



Getting to Know Your **2004 Alero**

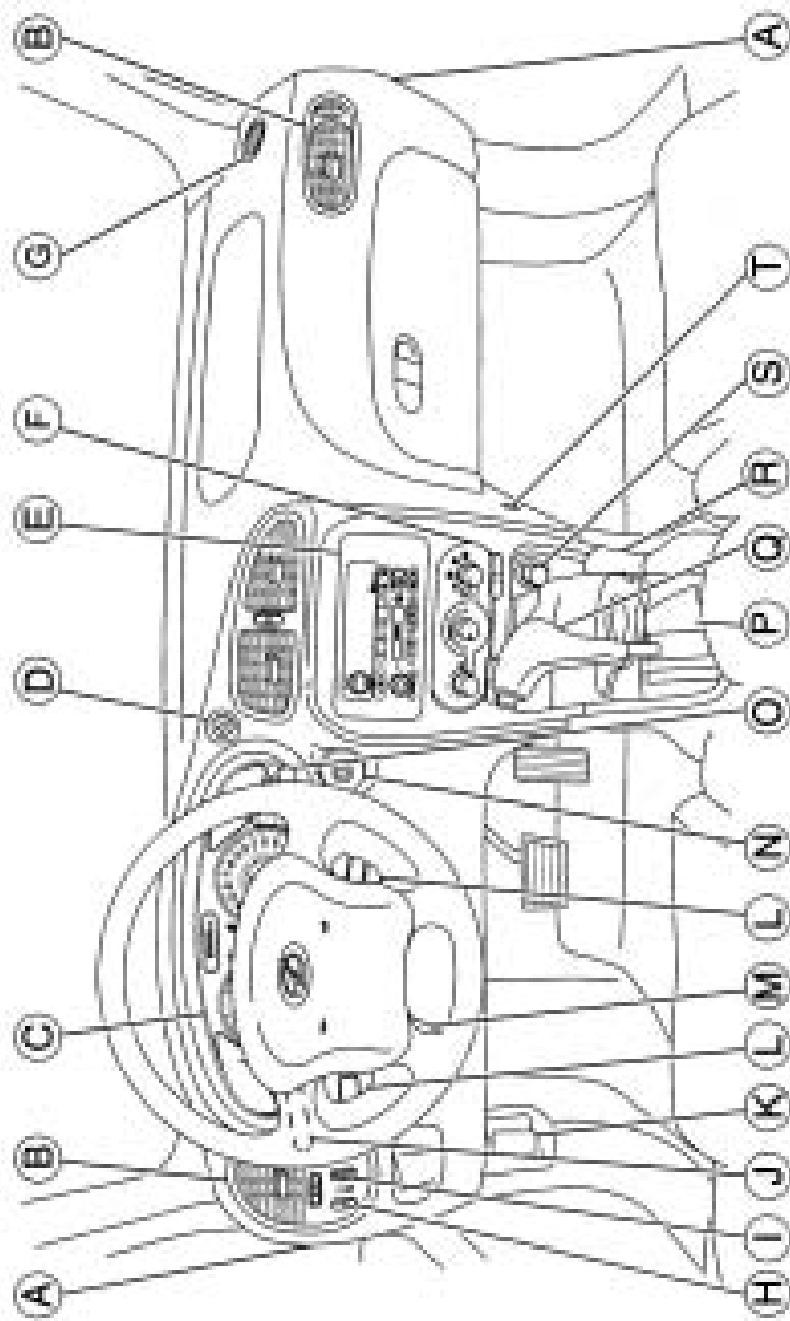


Congratulations on your purchase of an Oldsmobile Alero. Please read this information and your Owner Manual to ensure an outstanding ownership experience. Note that your vehicle may not include all the features described in this booklet. Place this booklet in your Owner Manual portfolio for easy reference.

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Instrument Panel



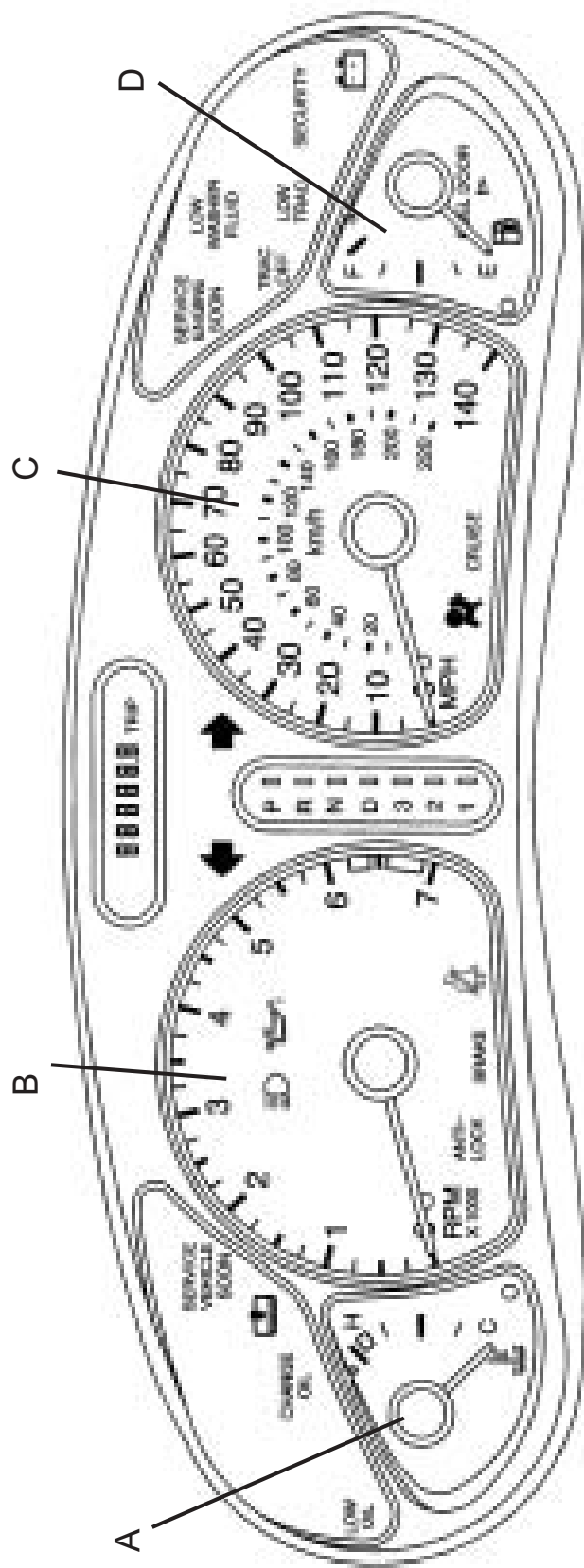
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See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Instrument Panel Cluster



Your vehicle's instrument panel is equipped with this cluster or one very similar to it. The instrument panel cluster includes these key features:

- A. Engine Coolant Temperature Gauge
- B. Tachometer
- C. Speedometer
- D. Fuel Gauge

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

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Delayed Locking

With Delayed Locking, when your keys are removed from the ignition and a door is opened, a chime will sound three times after you press the Power Door Lock switch. The chime indicates that the doors will not lock until after all the doors have been closed for seven seconds.

You may cancel this feature through the following ways:

- Press the door Unlock switch (to unlock).
- Override it by pressing the door Lock switch again or the Lock button on the optional Remote Keyless Entry transmitter to immediately lock the doors.

Delayed Locking allows you to get back into the vehicle to grab a package or a small child without having to activate the door Lock switch again.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Remote Keyless Entry

The Remote Keyless Entry transmitter can be used to lock or unlock your vehicle, open the trunk or activate the alarm.

When you press the Unlock or Trunk release button, the vehicle's interior lamps will illuminate. In addition, both audible and visual feedback is provided when operating the transmitter buttons while performing the following functions:

1. **Lock button:** Park lamps flash twice and horn chirps (if all doors are closed).
2. **Unlock button:** Park lamps flash twice on first button press as driver's door unlocks. Remaining doors unlock on second press of button.
3. **Trunk button:** No park lamps flash and no horn chirps as trunk is released.
4. **Alarm button:** This feature allows you to draw attention to your vehicle when personal safety is in question. Park lamps and headlamps will flash followed by horn activation. You can disable this feature by pressing the Alarm button a second time or by turning your ignition to ON. After one minute, this feature will automatically turn off.



The horn chirp feature for both the Delayed Locking and Remote Keyless Entry is turned “on” at the factory. To disable horn chirp for both of these features, simply follow the Horn Chirp — How to Program procedure below:

Horn Chirp — How to Program

Close the doors, turn the ignition to the ON position. Keep all doors closed throughout this procedure.

1. Press and hold down either Power Door Lock switch in the UNLOCK position for 10 seconds.
2. When the horn chirps, you can release the switch. The horn chirp feature has been disabled and will remain in this mode unless changed back (this does not affect the horn activation with the Alarm button of the Remote Keyless Entry). Re-enabling the horn chirp feature can be done by repeating the above procedure.

RKE Battery Replacement

Under normal use, the battery in your Remote Keyless Entry transmitter should last about two years. You can tell the battery is weak if the transmitter won't work at the normal range in any location. If you have to get close to your vehicle before the transmitter works, it's probably time to change the battery.

Note: When replacing the battery, use one *three-volt CR2032* or equivalent battery. Use care not to touch any of the transmitter circuitry. Static from your body transferred to these surfaces may damage the transmitter.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Remote Trunk Release Lockout



Your vehicle is equipped with a Remote Trunk Release Lockout feature. When the lockout is on, the remote trunk release button on the driver's door (or on the Remote Keyless Entry transmitter, if equipped) will not release the trunk lid. However, the trunk lid can still be opened with the key.

The lockout mechanism is mounted to the trunk lid latch on the inside of the trunk lid. To turn the lockout off, slide the switch all the way to the right (OFF). To turn the lockout on, slide the switch all the way to the left (ON).

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Programmable Automatic Power Door Locks



Alero's Power Door Locks can be programmed to fit your needs. First, close all the doors and make sure the ignition is in the ON position and your foot is on the brake pedal. When you move the gearshift out of Park, all the doors will automatically lock. When the gearshift is returned to Park and the ignition is turned to OFF, all doors will automatically UNLOCK.

If someone needs to get in or out while you're in Park, use the manual or Power Door Lock switch. When a door has been opened and closed again, it will lock automatically when the car has reached 5 mph. Programmable Automatic Power Door Locks can be set to any of the following modes:

Mode 1 (Factory Setting): All doors automatically lock when shifted out of Park. All doors automatically unlock when shifted into Park and the ignition is turned to OFF.

Mode 2: All doors automatically lock when shifted out of Park. Driver door only unlocks when shifted into Park and the ignition is turned to OFF.

Mode 3: All doors automatically lock when shifted out of Park. Doors do not lock when shifted into Park and the ignition is turned to OFF (Remote Keyless Entry only).

Mode 4: The doors do not lock or unlock automatically.

How to Program Automatic Power Door Locks

To change modes (settings), simply:

1. Close the doors and turn the ignition to the ON position. Keep all doors closed throughout this procedure.
2. Press and hold down either Power Door Lock switch in the LOCK position for 10 seconds.
3. When the chime sounds, you can release the switch. The Programmable Door Lock feature has been advanced to the next setting and will remain in this mode unless changed again. The number of chime sounds indicates which mode you are in (for example, three chimes sound for Mode 3).

The modes occur in the following order:

1. Factory Setting; 2. If equipped with Remote Keyless Entry; 3 and 4.
- Functions will operate as defined above in each mode.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Lockout Protection



Your vehicle's Lockout Protection feature reduces the chances of locking the car with the keys in the ignition. Whenever any door is open and the Power Door Lock switch is pressed to LOCK with the key in the ignition, the doors **WILL NOT LOCK**. If the driver's door is open and the ignition is OFF, the chime will sound, reminding you that the key is in the ignition. Notice, in this situation, the absence of the three chimes associated with the Delayed Locking. To intentionally lock the keys in the car:

- Depress and hold either Power Door Lock switch in the LOCK position for three seconds, or
- Depress the LOCK button on the Remote Keyless Entry transmitter.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

12-Volt Accessory Power Outlets



Two auxiliary outlets provide electrical power for accessories operating on 15 amps or less (cellular phones, etc.). These outlets are located ahead of the shift lever behind a black-hinged plug, and on the passenger side of the console. To operate the passenger side outlet, gently press the front portion until the back pivots into the vehicle. When not in use, pivot the outlet back into the console.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

**Automatic Light Control/
Daytime Running Lamps (DRL)**

Your Alero is equipped with Automatic Light Control (ALC) for night driving and Daytime Running Lamps (DRL) for daytime driving. The ALC activates full exterior lighting — including headlamps and instrument panel lighting — the same as activating the headlamp switch located on the left stalk of the steering column.

The DRL system activates your headlamps at reduced intensity when the ignition is ON, the headlamps switch is OFF, the shifter is not in Park and the park brake is released. When it's dark enough outside, the DRL will turn off and the vehicle's full intensity headlamps and parking lamps will activate. When it's bright enough outside, the full intensity headlamps and parking lamps will go off and the reduced intensity headlamps (DRL) will come on.

Note: The Automatic Light Control system may temporarily switch your vehicle's headlamps and interior lights — including the radio display — to the nighttime mode when you pass through a darker ambient condition, such as under a bridge or through a tunnel. This should last no longer than 45 seconds.

Delayed Headlamps Off

Your vehicle's Delayed Headlamp Off feature provides illumination when exiting your Alero. When you turn the ignition to OFF (while in the Automatic Light Control mode), the headlamps will remain on as courtesy lighting for 20 seconds. The headlamps will turn off automatically after 20 seconds with no further action on your part.

Overriding the Systems

If you prefer not to use Automatic Light Control, the DRL or Delayed Headlamps Off feature, you can temporarily override the systems by following these procedures:

- **Automatic Light Control (ALC):** Under nighttime lighting conditions, activate the parking brake by pulling the hand lever before turning the ignition ON. Notice that activating the parking brake while in ALC will not override this feature.
- **Daytime Running Lamps (DRL):** Under daytime lighting conditions, place the shifter in Park or activate the park brake as described above. Note that the DRL will activate with the park brake applied and the vehicle speed above 3 mph.
- **Delayed Headlamps Off:** With the headlamps ON after the ignition is OFF, rotate the headlamp stalk switch from OFF to PARKLAMPS to OFF to immediately turn off the headlamps.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Removing Key from Parked Vehicle (Manual Trans. Only)

Before getting out of your vehicle, shift into reverse by lifting the shifter ring, and apply the parking brake. Reverse gear is the safest gear setting for manual transmission-equipped vehicles. Once the transmission is in reverse, the ignition can be turned to OFF and the key can be removed.

Note: Shift into reverse only after your vehicle is stopped. Shifting into reverse while your vehicle is moving could damage your transmission.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Fueling Your Vehicle

Never fuel your vehicle while the engine is running, and make sure to reinstall the fuel cap securely when finished (turn it until it clicks). Either of these situations would allow fuel to evaporate into the atmosphere and cause the SERVICE ENGINE SOON lamp to illuminate.

See Section 6 of your Owner Manual.

Audio Systems



- AM/FM Stereo with Compact Disc Player
- AM/FM Stereo with Cassette Tape and Compact Disc Player
- 8-Speaker Premium Sound System; available with CD/Cassette Radio

Setting the Stations

The six numbered pushbuttons on your radio return you to your favorite stations. You can set up to 18 stations (six AM, six FM, and six FM2) by performing the following steps:

- Turn on the radio.
- Press BAND to select AM or FM.
- Tune in the desired station.
- Press AUTO EQ to select the equalization best suited for the station.
- Press and hold one of the numbered buttons until you hear a beep. Whenever you press that numbered button, the station you set will return and the equalization you selected will also automatically be selected for that station.
- Repeat the steps for each pushbutton.

Speed-Compensated Volume

Your radio is equipped with a Speed-Compensated Volume (SCV) feature that adjusts the radio volume automatically to compensate for road and wind noise as you drive.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Setting the Clock

To set the time on the clock-mounted radio, follow these instructions:

- Press and hold the HR or MIN button for two seconds.
- Press the HR button until the correct hour appears. AM will appear on the display (on vehicles with RDS radios).
- Press and hold the MIN button until the correct minute appears.

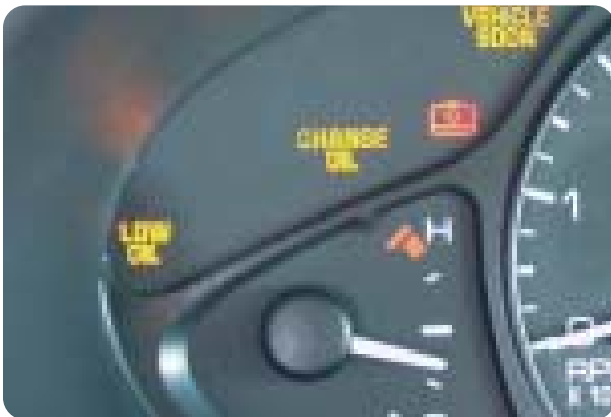
To set the clock to the time of an FM station broadcasting Radio Data System (RDS) information:

- Press and hold HR and MIN at the same time for two seconds until UPDATED and the clock symbol appear on the display.
- If the time is not available from the station, NO UPDATE will appear on the display instead.

Note: The clock may be set with the ignition on or off.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Oil Life Monitor



Your Alero is equipped with an Oil Life Monitor that evaluates how the car is driven and calculates what percentage

of oil life remains before it needs to be changed. When the calculated oil life remaining reaches a certain level, a chime will activate as well as a "CHANGE OIL" warning light in the instrument panel, alerting you to schedule an oil change.

Resetting the Change Oil Light

Whenever you have your oil changed, the CHANGE OIL LIGHT needs to be reset so it can calculate when the next oil change is required. If you change the oil prior to the illumination of the CHANGE OIL light, reset the system.

To reset the CHANGE OIL LIGHT:

1. With the engine off, turn the ignition key to ON.
2. Fully press and release the accelerator pedal slowly three times within five seconds.

The reset is complete when you hear the chimes and the CHANGE OIL light goes out. However, if the light stays on and no chime is heard, repeat the reset procedure.

See Section 5 of your Owner Manual.

Tire Pressure Monitor (if equipped)

The Tire Pressure Monitor alerts you to a potential tire pressure problem before it may disable your driving (e.g., slow leak due to a nail in the tire).

When a difference in pressure greater than 12 psi is detected between the tires, a "Low Tire Pressure" warning light in the instrument panel along with a chime will activate, alerting you to check your tire pressure.

To minimize false low tire pressure warning lights, you or your service representative should always reset the Tire Pressure Monitor after the following events:

- All tire service, including: tire rotation, tire change, or any tire repair.
- Any electrical service that requires the battery to be disconnected.

Resetting the Tire Pressure Monitor

The Tire Pressure Monitor RESET switch is located in the fuse box on the left side of the instrument panel.

To reset the system:

1. Depress the red RESET switch briefly and release. The CHANGE OIL warning light should be flashing.
2. Depress the RESET switch again briefly and release. The CHANGE OIL warning light should be OFF, and the LOW TIRE PRESSURE warning light should be flashing.
3. Depress and hold the RESET switch again until the chime sounds. Release the switch when you hear the chime. The LOW PRESSURE light will stop flashing and remain ON while five chime sounds elapse.

When the chime sounds stop, the warning light will turn off and the reset procedure is complete.

See **Section 5 of your Owner Manual.**

Installing a Child Seat

For detailed instructions on child seats/restraints, see Section 1 of your Owner Manual.

Rear Door Security Locks



Alero Sedan models include rear door security locks that help prevent passengers from opening the rear doors from the inside. The security lock switch is located on the inside of the rear door.

To activate the locking feature:

- Move the switch up.
- Close the door.
- Follow the same procedure for the other rear door.

To deactivate the locking feature:

- Unlock the door from the inside and open it from the outside.
- Move the security lock switch down.
- Follow the same procedure for the other rear door.

The rear doors will now work manually.

See **Section 2 of your Owner Manual.**

Roadside Assistance Program**1-800-442-OLDS** (6537)

(TTY) users, call: 1-888-889-2438

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We will provide the following services during the Bumper-to-Bumper warranty period, at no expense to you.

- Fuel delivery
- Lockout service (identification required)
- Tow to nearest dealership for warranty service
- Flat tire change
- Jump starts
- Minor repairs to disabled vehicles
- Assistance when vehicle is mired in sand, mud or snow
- Trip routing
- Trip interruption expense benefits
- Dealership locator service

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

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

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

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