button to recirculate air inside the vehicle. This mode helps heat or cool the vehicle more quickly and prevents outside air and odors from entering the vehicle.

Press and hold this button for four seconds to activate the pollution mode, which will enable the system to automatically select recirculation when vehicle speed is less than 9 mph. This helps prevent exhaust fumes from entering the vehicle in heavy traffic.

(Defrost): Press this button to turn the windshield defrost mode on or off. Defrost mode must be selected manually when needed, even with the system operating in the Auto mode. Recirculation cannot be activated if the defrost mode is selected.

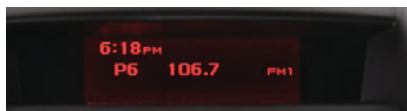
EXT TEMP (Exterior Temperature): Press this button to view the outside temperature.

(Rear Window Defogger): Press this button to turn the rear window defogger on or off. The defogger will turn off automatically after a set period of time.

See *Climate Controls* in your Owner Manual.

ENTERTAINMENT

Audio System Features



While most of the features on the single-disc audio system or multiple-disc CD player (if equipped) will look familiar, some of the following may be new:

(Power): Press this button to turn the system on or off. The system also can be turned on by pressing the BAND, CD or AUX button, or the SRCE (Source) steering wheel control.

(Volume): Turn the center knob (single-disc CD system) or the left knob (multiple-disc CD player) to adjust the volume.

<< >> (Tune): Press these buttons to manually select a radio station.

<< >> (Seek): Press these buttons to seek a radio station or, when playing a CD, to go to the previous/next track.

BAND: Press this button to switch between FM1, FM2, AM and XM1 or XM2 (if equipped). When playing a CD, press this button to switch to the radio.

ASM (Automatic Station Memory):

Press and hold this button to automatically store the six stations with the strongest signal on the selected band (FM or AM). Once stored, press this button to switch between ASM stations and regular preset stations.

(Time): Press this button to display the clock and calendar.

CD: Press this button to switch to CD operation.

|| (CD Pause): Press this button to pause CD operation.

AUX (Auxiliary): Press this button to switch to operation of an auxiliary device, such as a portable audio player, connected to the auxiliary input jack located on the radio.

Note: Engaging in extended searching for specific audio stations or songs by using buttons and knobs — or giving extended attention to entertainment tasks — can lead you to look away from the road frequently or for prolonged periods, which may cause you to miss seeing things on the road that you need to see. Avoid engaging in extended searching for specific items while driving.

Setting the Clock and Calendar

To adjust the clock and calendar:

1. Press and hold the **(Time)** button for more than two seconds.
2. Press the volume knob (single-disc CD system) or the MENU knob (multiple-disc CD player) to select the hours, minutes, date, month or year. The selected item will flash or be highlighted.

3. Turn the volume knob or MENU knob to adjust the selected item.
4. To exit, press the ⌚ (Time) button.

Setting Preset Stations (Single-disc CD System)

To store preset stations:

1. Press the BAND button to select the desired radio band.
2. Tune in the desired radio station.
3. Press and hold one of the six numbered buttons until the preset number is displayed and a beep sounds to store the station.
4. Repeat the steps for each numbered button on each band, if desired.

To store preset stations on the multiple-disc CD player, refer to the Multiple-Disc CD Player section.

Audio Settings

Audio settings, such as tone and speaker control, are included in the Option menu. To adjust settings:

1. Press the volume knob (single-disc CD system) or the MENU knob (multiple-disc CD player) to enter the Option menu.
2. Turn the volume knob or MENU knob to select a menu item; then press the knob to access the menu item.
3. Turn the volume knob or MENU knob to select a setting; then press the knob to access the setting.
4. Turn the volume knob or MENU knob to adjust a setting; then press the knob to store it.
5. To exit, select the Back option or wait eight seconds.

See *Infotainment in your Owner Manual*.

Multiple-Disc CD Player (if equipped)



In addition to the controls and settings highlighted in the Audio System Features section, the multiple-disc CD player has several unique features.




Setting Preset Stations

To store preset stations:

1. Press the BAND button to select the desired radio band.
2. Tune in the desired radio station.
3. Press and hold one of the six soft keys below the display screen until the preset number is displayed and a beep sounds to store the station.
4. Repeat the steps for each soft key on each band, if desired.

CD Changer Operation

To load a CD(s):




1. Press the LOAD  button to load one CD, or press and hold the LOAD  button to load multiple CDs.
2. Follow the display prompts to load each CD.
3. Press the  EJECT button or wait 10 seconds to cancel loading CDs.

Note: CDs with any affixed labels may jam in the CD player. Label a CD using a permanent marker. If more than one CD is inserted into the slot at a time, or if scratched or damaged CDs are played, the CD player could be damaged. When using the CD player, use only CDs in good condition without labels; load one CD at a time; and keep the CD player and the loading slot free of foreign materials, liquids or debris.

To play a specific CD:

- Press the CD button to play the current CD.
- Press the << >> (Disc) buttons to select a CD.
- Press the << >> (Track) buttons to go to the previous/next track of the current CD.

To eject a CD(s):

- Press the  EJECT button to eject the currently selected CD.
- Press the  EJECT button, and then press the soft key of the desired CD to eject a specific CD.
- Press and hold the  EJECT button to eject all CDs.


If a CD is not removed after several seconds, it will be pulled back into the player automatically.


See *Infotainment in your Owner Manual*.

Audio Steering Wheel Controls (if equipped)




The following audio controls are located on the steering wheel:

 **(Volume):** Rotate the switch on the right side of the steering wheel up (+) or down (-) to adjust the volume. Press the switch to mute the vehicle speakers.

 **(Voice In):** Press this button to interact with the OnStar or Bluetooth system.

 **(Call End):** Press this button to end a call.

SRCE (Source): Press this button to switch between FM1, FM2, AM, CD and an AUX device (if equipped).

 **(Next/Previous):** Rotate the switch on the left side of the steering wheel to go to the next/previous preset radio station or, when playing a CD, to the next/previous track.

Press the switch to go to the next CD in the multiple-disc CD player (if equipped).

See Infotainment in your Owner Manual.

XM® Radio

XM Radio offers more than 170 channels of digital-quality sound that goes wherever you go — coast to coast.

After a free three-month trial period, activation and service subscription fees apply. Service is based in the continental U.S. and Canada. For more information, visit XM online at www.XMradio.com or call 1-800-929-2100.

See Infotainment in your Owner Manual.

Bluetooth® System (if equipped)

The in-vehicle Bluetooth system allows users with a Bluetooth-enabled cell phone to make and receive hands-free phone calls using the vehicle's audio system, microphone and controls. The Bluetooth-enabled cell phone must be paired with the in-vehicle Bluetooth system before it can be used in the vehicle.

Not all phones will support all functions. Visit www.pontiac.com/bluetooth for more information.

For instructions on how to use the system, see Infotainment in your Owner Manual.

CONVENIENCE

Remote Vehicle Start



This feature allows you to start the engine from outside the vehicle by using the Remote Keyless Entry (RKE) transmitter. The remote start capability must be turned on using the Driver Information Center.

During a remote start, the manual climate control system will not operate until the key is turned on. The automatic climate control system (if equipped) will default to a set temperature of 73°F (23°C), regardless of the system setting prior to turning off the vehicle.

Once the key is turned on, both systems will operate at the last setting before the vehicle was turned off.

Starting the Vehicle

To remote-start the vehicle:


1. Aim the RKE transmitter at the vehicle. (Transmitter range is within approximately 164 feet of the vehicle.)
2. Press and release the  (Lock) button on the transmitter.
3. Immediately press and hold the  (Remote Start) button for about four seconds. When the vehicle starts, the parking lamps will light and remain on while the engine is running. The engine will continue running for 10 minutes.
4. Repeat these steps for a 10-minute time extension. Only two consecutive remote starts are allowed.

When you enter the vehicle after a remote start, the ignition must be turned to the On position before driving.

Note: The Remote Vehicle Start feature will not operate if the key is in the ignition, the hood is open, or the Check Engine light is illuminated on the instrument panel cluster.

Canceling a Remote Start

If you wish to turn off the engine instead of driving after a remote start:

- Press and hold the  (Remote Start) button until the parking lamps turn off.
- Press and release the Hazard Warning Flashers button. Press it again to turn off the flashers.
- Turn the key in the ignition switch to the On position and then off.

See *Keys, Doors and Windows* in your Owner Manual.

Automatic Headlamp System/ Exterior Lamps

The Automatic Headlamp System turns on the Daytime Running Lamps in the daytime and the headlamps and other exterior lamps at night or when necessary. The system uses a light sensor, located on top of the instrument panel, to determine light conditions. For proper operation, avoid placing any objects on or near the sensor.

Exterior Lamps Control



The exterior lamps control switch, located on the left side of the instrument panel, can be rotated to the following positions:

○ (Off): This position turns off the Automatic Headlamps or the manually activated headlamps and parking lamps.

AUTO (Automatic Headlamps): This position enables the Automatic Headlamp System.

☞☞ (Parking Lamps): This position turns on the parking lamps and taillamps.

☞☞☞ (Headlamps): This position turns on the headlamps, parking lamps and taillamps.

☞☞☞☞ (Fog Lamps): Pull out the control switch to turn on the fog lamps and push it in to turn off the fog lamps. The fog lamps cannot be operated when the control switch is in the Off position.

See *Lighting* in your Owner Manual.

Interior Lamps

Instrument Panel Brightness

The instrument panel lighting buttons are located above the exterior lamps control switch.





- To adjust the instrument panel lighting, press and hold the + (bright) or – (dim) button.
- To activate the night panel mode, which illuminates only the speedometer, information displays and warning lights, press both the + (bright) and – (dim) buttons. Press both buttons again to turn on the full instrument panel lighting.

Dome Lamps

The dome lamp controls are located on the front dome lamp.



- To turn the front and rear dome lamps on or off while the doors are closed, press the  (On/Off) button.
- To have the dome lamps turn on automatically when a door is open, press the  (Door Activated) button.


See *Lighting in your Owner Manual*.


Windshield Wipers and Washer





The windshield wipers feature an over-size driver-side wiper.

The wipers and washers lever, located on the right side of the steering column, operates in the following positions:


 **(Mist):** Move the lever down from the Off position to turn the wipers on for one wipe.

 **(Off):** Move the lever to this position to turn off the wipers.

 **(Intermittent):** Move the lever up to the first position to set a delay between wipes. Rotate the  control band to adjust the delay. The wipers activate more frequently as the band is rotated upward.

1 (Low): Move the lever up to the second position for steady, low-speed wipes.

2 (High): Move the lever up to the third position for rapid, high-speed wipes.

 **(Washer Fluid):** Pull the lever toward you to spray washer fluid on the windshield.

See *Instruments and Controls in your Owner Manual*.

Cruise Control



Cruise control is operated by using the multifunction lever on the left side of the steering column.

To set cruise control:

1. Press the (On/Off/Cancel) button on the end of the lever to turn on cruise control. Cruise On will appear on the Driver Information Center (DIC).
2. When traveling at the desired speed, rotate the control band on the lever down to the SET – position. Cruise Active will appear on the DIC.

To adjust or cancel cruise control:

- Rotate the control band down to the SET – position to reduce the set speed or up to the RES + position to increase speed.
- Press the (On/Off/Cancel) button once or press the brake pedal to cancel cruise control but retain the set speed in memory. Cruise Inactive will appear on the DIC. Rotate the control band up to the RES + position to resume the set speed.
- Press the (On/Off/Cancel) button twice to turn off cruise control. Cruise Off will appear on the DIC.

Cruise control turns off and the set speed is erased each time the vehicle is turned off.

See *Instruments and Controls in your Owner Manual.*

Power Windows and Mirrors

The power switches for the windows and outside rearview mirrors are located on the center console.

Express-Down Front Windows

- To operate the express-down feature, press and hold the desired window switch for approximately one second and the window will lower automatically. To stop the window, pull or press the switch momentarily.
- Press the switch partway to lower the window a small amount.



Rear Window Lockout

- Press the (Rear Window Lockout) button (A) to prevent the rear windows from operating except from the center console. Press the button again to turn off the lockout feature.

Power Mirrors

To adjust the position of an outside power mirror:

1. Move the selector switch (B) to the left or right to select either the left or right outside rearview mirror.
2. Press the four-way control pad (C) to adjust the position of the mirror.
3. Move the selector switch to the center position.

See *Keys, Doors and Windows in your Owner Manual.*

Sunroof (if equipped)

The sunroof control is located on the overhead console.



- To tilt (vent) the sunroof, turn the control counterclockwise to one of the three tilt positions.
- To open the sunroof, turn the control clockwise to one of the six open positions. The sunshade will open with the sunroof.
- To close the sunroof, turn the control to the closed position (○).

See *Keys, Doors and Windows* in your Owner Manual.

Rear Seat Pass-Through



The rear seat has a center pass-through section that may be folded forward to gain access to the trunk or for carrying long loads. The back of the pass-through also has two cupholders.

- To fold the pass-through, press the lock button on the top center of the middle seat and pull down the pass-through section.

See *Seats and Restraints* in your Owner Manual.

PERFORMANCE & MAINTENANCE

Sport Shift Mode and Driver Shift Control (if equipped)

The automatic transmission features a performance Sport shift mode and a manually shifted Driver Shift Control (DSC) mode.



Sport Shift Mode

In the Sport shift mode, the transmission will delay upshifts and allow earlier downshifts to enhance performance.

- To activate Sport shift mode, move the shift lever to the right of the Drive (D) position. Do not move the shift lever up or down to the + or – position; otherwise, Driver Shift Control will be enabled.

The current gear is shown in the Driver Information Center.

Driver Shift Control

DSC allows the driver to shift gears similar to a manual transmission.

To enable DSC, move the shift lever to the right of the Drive (D) position.

- To upshift, tap the lever forward (+).
- To downshift, tap the lever rearward (–).

The current gear is shown in the Driver Information Center. The transmission will stay in this gear until you shift or the vehicle slows down significantly.

See *Driving and Operating* in your Owner Manual.

Manual Transmission Operation (if equipped)

The 6-speed manual transmission includes a 1-to-4 shift feature that helps achieve the best possible fuel economy.

The 1-to-4 shift light will turn on when, from a standstill, acceleration is at 21% throttle or less, speed is between 15 and 19 mph, and engine coolant temperature is higher than 169 degrees. When these qualifications are met, the transmission can be shifted only from 1st to 4th gear. Forcing the shift lever into any other gear may damage the transmission.

See *Driving and Operating* in your Owner Manual.

Tire Pressure Monitor

The Tire Pressure Monitor alerts you when a significant reduction in pressure occurs in one or more of your vehicle's tires by illuminating the low tire pressure warning light on the instrument panel cluster. A CHECK TIRE PRESSURE message may appear on the Driver Information Center (DIC).

Correcting the Tire Pressure

When the low tire pressure warning light illuminates, you must inflate the tire to the proper tire pressure (just as you must refuel the vehicle when the low fuel warning light illuminates). The Tire and Loading Information label shows the correct tire pressure for the tires when they're cold. "Cold" means your vehicle has been sitting for at least three hours or driven no more than one mile.

You can temporarily clear the DIC message by acknowledging it with the DIC controls. However, a low tire pressure warning will remain on the DIC until you correct the tire pressure.

During cooler conditions, the low tire pressure warning message may appear when the vehicle is first started and then turn off as you start to drive. This could be an early indicator that your tire pressures are getting low and the tires need to be inflated to the proper pressure.

Note: The Tire Pressure Monitor can alert you about low tire pressure, but it doesn't replace normal monthly tire maintenance.


See *Vehicle Service and Care* in your Owner Manual.

StabiliTrak® – Stability Control System

StabiliTrak is an advanced Electronic Stability Program® and traction control system that assists with directional control of the vehicle in difficult driving conditions by reducing engine power and applying the brakes to individual wheels. It turns on automatically every time the vehicle is started.

To limit wheelspin and help maintain directional control, the system should always be turned on. However, if your vehicle becomes stuck and rocking the vehicle is required, the system should be turned off.



- To turn off the StabiliTrak system, press the  (StabiliTrak) button located in front of the shift lever. Press it again to turn on the system.

See *Driving and Operating* in your Owner Manual.

Spare Tire/Inflator Kit (if equipped)

G8 models are equipped with a compact spare tire located under the trunk floor.

G8 GT and GXP models are equipped with a tire sealant and inflator kit, which can be used to seal small punctures in the tread area of a tire. The kit is located under the trunk floor. Refer to the tire sealant and inflator kit instructions for complete operating information.

See *Vehicle Service and Care in your Owner Manual*.

Battery Location

The vehicle battery is located behind an access panel on the driver's side of the trunk.

Jump start positive and negative posts are located under the hood on the driver's side of the vehicle.

See *Vehicle Service and Care in your Owner Manual*.

Resetting the Oil Life System

The Oil Life System calculates engine oil life based on vehicle use and displays the SERVICE ENGINE OIL message when it's necessary to change your engine oil and filter. This is based on engine operation and driving conditions, not mileage. The Oil Life System should be reset to 100% only following an oil change.

To reset the Oil Life System:

1. Turn the ignition key to Run with the engine off.

2. Fully press and release the accelerator pedal slowly three times within five seconds.

3. Turn the key to Lock.

See *Vehicle Service and Care in your Owner Manual*.

Refueling the Vehicle

The fuel door is located on the passenger's side. **It will not open if the vehicle is locked.**

- To open the fuel door, press the center of the rear edge of the door and it will pop open slightly. Pull the door to open it fully.
- When closing the fuel door, press the center of the rear edge of the door until it latches and is flush with the side of the vehicle. It will not close if the vehicle is locked.

For maximum performance, premium fuel is recommended for vehicles equipped with the V8 engine.

See *Driving and Operating in your Owner Manual*.

Winter Tires

Your vehicle features rear-wheel drive and may be equipped with "summer only" performance tires that offer excellent handling on dry roads. However, during winter months, it's recommended to switch to winter tires that will provide additional traction in poor weather conditions. See your Pontiac dealer for information about recommended winter tires.

See *Vehicle Service and Care in your Owner Manual*.

OWNER INFORMATION

Roadside Assistance

**1-800-ROADSIDE
(1-800-762-3743)**

TTY Users: 1-888-889-2438

As the proud owner of a new Pontiac, you are automatically enrolled in the Pontiac Roadside Assistance program. This value-added service is intended to provide you with peace of mind as you drive in the city or travel the open road.

Pontiac's Roadside Assistance toll-free number is staffed by a team of technically trained advisors who are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to provide minor repair information or make arrangements to tow your vehicle to the nearest Pontiac dealer.

Pontiac will provide the following services for 5 years/100,000 miles at no expense to you:

- Fuel delivery
- Lockout service (identification required)
- Tow to nearest dealer for warranty service
- Flat tire assistance
- Jump starts

In many instances, mechanical failures are covered under Pontiac's comprehensive warranty. However, when other services are utilized, our advisors will explain any payment obligations you might incur.

For prompt and efficient assistance when calling, please provide the following information to the advisor:

- Location of the vehicle
- Telephone number and your location
- Vehicle model, year and color
- Vehicle mileage
- Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)
- Vehicle license plate number

Pontiac reserves the right to limit services or reimbursement to an owner or driver when, in Pontiac's judgment, the claims become excessive in frequency or type of occurrence.

Roadside Assistance and OnStar (if equipped)

If you have a current OnStar subscription, press the OnStar button and the vehicle will send your current GPS location to an OnStar Advisor who will speak to you, assess your problem, contact Roadside Assistance and relay your exact location so you will get the help you need.

Pontiac Owner Center

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