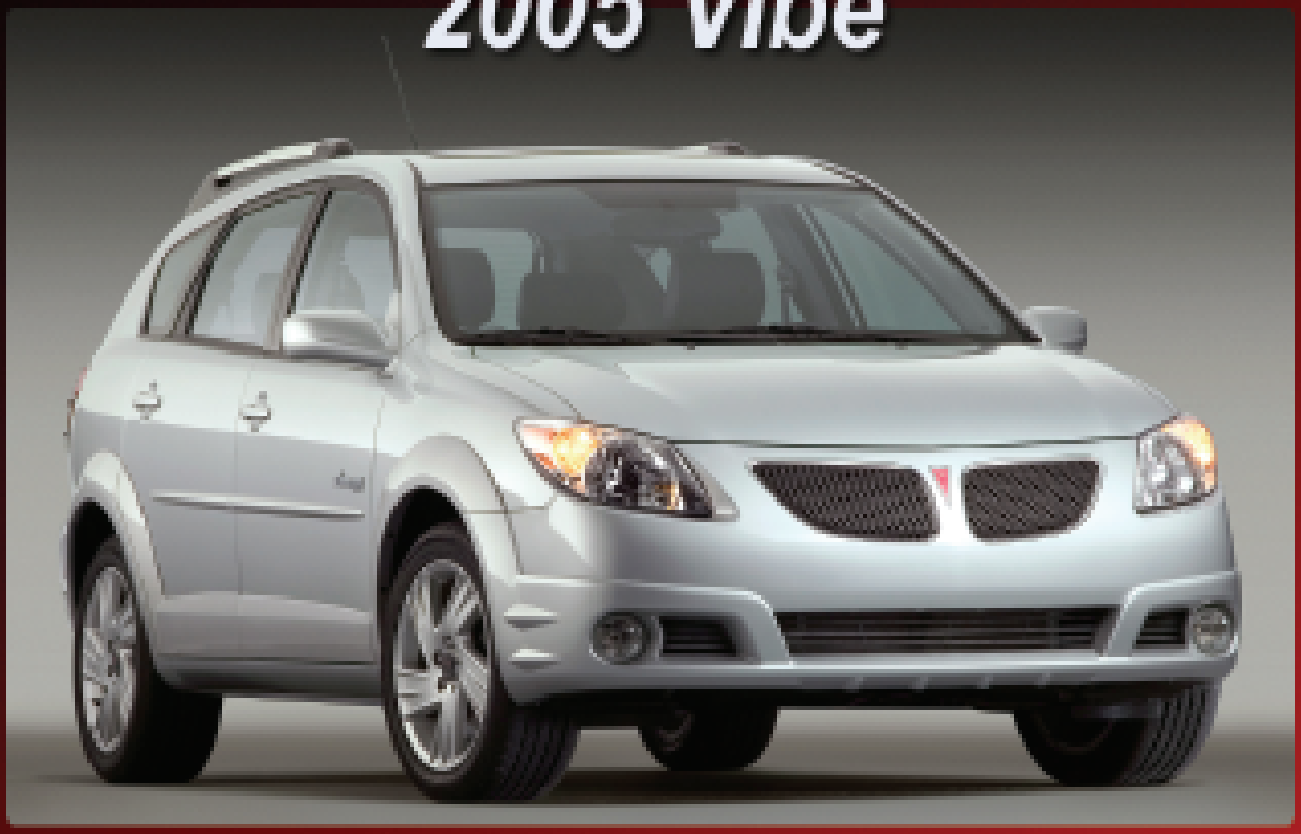
Getting to Know Your 2005 Vibe



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Congratulations on your purchase of a Pontiac Vibe. 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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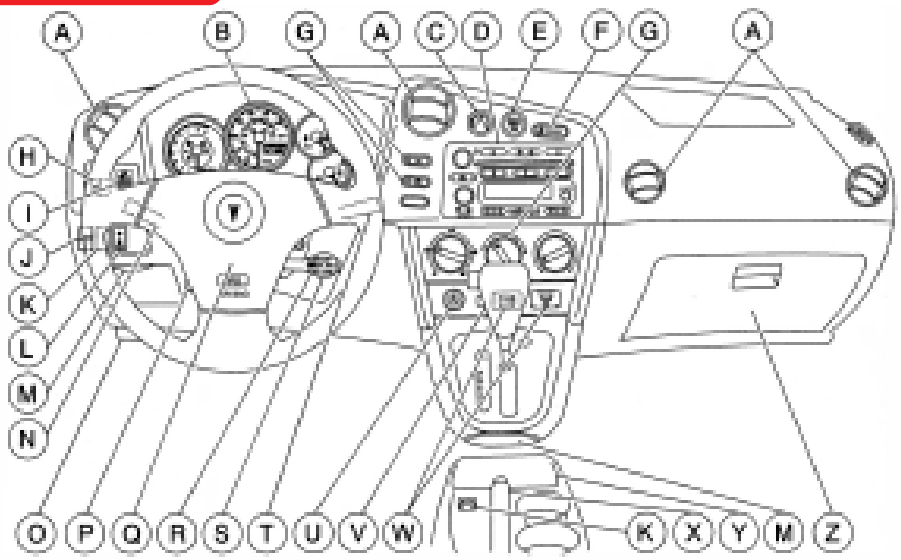
Instrument Panel



A. Air Outlet
B. Instrument Panel Cluster
C. Hazard Warning Flasher Button
D. Audio System
E. Rear Window Defogger Button
F. Front Passenger Safety Belt Reminder Light
G. Comfort Control System
H. Remote Power Mirror Control Button
I. Instrument Panel Brightness Dial
J. Rear Liftglass Release Button
K. Coinholder
L. Content Theft-Deterrent Security Light
M. Storage/Garbage Compartment
N. Turn Signal/Multifunction Lever
O. Hood Release
P. Tilt Lever
Q. Horn
R. Cruise Control Lever
S. Ignition Switch
T. Windshield Wiper Lever
U. Auxiliary Power Outlet
V. Shift Lever
W. 115-Volt AC Power Outlet
X. Parking Brake
Y. Center Console Storage Area
Z. Glove Box

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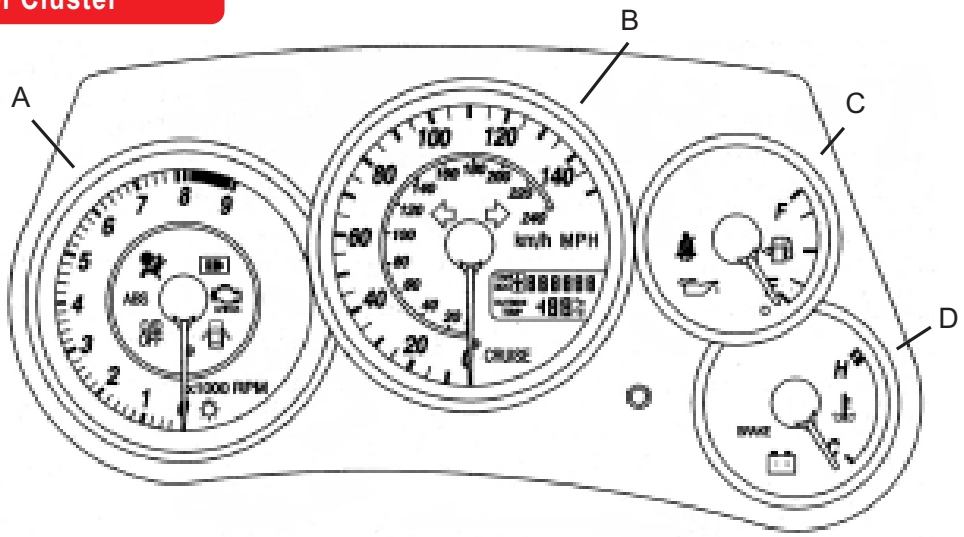
Instrument Panel Cluster



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. Tachometer

B. Speedometer

C. Fuel Gauge

D. Engine Coolant Temperature 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, as well as what action can be taken to ensure safety and to prevent damage.

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Remote Keyless Entry

The Remote Keyless Entry system locks and unlocks the doors and liftglass from a range of three to 30 feet. At times the range may be shorter than usual, which is normal. If the transmitter doesn't seem to be working properly:

- Ensure that you are within transmitter range of the vehicle. Rainy and snowy weather can reduce transmitter range.
- Check to see whether other vehicles or obstacles are blocking the transmitter signal by stepping a few feet to the left or right, and hold the transmitter higher when pressing the button(s).
- Consider the length of time that the transmitter battery has been in service and replace it if necessary.

Note: If the UNLOCK button is pressed and no door is opened, the doors will lock automatically after 30 seconds.

- The door lock/unlock functions will not operate if any door/liftgate is open or if the key is in the ignition.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Programmable Automatic Power Door Locks (if equipped)

Your vehicle's power door locks can be programmed to operate in several ways. From the factory, the power door locks are programmed to automatically lock when you shift out of Park and automatically unlock when you shift into Park and turn the ignition OFF.

Lock/Unlock Modes

When a door has been opened and closed again, it will lock automatically when the car has reached 5 mph. The locks can be set to any of the following modes:

Mode 1: All doors automatically lock when shifted out of Park. Doors do not unlock when shifted into Park and the ignition is turned to OFF.

Mode 2: The doors do not lock or unlock automatically.

Mode 3: All doors automatically lock when shifted out of Park. All doors automatically unlock when shifted into Park.

Mode 4: 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.

How to Program Automatic Power Door Locks

To change modes (settings), simply:

1. Set the interior light switch to other than the OFF or ON position.
2. Shift the shift lever into Park position and close all doors.
3. Turn the ignition to the ON position. Keep all doors closed throughout this procedure.
4. Within five seconds after the ignition switch is turned ON, press and hold down either power door lock switch in the LOCK position for more than five seconds.
5. When the interior lights flash, 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 times the light flashes indicates which mode you are in (for example, three flashes for Mode 3).

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Content Theft-Deterrent System (if equipped)

The Content Theft-Deterrent System has an indicator lamp to the left of the steering wheel that is labeled SECURITY. After closing all vehicle doors, the system can be activated in three ways:

- Press the LOCK button on the Remote Keyless Entry key fob.
- Press the power door LOCK button.
- Lock the front doors manually with the key.

The system arms itself following a 30-second delay. At this time, the SECURITY indicator light flashes.

If the alarm is tripped, the horn sounds in intermittent blasts. The headlamps, turn signals and interior lights also flash to get visual attention. The alarm sounds whenever any door or hatch is opened by force, or if the battery is disconnected and then reconnected. The alarm will also sound whenever it is armed and the rear hatch or liftglass is opened with a key.

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OnStar®

If your vehicle is OnStar-equipped, the OnStar system provides in-vehicle safety, security and communications services, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. With OnStar, you can enjoy such available services as:

- Automatic notification of air bag deployment
- Emergency services assistance
- Roadside assistance
- Stolen vehicle tracking
- GM Goodwrench remote diagnostics
- Remote door unlock
- Routing and location assistance*
- OnStar Personal Calling, a hands-free, voice-activated communications service**

These services are easily accessed through the three OnStar buttons in your vehicle.

- Press the Blue OnStar Button to connect to an OnStar Advisor for services such as GM Goodwrench Remote Diagnostics or routing and location assistance.*
- Press the Phone Button to access OnStar Personal Calling, a hands-free, voice-activated communications service.**
- Press the Red Emergency Button to connect to an OnStar Advisor who can contact a nearby emergency services provider to dispatch ambulance, police, fire, or other emergency services to your location.

For more information about OnStar features, refer to the OnStar Owner's Manual and Audio Tour CD, located in your glove box.

*Routing and location assistance may require service upgrade

**Available in most markets

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Advanced Passive Suppression Passenger Air Bag

Your Vibe is equipped with an advanced passive suppression air bag system for the front seat passenger. The system gauges the weight of an occupant and then sends the information to a control module that determines whether, and to what extent, the air bag should be deployed. The system automatically turns off the air bag to protect small adults and will not deploy when the seat is empty. This feature works automatically and requires no driver or passenger interaction.

See Section 1 of your Owner Manual.

Rear Center Seat Belt Operation

All rear seat positions, including the center position, are equipped with seat belts. Should you have difficulty latching the rear-center seat belt or left-rear seat belt, it may be a result of the left-rear seat belt buckle and the center buckle being mispositioned. Both outboard seat belt latch plates and buckles are different from the center latch plate and buckle. For easier identification, the center seat belt buckle includes the word “CENTER” on its side.

See Section 1 of your Owner Manual.

LATCH

Your vehicle is equipped with the Lower Anchorages and Top Tethers for CHildren (LATCH) system, which requires a special, compatible Child Restraint Seat. The seats have two attaching points at the base as well as a top tether anchor. These points attach to LATCH locations in the outboard positions of the second-row seat. LATCH locations are below the LATCH fabric labels on all second-row seats. A covered compartment in the floor of the rear cargo area houses the top strap anchors. Lift the compartment door to find the anchors if they have rotated.

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Driver's Seat Height Adjustment

To adjust the driver's seat height, pull the lever located on the outboard side of the seat cushion until reaching the desired height. (You may find the seat easier to adjust when unoccupied.) Before adjusting, make sure the ignition is off and the vehicle is in Park (P).

See Section 1 of your Owner Manual.

Closing the Sunroof

As a safety measure, the sunroof closing mechanism is designed to stop in the middle of its cycle. This prevents objects from being closed in the sunroof. When the sunroof stops and the opening is clear of all objects, release the switch and press it again to complete the closing cycle.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Storing a Flat Tire

Place the flat tire on the rear cargo area floor panel and secure it with the tire tie-down straps located under the cargo floor panel. The proper tie-down strap routing can be found in your Owner Manual.

See Section 5 of your Owner Manual.

Air Filtration System

Your vehicle is equipped with a pollen and dust filter that removes common allergens and pollutants from outside air before they reach the vehicle cabin. If air output volume from the heating and air conditioning outlets drops over time (with the fan at its highest setting), the filter may be dirty and may need to be changed. The filter is located in the heating and A/C housing and can be accessed through the filter door, behind the glove box.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Automatic Lamp Control (ALC)

During daytime driving, the ALC may temporarily switch the headlamp and interior light systems, including the radio display, to the nighttime mode. This occurs when passing through darker conditions, such as under a bridge or overpass, or inside a parking garage. The ALC light sensor is located at the upper-left corner of the instrument panel. To ensure proper system operation, avoid placing objects or stickers on the windshield at the windshield's upper-left corner.

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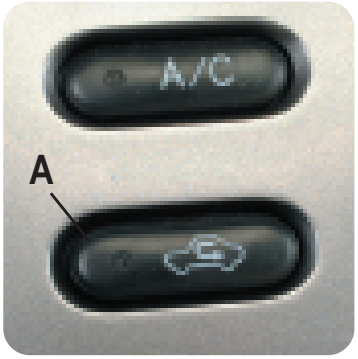
Air Conditioning System



To cool the vehicle interior on very hot days, perform the following:

1. Open the windows just long enough to let the hot, inside air escape.
2. Press both the A/C button and the Recirculation button. The Recirculation button is located under the A/C button (see “A” above).
3. Select Vent mode ( ) and adjust the temperature knob all the way in the blue area.

For continuous maximum cooling, remain in recirculation mode.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Side Vent Airflow

Airflow coming through the climate control system’s side vents is normal during all operating modes. To optimize the effectiveness of your system when using the floor, defog or defrost mode, close the outboard vents.

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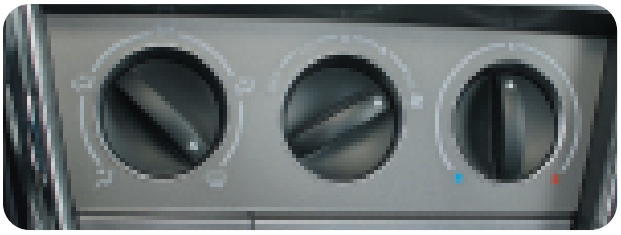
Window Anti-Fog Feature



The vehicle windows and windshield often experience fogging when it is raining, or the humidity is high. To minimize this effect, leave the Recirculation button off and:

- Press the A/C button.
- Select Defrost ( ) on the mode knob.
- Set the fan to HI and adjust the temperature knob as desired.

The Recirculation button automatically deactivates when the Climate Control mode knob is set to the Defrost or Heater/Defrost position. **For optimal defog performance, it is recommended to leave this deactivated.**

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Front and Rear Washers/Wipers

The wiper/washer controls are located on the lever mounted to the right side of the steering column. Moving the lever down activates the front wipers; continue moving it down to the desired setting. (This activation method is the opposite of all other Pontiac models.) Rear wipers are activated by rotating the knob at the end of the wiper lever to the desired setting.

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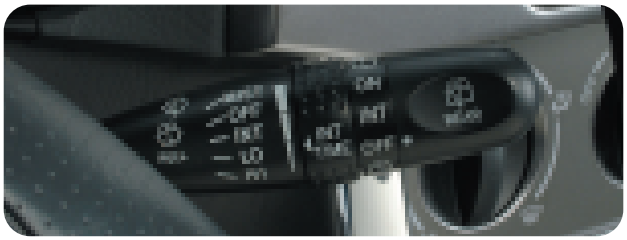
Rear Liftglass Washer



To reduce the possibility of scratched rear liftglass, activate the washer prior to the wipers by rotating the rear wiper switch downward. After pre-washing the rear liftglass, rotate the switch to the upper washer position to activate the washer and the rear wiper together.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Cruise Control

The cruise control lever is located on the right side of the steering wheel. Cruise control operates only at speeds above 25 mph. When vehicle speed drops below this point, cruise control turns off and the system erases the set speed.

Setting Cruise Control

1. Press the ON-OFF button at the end of the cruise control lever. The CRUISE light on the instrument panel cluster will come on.
2. Get up to the speed you want.
3. Move the lever down to SET/COAST and release it.
4. Take your foot off the accelerator pedal.

Resuming a Set Speed

To return to a set speed after having used the brakes, push the cruise control lever up to RES/ACC. This returns the vehicle to its set speed.

Increasing Speed

There are two ways to increase cruise control speed:

1. Use the accelerator to reach the desired speed; then move the cruise control lever to the SET/COAST position. Release the lever and the accelerator pedal.
2. Move the cruise lever up to the RES/ACC position, hold it there until you reach the desired speed, and then release the lever.

Note: The cruise control system will terminate its set speed memory anytime vehicle speed falls below 25 mph.

Reducing Speed

There are two ways to reduce speed while using cruise control:

1. Push and hold the lever to SET/COAST until you reach the desired lower speed; then release it.
2. Push the lever down briefly. Each time you do this, you'll reduce vehicle speed by 1 mph.

Ending Cruise Control

There are several ways to turn off cruise control:

- Step lightly on the brake pedal or push the clutch pedal, if you have a manual transaxle.
- Press the ON-OFF button again.
- Pull the cruise control lever toward you.

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Steering Wheel Lock-Up

The ignition switch provides four positions: LOCK, ACC, ON, START. Should the key become stuck in the LOCK position, or if you are unable to turn the key, turn the steering wheel to the left and right while turning the key hard.

Note: Turn the key only with your hand. Using a tool to force it could damage the key or ignition switch.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Cold Engine Speed

When the Vibe GT 1.8-liter engine is cold, engine speed is limited to 7200 rpm. This reduces engine wear and exhaust emissions. Once the engine reaches operating temperature, the maximum engine speed of 8300 rpm is available.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Cold Engine Shifting

When the engine is cold, the vehicle's powertrain computer directs automatic transmission-equipped vehicles to shift early, which may result in slower acceleration. This early shifting eases engine and transmission loads and reduces exhaust emissions. Once the engine warms, the transmission shift points will occur at higher engine speeds.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Reverse Gear Alert Signal

To ensure that First and Reverse gears on 6-speed manual transaxle-equipped models are not confused, a beeping signal alerts the driver when the transaxle is placed into Reverse gear.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

EVAP Leak Detection Pump (front-wheel drive models)

Your front-wheel-drive Vibe is equipped with a vacuum pump for the vehicle's fuel evaporation system. This pump performs a fuel evaporation leakage test approximately five hours after the engine is turned off. You may hear a sound coming from underneath the rear cargo compartment for several minutes. The noise is normal and does not signify a malfunction.

Auxiliary Power Outlets

To use the auxiliary power outlets on the instrument panel, place the ignition key in the "ACC" (Accessory) or "ON" position to supply the necessary power. This feature reduces the chances of encountering a weak or dead battery.

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Daytime Running Lamps (DRL)

The DRL safety feature illuminates the headlamps at a reduced intensity during the day to make the front of the vehicle more visible to others. This feature can be of particular help in the short periods just after dawn and shortly before sunset. The DRL illuminates only the headlamps — not the taillamps or side-marker lamps.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Note: DRL does not activate if the parking brake is engaged prior to turning the ignition on.

Rear Cargo Track Tie-Downs

At vehicle delivery, four cargo tie-downs and a corresponding installation diagram were provided under the rear cargo floor panel.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

115-Volt AC Power Outlet

The 115-volt household-style AC outlet provides current for electrical accessories with a two-prong power plug and a maximum current draw of 1.0 amp. If a device rated higher than this maximum is plugged in, the system resets itself after a 30-second delay.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Dome Lamp Control

The dome lamp control dial is located on the instrument panel to the left of the steering wheel. To operate the lamp, follow these instructions:

OFF: This position turns the lamp off.

ON: This position keeps the lamp on at all times.

(Door): This position turns the lamp on when any of the side doors, the liftgate or the liftgate glass is opened. The lamp goes off when all the side doors, the liftgate and the liftglass are closed.

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Radio Data System (RDS) Operation

Your audio system is equipped with a Radio Data System. RDS features are available for use only on FM stations that broadcast RDS information. With RDS, the radio can:

- Seek stations broadcasting the type of programming you select
- Receive announcements concerning local and national emergencies
- Display messages from radio stations, and
- Seek stations with traffic announcements

When you tune to an RDS station, the station name and call letters will appear on the display instead of the frequency. RDS stations may also provide the time of day, a program type (PTY) for current programming and the name of the program being broadcast. RDS relies on receiving specific information from these stations and will work only when the information is available.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Tire Pressure Monitor System (if equipped)

The system alerts you when it detects a large change in the pressure of one tire. The system cannot alert you before you drive that a tire is low or flat. The Tire Pressure Monitor System does not replace normal tire maintenance.

If the low tire pressure warning light comes on while driving your vehicle, the system may have detected a low-tire condition. You need to stop as soon as possible and check your tires for damage.

In order for the Tire Pressure Monitor System to work properly, you will need to reset (initialize) the system anytime you service a tire. Use the SET button to the left of the steering wheel on the instrument panel to reset the system.

To reset the system:

- Check the tire pressure in all four tires, and set them to the specified level shown on the tire and loading label.
- Turn the ignition to ON with the engine off.
- If the low tire pressure indicator light is on, push the SET button for a few seconds. The indicator light should go off.

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- Press and hold the SET button until the low tire pressure indicator light flashes three times.

The system completes the reset process during driving. Do not push the SET button while driving.

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StabiliTrak® Vehicle Stability Control (if equipped)

This Vehicle Stability Control (VSC) system uses an advanced computer to assist your vehicle with directional control during difficult driving situations.

StabiliTrak activates automatically whenever you start the vehicle and it engages only when it senses a discrepancy between your intended drive path and the direction the vehicle is actually moving.

The system selectively applies the appropriate brake(s) to help guide the vehicle in the direction you are steering.

The system will activate when the vehicle speed reaches or exceeds 9 mph (15 km/h) and will deactivate when the vehicle speed reduces below 9 mph (15 km/h)

When engaged, the StabiliTrak symbol will blink in the instrument panel cluster and an alarm will sound intermittently. Special care should be taken while driving.

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Roadside Assistance

1-800-ROADSIDE (1-800-762-3743)

As the proud owner of a new Pontiac vehicle, you are automatically enrolled in the Pontiac Roadside Assistance program.

Pontiac's Roadside Assistance toll-free number is staffed by a team of technically trained advisors, who are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

We will provide the following services for 3 years/36,000 miles (60,000 km), at no expense to you.

- Fuel delivery
- Lockout service (identification required)
- Tow to nearest dealership for warranty service
- Change a flat tire
- Jump starts

We have quick, easy access to telephone numbers of the following additional services depending on your needs.

- Hotels
- Glass replacement
- Tire repair facilities
- Rental vehicle or taxis
- Airport or train stations
- Police, fire departments or hospitals

In many instances, mechanical failures are covered under Pontiac'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 of your location
- Vehicle model, year and color
- Vehicle mileage
- Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)
- Vehicle license plate number

Pontiac reserves the right to limit services or reimbursement to an owner or driver when, in Pontiac's judgment, the claims become excessive in frequency or type of occurrence.

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