



Quick Reference  
Guide for the vehicle



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# THE BMW 3 SERIES.

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## Your BMW 3 Series at a glance

### **Welcome on board**

Your BMW 3 Series offers a wide range of equipment to make driving an enjoyable experience.

This Quick Reference Guide informs you about the most important basic functions of your BMW 3 Series vehicle.

For safety reasons, please read the Owner's Manual.

Any updates made after the editorial deadline of the printed or integrated Owner's Manual are located in the appendix of this Quick Reference Guide.

BMW hopes you get off to a good start and that you enjoy your BMW 3 Series.

This Quick Reference Guide also describes and depicts equipment that may not be contained in your vehicle because of the selected special equipment or market-specific version.

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### Remote control



#### Unlocking

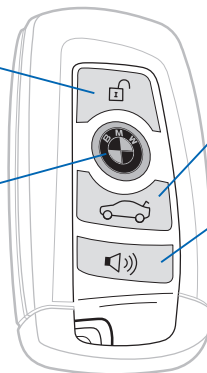
Press the button briefly.

Convenient opening: press and hold the button to close the window and glass sunroof.

#### Locking

Press the button briefly.

Depending on the country-specific variant, Convenient closing: press and hold the button to close the windows and glass sunroof, and to fold in the exterior mirrors if necessary. The exterior mirrors are not folded in when the warning flashers are switched on.



#### Opening the trunk lid/tailgate

Press the button for approx. 1 second.

#### Panic mode

Press the button for at least 3 seconds to set off the alarm system. Switch off by pressing any button.

### Comfort Access

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

### Unlocking

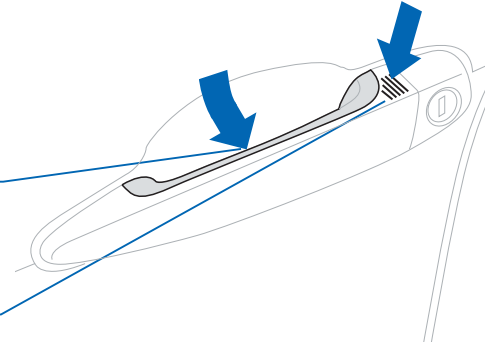
Completely grasp the handle of a vehicle door.

### Locking

Press the door handle surface for approx. 1 second with your finger, without grasping the door handle.

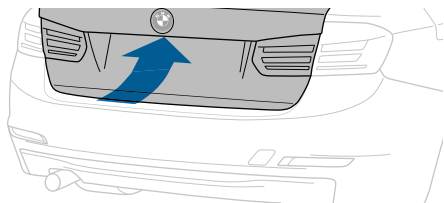
### Convenient closing with Comfort Access

Press the door handle surface with your finger and keep it there, without grasping the door handle. In addition to locking, the windows and the glass sunroof are closed and the exterior mirrors folded in.



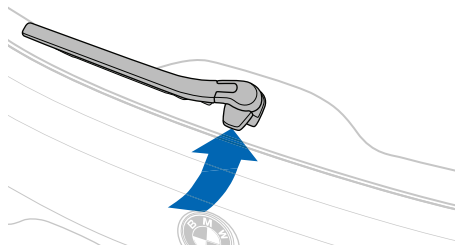
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### Trunk lid/tailgate/rear window



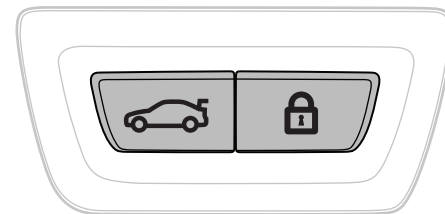
#### Opening the trunk lid/tailgate from the outside

Press the button on the exterior of the trunk lid.  
Touring only: pressing the button again stops the motion



#### Touring: Opening/closing the rear window from the outside

Press the button next to the rear window.  
To close, press the window closed.



#### Touring: Automatically closing and locking

 Press the button on the inside of the tailgate. The tailgate closes by itself. Pressing again stops the motion.

 Comfort Access: press the button. The tailgate closes automatically and the vehicle is also locked. Pressing again stops the motion

## Manually adjustable seats

**Backrest tilt**

**Height**

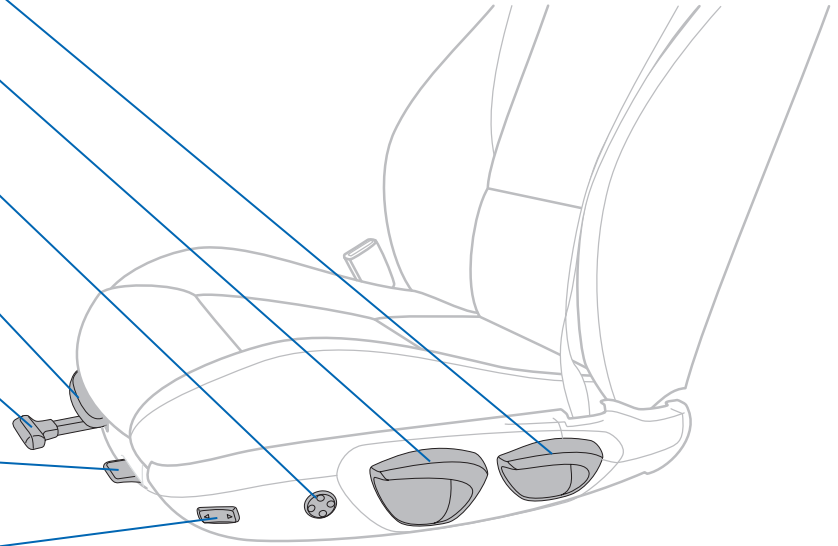
**Lumbar support**

**Thigh support**

**Forward/back**

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**Backrest width**



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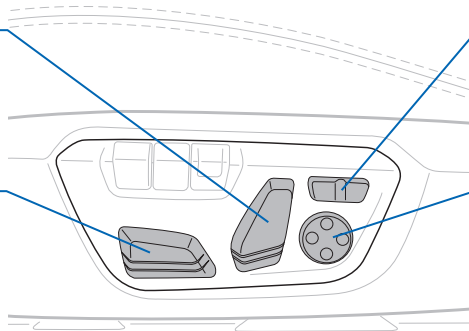


**Backrest tilt**

**Backrest width**

**Forward/back  
Height  
Seat tilt**

**Lumbar support**



### Mirror adjustment

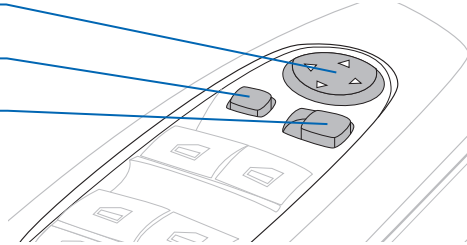
### Folding the mirrors in and out

### Selecting a mirror

To change over to the other mirror:  
Slide the mirror changeover switch.

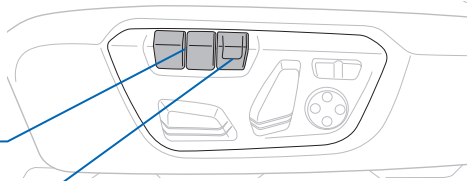
### Activate Automatic Curb Monitor

1. Slide the mirror changeover switch to the driver's side mirror position.
2. Engage selector lever position R.



### Memory buttons

### SET button



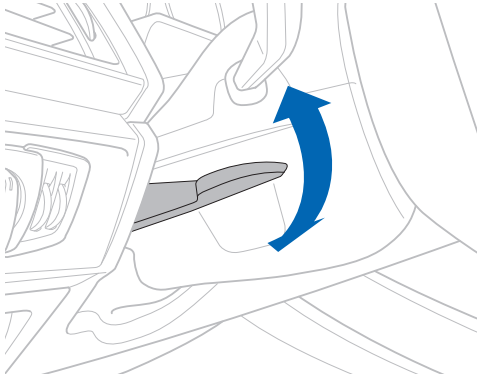
### Seat and mirror memory

Two driver's seat and exterior mirror positions can be stored and retrieved per profile. The backrest width and lumbar support settings are not stored.

1. Switch on the ignition.
2. Set the desired position.
3.  Press the button. The LED in the button lights up.
4. Press the desired 1 or 2 button as long as the LED is lit up. The LED goes out.
5. Press memory button 1 or 2 to call up the position. The corresponding seat position is performed automatically.

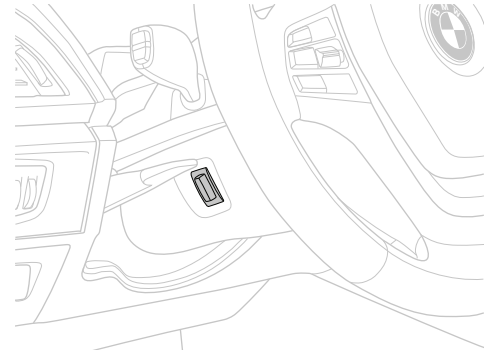
## 10 Seats, mirrors, and steering wheel

### Steering wheel



#### **Adjusting the steering wheel**

1. Move the lever down.
2. Adjust the steering wheel to the seating position in longitudinal direction and height.
3. Move the lever back up.



#### **Steering wheel heating**

Press the button.

The LED in the button lights up when the steering wheel heating is switched on.

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## Around the center console

**Control Display**

**Hazard warning flashers**

**Central locking**

**Thumbwheel for adjusting the temperature  
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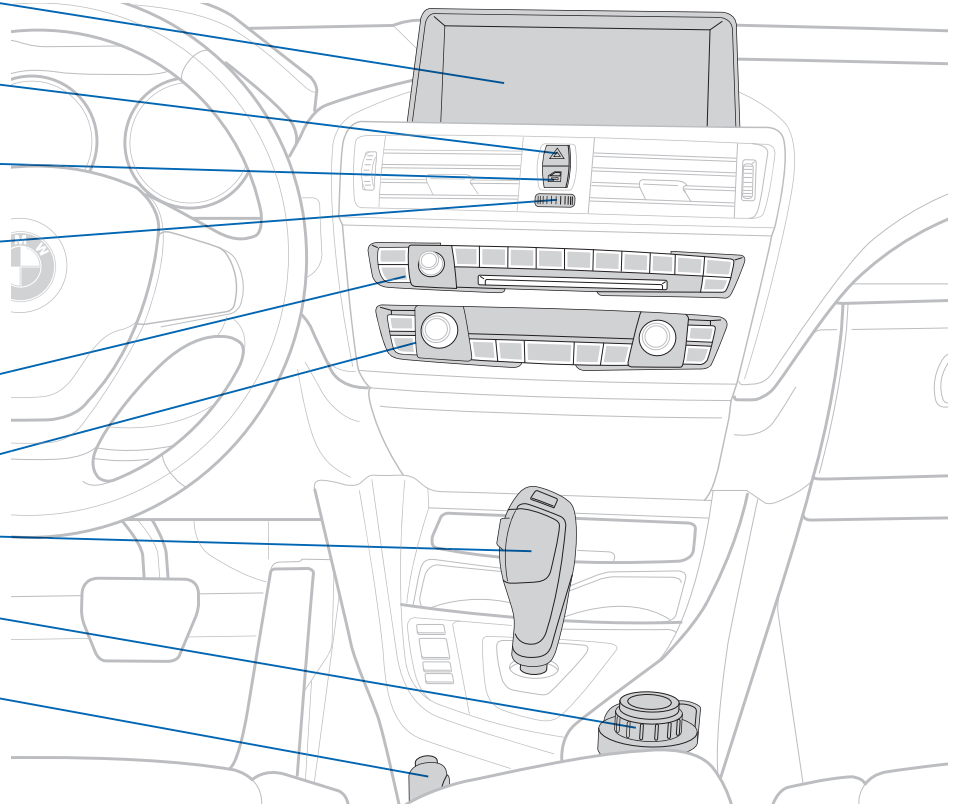
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Reducing the distance

**SET** Storing the speed

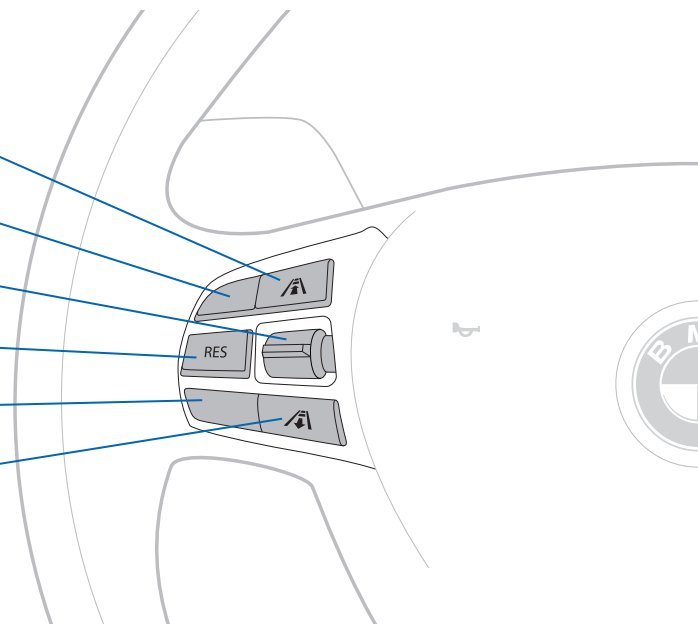
**LIM** Speed limit

Rocker switch for cruise control, store/main-  
tain speed

Retrieving the speed

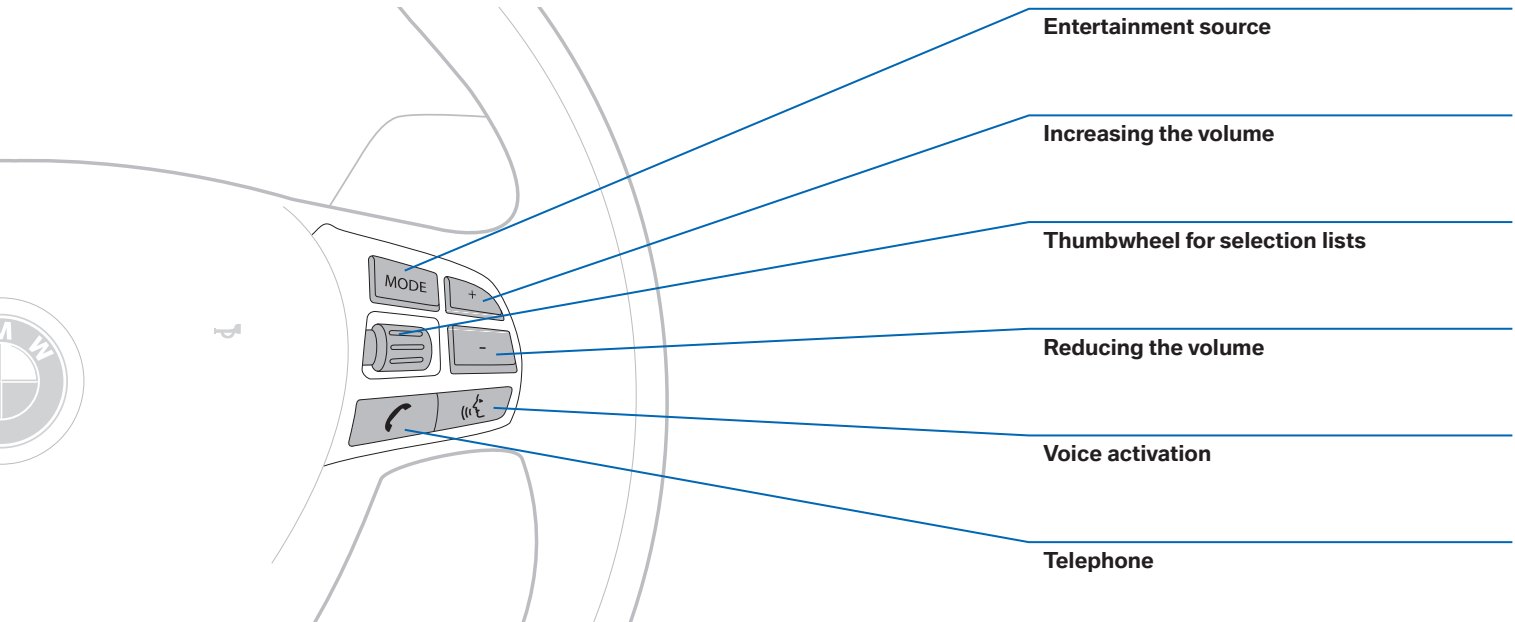
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Increasing the distance



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## Around the steering wheel

### Activating turn signals

Press beyond the resistance point.

### Turn signal canceling/one-touch flashing

Press up to the resistance point.

### Signaling briefly

Press to the resistance point and hold there for as long as you want the turn signal to flash.

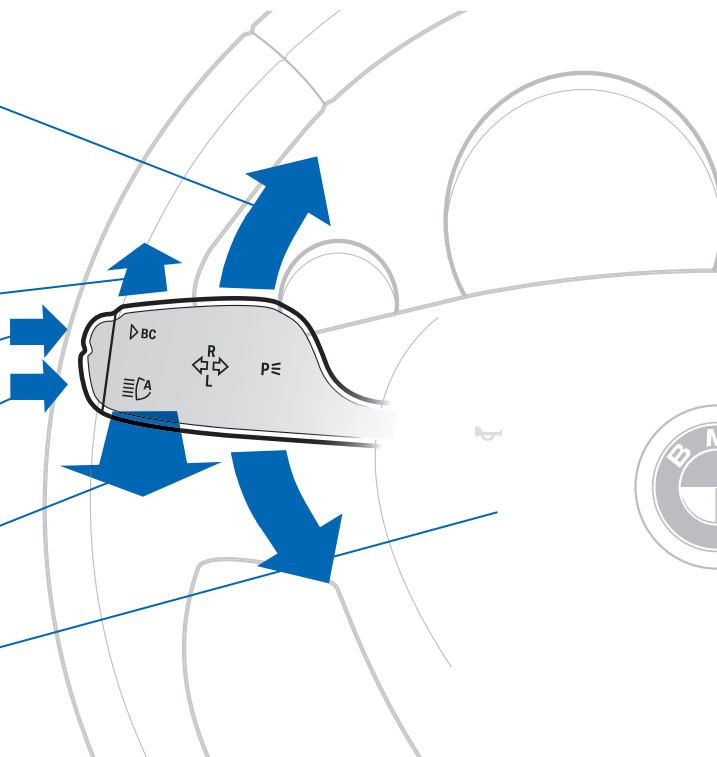
### High beams

### Computer

### High-beam Assistant

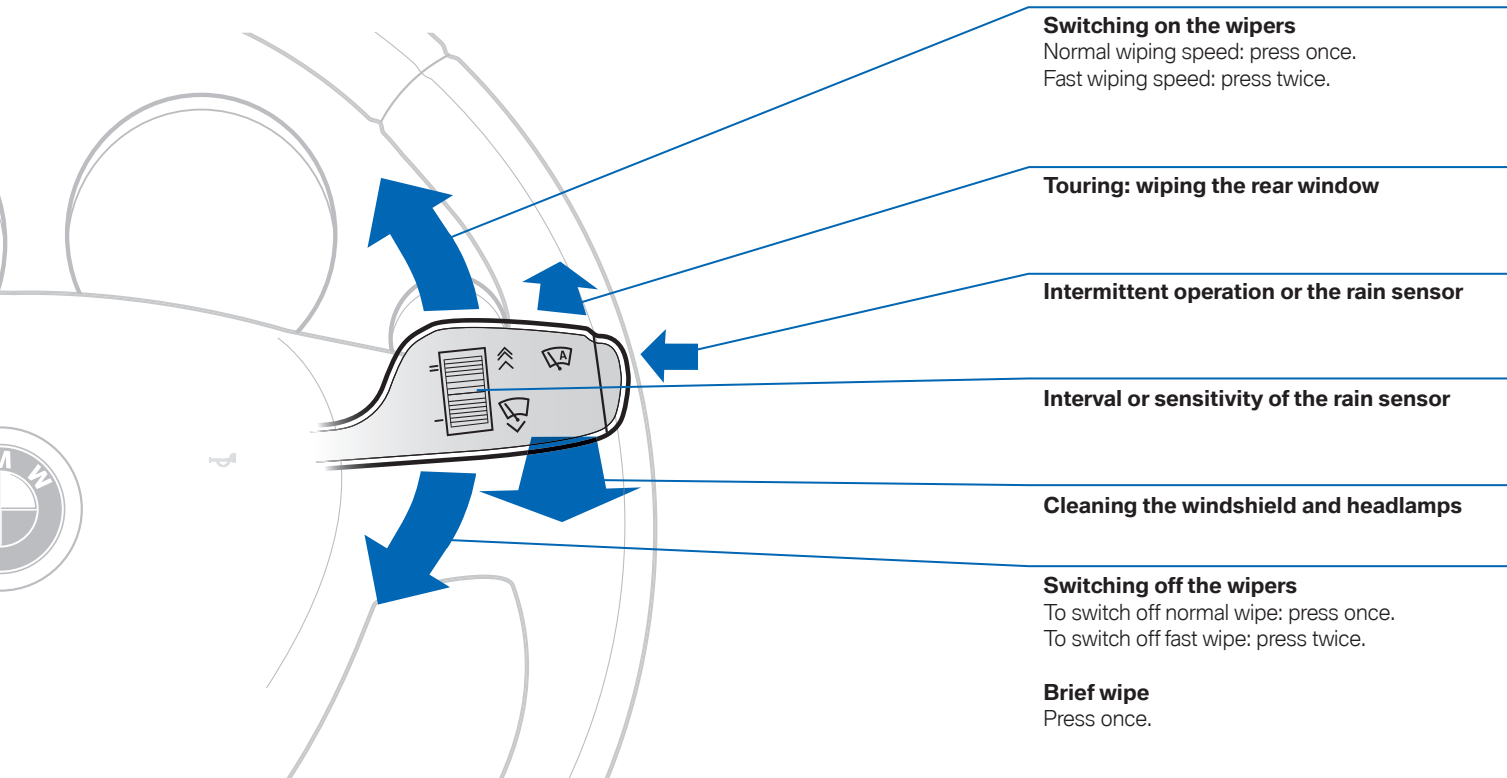
### Headlamp flasher

### Horn, entire surface



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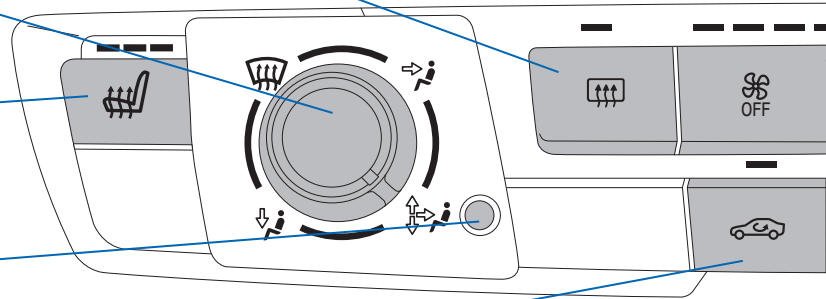
Rear window defroster

Air distribution

Seat heating, left

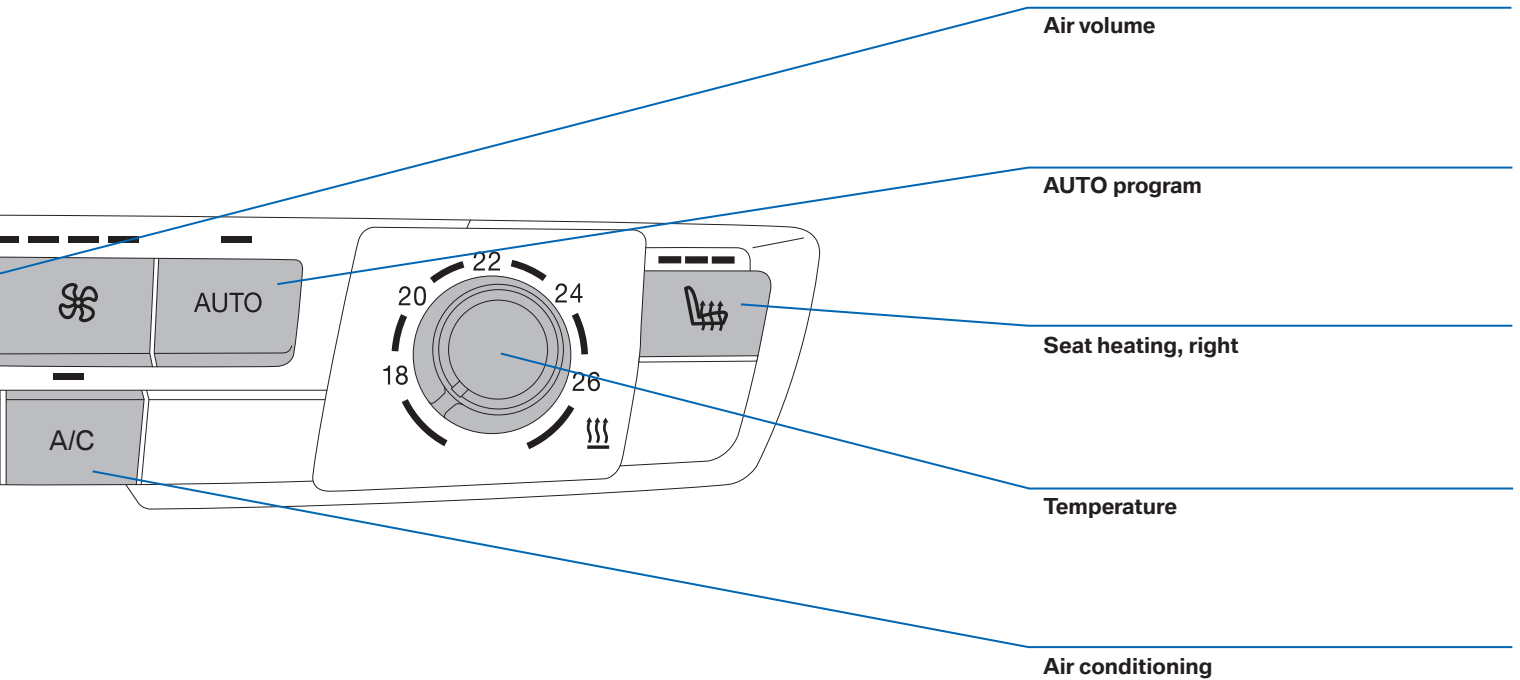
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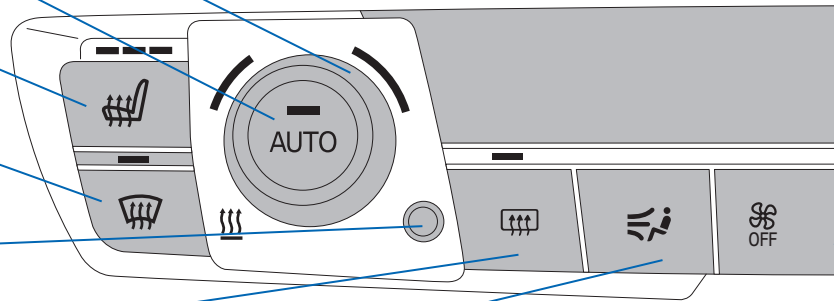
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Defrosting windows, removing condensation

Interior temperature sensor

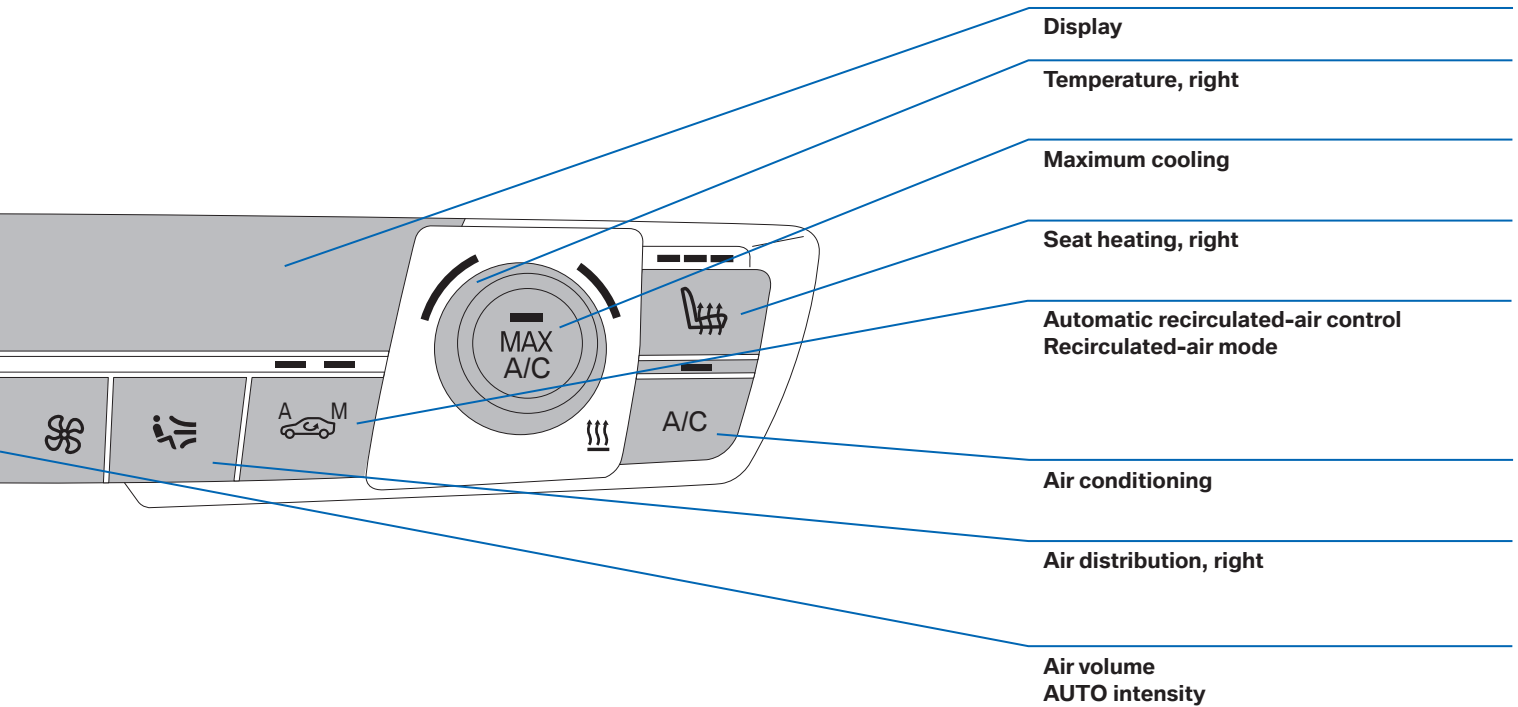
Rear window defroster

Air distribution, left





Automatic climate control with enhanced functions



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### Start/Stop button



#### Ignition on/off

Steptronic transmission: press the Start/Stop button; while doing so, do not depress the brake pedal.

Manual transmission: press the Start/Stop button, do not depress the clutch pedal while doing so.

#### Starting the engine

Steptronic transmission: depress the brake pedal and press the Start/Stop button.

Manual transmission: depress the brake and clutch pedals, engage neutral, and press the Start/Stop button.

#### Switching off the engine

Steptronic transmission: engage selector lever position P with the vehicle stopped, press the Start/Stop button and apply the parking brake.

Manual transmission: with the vehicle stopped, press the Start/Stop button, shift into first gear or reverse, and set the parking brake.

#### Auto Start/Stop function

The Auto Start/Stop function helps save fuel. The system switches off the engine during a stop. The ignition remains switched on.

The READY display in the tachometer indicates that the Auto Start/Stop function is ready to start the engine automatically.

#### Automatic engine start

Steptronic transmission: release the brake pedal.

Manual transmission: depress the clutch pedal.

Even if driving away was not intended, the deactivated engine could start up automatically under certain circumstances.

#### Automatic engine stop

The engine is switched off automatically during a stop under the following conditions:

Steptronic transmission:

- The selector lever is in selector lever position D.
- Brake pedal remains depressed while the vehicle is stopped.
- The driver's safety belt is buckled or the driver's door is closed.

Manual transmission:

- Neutral is engaged and the clutch pedal is not pressed.
- The driver's safety belt is buckled or the driver's door is closed.



#### Deactivating/activating the system manually

Press the button.

When the Auto Start/Stop function is deactivated, the LED in the button lights up.

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## Lamps

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Lamps off/daytime running lights

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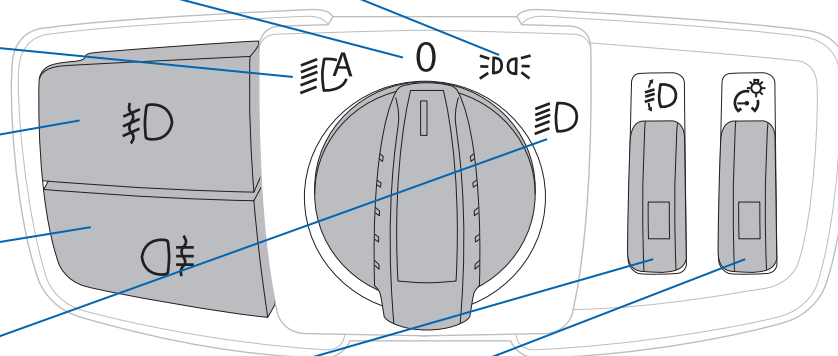
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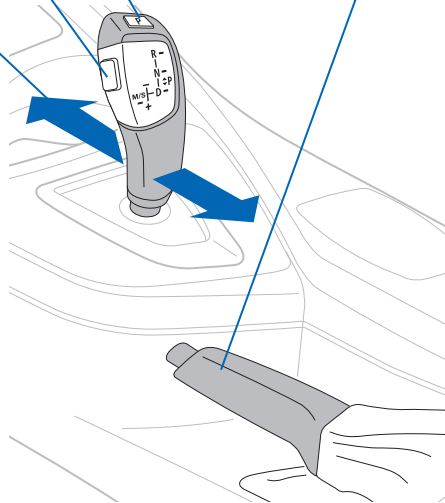
Select only when the vehicle is stationary. The drive wheels are blocked. Press button P.

#### Press unlock button, in order to:

- Engage R.
- Shift out of P.

#### Engaging D, R, and N

Briefly push the selector lever in the desired direction, beyond a resistance point if necessary. After releasing the selector lever, it returns to its center position.



#### Setting the parking brake

The lever engages automatically after it is pulled up.

#### Releasing the parking brake

Pull the lever slightly upward, press the button, and move the lever down.

To make it possible for the vehicle to roll in an automatic car wash, take the following steps:

1. Drive into the car wash.
2. Engage selector lever position N.
3. Switch off the engine.

The vehicle can roll as long as the ignition remains switched on.

## Manual transmission/parking brake

**Reverse gear**

When the gearshift lever is pushed to the left, a slight resistance needs to be overcome.

**5th/6th gear**

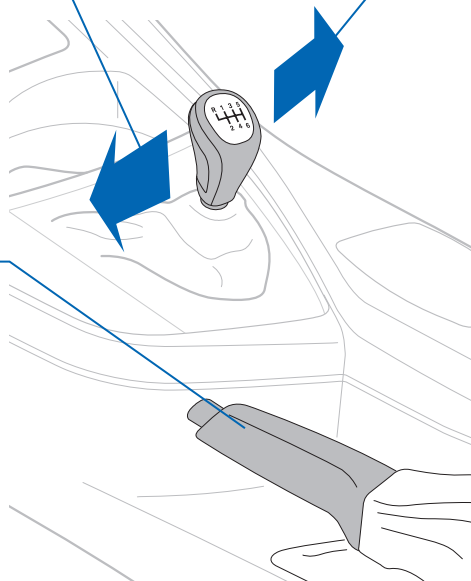
Push the gearshift lever to the right.

**Setting the parking brake**

The lever engages automatically after it is pulled up.

**Releasing the parking brake**

Pull the lever slightly upward, press the button, and move the lever down.



To make it possible for the vehicle to roll in an automatic car wash, take the following steps:

1. Drive into the car wash.
2. Shift to neutral.
3. Switch off the engine.
4. Switch on the ignition.

## 24 Radio/CD/Multimedia Controls



### Switching sound output on/off

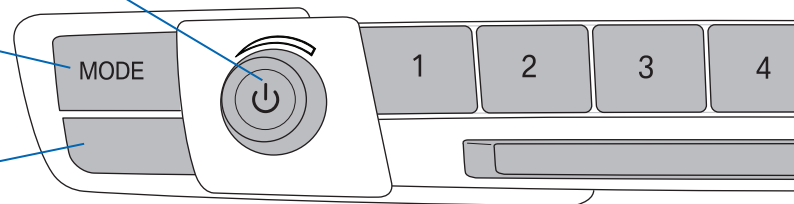
Press the knob.

### Setting the volume

Turn the knob.

### Changing the entertainment source

Radio  
CD/DVD  
Music collection  
External devices  
Television, TV



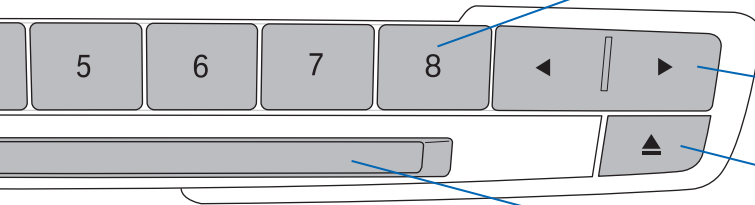
**Changing the radio station wave-band/satellite radio**



**Traffic announcements on/off**

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### Controls



#### **Programmable memory buttons**

iDrive functions can be stored by prolonged pressing on the programmable memory buttons and called up directly, e.g., radio stations, navigation destinations, telephone numbers, and shortcuts in the menu.

Touching the buttons displays the stored function on the Control Display.

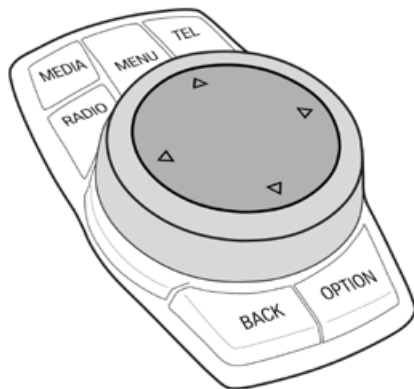
#### **Changing the station/track**

#### **Ejecting the CD/DVD**

#### **CD/DVD drive**

## 26 iDrive Controller

Controller with buttons and touchpad



# iDrive 27

## Controller with buttons

### Highlighting the menu item



Turn the controller until the desired menu item is highlighted.

### Opening the menus



Press the button on the controller.

### Opening the menu item



Press the controller.

### Displaying the previous panel



Press the BACK button.

### Changing between panels



Move the controller.  
After selecting a menu item such as "Radio", a new panel is displayed. Panels can overlap.

### Opening the "Options" menu



Press the OPTION button.  
The "Options" menu consists of different areas, including the screen settings "Split screen" and, if applicable, further operating options.

## 28 iDrive Touchpad

### Touchpad



Some iDrive functions can be operated using the touchpad on the controller. For example, characters can be entered in the same manner as they appear on the Control Display.

### Moving the interactive map or webpages



Swipe with the finger in the appropriate direction.

### Zooming in/zooming out on interactive maps or webpages



Draw your fingers together or push them apart.

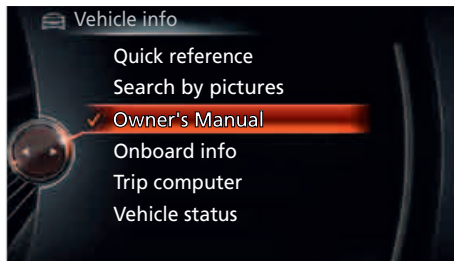
### Displaying a menu or opening a link in the web



Tap on it once.

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## Operation via iDrive



### Integrated Owner's Manual

The BMW 3 Series comes with an integrated Owner's Manual, which contains all of the information necessary for you to make the best use of your vehicle. For safety reasons, the integrated Owner's Manual is only displayed when the vehicle is stationary.

### Selecting the components

1.  Press the button.
2. Turn the controller: call up "Vehicle info".
3. Press the controller.
4. Select the desired section:
  - "Quick reference"
  - "Search by pictures"
  - "Owner's Manual"

### Getting Help feature via iDrive

The integrated Owner's Manual for the currently selected function can be displayed.

1.  Press the button.
2. "Display Owner's Manual"

The BACK and OPTION buttons can be used to switch between the integrated Owner's Manual and the currently selected menu. This is particularly helpful for functions with multiple operating steps.

### Printed Owner's Manual

A printed Owner's Manual is contained in the vehicle document portfolio in the glove compartment or in the trunk.

### Tip

Complex principles are explained quickly in videos in the integrated Owner's Manual.

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### Refueling/engine oil level



#### **Refueling**

To open the fuel filler flap, tap on the rear edge.

#### **Fuel quality**

The required fuel quality is specified on the inside of the fuel filler flap or on the tank lock.

#### **Electronic oil measurement**

The oil level is monitored electronically while driving and can be shown on the Control Display.

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

For recommended engine oil grades, refer to the Owner's Manual.

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## Tire pressure

### Flat Tire Monitor FTM

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

The system must be initialized with the correct tire pressure in order for it to reliably indicate a flat tire in the instrument cluster.

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

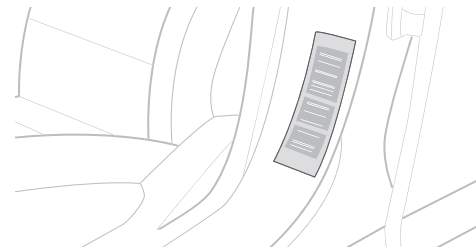
RPA does not replace checking of the tire pressure at regular intervals, e.g. at the filling station.

### Tire Pressure Monitor TPM

TPM checks the inflation pressures of the four mounted tires. The system notifies you if there is a significant loss of pressure in one or more tires.

In order to assure that a flat tire is indicated reliably in the instrument cluster, the system must be reset while all tire inflation pressures are correct.

1. "Vehicle info"
2. "Vehicle status"
3.  "Perform reset"
4. Start the engine; do not drive away.
5. Reset tire pressure: "Perform reset".
6. Drive away.



### Tire pressure

To drive safely and attain optimum driving comfort, note the pressure specifications in the tire inflation pressure table and adjust as needed.

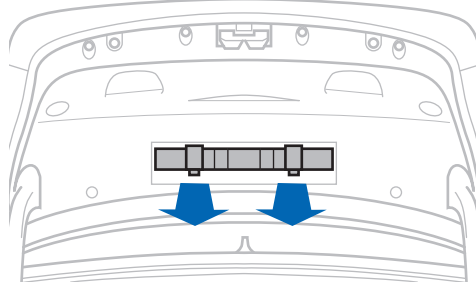
These pressure values can also be found on the tire inflation pressure label on the driver's door pillar.

Reinitialize or reset the FTM/TPM again after correcting the tire pressure or changing the tires/wheels.

Check the tire pressure, with the tires in a cold condition, at least twice per month and before setting out on a lengthy trip. Heed the additional information contained in the in the Owner's Manual for Vehicle.

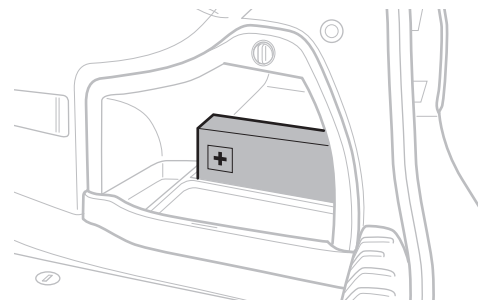
## 32 Breakdown assistance

### Warning triangle/First aid kit



**Sedan:**  
**Warning triangle**

The warning triangle is located on the inside of the trunk lid. Release the holders to remove it.

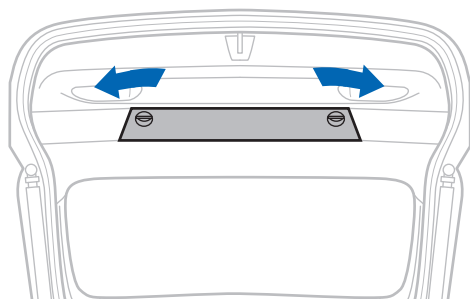


**Sedan:**  
**First aid kit**

The first aid kit is located in a pocket on the right side of the cargo area.

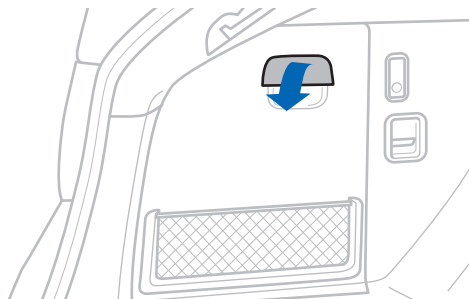
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### Warning triangle/First aid kit



#### **Touring:** **Warning triangle**

The warning triangle is located in the tailgate. To access it, turn the clasps 90°. Fold out the trim panel.



#### **Touring:** **First aid kit**

The first aid kit is located behind the left cover in the cargo area.

## 34 Appendix

Any updates to the Owner's Manual for Vehicle can be found here.



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