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Unleaded Gasoline

87-octane minimum
12.7-gallon/
48-liter tank

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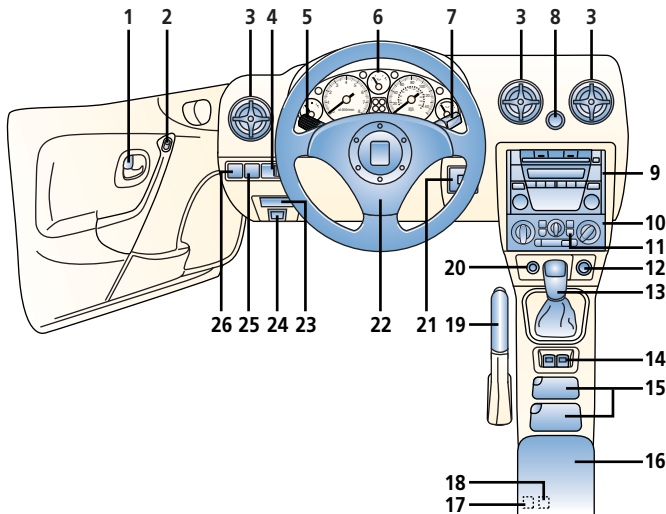
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Getting Started

MX-5 Miata Quick Tips® are designed to quickly familiarize you with some important features of your MX-5 Miata

This Driver's View tab is your index to the Quick Tips®, locate the item you would like to learn more about and then turn to the listed tab

Be sure to see the tab called **Getting Started**, this section contains important operating tips about your MX-5 Miata
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Press for horn
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Pull to open partially
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*Denotes optional equipment

MAZDASPEED MX-5 Turbocharging tips

Turbocharger design provides better operation and requires minimum additional maintenance

To get maximum performance from your turbocharged engine, take note of the following:

Use premium unleaded gasoline ONLY, extra fuel additives are NOT recommended

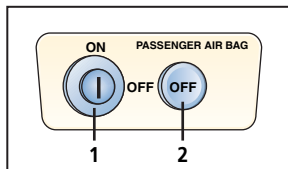
Change engine oil and filter using turbo engine interval outlined in the maintenance schedule

Use engine oil with API SL or ILSAC GF-3 service grade or higher, extra oil additives are NOT recommended

After driving at freeway speeds or up a long hill, idle engine at least 30 seconds to cool turbo, avoid shutting engine off abruptly after a hard or long drive, turbocharger damage may result otherwise

Do NOT race or over-rev ANY engine when starting, particularly a turbocharged engine

Do NOT add aftermarket devices to alter the engine's ignition, fuel delivery, or turbo boost pressure, this may lead to serious engine damage and void your warranty



Passenger's seat air bag deactivation switch[†]

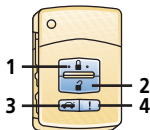
see Driver's View for switch location

Deactivate passenger's seat air bag when using a child-safety seat

To deactivate/activate: Insert ignition key in switch (1), rotate to OFF/ON, remove key
Amber OFF light (2) illuminates when deactivated and ignition is on

 **Tip: Turn ignition off when disabling passenger front air bag**

 **WARNINGS:** When using a rear-facing infant-safety seat always set the passenger seat air bag deactivation switch to OFF position, an infant is in serious danger of being injured or killed if front passenger air bag is deployed
If you choose to install a forward-facing child-safety seat in the front seating position, move vehicle seat as far back as possible and set air bag deactivation switch to OFF position



Remote keyless entry system

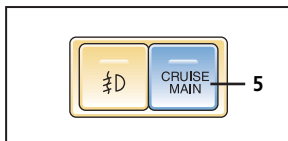
Functions only with ignition in OFF position

To lock doors: Press **LOCK** button (1); pressing again within 5 seconds causes doors to relock and horn to beep

To unlock: Press **UNLOCK** (2) for driver's door; press again within 5 seconds to unlock other door

To open trunk: Press  (3)

Panic alarm: Press **!** (4); horn sounds, hazard warning lights flash; to stop, press any remote button

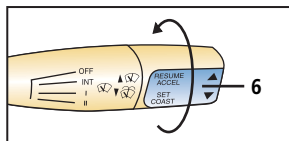


Cruise control*

Operates above 25 mph
Press **CRUISE MAIN** switch (5) to enable/disable

To set speed: Twist control knob (6) down toward **SET/COAST** ▼ and release

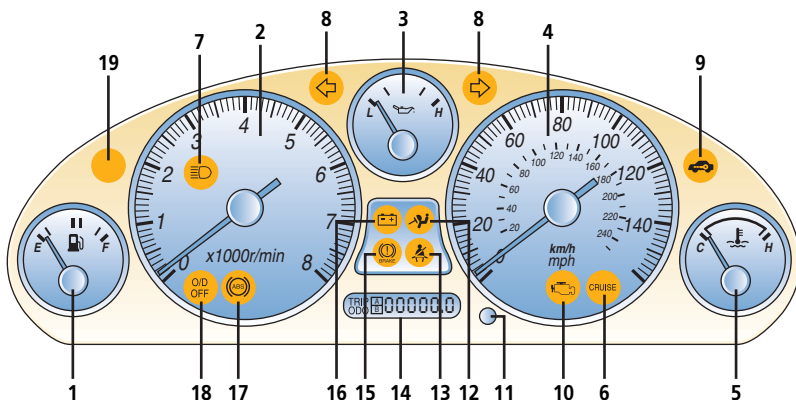
To increase set speed: Twist control knob (6) up toward **RESUME/ACCEL** ▲ and release at desired speed



To decrease set speed: Twist control knob (6) down toward **SET/COAST** ▼ and release at desired speed
To cancel: Tap brake or clutch pedal (manual transmission) or press **CRUISE MAIN** switch (5)

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[†]For other rare circumstances when passenger air bag can be shut off, refer to NHTSA guidelines



GAUGES

- 1. Fuel gauge**
12.7-gallon/48-liter tank
- 2. Tachometer**
Avoid red zone
- 3. Engine oil pressure gauge**
If outside normal range, stop vehicle safely and turn off engine; check oil level
- 4. Speedometer**
- 5. Coolant temperature gauge**
If above normal range, stop vehicle safely and turn off engine; check coolant level when safe

WARNING LIGHTS

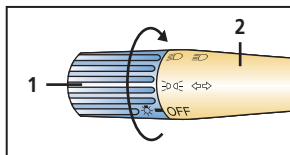
- 6. CRUISE Cruise control on***
Lights when cruise control is set
- 7. H High beams on,**
see Driver Controls

- 8. Turn signal/hazard warning on**
- 9. Immobilizer system on,** see Locks
- 10. Check engine**
Dealer inspection required
- 11. Odometer/trip odometer selector**
Press to select odometer or trip odometer A/B; press and hold to reset selected trip odometer
- 12. Air bag readiness**
If light flashes or stays on, the air bags may not operate in an accident; dealer inspection required
- 13. Always fasten safety belts**

- 14. Odometer/trip odometer display**
- 15. Brake system**
Parking brake on/low brake fluid
- 16. Charging system warning light**
Possible alternator or charging system malfunction, dealer inspection required
- 17. Anti-lock Brake System (ABS)***
Indicates ABS malfunction, dealer inspection required
- 18. Overdrive off indicator (Automatic transmission)***
Lights when the overdrive button is in the off position
- 19. Low fuel indicator**

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Always check the Owner's Manual for more operating information and safety features



Turn signal/lighting control lever

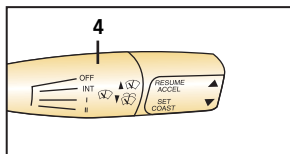
OFF = Lights off

⏏ = Tail, parking and dash-board lights on: Rotate knob to **(1)** first notch

☰ = Tail, parking, dashboard
and headlights on: Rotate
knob (1) to second notch

High beams on/off: Push lever **(2)** forward to detent/pull back

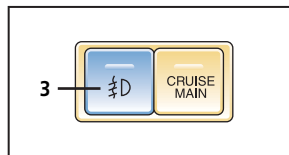
To flash high beams: Pull lever **(2)** toward you and release



Windshield wiper/washer lever

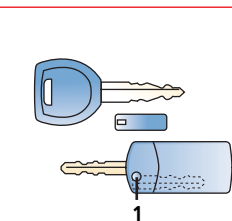
For slow/normal/fast wiper speeds: Push lever (4) down through detents

Single wipe: Set the wipers to OFF; push lever (4) forward



Fog lights

Press (3) on/off; functions only with headlight low beams on



Key/number plate

Operates ignition and all locks

Retractable key

Unfold key: Press **(1)**

Fold key: Press (1) and rotate key into holder

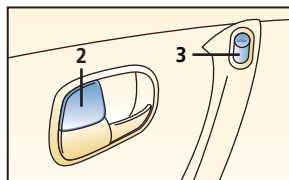


Remote entry system,

see Getting Started

Immobilizer system

Prevents engine from running unless coded key used; see Owner's Manual



Manual door locks

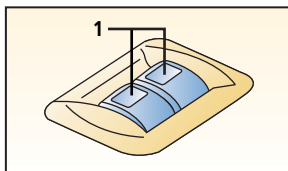
To lock/unlock: Push button **(2)** into handle/pull toward you

Power door locks*

Both doors lock/unlock by using key in driver's door or by using driver's button (3)

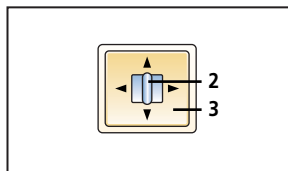
 **Tip:** Use key number plate to purchase a new key; store in a safe place separate from vehicle

*Denotes optional equipment



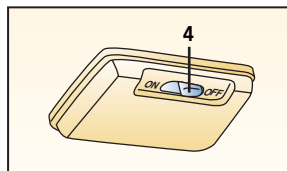
Power windows

Operate only with ignition on
To open/close: Push down/pull up front of switch (1)
Press driver window button down once for one touch auto down



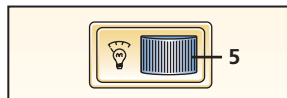
Dual power mirrors

Operate only with ignition on
To adjust left/right mirror: Push selector switch (2) left/right, press switch (3) in direction of desired movement



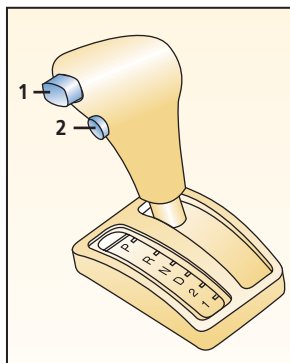
4. Dome light

On = Light always on
Off = Light always off
Center position = Light on when a door is open



5. Instrument panel lighting

To brighten/dim instrument panel lighting: Turn thumb-wheel right/left



Automatic transmission*

P = Park

To move gearshift from Park: Press firmly on brake pedal, then press release button (1) on gearshift

R = Reverse

Do not engage Reverse when vehicle is moving forward

N = Neutral

No gear engaged; vehicle can roll freely, even on a slight incline, unless the brakes are applied

Overdrive Switch

Press (2) to lockout/enable overdrive

D (Overdrive)

For normal driving: Shifts through four forward gears automatically

D (Overdrive Off)

Shifts through three forward gears automatically
Provides extra power and increased engine braking, stops 3rd-4th gear cycling in stop/go driving and on steep graded hills

2 = Second gear

Provides extra power and increased engine braking
Use to reduce wheel spin when starting on slippery surfaces

1 = First gear

Use for engine braking when second gear is not sufficient



5-speed



6-speed*

Manual transmission

Depress clutch pedal to start engine and change gears

Tip: Do not shift into 1st above 20 mph or clutch failure could occur

Tip: Resting your foot on the clutch pedal while driving and using the clutch to hold your vehicle at a standstill while waiting on a hill may reduce clutch life

*Denotes optional equipment

Manual controls**1. Fore-aft adjustment**

Lift lever and hold, slide seat, release lever

2. Safety belt buckle**3. Seatback angle**

To adjust: Lift and hold lever, lean forward or backward, release lever



⚠ WARNINGS: Do not adjust seats while driving

Safety belts must always be worn when vehicle is in motion

All air bags are supplemental and do not replace safety belt usage

Always wear your safety belt and properly secure children

Safety belt emergency locking mode

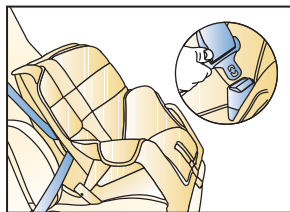
Belts lock only on hard acceleration, braking, cornering or impacts of about 5 mph or more

Automatic locking mode (front passenger safety belt only)

Must be used when installing child-safety seat

To activate: Pull webbing fully out of retractor until click is heard; belt will only tighten

To disengage: Unbuckle belt and allow webbing to retract fully

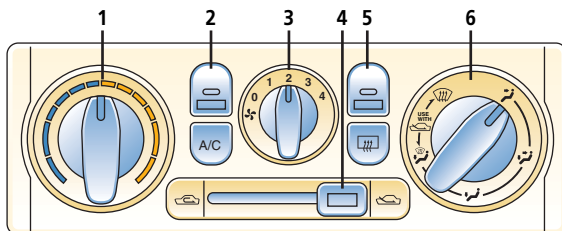
**Child-safety seat***

To install in passenger seat: Move seat as far back as possible; use dual locking mode retractor safety belt; see Owner's Manual for proper installation of child seat and LATCH system instructions

⚠ WARNING: Use age appropriate child restraints, see Owner's Manual and state or province laws

⚠ WARNINGS: When using a rear-facing infant-safety seat always set the passenger seat air bag deactivation switch to OFF position, an infant is in serious danger of being injured or killed if front passenger air bag is deployed. If you choose to install a forward-facing child-safety seat in the front seating position, move vehicle seat as far back as possible and set air bag deactivation switch to OFF position

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1. Temperature control

Rotate knob to blue for cool/red for warm

2. Air Conditioning

Press to turn on/off

Tip: Use A/C to dehumidify air

3. Fan control

Rotate knob to increase/decrease speed, turn to 0 to shut system off

4. Air intake control

Slide lever to select

= recirculate inside air; use for maximum heating/cooling or to keep odors out

= fresh air

WARNING: Do not use position in cold weather; windows could fog and hamper vision

5. Rear window defogger

Press to activate/deactivate

6. Airflow selections

= air to dash

= air to dash/floor

= air to floor

= air to floor/windshield, A/C compressor is on

= defrost, air to windshield, A/C compressor is on

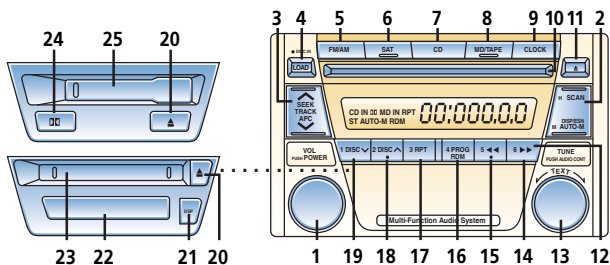
WARNING: When using position always set temperature control to hot or warm to prevent glass fogging

Control positions for maximum defrost

Fan to maximum, temperature to maximum hot, airflow selector knob to

Tips: When selected, air is dried by A/C compressor operation when temperature is above 39°F

To help prevent windshield fogging in humid weather, select before starting engine
To prevent moisture buildup, never drive with system off



1. Power/Volume

Press on/off; rotate for volume

2. Scan/Auto-Memory

Press to briefly sample next listenable selections

Radio: Press and hold until a beep sound is heard; system automatically scans and temporarily stores six strong stations in each selected band

3. SEEK/TRACK/APC

Radio: Press $\wedge$ / $\vee$ to automatically seek higher/lower frequency

CD: Press $\wedge$ / $\vee$ to select next/previous track

Tape: Press $\wedge$ / $\vee$ to automatically advance tape to beginning of next selection/replay selection; to stop this operation, press button again

4. LOAD*

To load multiple discs: Press and hold LOAD (4) until a beep sound is heard; insert CD when "In" is displayed

5. FM/AM

Press to select FM1/FM2/AM frequency bands

6. SAT**

Satellite ready capability

7. CD*

Press to play CD

8. MD*/Tape*

Press to play Mini-disc Player/cassette tape

Tip: MD player also plays MDLPs that have been recorded in MDLP mode

9. Clock

To set: With ignition in ACC or ON position, press CLOCK (9) and hold until beeper sounds and time flashes; press H to set hour, M (2) to set minutes; press CLOCK (9)

Tip: To select 12-hour or 24-hour display, turn Audio Control dial when time is flashing; press dial to set

10. CD slot*

11. CD eject button

To eject disc: Press Eject (11) To eject specific disc: Press and hold Eject (11) until sound is heard; within five seconds press the desired tray number 1-6 (12)

12. Memory preset buttons

To set: Tune to station, press and hold until a beep sound is heard

13. Tuning/Audio Control

Tune: Rotate counterclockwise/clockwise for lower frequency/higher frequency

Audio control: Press to select ALC/BASS/MID/TREB/FADE/BAL/BEEP ON OFF (MID and ALC availability varies with model); rotate right/left to adjust selected feature

14. Fast forward ▶▶

Press to fast forward through a track

15. Reverse ◀◀

Press to reverse through a track

16. Program Random†

Press to enable/cancel random play (CD, MD), or to play other side of cassette tape

17. Repeat

Press to replay current CD/tape selection

18. Disc up ^†

Press to skip forward to beginning of next CD

19. Disc down v†

Press to skip back to beginning of previous CD

20. Eject button*

21. DISP*

22. Mini Disc display*

23. Mini Disc slot*

24. Dolby® Noise Reduction*

Reduces tape noise and hiss; press to activate/deactivate

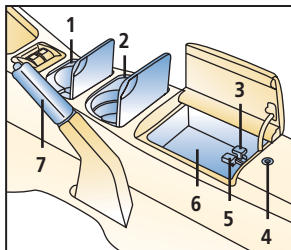
25. Cassette door*

Tip: Audio system becomes inoperable if power is interrupted or radio is stolen, a CODE is required to unlock audio unit See Owner's Manual

* Denotes optional equipment

** SAT button is standard but requires SAT subscription/additional hardware

† For use with cassette tape player, MD player, or CD changer*



Center console

1. Ashtray/Cup holder

Pull up ashtray to remove; space can be used as a cup holder

2. Cup holder

3. Remote trunk-lid release

To open trunk: Lift up on front of lever

4. Center console lock

To lock/unlock: Insert key and turn clockwise/counterclockwise

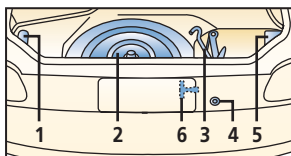
5. Remote fuel door release

To open fuel door: Lift up on front of lever

6. Center console storage

7. Parking-brake

To engage: Pull up
To release: Pull up slightly while depressing button at the front of lever; lower parking-brake lever



Trunk

1. Lug wrench/wheel lock key

2. Temporary spare tire

To change flat tire: Follow instructions in Owner's Manual

WARNING: Do not exceed 50 mph with temporary spare

Tip: Temporary spare tire should only be used for very short periods

3. Jack/jack handle

4. Lock

To lock/unlock: Insert key and turn counterclockwise/clockwise

5. Battery

Tip: Trunk can be opened using remote keyless entry system

Tire economy and tips

Check pressure at least monthly when tires are cold. Maintain correct front-end alignment and tire balance; rotate tires at 7,500-mile intervals; see Owner's Manual for rotation chart

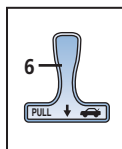
Tire pressure

Decal on the edge of the driver's door provides tire pressure information

Tire chains*†

Tire chains can damage aluminum wheels; use on steel wheels only

Tip: Use only SAE class "S" chains; install only on rear tires; install as tightly as possible and retighten periodically. Never exceed 30 mph with tire chains



Trunk release handle

Allows you to escape should you become locked in trunk

To open: Pull "T" handle; "T" handle will glow if it has been exposed to light

WARNING: Always keep handle recessed; luggage may snag on handle and open trunk

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†See Owner's Manual

Convertible top operation

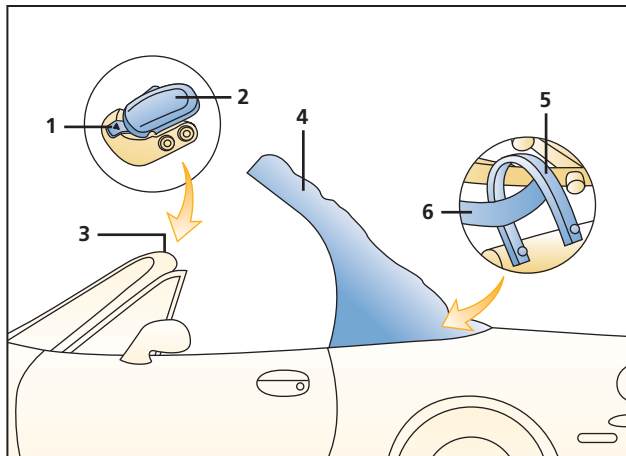
Tips: Using an automatic car wash can damage top

Storing articles inside near the rear window can cause damage to top upon lowering

Windblocker* helps reduce wind entering cabin area with top down

To lower: Park on a level surface away from traffic lanes; set parking brake; lower side windows and pull down sunvisors, remove all objects from top storage area

Press unlock button (1); pull top latches (2) until they completely disengage from windshield header (3); lift up on front section of top (4); lower top into storage area; snap top latches (2) into closed position



Tips: Do not store a wet or damp convertible top for long periods of time

Secure all objects inside vehicle before lowering top

To install convertible top cover: Thread tether straps (5) through anchor (6) and snap into position; attach top covering using fasteners; insert rear edges into body molding groove

To raise: Park on a level surface away from traffic lanes; set parking brake; lower side windows and pull down sunvisors. Open top latches (2) fully; lift top (4) until it rests on windshield header (3); fasten latches to windshield header by pushing up until click is heard

Tip: To ensure that top is securely fastened: Push up on top (4); if rattling is heard, repeat top latching process or have vehicle inspected by dealer

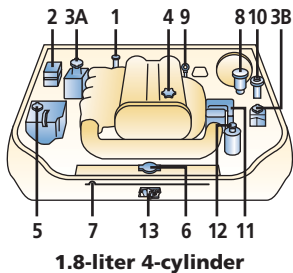
Detachable hardtop*
Tip: Perform hardtop installation or removal with two people

Park on a level surface away from traffic lanes; set parking brake and lower side windows; pull down sunvisors

To remove: Disconnect rear window defogger coupler; lower antenna; press unlock on top and side latches to release top; slide top rearward while pressing down on the rear deck latches; lift hard top straight off the body

To install: Lower antenna; fully lower convertible top; align rear latches with rear deck studs; slide hard top forward while pressing down on the rear deck; push up top and side latches to lock; reconnect rear window defogger

*Denotes optional equipment



3. Windshield washer fluid reservoir

(A. Manual transmission)
(B. Automatic transmission)
Refill with windshield washer fluid

4. Engine oil filler cap,

see Owner's Manual for recommended engine oil viscosity

5. Engine coolant reservoir

Check when engine is cold; fluid level should be between the FULL and LOW marks on reservoir

WARNING: Never remove coolant reserve tank cap while engine is running or hot; you could get burned

6. Radiator cap

Do not remove if engine is running or hot

7. Hood support rod

8. Brake fluid reservoir

If brake fluid level is low, have your vehicle inspected by your nearest Mazda dealer

9. Engine oil dipstick

Check with engine off and at operating temperature
Engine oil should be between F and L marks on dipstick

10. Clutch fluid reservoir (Manual transmission)

Level should be kept at the MAX mark on reservoir; fill with DOT 3 fluid from a sealed container

11. Air filter

12. Power steering fluid filler cap/dipstick

Check with engine off and at operating temperature
Level should be between H and L marks on the crosshatched area of dipstick

13. Hood latch

Pull up to release hood

Tip: Battery is located in the trunk

Tip: Check all fluids with vehicle parked on a level surface

1. Automatic transmission fluid dipstick*

If checked at operating temperature, fluid should be between FULL and LOW marks on dipstick

2. Fuse block

Break-in period

First 600 miles: Avoid heavy braking and acceleration; drive at varying road and engine speeds

Anti-lock Brake System (ABS)*

When brake pedal is pressed, ABS automatically reduces hydraulic pressure to any wheel on the verge of locking up

You may feel a slight pulsing of the brake pedal and hear a clicking noise; this tells you the ABS is functioning properly; increase pressure on pedal for maximum braking

Tip: Maintain constant pressure on the brake pedal
Do not pump the brakes

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Replace: Engine oil/engine oil filter every 5,000 miles, or every 3,000 miles for unique driving conditions†
Spark plugs every 100,000 miles

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† See Owner's Manual

NORMAL SERVICE INTERVALS

7,500 miles	A	
15,000 miles	A	F
22,500 miles	A	
30,000 miles	A B	F
37,500 miles	A	
45,000 miles	A	E F
52,500 miles	A	
60,000 miles	A B C D	F
67,500 miles	A	
75,000 miles	A	F
82,500 miles	A	
90,000 miles	A B	E F

Unique driving conditions†

Every 5,000 miles change oil/filter, inspect coolant level, lights, brake/clutch fluid, tire pressure/wear, power steering fluid, locks/hinges and washer fluid

Normal maintenance notes

Rotate tires every 7,500 miles or sooner if needed

A. Change: Engine oil/replace filter
Lubricate: Locks and hinges

B. Inspect: Drive belts, fuel lines and hoses, idle speed, brake lines and hoses, steering operation and linkages, front suspension ball joints, driveshaft dust boots, chassis and body bolts

Replace: Air filter, spark plugs

C. Change: Engine coolant

D. Inspect: Engine valve clearance, hoses and tubes for emission system

E. Inspect: Exhaust system and heat shields

Replace: Engine timing belt,
Inspect: Manual transmission oil, rear differential oil

F. Inspect: Disc brakes