



Quick Reference  
Guide for the vehicle



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# THE BMW X5 AND THE BMW X6.

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Your BMW X5 and BMW X6 at a glance

## **Welcome on board**

Your BMW X5 and BMW X6 offer you 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 X5 and BMW X6.

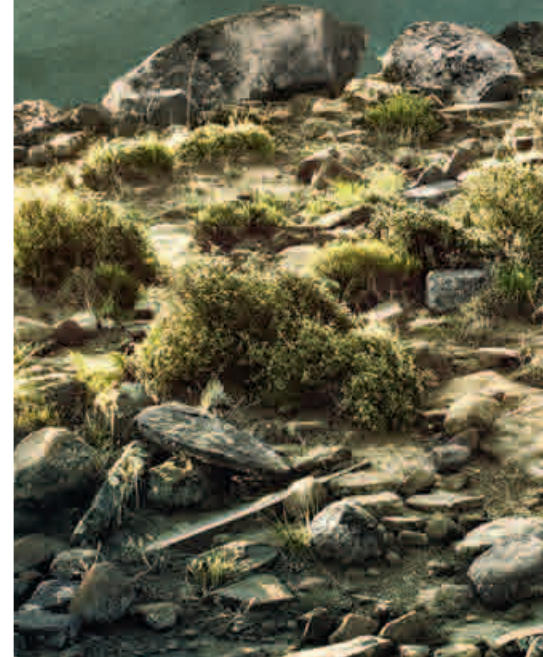
For safety reasons, please read the Owner's Manual.

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 X5 and BMW X6.

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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## 4 Opening and closing Remote control

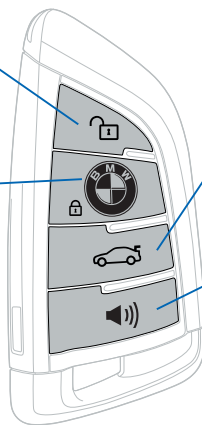


### Unlocking

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: press and hold the button to close the window and glass sunroof. The exterior mirrors are folded in as needed.  
The exterior mirrors are not folded in when the warning flashers are switched on.



### Opening the 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

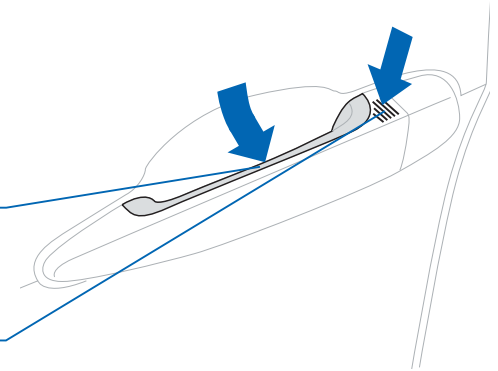
Completely grasp the handle of a vehicle door.

### 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.

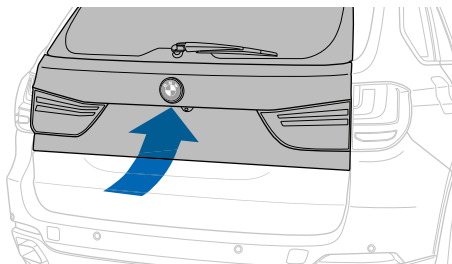


### Tip

X6: with Comfort Access, the tailgate can be opened and closed with no-touch activation using the remote control that you have with you. Additional information can be found in the Owner's Manual for Vehicle.

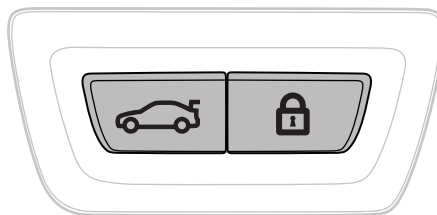
## 6 Opening and closing

### X5: tailgate



#### Opening from the outside

Press the button on the exterior of the tailgate.



#### Automatically closing and locking

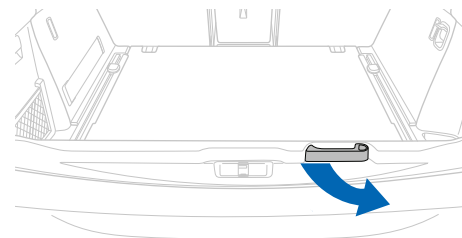
The trunk floor and the lower tailgate must be closed.



Automatic tailgate operation: to automatically close, press the button on the inside of the trunk lid/tailgate. Pressing again stops the motion.



With Comfort Access: to automatically close and lock, press the button on the inside of the trunk lid/tailgate. Pressing the button again stops the motion.

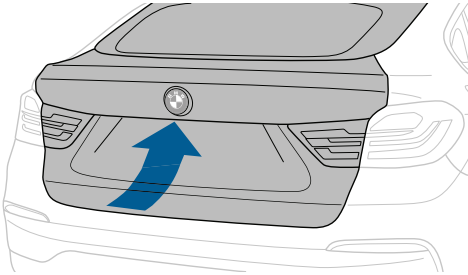


#### Opening the lower tailgate from the outside

Pull the lever and swing down the tailgate.

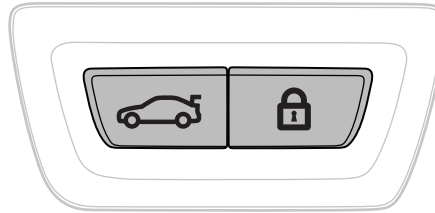
#### Closing the lower tailgate from the outside

Swing up the tailgate, and press it closed.



### Opening from the outside

Press the button on the exterior of the tailgate.



### Automatically closing and locking

The trunk floor must be closed.



Automatic tailgate operation: to automatically close, press the button on the inside of the trunk lid/tailgate. Pressing again stops the motion.



With Comfort Access: to automatically close and lock, press the button on the inside of the trunk lid/tailgate. Pressing the button again stops the motion.

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### Central locking/Tailgate

#### Central locking

Press the button for the central locking system to unlock all of the doors. Pull the door opener above the armrest.

#### Door opener

Pull the door opener on the door you wish to open. The other doors stay locked.

#### Opening the tailgate from the inside

Press the button in the driver's door. Unless it is locked, the tailgate opens if the vehicle is stationary.

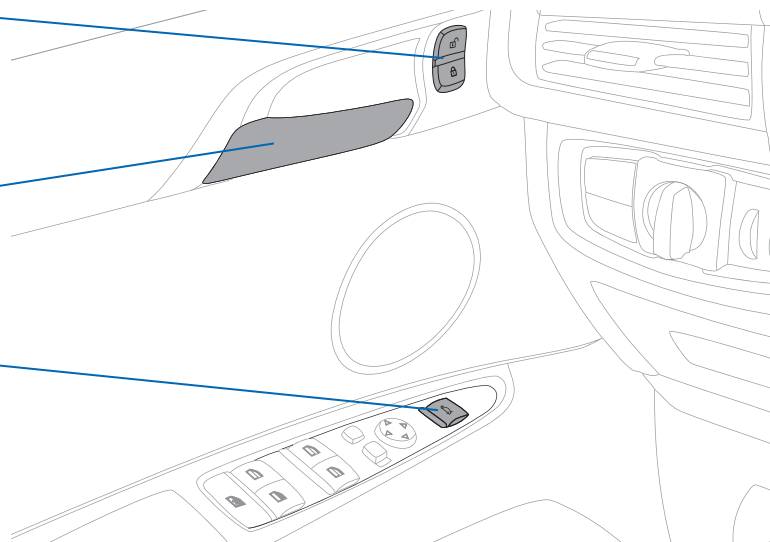
#### Closing the tailgate from the inside

The trunk floor and, additionally in the X5, the lower tailgate must be closed.

Pull and hold the button in the driver's door.

Releasing the button stops the motion.

For this function, the remote control must be located in the passenger compartment. An acoustic signal sounds and the tailgate closes.





### Mirror adjustment

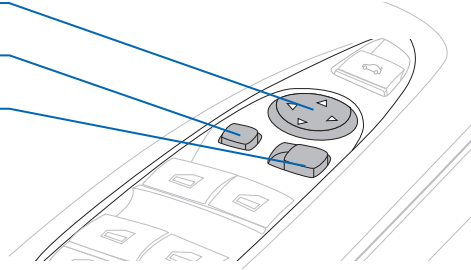
### Folding the mirrors in and out

### Selecting a mirror

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

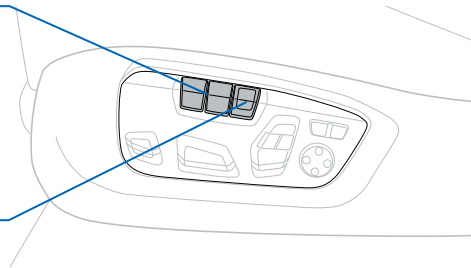
### Activate Automatic Curb Monitor

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



### Memory buttons

### SET button



### Seat, mirror, and steering wheel 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

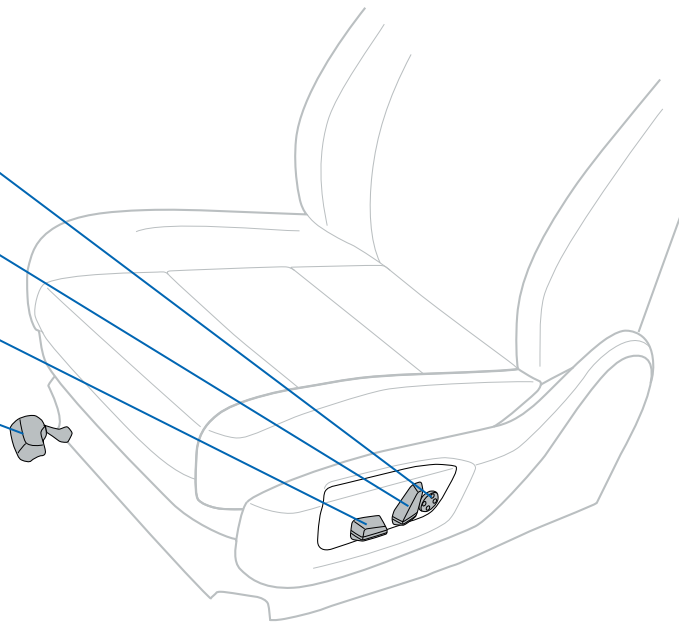
## Partially electrically adjustable seats

**Lumbar support**

**Backrest tilt**

**Height  
Tilt**

**Forward/back**



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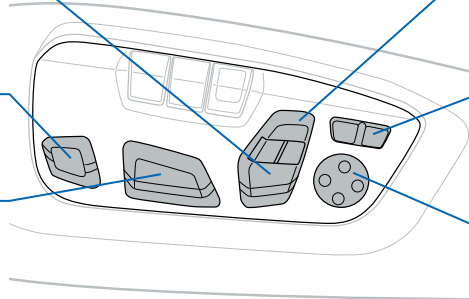
## Electrically adjustable seats



**Backrest tilt**  
**High head restraint**

**Thigh support**

**Forward/back**  
**Height**  
**Seat tilt**



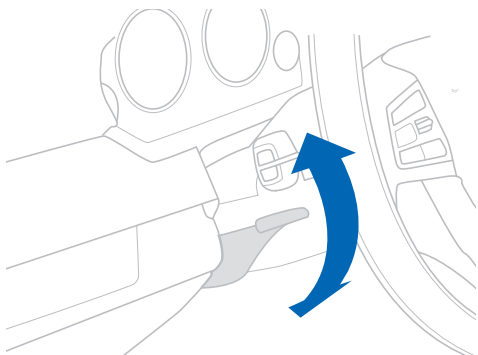
**Shoulder support**

**Backrest width**

**Lumbar support**

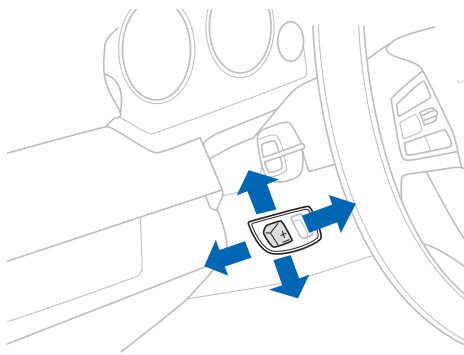
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### Steering wheel



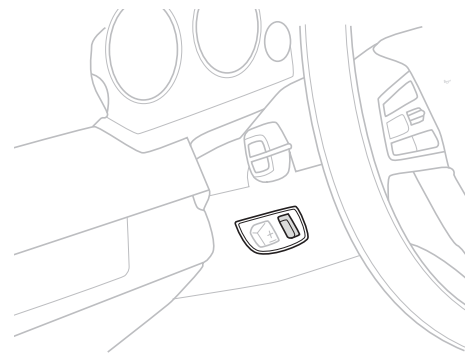
#### Manual steering wheel adjustment

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.



#### Electric steering wheel adjustment

The steering wheel can be adjusted in four directions.



#### 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**

**Thumbwheel for adjusting the temperature in the upper body region**

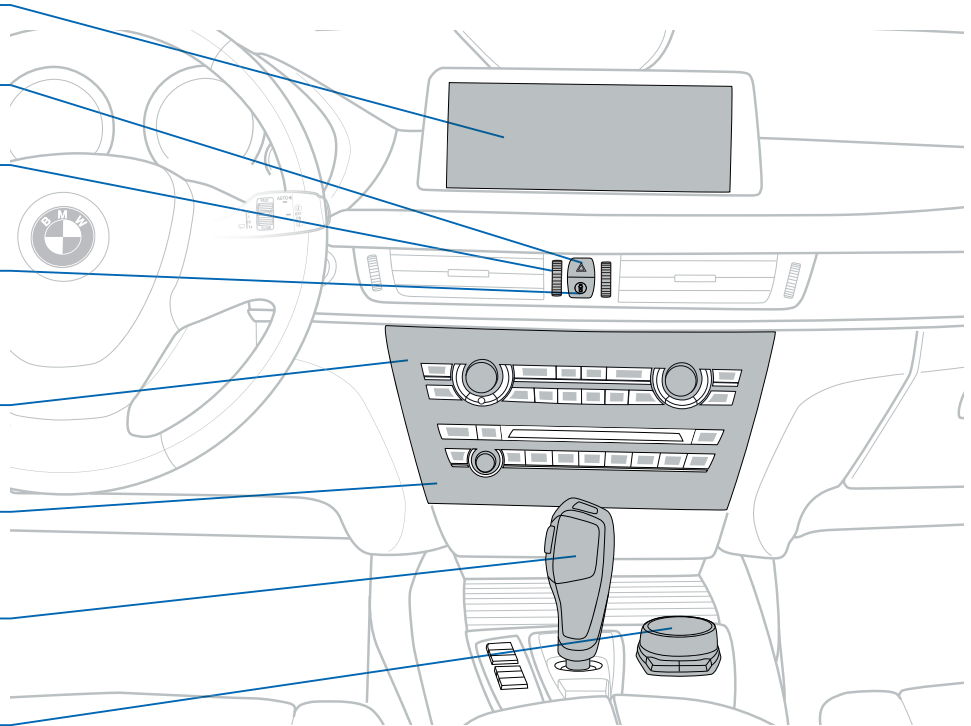
**Intelligent Safety button**

**Automatic climate control**

**Radio/CD/Multimedia**

**Selector lever**

**Controller with buttons and touchpad**





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### Steering wheel



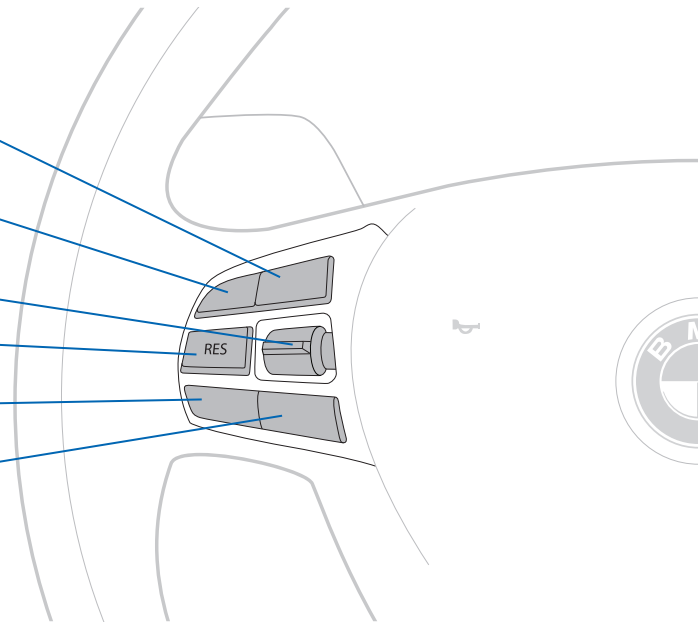
-  Reducing the distance
-  Traffic Jam Assist: adjusting the distance

-  Storing the speed
-  Speed limit

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

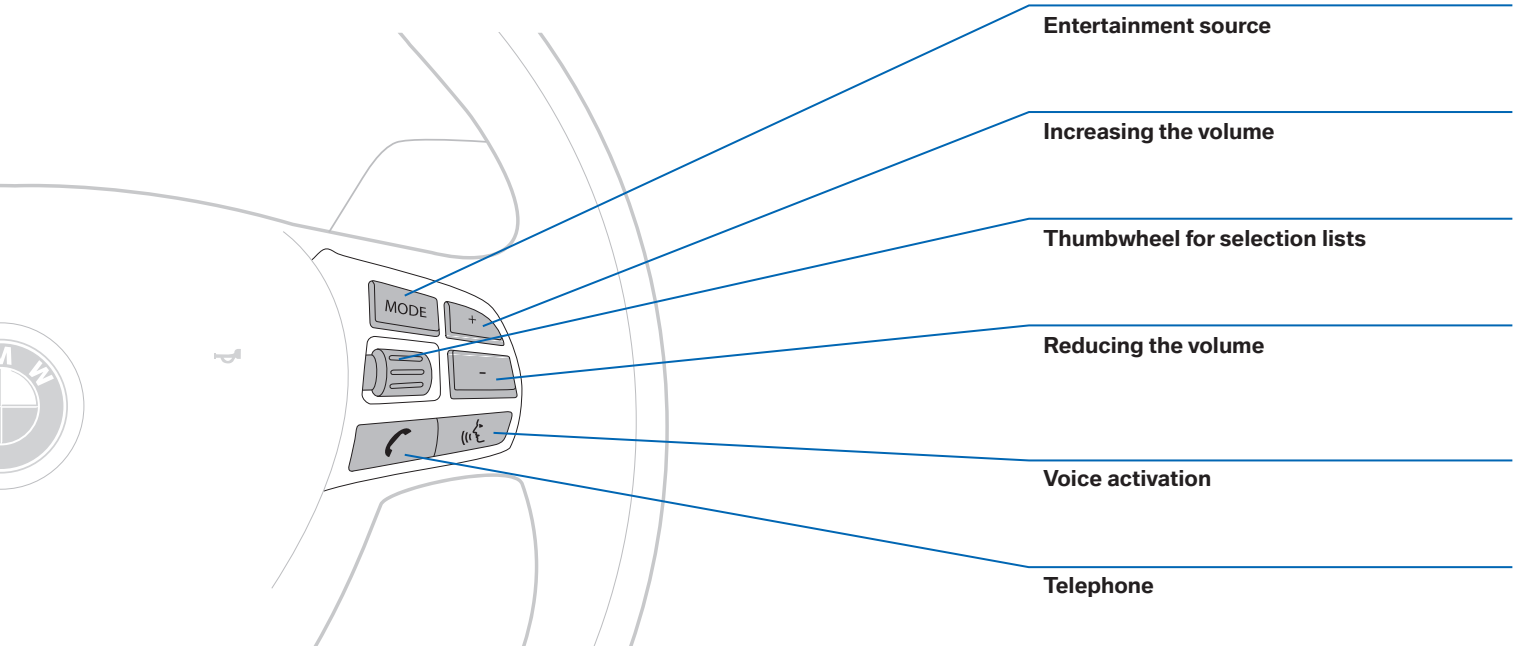
Retrieving the speed

-  Switching cruise control on/off,  
interrupting
-  Increasing the distance
-  Traffic Jam Assist on/off, pause



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## Steering wheel





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Around the steering wheel

Pressing beyond the resistance point.

Press up to the point of resistance.

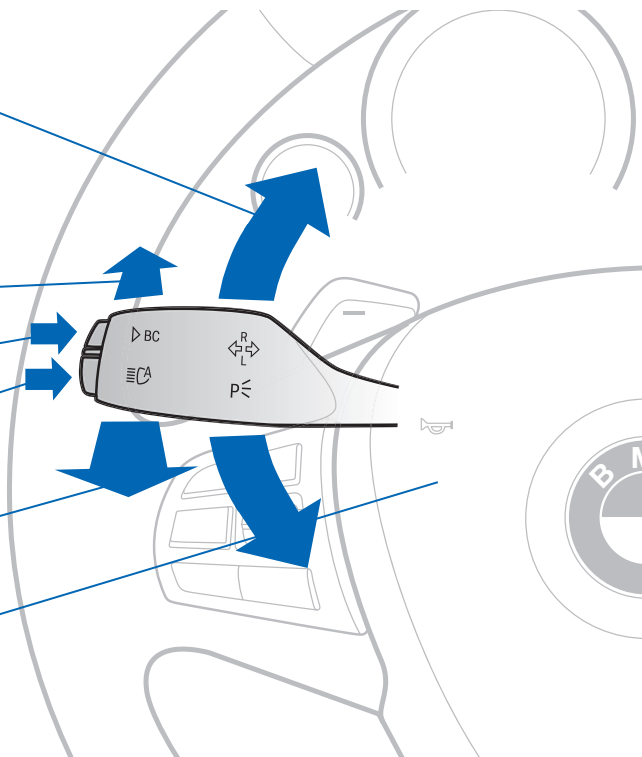
Press to the resistance point and hold there for as long as you want the turn signal to flash.

## Computer

## High-beam Assistant

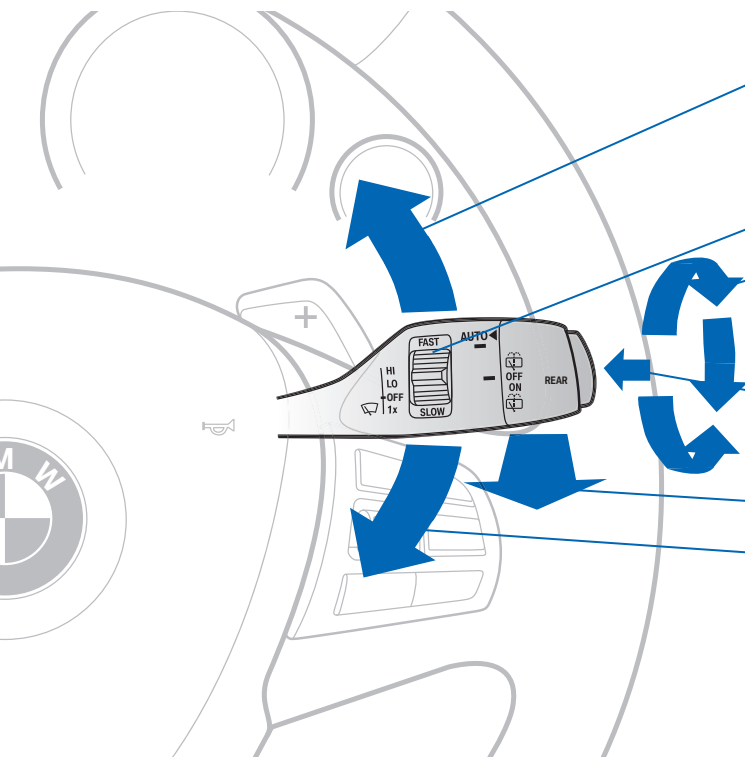
## Headlamp flasher

**Horn, entire surface**



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### Around the steering wheel



#### Switching on the wipers

Normal wiping speed: press once.  
Fast wiping speed: press twice.

#### Interval or sensitivity of the rain sensor

#### X5: switching on the rear wiper

Intermittent operation: rotate once upward from rest position 0.

#### X5: cleaning the rear window

Intermittent operation: rotate further upward.  
In idle position: turn downward.

#### Intermittent operation of the rain sensor

#### Cleaning the windshield, headlamps

#### Switching off the wipers

To switch off normal wipe: press once.  
To switch off fast wipe: press twice.

#### Brief wipe

Press once.

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## Automatic climate control with enhanced functions

### Display

Air volume, AUTO intensity, left  
Residual heat

Temperature, left

AUTO program, left

Air distribution, left

Active seat ventilation, left

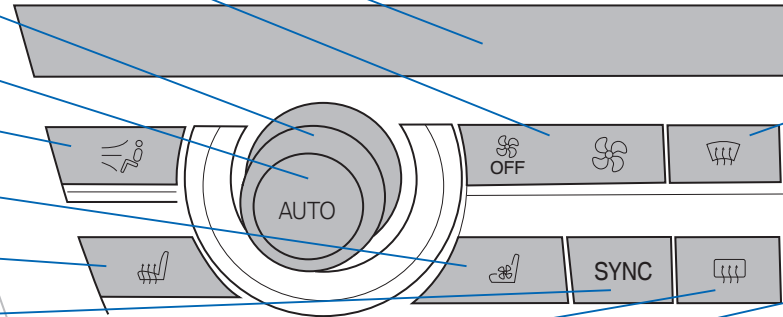
Seat heating, left

### SYNC program

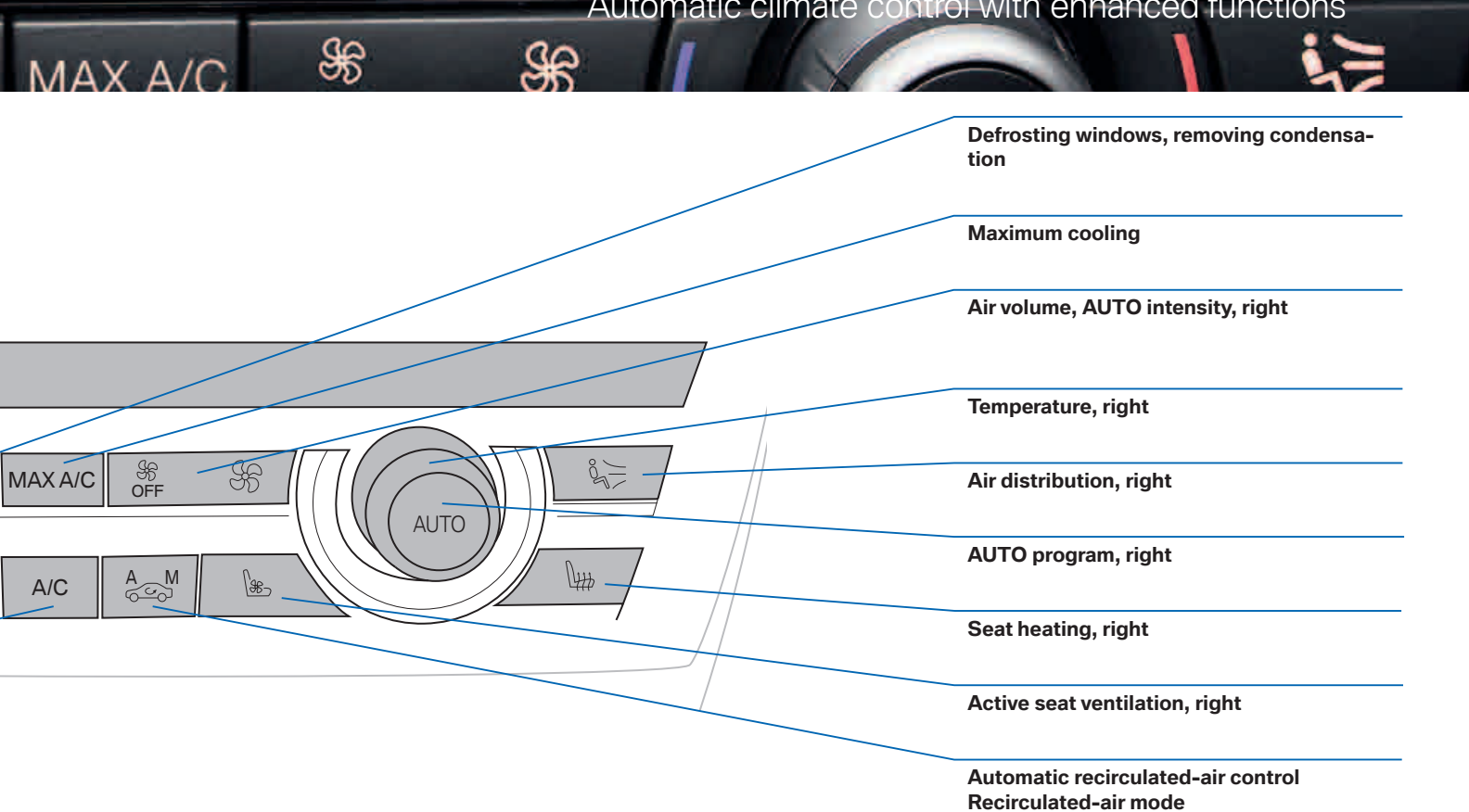
The driver's settings are transferred to the front passenger side/rear.

Rear window defroster

Air conditioning



## Automatic climate control with enhanced functions



## 20 Driving

### Start/Stop button



#### Ignition on/off

Press the Start/Stop button; while doing this, do not depress the brake pedal.

#### Starting the engine

Depress the brake pedal and press the Start/Stop button.

#### Switching off the engine

1. Engage selector lever position P with the vehicle stopped.
2. Press the Start/Stop button.
3. Apply 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

By releasing the brake pedal.  
When Automatic Hold is activated: press the accelerator 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:

- 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.



#### Deactivating/activating the system manually

Press the button.

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



Parking lamps

Lamps off/daytime running lights

Automatic headlamp control

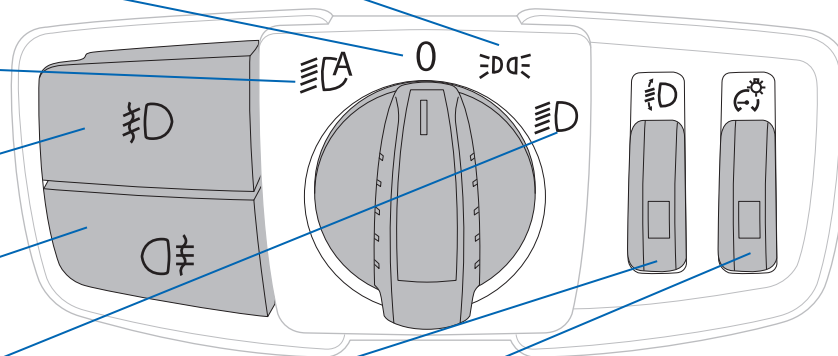
Front fog lamps

Rear fog lamps

Low beams

X5: Headlamp range control

Instrument lighting



## 22 Driving

### Steptronic transmission/parking brake

#### Engaging P

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

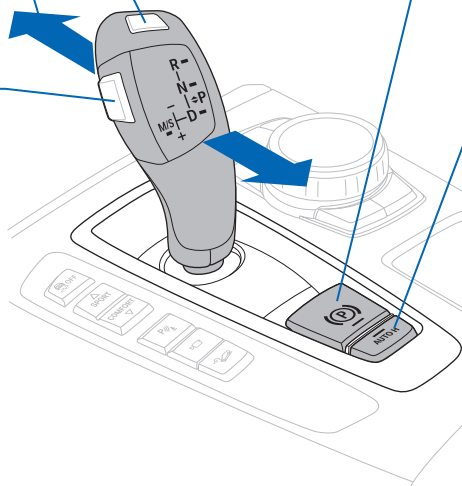
#### Press unlock button, in order to:

- Engage R.
- Shift out of P.

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. Deactivate Automatic Hold.
4. Release the parking brake.
5. Switch off the engine.

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



#### Applying the parking brake

Pull the switch. The LED lights up. An indicator lamp in the instrument cluster lights up red.

#### Releasing the parking brake

With the ignition switched on: Press the switch while the brake is depressed or selector lever position P is engaged. The LED and indicator lamp go out.

#### Automatic Hold

Automatically sets and releases the parking brake, such as in stop-and-go traffic.

#### To activate Automatic Hold:

Press the button. The LED and AUTO H lettering light up.

#### To deactivate Automatic Hold:

Press the button again. The LED and AUTO H lettering go out.

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**Ejecting the CD/DVD**

**Changing the station/track**

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

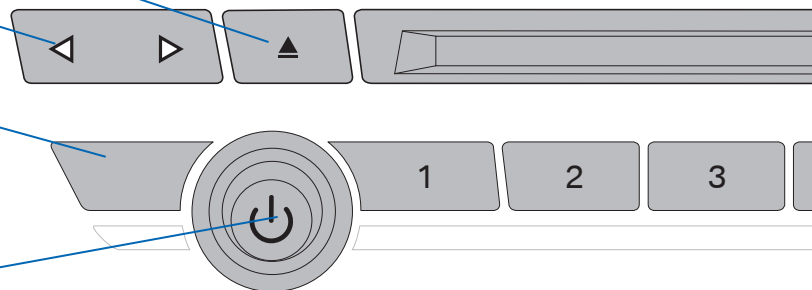
**Car icon** Traffic announcements on/off

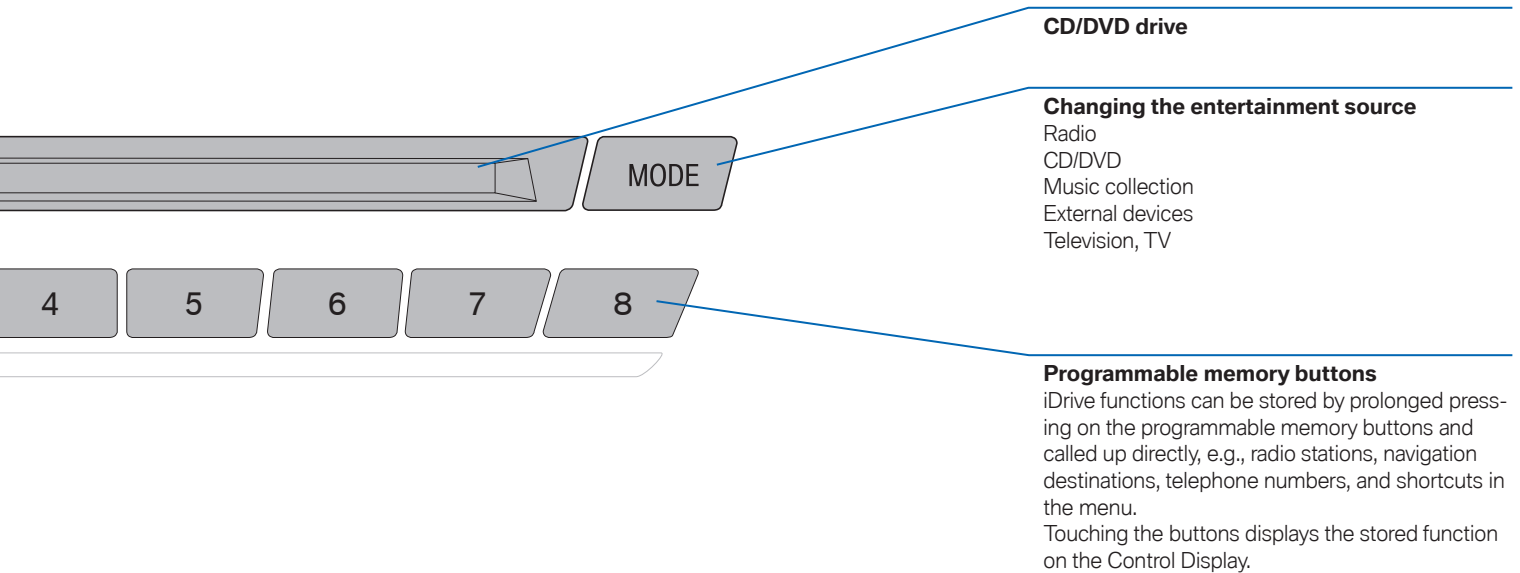
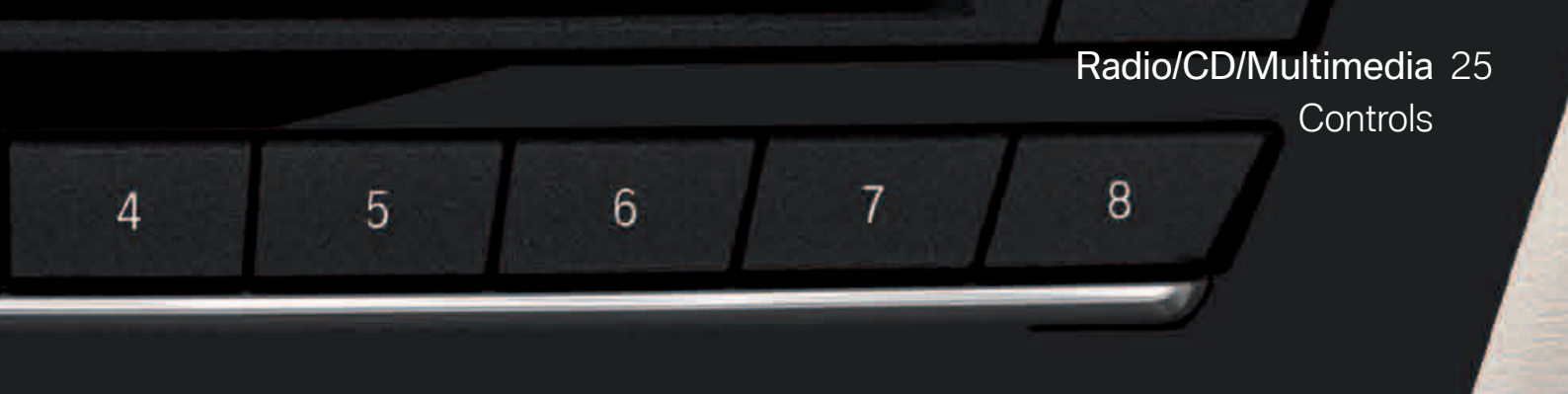
**Switching sound output on/off**

Press the knob.

**Setting the volume**

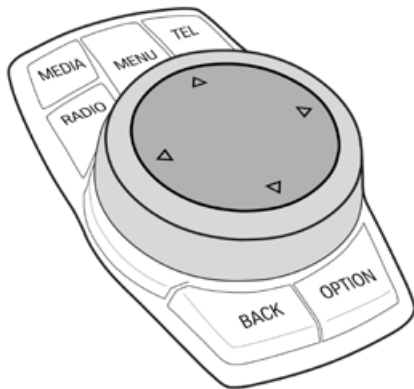
Turn the knob.





## 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.

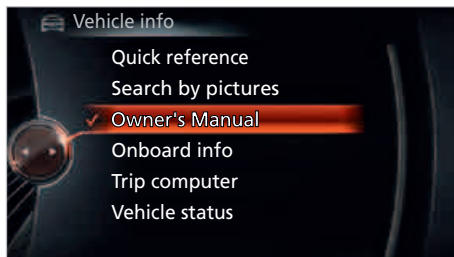
### Displaying a menu or opening a link in the web



Tap on it once.

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## Operation via iDrive



### Integrated Owner's Manual

The vehicle 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.

## 30 Refueling

### 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.

### 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.
- Initialization of the tire pressure begins.

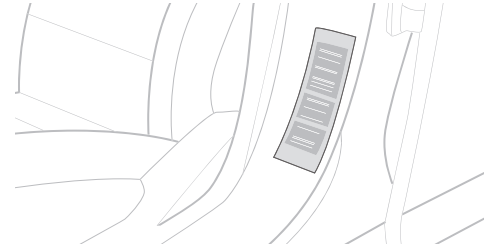
FTM does not replace checking of the tire pressure at regular intervals, e.g. at the filling station.

### 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.

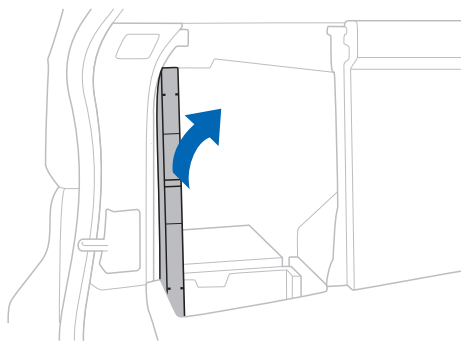
These pressure values can also be found on the driver's door pillar.

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

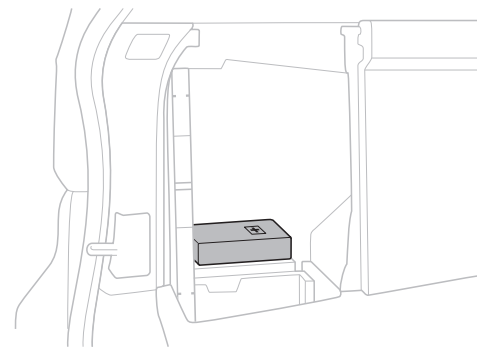
### Warning triangle/First aid kit



#### **Warning triangle**

The warning triangle is located behind the left-side trim panel.

Fold open the cover of the left-side trim panel. Slightly lift the warning triangle and pull out towards the interior.



#### **First aid kit**

The first aid kit is located behind the left-side trim panel.

Fold open the cover of the left-side trim panel. Remove the first-aid kit.

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







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