



Getting to Know Your 2005 *Grand Am*

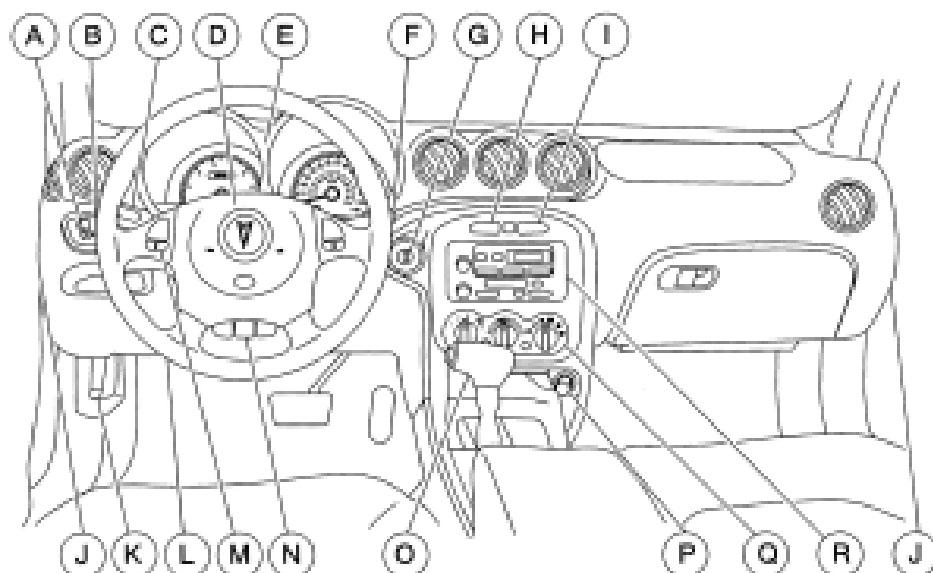


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Congratulations on your purchase of a Pontiac Grand Am. Please read this information and your Owner Manual to ensure an outstanding ownership experience. Note that your vehicle may not include all the features described in this booklet. Place this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

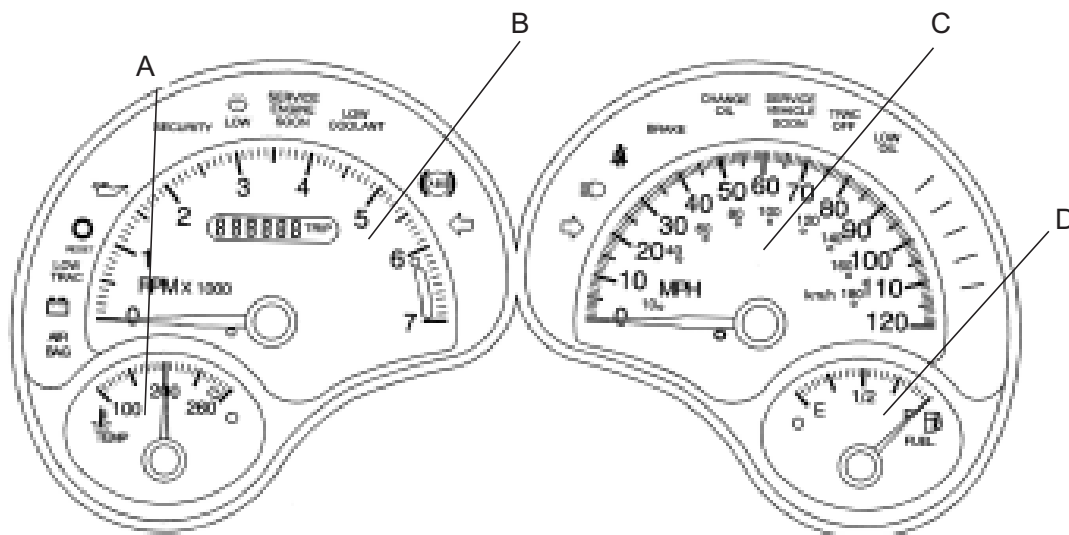
Instrument Panel



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| A. Fog Lamp Button | H. Enhanced Traction System Button
(if equipped) | N. Cruise Control Buttons |
| B. Instrument Panel Brightness
Thumbwheel | I. Hazard Warning Flashers Button | O. Shift Lever |
| C. Turn Signal/Multifunction Lever | J. Instrument Panel Fuse Blocks | P. Cigarette Lighter (if equipped) |
| D. Horn | K. Hood Release Handle | Q. Climate Control System |
| E. Instrument Panel Cluster | L. Tilt Wheel Lever | R. Audio System |
| F. Windshield Wiper/Washer Lever | M. Audio System Steering Wheel
Controls (if equipped) | |
| G. Ignition Switch | | |

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, as well as 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 in 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. Horn 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 procedure below.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

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.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Remote Keyless Entry 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.

Programmable Automatic Power Door Locks

Grand Am'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 (Remote Keyless Entry only).

MODE 3: All doors automatically lock when shifted out of Park. Doors do not unlock 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: Mode 1; Mode 2 and Mode 3 (if equipped with Remote Keyless Entry); Mode 4. Functions will operate as defined previously 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.

Window Defogging

For faster side window defogging on very humid, cool days, use these tips:

- Turn the climate control mode knob to  (Floor).
- Turn the temperature knob all the way into the red (Hot) area and the fan knob to top speed (5).
- Press and hold the A/C button until the activation light comes on.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Air Conditioning

For faster interior cooling on very hot, sunny days, follow these tips:

- Open the windows long enough to let the hot inside air escape.
- Set the temperature knob all the way into the blue (Cold) area and press the A/C button until the activation light comes on.
- For maximum cooling, wait until the interior temperature has cooled to a comfortable level. Select  **MAX** (Maximum) to recirculate the cool air inside your vehicle.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Automatic Light Control/ Daytime Running Lamps (DRL)



Your Grand Am is equipped with Automatic Light Control (ALC) for night driving and Daytime Running Lamps (DRL) for daytime driving. The ALC activating full exterior lighting — including headlamps and instrument panel lighting — is the same as activating the headlamp switch yourself. 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 parking 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 panel 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. When ambient conditions brighten, the DRL should be reactivated within one minute.

Delayed Headlamps Off

Your vehicle's Delayed Headlamp Off feature provides illumination when exiting your Grand Am. 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, DRL or Delayed Headlamps Off, you can temporarily override these systems by following these procedures:

- **Overriding 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.
- **Overriding Daytime Running Lamps (DRL):** Under daytime lighting conditions, place the shifter in Park or activate the parking brake as described above. Note that the DRL will activate with the parking brake released and the vehicle speed above 3 mph.
- **Overriding 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*.

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*.

MP3 Stereo System (if equipped)



The MP3 stereo system with Monsoon sound 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.

Your Pontiac MP3 Stereo system is designed to play most CDs that you are able to burn. Simply load the CD and wait for the player to recognize your MP3 music CD. If the player fails to recognize and play your CD, please refer to Section 3 of your Owner Manual for further instructions.

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

 Press this button to go to the first track in the next folder.

 Press this button to go to the first track in the previous folder.

MP3 Player Tips

- Avoid using transparent discs, as they may cause the player to load improperly.
- Select Mode 1 when burning a CD-ROM (only Mode 1 discs are compatible with this system).

- Avoid mixing standard CD audio tracks and MP3 files on one disc, as they may not play properly when mixed.
- If "CHECK CD" appears on the radio display, the disc format may not be compatible or a label may be caught in the CD player. For more information, refer to the MP3 section in your Owner Manual.

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.

Setting the Clock

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

- 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.

See *Section 3 of your Owner Manual*.

Oil Life Monitor

Your Grand Am 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 "Change Oil" warning light in the instrument panel alerts you to schedule an oil change.

Resetting the Oil Life Monitor

Whenever you have your oil changed, the Oil Life Monitor needs to be reset to allow further monitoring of this function.

To reset the monitor:

1. With the engine off, turn the ignition key to RUN.
2. Fully push and release the accelerator pedal slowly three times within five seconds. (If the CHANGE ENGINE OIL light flashes, the system is resetting.)
3. Turn the key to OFF; then start the vehicle. The oil life will change to 100 percent.

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



Grand Am 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*.

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Roadside Assistance

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TTY Users: 1-888-889-2438

As the proud owner of a 2005 Pontiac vehicle, you are automatically enrolled in the Pontiac Roadside Assistance program. This value-added service is intended to provide you with peace of mind as you drive in the city or travel the open road.

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. The advisors can provide minor repair information 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
- Lockout service (identification required)
- Tow to nearest dealership for warranty service
- Change a flat tire
- Jump starts

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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