

Quick reference
for the vehicle

Z4 Series



The Ultimate
Driving Machine®

At a glance. The main functions of your BMW Z4 Series.

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Your BMW Z4 in brief.

Welcome on board

Your BMW Z4 offers a wide range of equipment to make driving an enjoyable experience.

This quick reference provides an initial overview. It contains information to enable you to become familiar with the basic functions of your BMW Z4.

BMW hopes you get off to a good start and that you enjoy your BMW Z4.

For your safety and the safety of others, please read the detailed Owner's Manual.

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* Optional extras or country-specific items





4 Opening and closing Remote control



Open

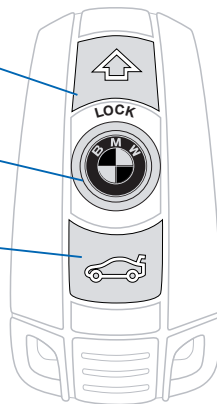
Unlocks the entire vehicle.

Close

Locks the entire vehicle.

Open the trunk lid

Press and hold (approx. 3 seconds).



Comfort opening*

Press and hold the Open button to open the windows and the hardtop after unlocking.

Comfort Start*

The remote control is automatically detected inside the vehicle. You start the engine without putting the remote control in a slot.

Personal Profile

Some of the vehicle's functions can be individually tailored and stored for a maximum of three remote controls.

Different settings are retrieved and implemented in the vehicle, depending on the remote control that is detected when unlocking the vehicle.

The majority of personal settings can be imported/exported, and therefore transferred to another vehicle with the Personal Profile function.

Keyless driving pleasure*

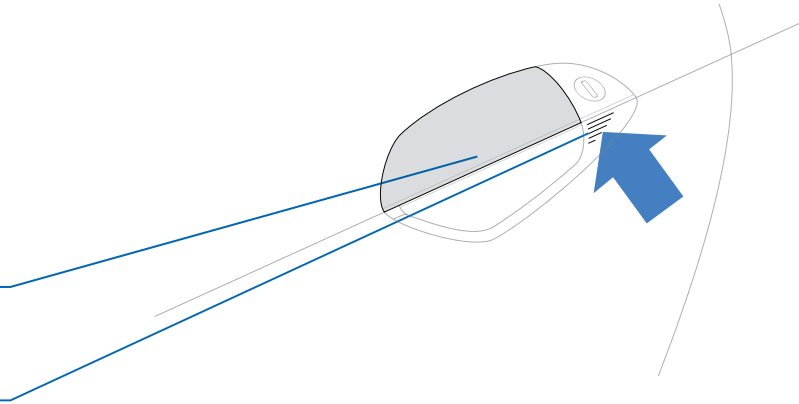
The Comfort Access system allows you to gain access to the vehicle and start the engine without holding the remote control. The remote control is automatically detected in the immediate vicinity or inside the vehicle.

Open

Take a firm hold of the door handle.

Close

Use your finger to touch the panel for approx. one second.



6 Seat and mirrors

Mirror adjustment

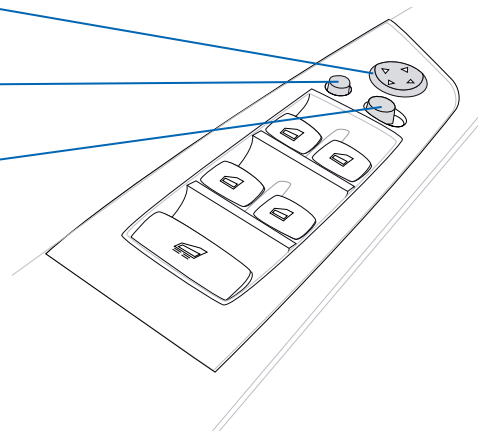
Mirror adjustment

Folding mirror in and out

Mirror left/right, Automatic Curb Monitor*

Select mirror: left/right.

Automatic Curb Monitor: driver's side.



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Manual seat adjustment

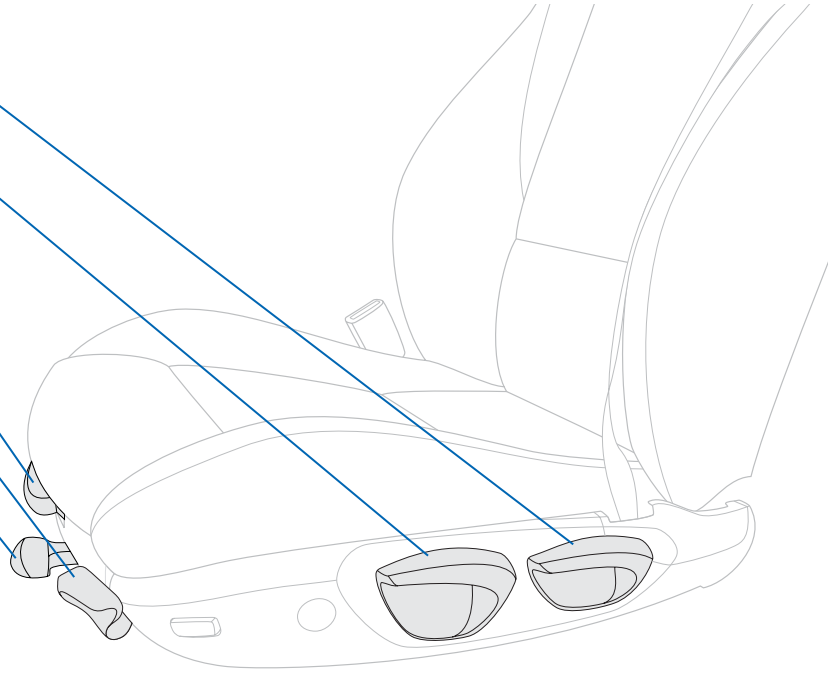
Backrest angle

Height

Thigh support

Tilt*

Forward/back



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Electric seat adjustment, Memory buttons

MEMORY button

Memory buttons

Head restraint, Backrest angle*

Forward/back, Height, Width*

Lumbar support*

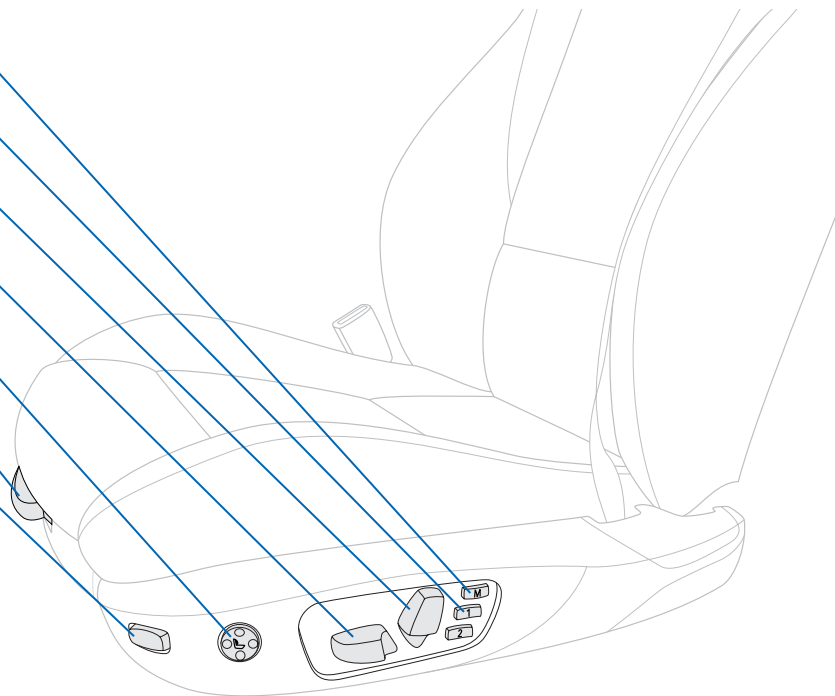
Thigh support*

Backrest width*

Seat and mirror memory

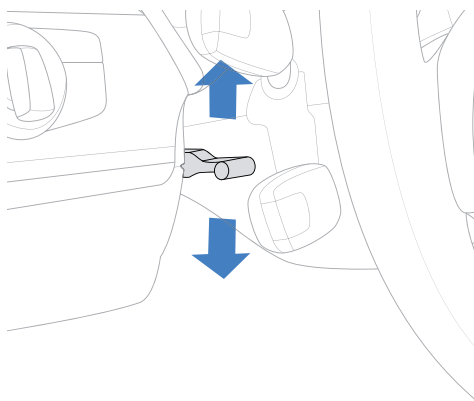
You can store two different driver's seat and exterior mirror positions per remote control in use.

1. Radio readiness or ignition on.
2. Adjust the seat and mirrors.
3. Press the MEMORY button; the LED lights up.
4. Press memory button 1 or 2.



Adjusting the steering wheel

1. Move the lever down.
2. Adjust the steering wheel to the seat position by moving it forward/back and up/down.
3. Move the lever back up.



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Around the steering wheel

Activate turn signals

Push the lever past the pressure point.

Signaling briefly/one-touch indicating

Press the lever upwards or downwards to the pressure point.

Cancel turn signals

Press the lever as far as the pressure point.

High beams

Press the lever forward.

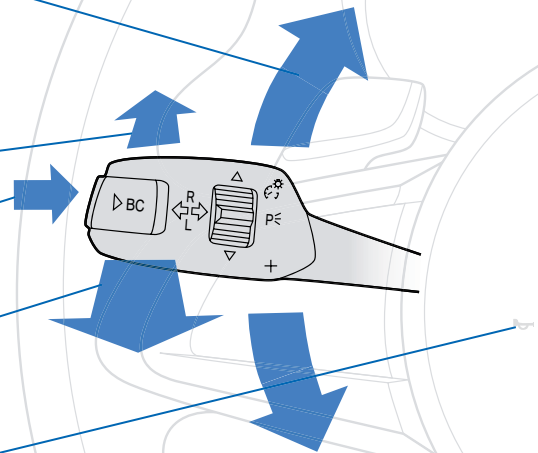
On-board computer

Press the button on the lever.

Headlamp flasher

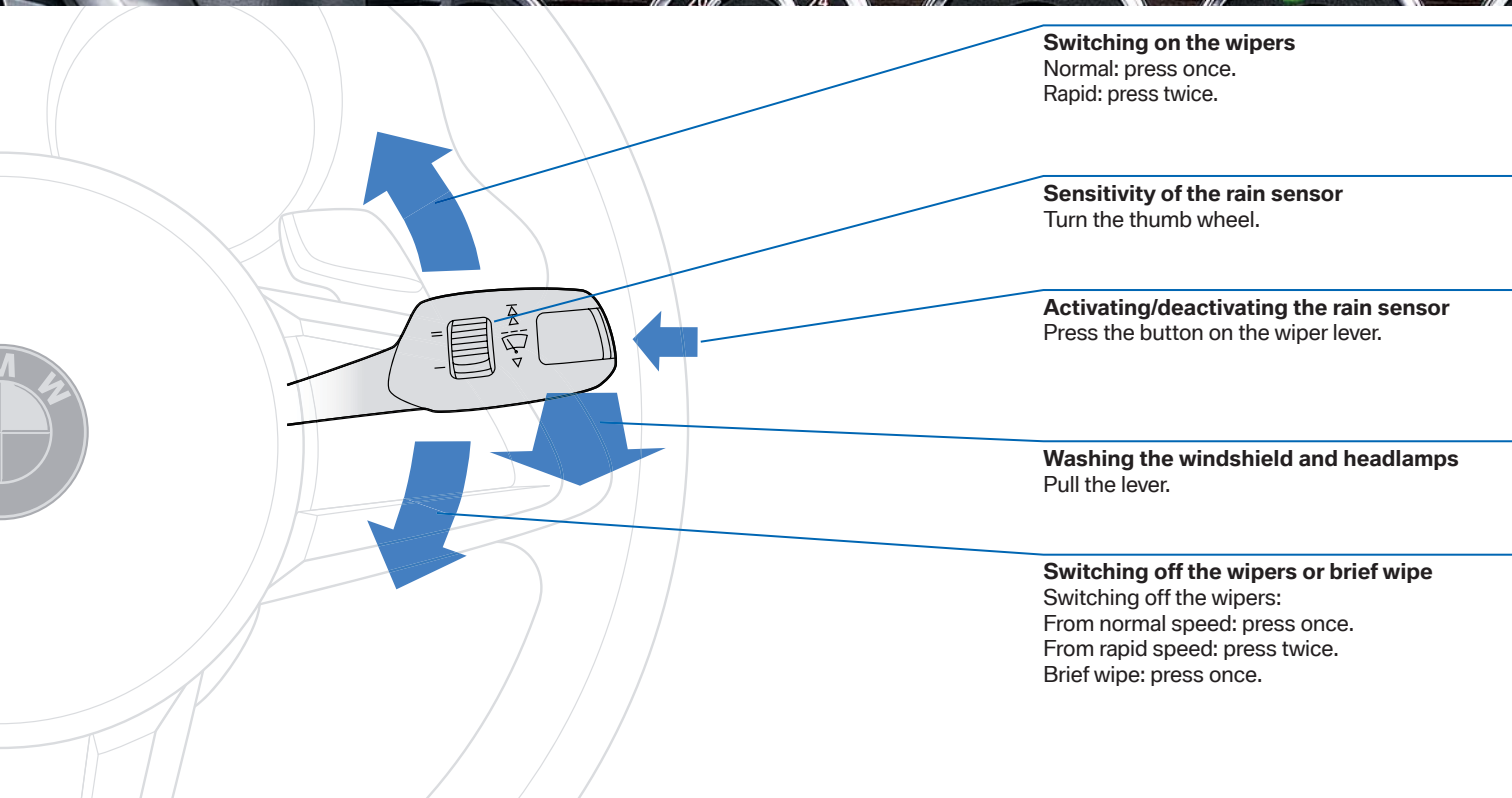
Pull the lever.

Horn



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Around the steering wheel



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Around the center console

Control display

Hazard warning flashers

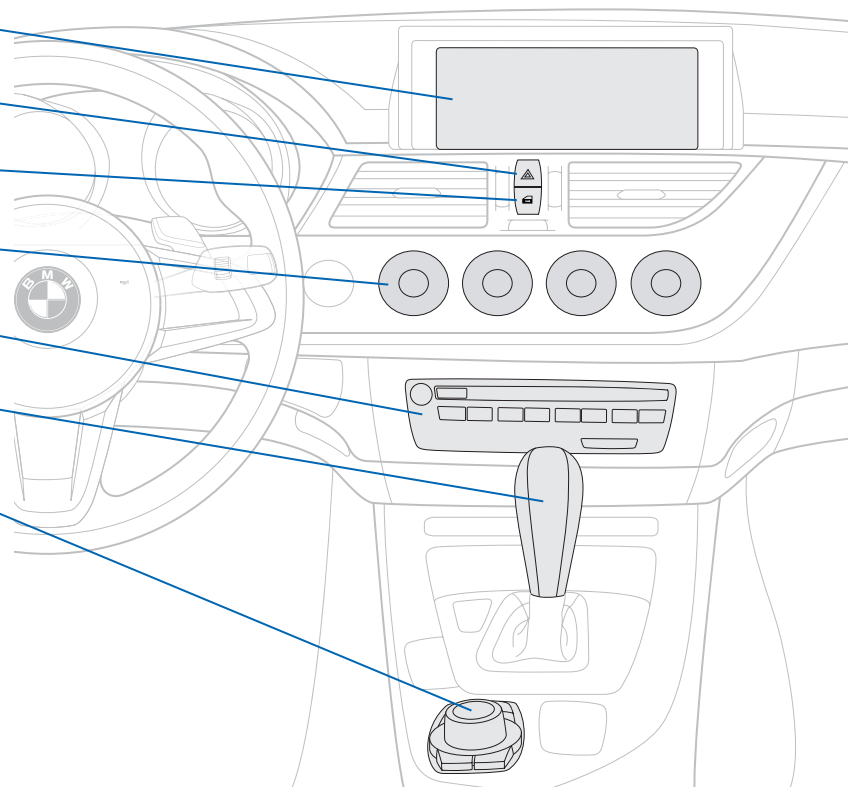
Central locking

Automatic climate control / Climate control

Entertainment

Selector lever

Controller with buttons

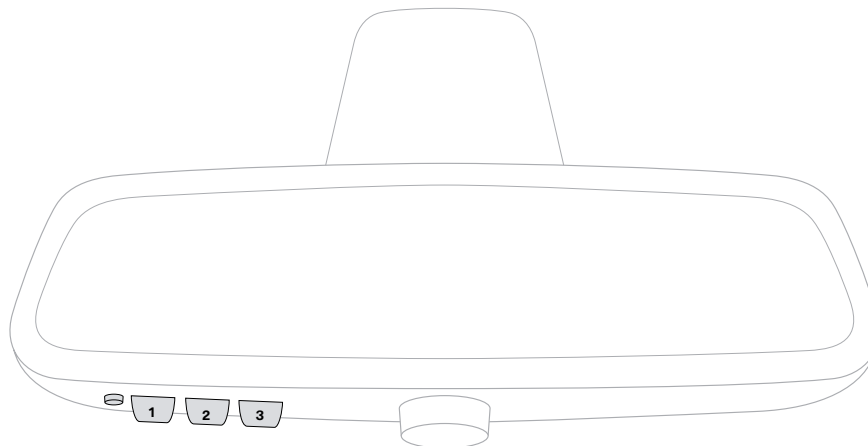


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Garage door opener

Garage door opener

1. The ignition is on.
2. Press both outer buttons, 1 and 3, for approx. 20 seconds until the LED flashes.
3. Hold the hand-held transmitter a distance of approx. 2 to 8 in/5 to 20 cm away from the memory buttons.
4. Simultaneously press the transmit button of the hand-held transmitter and the memory button of the universal remote control.
5. Release both buttons when the LED flashes rapidly.



Tip

Refer to the “Integrated universal remote control” section in the Owner’s Manual.

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Automatic climate control

Fine adjustment, air temperature, upper body

Air flow rate, climate style

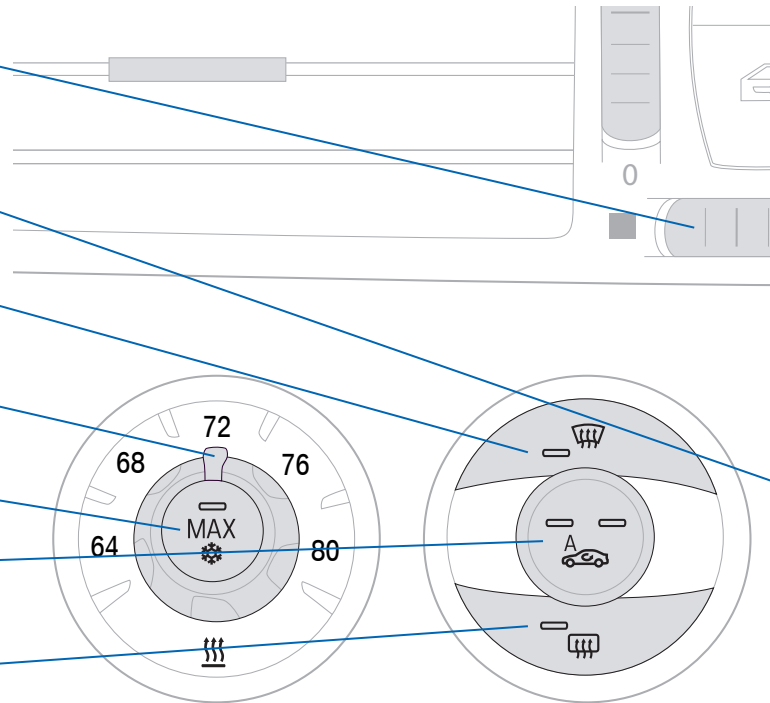
Windshield and front window defroster

Temperature left

Maximum cooling

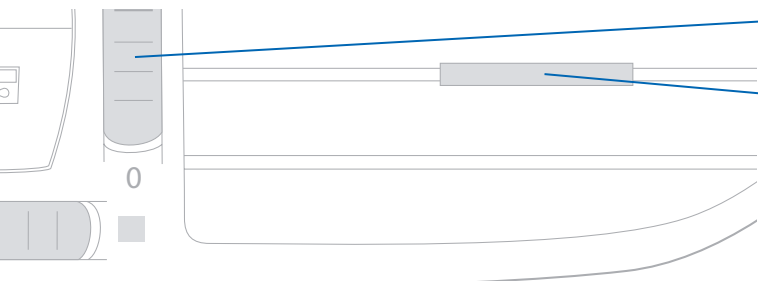
Automatic Air Recirculation Control
Recirculated-air mode

Rear window defroster



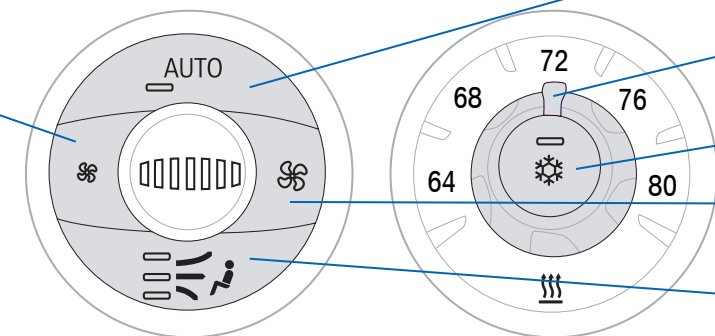
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Automatic climate control



Wheel to open and close the air vents

Lever to change the direction of the airflow



AUTO program

Temperature right

Air Conditioning

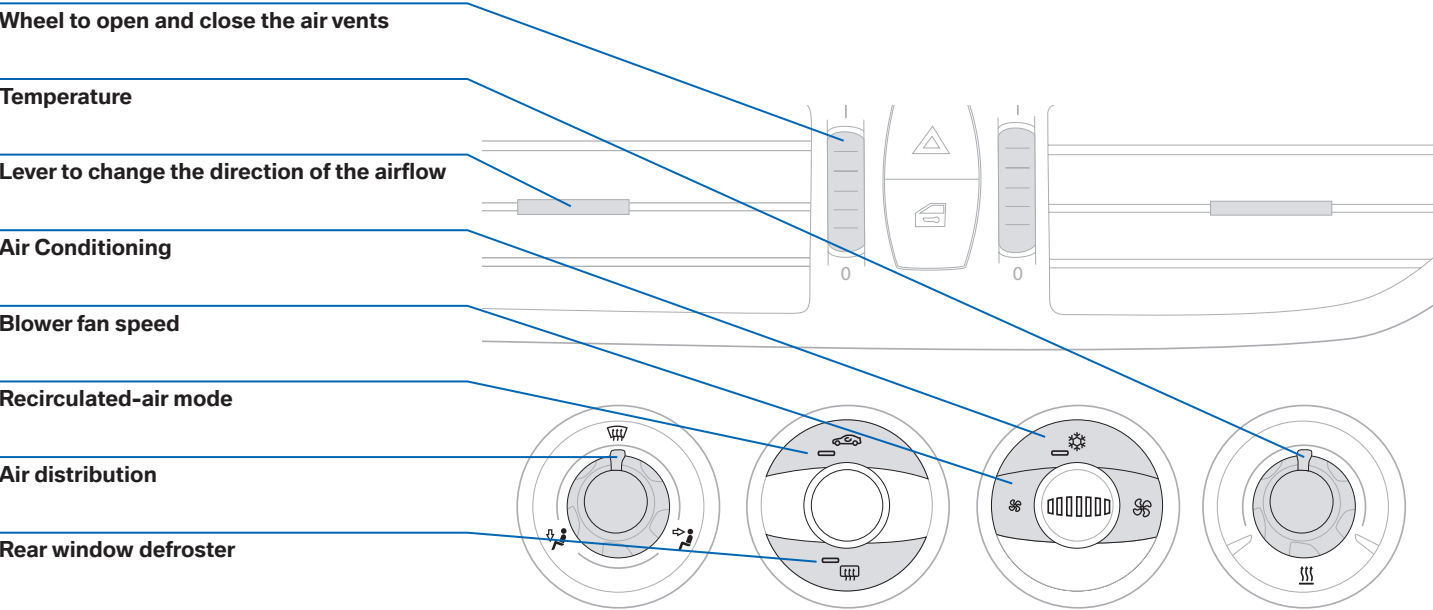
Air volume, climate style, residual heat

Air distribution



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Climate control



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Buttons in the center console

Open the retractable hardtop.

Close the retractable hardtop.

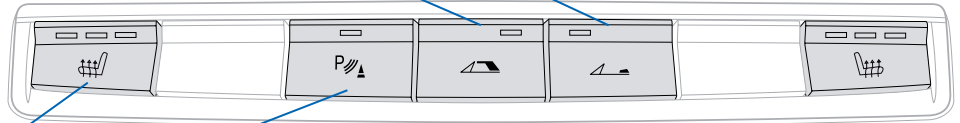
LED lights up green:
During an opening or closing action.

LED flashes red:
When action has not been completed.

LED lights up red:
When the cargo bay partition is folded up.
The retractable hardtop cannot be moved.

Heated seats

Park Distance Control



Only operate the hardtop while the vehicle is stationary.

Before opening and closing, ensure that no objects are located on or next to the cargo bay cover and that the trunk lid is closed.

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Start/Stop button



Switching the ignition on/off

Press the start/stop button without depressing the brake or clutch.

Starting the engine

Press the start/stop button while depressing the brake and, if necessary, the clutch.

Engine off / accessory position

Press the Start/Stop button when the engine is running.

Automatic Double-clutch Transmission with Drivelogic (DTC)

P button

Press the button to engage transmission position P.

Unlock button

To shift from P or to R:

1. Depress the brake while the engine is running.
2. Press the Unlock button.
3. Move the selector lever in the desired direction.

Applying the parking brake

Pull the switch; the LED lights up.

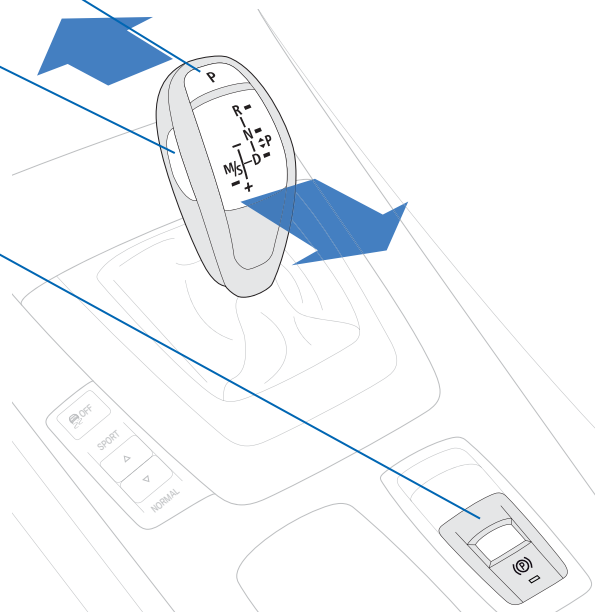
Releasing the parking brake

Press the switch with the brake depressed or transmission position P engaged; the LED goes out.

To ensure that the vehicle can roll before driving into an automatic car wash:

1. Insert the vehicle key into the ignition lock.
2. Depress the brake.
3. Engage N.
4. Release the parking brake.
5. Switch off the engine.
6. Release the brake.

The vehicle can roll for approx. 30 minutes as long as the ignition is not switched off.



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Parking brake / Automatic transmission

Unlock button

To shift from P or to R:

1. Depress the brake while the engine is running.
2. Press the Unlock button.
3. Move the selector lever in the desired direction.

Lever positions

P Park
R Reverse
N Neutral
D Drive, automatic position

Sport program:

Move the selector lever into the M/S shifting slot.

Manual mode:

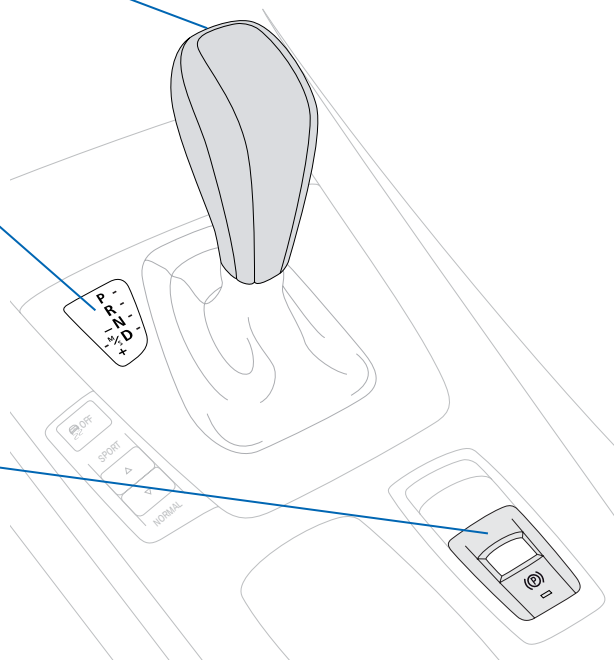
- + To shift up
- To shift down

Applying the parking brake

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Releasing the parking brake

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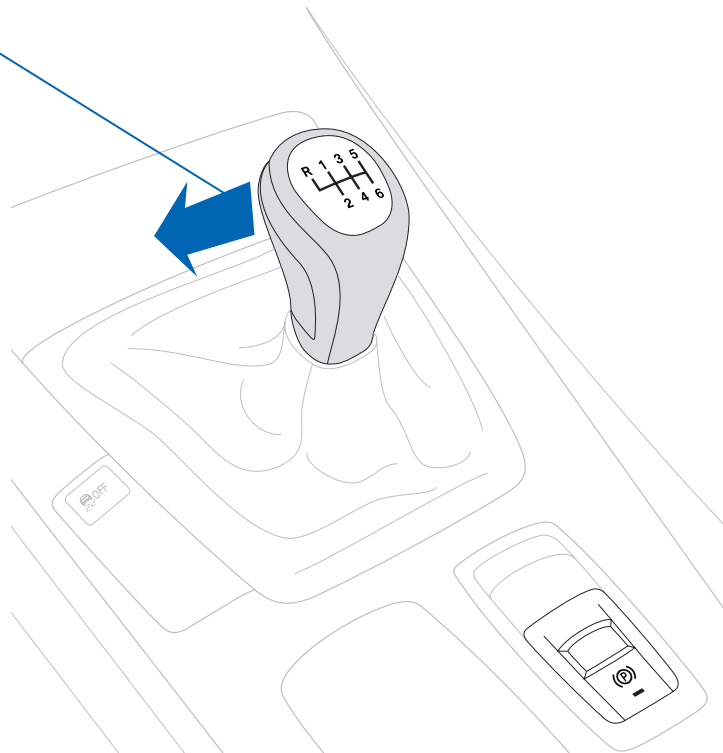
Manual transmission

Reverse gear:

When the gearshift lever is pressed to the left, a slight resistance has to be overcome.

5th/6th gear:

Press the gearshift lever to the right.



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Driving stability control systems

DSC Dynamic Stability Control

DSC prevents traction loss in the driving wheels when driving away and accelerating. DSC also recognizes unstable vehicle conditions, such as fishtailing or nose-diving. Subject to physical limits, DSC helps to keep the vehicle on a steady course by reducing engine speed, and by applying brakes at individual wheels.

The program can be deactivated/activated via Dynamic Driving Control.

DTC Dynamic Traction Control

The DTC system with the TRACTION program is a variant of DSC that is optimized for forward momentum. The system ensures maximum forward momentum on special road conditions, e.g., unplowed snowy roads, but driving stability is limited.

The system and program can be deactivated/activated via Dynamic Driving Control.

Dynamic Damping Control

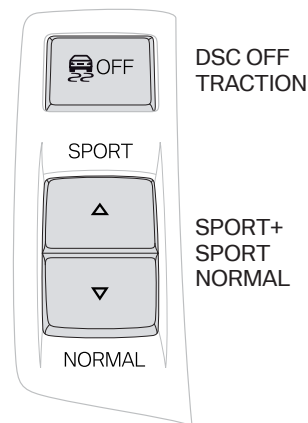
This system can infinitely and independently adjust the suspension characteristics at all four wheels, depending on the road surface and the driving style. It gives the driver the ability to set the suspension for a more comfort-oriented setting or for more sporty driving. The settings can be selected via the Dynamic Driving Control switch.

Dynamic Driving Control

This system is designed to allow the driver to alter the driving dynamics of the vehicle. Four preset programs can be selected; each affects the engine response settings, transmission shift characteristics, steering boost and suspension mode.

The selection is made by using the Up and Down switch of the Dynamic Driving Control unit on the center console.

Operating the programs



Tip

Refer to the information in the Owner's Manual.

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Lamps

Rear fog lamps*

Parking lamps

Lamps off/Daytime running lights*

Automatic Headlamp Control*

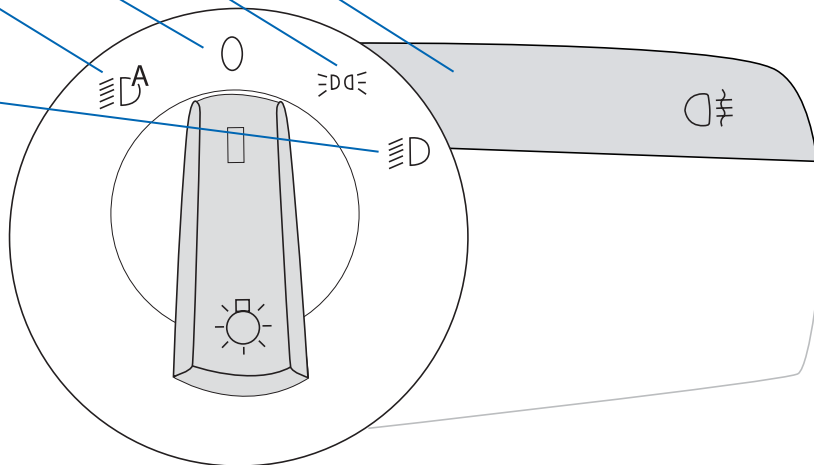
Adaptive Light Control*

High-beam assistant*/Welcome lamps

Daytime running lights*

Low beams

Welcome lamps



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CD/DVD player

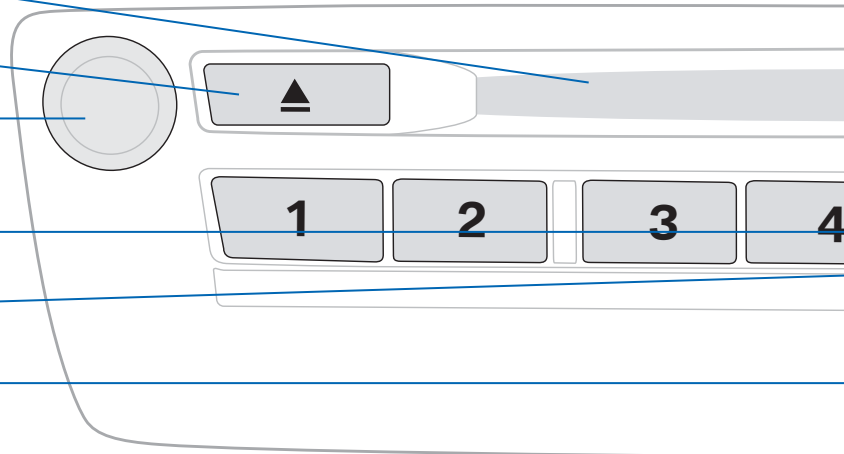
Eject the CD/DVD

**Sound output for entertainment on/off,
volume**

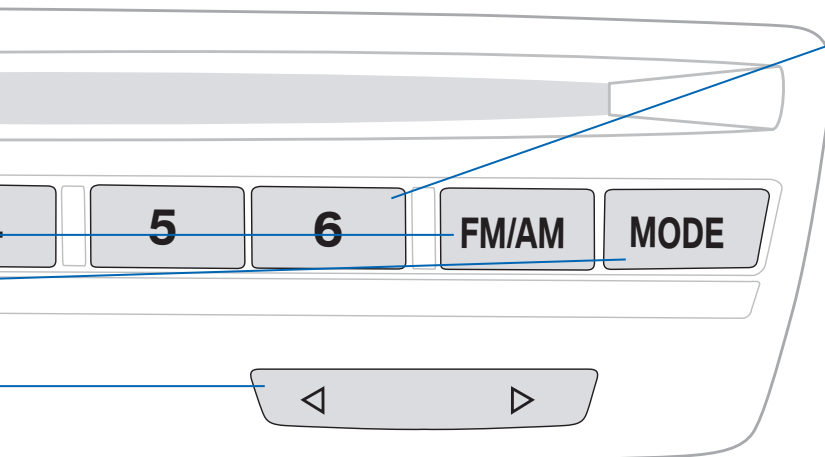
Change the radio station waveband

Change the audio and video sources

Station scan/track search



Radio/CD/Multimedia 25 Controls



Programmable memory keys

Programmable memory keys

iDrive functions can be stored on the programmable memory keys and called up directly, e.g., radio stations, navigation destinations, phone numbers, or frequently used menus.

Storing functions

1. Highlight the function via the iDrive.
2. Press the desired key for longer than two seconds.

Executing a function

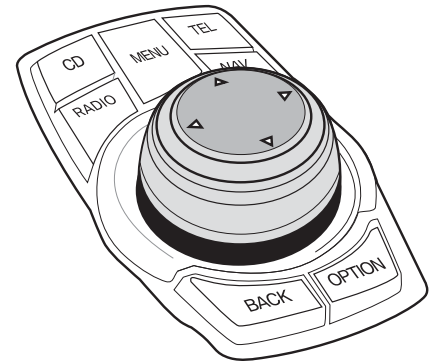
Press the button.

The function is executed immediately. This means, for example, that the number is dialed when a phone number is selected.

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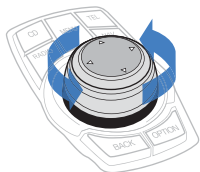


Controller with buttons



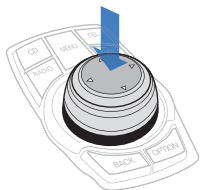
iDrive 27 Controller

Highlighting the menu item



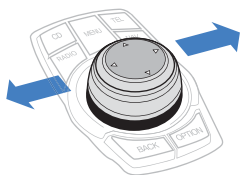
Turn the controller until the desired menu item is highlighted.

Opening a menu item

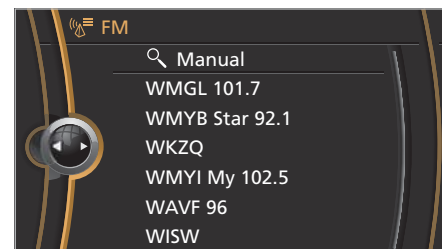
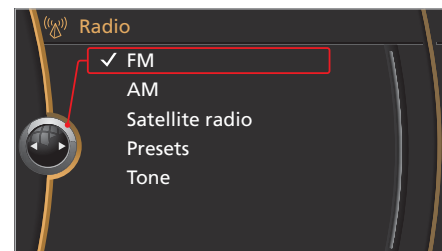
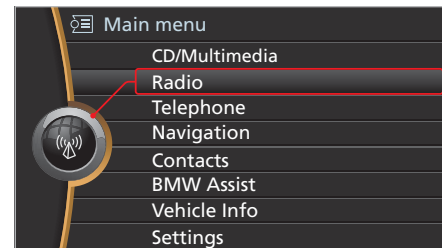


Press the controller.

Changing between panels



After selecting a menu item, e.g., "Radio", a new panel will be displayed.
Panels can overlap.
Move the controller either to the left or the right.
The panel changes.

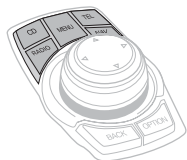


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Buttons on the controller

Opening the menus

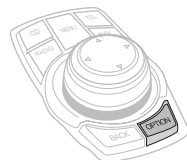
Press the buttons on the controller.



Accessing the "Options" menu

Press the OPTION button.

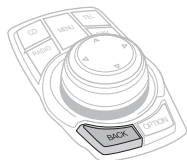
The OPTION menu consists of various settings: screen settings, e.g., "Split screen display".



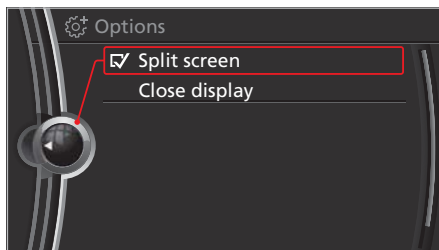
Calling up the previous view

Press the BACK button.

Open the display which was shown last on the Control Display.



Split screen / Voice activation system*

**Split screen**

Additional information can be displayed on the right side of the split screen, e.g., information from the computer.

The option of which information to display can be selected.

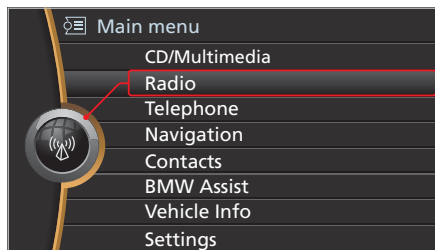
Switching the split screen on/off

1. Call up "Options".
2. "Split screen"

The split screen is activated and the information remains displayed, even if another menu is selected.

Tip

You may also store the split screen on one of the programmable memory keys.

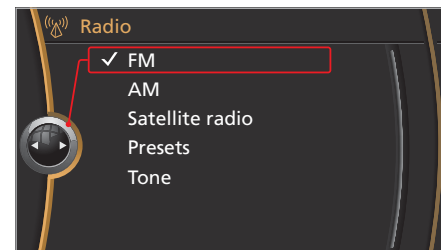
**Voice activation system***

The voice activation system allows you to operate certain features via a spoken command.

Most text which is displayed on the Control Display may be voice-activated.

Example: calling up the FM waveband

1. Press the  button on the steering wheel.
2. Say >Radio<.



3. Say >FM<.

The list of available radio stations is displayed.

Having the possible commands read aloud

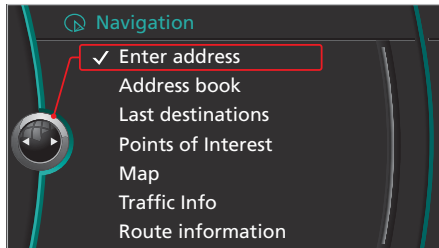
1. Press the  button on the steering wheel.
2. Say >Voice commands<.

Tip

You may also use a so-called short command to call up the function directly, e.g., "Radio on", "Perspective map", or "Redial". To give those commands, speak without hesitation, loudly and clearly. Avoid background noise such as open windows.

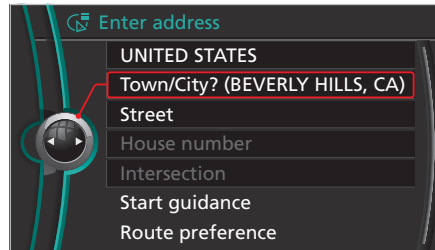
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Entering the address

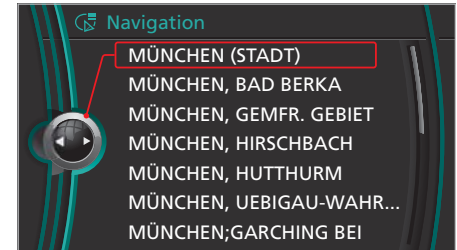


Enter a destination

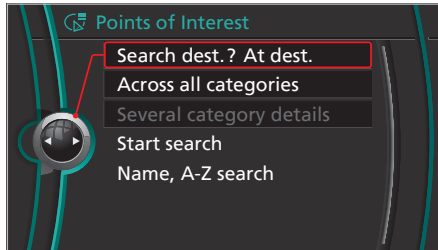
1. "Navigation"
2. "Enter address"



3. Select "Town/City/Zip Code" or the displayed town/city.
4. Select the letters individually. The list gradually grows smaller each time you enter a new letter.



5. Move controller to the right and select a town/city from the list.
6. Enter a street and intersection as you would the town/city.
7. Select the house number or intersection, if necessary.
8. "Start guidance"



Points of interest

Searching for specific destinations, e.g., points of interest, hotels, or gas stations:

1. "Navigation"
2. "Points of interest"
3. Specify "Search destination" and "Category"
4. "Start search"

A list of successful hits is displayed.



Map displays

Several types of maps may be displayed, e.g., in 3D.

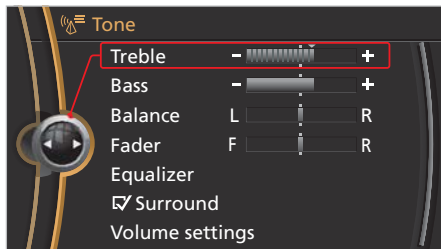
1. "Navigation"
2. "Map"
3. "Perspective view"
4. Call up "Options"
5. "Settings"
6. "Perspective view in 3D"

Adjusting the map zoom

1. If necessary, move the controller to the right to change the map display.
2. Select .
3. Turn the controller clockwise to zoom out and counter-clockwise to zoom in.

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Tone / Radio station



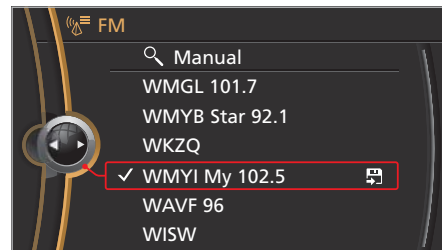
Tone control

1. "Radio", "CD/Multimedia" or "Settings"
2. "Tone"
3. Select the desired tone setting.
4. To adjust: turn the controller.
5. Acknowledge: press the controller.



Selecting a radio station

1. "Radio"
2. "FM"



3. Select the desired station.

Tip

You may store your favorite radio station with one of the programmable memory keys, 1 - 8. Use the iDrive to select the radio station and hold the desired memory key down for several seconds.

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Storing music



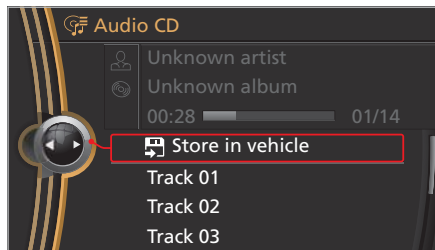
Storing music

CDs and DVD music tracks may be stored in a music collection in the vehicle (internal hard drive).

1. Insert the CD/DVD into the CD/DVD player.
2. "CD/Multimedia"
3. "CD/DVD"
4. Select the symbol for the CD/DVD player.

Tip

You can only store CDs/DVDs from the CD/DVD player.
Additional information about how to store compressed audio files from CDs or USB media can be found in the Owner's Manual.



5. "Store in vehicle"

The music collection is displayed. The tracks are stored and played in sequence from the music collection.

Observe the following during the storage process:

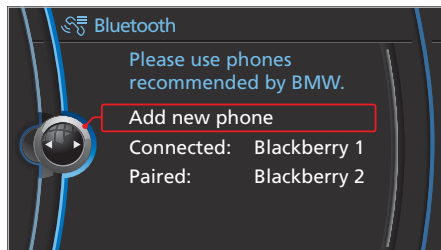
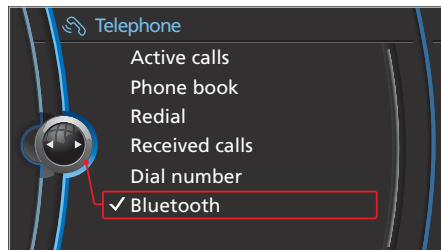
Do not switch to the CD/DVD player, and do not remove the CD/DVD from the CD/DVD player, as this will interrupt the storage process.

Tip

You can switch to other audio sources, except for the CD/DVD player, without interrupting the storage process. Tracks from the current CD that have already been stored can be called up.

34 Communication

Mobile phone pairing*



Pairing the mobile phone with the vehicle

1. Switch on the ignition.
2. Bluetooth on the vehicle and the mobile phone are activated.
3. If necessary, adjust the mobile phone according to the Bluetooth presettings, e.g., connection not visible, neither with confirmation nor on the mobile phone.
4. Think of a 4 to 16 digit passkey in order to enter it later. The passkey is only required once for the pairing procedure.
5. "Telephone"
6. "Bluetooth"

7. "Add new phone"

The vehicle's Bluetooth name will be displayed on the Control Display.

8. Use the mobile phone to search for Bluetooth devices; check your mobile phone's operating instructions.

The Bluetooth name of the vehicle also appears on the mobile phone display.

9. Select the Bluetooth name of the vehicle from the mobile phone.
The mobile phone's display or the iDrive will prompt you to enter the Bluetooth passkey.

10. Enter the passkey on the mobile phone and via the iDrive.

If pairing was successful, the mobile phone appears on the mobile phone list.

Tip

Please ask your BMW center which mobile phones with Bluetooth interface are supported by the mobile phone preparation package. You can obtain additional information on the Internet at: www.bmw.com/bluetooth

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Using the phone*

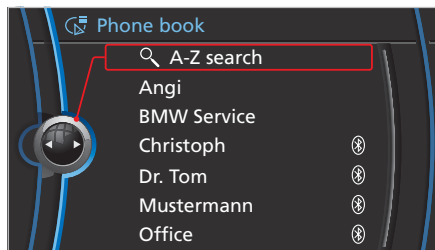


Dialing a number

1. "Telephone"
2. "Dial number"
3. Select the digits individually.
4.  Select this symbol to establish the call.

Accepting a call

Press the  button on the steering wheel.



Selecting from the phone book

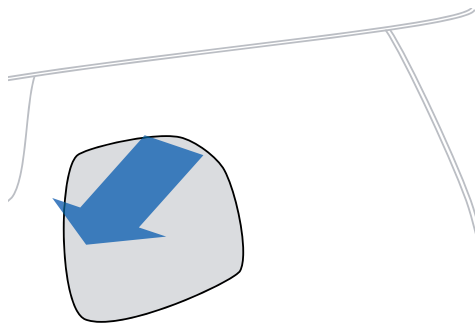
1. "Telephone"
2. "Phone book"
3. Select the desired entry.

Tip

You may also switch between calls and connect those calls to a telephone conference call; please refer to the Owner's Manual of your vehicle.

36 Refueling

Refueling / oil level



Refueling

Open the fuel filler door:
lightly press the rear edge.

Fuel quality

Recommended gasoline:
Super Premium gasoline/AKI 91.

The minimum AKI Rating is:

Z4 sDrive30i: 87
Z4 sDrive35i: 89

Refer to the information in the Owner's Manual.

Electronic oil level check

The oil level is monitored electronically and shown on the control display.
For recommended oil grades, refer to the Owner's Manual.

Operate via iDrive:

1. "Vehicle info"
2. "Vehicle status"
3. "Engine oil level"

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Tire pressure

FTM Flat Tire Monitor*

The system identifies a loss of pressure by comparing the speeds of rotation of the individual wheels as the car is traveling.

The system must be initialized with the correct tire pressures in order for it to respond reliably in detecting a flat tire.

Operate via iDrive:

1. "Vehicle info"
2. "Vehicle status"
3. "Reset"
4. Start the engine; do not drive away.
5. Start the initialization with "Reset".
6. Drive away.

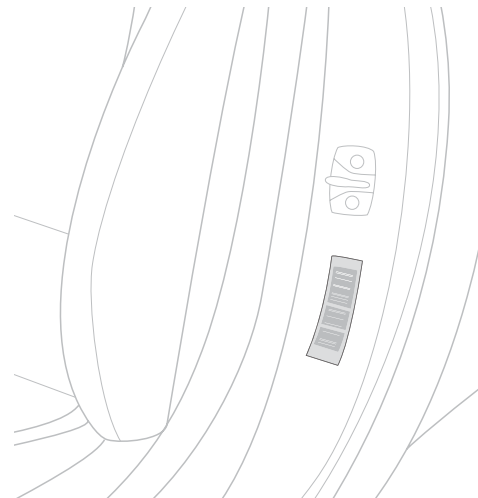
TPM Tire Pressure Monitor*

Monitoring of the tire inflation pressure in the four mounted tires: the system reports when the tire inflation pressure has dropped considerably in one or more tires.

The system must have been reset when the inflation pressure was correct; otherwise, reliable signaling of a flat tire is not ensured.

Operate via iDrive:

1. "Settings"
2. "Tire Pressure Monitor - TPM"
3. "Reset TPM"
4. Start the engine; do not drive away.
5. "Reset".
6. Drive away.



Tire inflation pressure

For speeds of up to 100 mph/160 km/h and for optimum driving comfort, note the pressure values in the tire inflation pressure table (refer to the Owner's Manual), and adjust as necessary. These pressure values can also be found on the tire inflation pressure label on the driver's door post.

Tip

Reinitialize the system after adjusting tire pressures and after changing a tire or wheel.

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OBD, Emission values

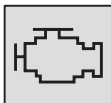
Socket for Onboard Diagnostics OBD

On the driver's side is an OBD socket for testing components that are critical to exhaust composition.

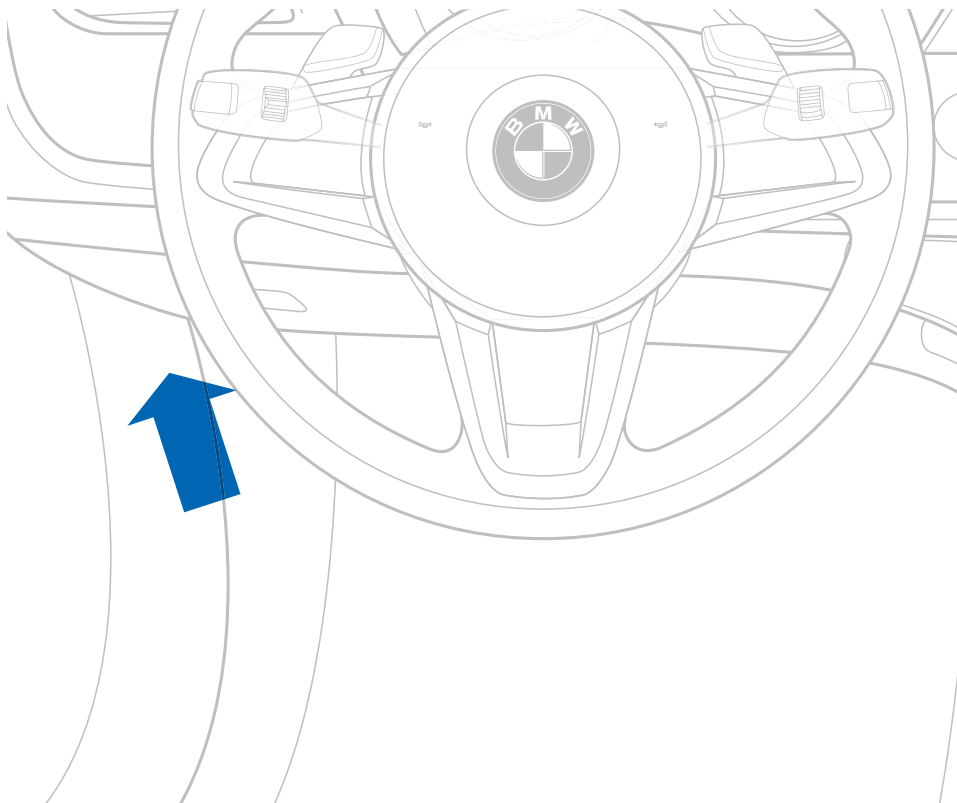
Emission values

SERVICE
ENGINE
SOON

The warning lamp lights up.
The emission values are deteriorating. Have the vehicle checked as soon as possible.



Refer to the information in the
Owner's Manual.





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BMW Ultimate Service™

BMW Ultimate Service™

Included at no charge with all new BMW vehicles for the first four years or 50,000 miles, whichever comes first.

It includes the New Vehicle Limited Warranty and the BMW Maintenance Program, which cover all factory-recommended maintenance services and specific items that require replacement due to normal wear and tear.

Also included are four years of unlimited mileage Roadside Assistance, and, if the vehicle is equipped with the BMW Assist™ and Bluetooth® system*, a four-year, unlimited mileage subscription to the BMW Assist Safety Plan.

See your authorized BMW center for more details.

*The BMW Assist™ and Bluetooth® systems are part of the Premium Package or available as option in the Z4.

40 Cargo bay

Warning triangle*, Cargo loading

Warning triangle*

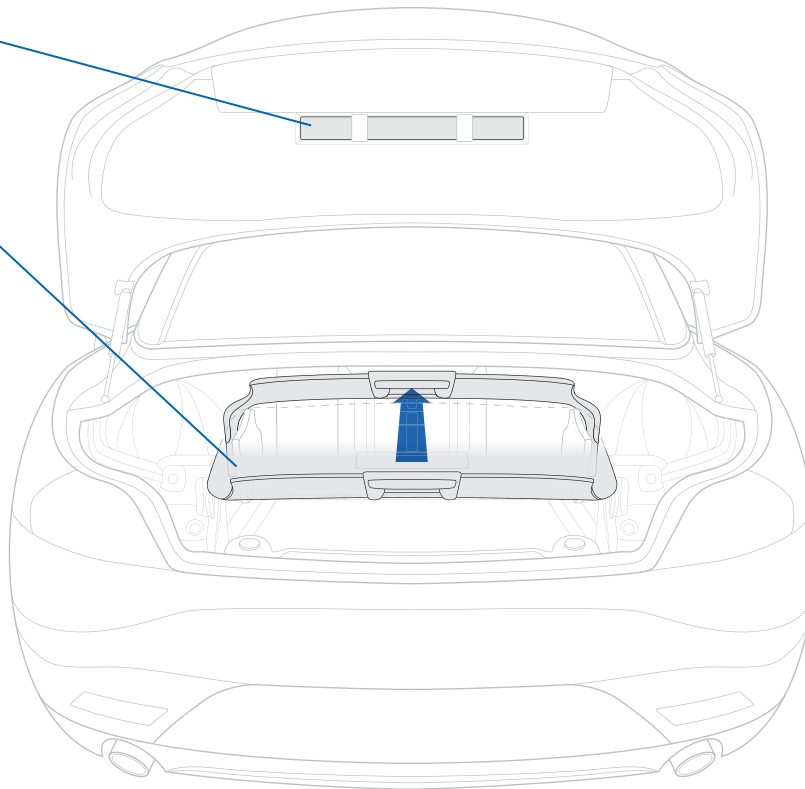
The warning triangle is located in a holder in the trunk lid.

Enlarging the cargo bay capacity

With the hardtop closed:
Push the cargo bay partition up.

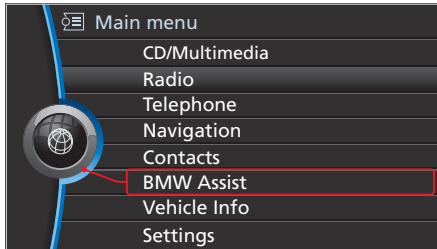
Convenient loading

1. Briefly press button  and, within one second, press again and hold until the retractable hardtop stops in an intermediate position.
The trunk lid opens slightly.
2. Open the trunk lid, press the cargo bay partition upward and stow the cargo in the cargo bay.
3. Press down the cargo bay partition until it engages on both sides, and close the trunk lid.
4. Press button  for a longer period to fold the retractable hardtop back in.



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BMW Assist™ and Bluetooth® System



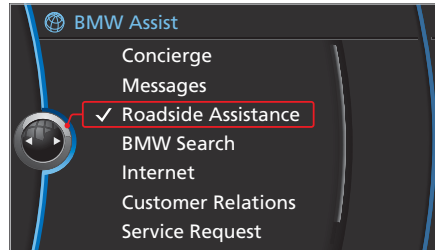
BMW Assist™ Safety Plan (included for four years)

Combining GPS location technology with hands-free wireless communication, BMW Assist™ connects you with a trained response specialist 24/7 to help you with almost everything while on the road.

The BMW Assist™ Safety Plan provides:

- Automatic Collision Notification
- Emergency Request (SOS)
- Enhanced Roadside Assistance
- MyInfo
- Stolen Vehicle Recovery
- Door Unlock
- TeleService
- Customer Relations

* The BMW Assist™ and Bluetooth® System is part of the Premium Package or available as stand alone option.



Easy Access

To initiate the services, just go to “BMW Assist” in the main menu and select the desired service, or push the SOS button on the overhead console.

What You Need To Do

You must complete, sign and submit a subscriber agreement with your salesperson. BMW pays for the first 4 years from your BMW's in-service date. To decline services, you must complete, sign and submit a “Waiver and Release” document. If neither action is taken, your BMW Assist services will be remotely deactivated approximately 60 days after you take delivery of your new vehicle.

Bluetooth Hands-free Calling

The BMW Assist system includes Bluetooth hands-free calling capability with speech recognition. See page 34 or visit www.bmwusa.com/bluetooth for BMW approved handsets and pairing instructions.

Tip

You may even find and send destinations in the comfort of your home and send them via the Internet to your vehicle.

Tip

Upgrade to our optional Convenience Plan to receive Directions, Traffic and Weather information, Critical Calling, Concierge services and access to the Google Maps™ database in your Z4 with BMW Search. Push the SOS button, call toll-free 1-888-333-6118, or log on to www.bmwassist.com to learn more.

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BMW Roadside Assistance

Can be contacted if assistance is needed in the event of a breakdown.

Telephone: (800) 332-BMW (4269)

For vehicles with the BMW Assist Option: Contacting Roadside Assistance through BMW Assist will also transmit vehicle and vehicle position data.

Towing

The only method approved for transporting your vehicle is to use a commercial flatbed carrier truck and to secure the vehicle to the flatbed truck with four nylon wheel straps.

When pulling the vehicle onto a flatbed carrier truck, only use the screw-in tow-eye found in the trunk tool kit.

Refer to the detailed towing instructions in the Owner's Manual.

BMW Financial Services**

Offers monthly payments.

UltimatePay: one-time electronic payment service.

EasyPay: have your monthly payment debited automatically every month from the bank account you designate. Of course, you can also pay by mail.

Simply go to the BMW Financial Services section of the Owner's Circle at bmwusa.com and look under "Account Services".

** Subject to credit approval

My Account

Enables BMW owners to enjoy high performance in their vehicles - and in the ownership experience itself.

This secure owner's site is filled with important, convenient and timely information.

Here is where your vehicle information and BMW Financial Service account history are kept and updated. You can see your monthly statements online, and even pay for them quickly and easily with the click of your mouse.

There is also a wide variety of informative features on interesting topics.

For example, check out the Owner's Manual section, which also contains video reference guides. Or watch a video to learn how to pair your Bluetooth phone.

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