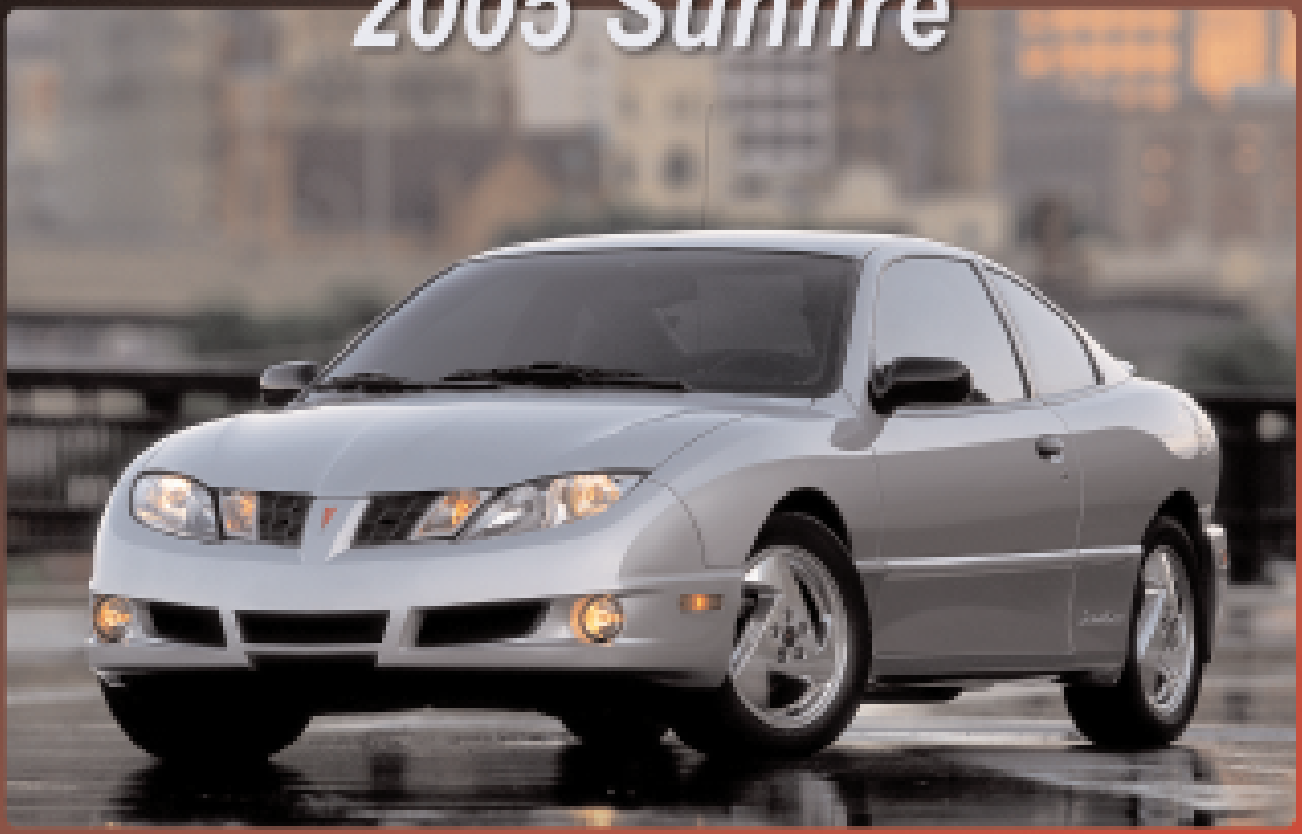
Getting to Know Your 2005 Sunfire



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Congratulations on your purchase of a Pontiac Sunfire. 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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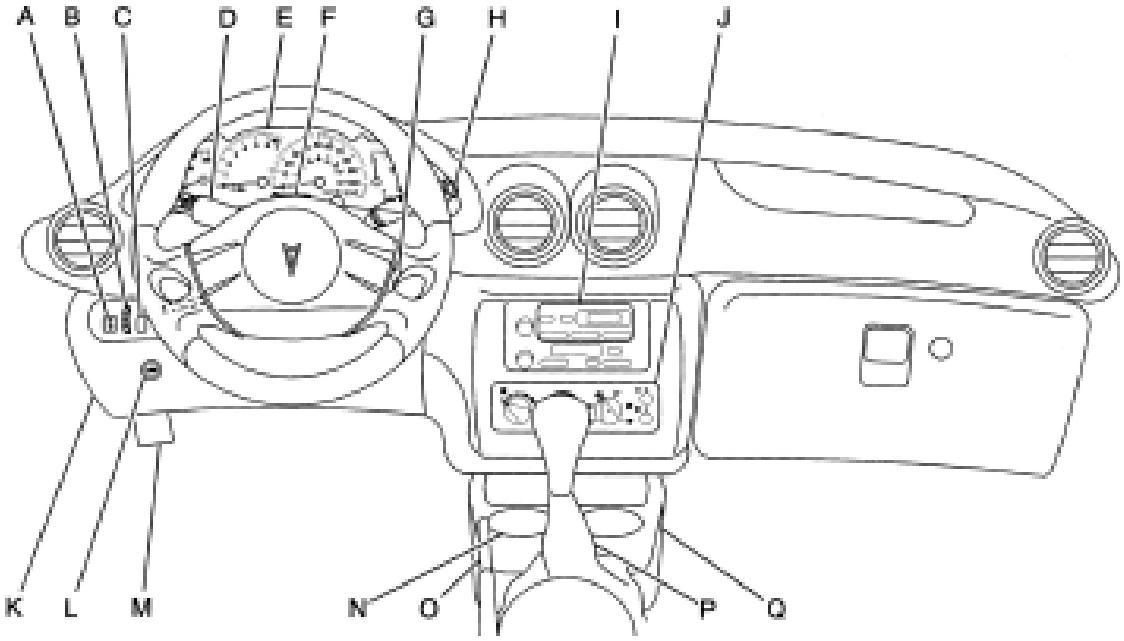
Instrument Panel



A. Fog Lamp Button
B. Instrument Panel Brightness Control
C. Enhanced Traction System Switch
D. Turn Signal/Multifunction Lever
E. Instrument Panel Cluster
F. Hazard Warning Flashers Switch
G. Ignition Switch
H. Windshield Wiper/Washer Controls
I. Audio System
J. Climate Controls and Rear Window Defogger
K. Fuse Panel
L. Remote Trunk Release Button
M. Hood Release Lever
N. Cupholder
O. Parking Brake Lever
P. Shift Lever
Q. Accessory Power Outlet

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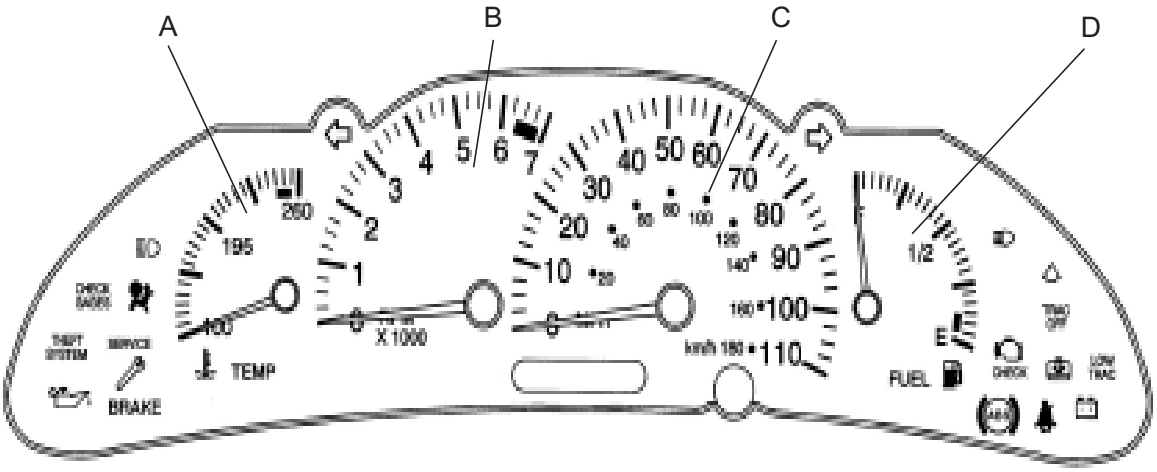
Instrument Panel Cluster



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. 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, as well as what action can be taken to ensure safety and to prevent damage.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

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Audio Systems

MP3 Radio System

The optional MP3 radio system allows you to play traditional CDs as well as MP3 encoded discs. MP3 allows up to 50 playlists per disc and music can be grouped in up to 50 folders. When using MP3, the system displays the album title, song title and artist name.

The system's controls function like most vehicle audio systems, while also including two MP3-specific controls:

: Press this button to go to the first track of the previous folder.

: Press this button to go to the first track of the next folder.

Setting the Radio 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:

- Press PWR to turn the radio on.
- Press BAND to select AM or FM.
- Tune in the desired 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.

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Retained Accessory Power (RAP)

Your vehicle is equipped with a Retained Accessory Power (RAP) feature that allows the radio to continue working for up to 10 minutes once the key is turned from RUN to OFF, or until the driver's door is opened.

Radio Data System (RDS) (if equipped)

Your audio system may include a Radio Data System (RDS), which receives many types of information, such as traffic and emergency alerts, and identifies stations by their format types.

RDS features are functional only if the listener is tuned to an FM station that broadcasts RDS information.

Press the PROG TYPE button to use the program type interrupt feature. When listening to a compact disc, the last selected RDS FM station will interrupt play if that selected PTY format is broadcast.

Press the TRAF button to receive traffic announcements. If not, the radio will automatically seek a station that does. When listening to a compact disc, traffic announcements will interrupt play.

Setting the Clock

For radios without RDS, set the clock by pressing and holding the DOWN (for hour) and UP (for minute) arrows.

For RDS-equipped radios, set the clock by pressing and holding the HR and MN buttons. AM or PM will appear on the display. The clock symbol will appear on the display in time-set mode.

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

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.

Speed Compensated Volume

Your audio system may include Speed Compensated Volume (SCV). With SCV, the audio system increases the volume automatically as vehicle speed increases. It decreases the volume as vehicle speed decreases.

XM Satellite Radio

XM Satellite Radio is available for a monthly service fee if your vehicle is equipped with the appropriate upper-level audio system.

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Antilock Brake System (ABS) (if equipped)

Your vehicle may be equipped with the antilock brake system (ABS), an advanced electronic system that helps prevent skidding when severe braking is required. ABS and standard brakes require different braking procedures when experiencing emergency braking situations. Your Owner Manual provides information on both of these procedures in detail.

When using ABS, don't pump the brake pedal. Just hold the pedal down firmly and let the system work for you. You may feel the brakes vibrate or hear noises when ABS is working, but this is normal.

If the vehicle is not equipped with anti-lock brakes, use a "squeeze" braking technique. This technique requires you to push the brake pedal with steadily increasing pressure. Using this technique gives you maximum braking while maintaining steering control.

See Section 4 of your Owner Manual.

Accessory Power Outlet

The accessory power outlet is located on the passenger side of the console. Some non-GM accessories may not be compatible with the outlet and could result in blown vehicle or adapter fuses. The fuse panel is located at the end of the instrument panel on the driver's side.

Note: Your vehicle's cigarette lighter should only be used with a GM Lighter. For all other accessories, use the Accessory Power Outlet.

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Climate Control System

Air Conditioning

Use the following procedures for faster interior cooling:

1. Lower windows long enough for interior heat to escape.
2. Select the recirculation mode.
3. Press the air conditioning button.
4. Turn the temperature control knob to the coolest setting (blue).
5. Turn the fan control knob to the highest speed.

Defogging and Defrosting

There are two modes to clear fog or frost from the windshield and side windows. Use the defog mode ( ) to clear the windows and warm the passengers. Use the defrost mode ( ) to clear fog or frost from the windshield more quickly.

To defog the side windows most efficiently, set the mode knob to the floor setting and the fan knob to the highest speed. Press the air conditioning button. Aim the side outlets toward the windows and close the center outlets to maximum airflow to side windows.

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Remote Keyless Entry (RKE)

If your vehicle has this feature, you can lock and unlock your doors or unlock your trunk from about 3 feet and up to 30 feet away using the Remote Keyless Entry transmitter supplied with your vehicle. If at times you notice a decrease in range, see your Owner Manual.

If a door or the trunk is open when you press the lock button, the doors will lock, but the security system will not arm until all doors and the trunk are closed.

To unlock the driver's door, press the UNLOCK button once. The headlamps will flash twice, the dome lamp will come on, and the security system will disarm.

Press UNLOCK again within 5 seconds to unlock all the doors.

The headlamps will flash twice, the dome lamp will turn on for about 20 seconds, or until the ignition is turned on, and the security system will disarm.

To lock all doors, press the LOCK button. If all doors and the trunk are closed, the headlamps will flash once, the interior lamps will turn off, and the security system will arm.

If a door or the trunk is open when you press the LOCK button, the doors will lock, but the security system will not arm until all doors and the trunk are closed.

Radio Station Presets

The radio station presets can be customized to each key fob by first setting the stations and then using the key fob to lock the doors when exiting the vehicle.

> **Note:** This feature can be disabled by your dealer. Contact your dealer for more information.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Rear Window Defogger

For optimum defogger effectiveness, clear as much snow and ice as possible from your vehicle's rear window.

Then, with the ignition in RUN, press the defogger button ( ). It may take more than one cycle to adequately clear the rear window. The defogger's first cycle will turn off after about 10 minutes, and following cycles will last about 5 minutes.

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Child Seat Anchors (LATCH System)

Your vehicle is equipped with the Lower Anchorages and Top Tethers for CHildren (LATCH) system. To use the LATCH system, a special child restraint seat is required that has two lower anchor straps and one upper tether strap. To find the lower anchors, locate the label attached to the seatback at each anchor position. Anchors for the top tether straps are located on the filler panel behind the top of the seat cushion.

See Section 1 of your Owner Manual.

Breakaway Mirrors

Your vehicle is equipped with breakaway mirrors that realign easily after minor impacts. Should the driver's manual remote control lever fail to adjust the mirror after impact, the lever can be easily reset by following the procedures in your Owner Manual.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Enhanced Traction System (ETS) (if equipped)

Vehicles equipped with the four-speed automatic transmission and antilock brakes include an Enhanced Traction System (ETS) that helps minimize wheelspin and provides increased stability. This is especially useful during slippery road conditions.

Turn this system on by pressing the ETS button, located on the left side of the instrument panel.

When the Enhanced Traction System is limiting wheelspin, the LOW TRAC light will illuminate in the instrument panel. The light may also come on when traction is reduced briefly, such as when encountering a severe bump. The LOW TRAC light may indicate slippery road conditions, so adjust your driving accordingly. When the ETS is activated, you may feel or hear it working. This is normal.

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Roadside Assistance

1-800-ROADSIDE

(1-800-762-3743)

TTY Users: 1-888-889-2438

As the proud owner of a 2005 Pontiac, you are automatically enrolled in the Pontiac Roadside Assistance program. The program's toll-free number is staffed by a team of technically trained advisors, who are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The advisors can provide minor repair information over the phone or make arrangements to tow your vehicle to the nearest Pontiac dealer.

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

- Fuel delivery ($5 worth of fuel delivered on the road)
- Lockout service (identification required)
- Tow to nearest dealership for warranty service
- Change a flat tire
- Jump starts
- Dealer Locator Service

For prompt 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

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