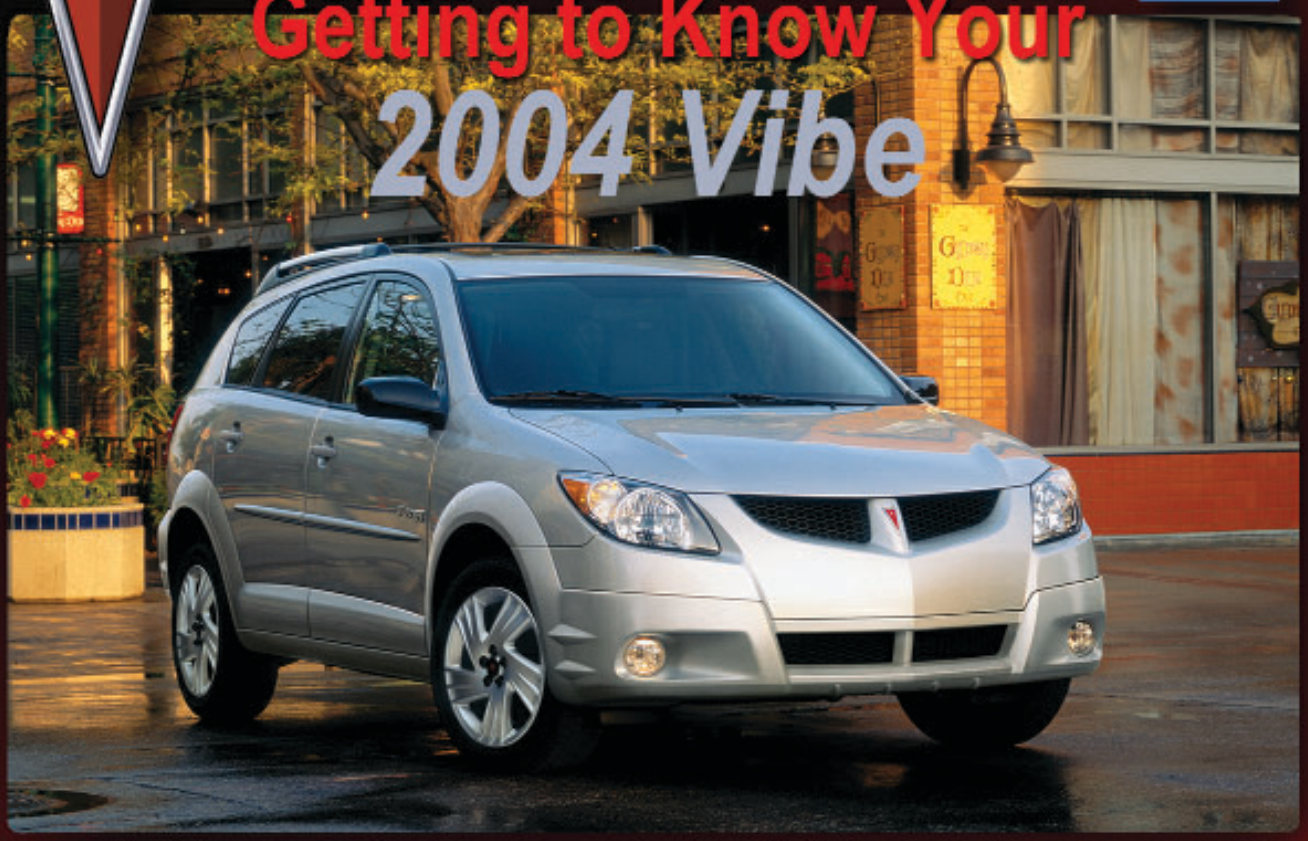
Getting to Know Your 2004 Vibe



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 features described in this booklet. Place this booklet in your Owner Manual portfolio for easy reference.

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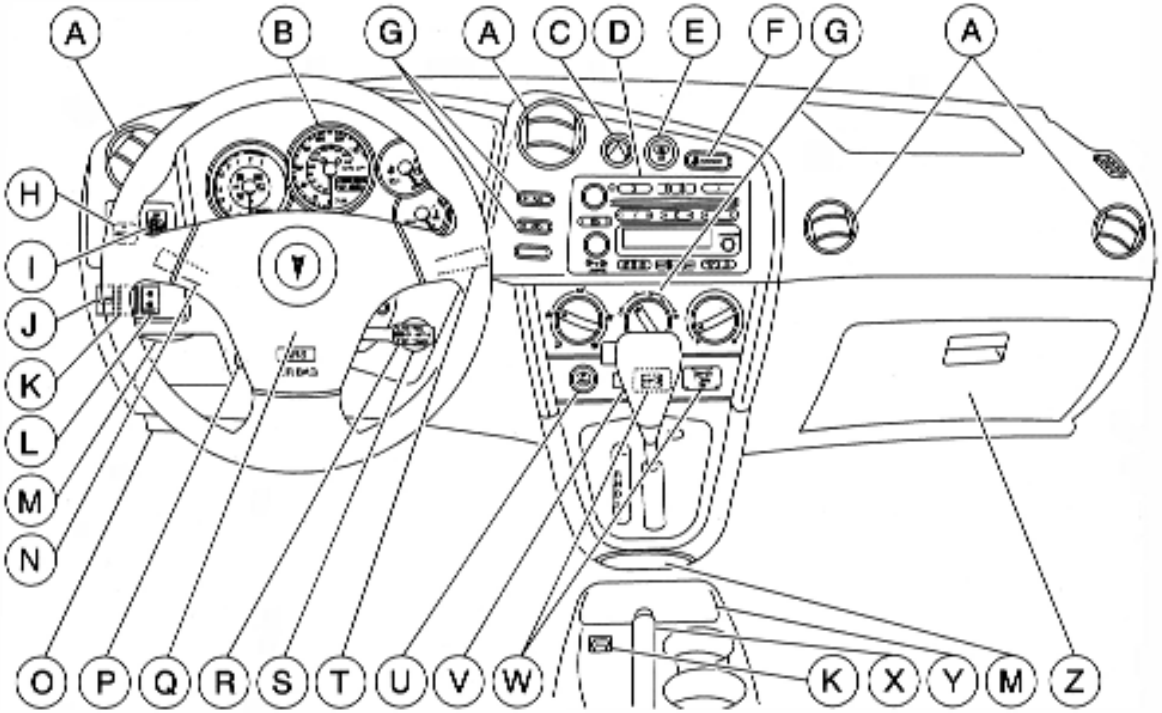
Instrument Panel



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 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. Cigarette Lighter
V. Shift Lever
W. Power Outlet
X. Parking Brake
Y. Center Console Storage Area
Z. Glove Box

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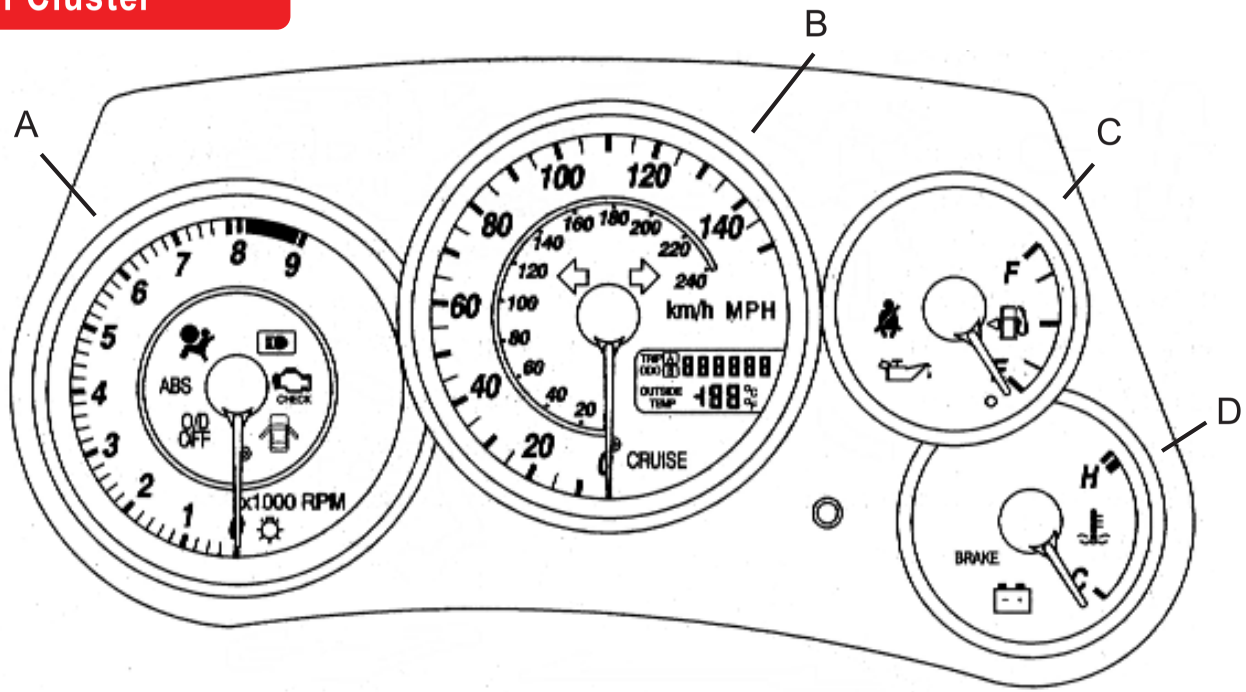
Instrument Panel Cluster



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 of 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 2 of your Owner Manual.

Remote Keyless Entry

The RKE 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.

- To open the liftglass with the RKE transmitter, press and hold the HATCH button steadily for two seconds
- The door lock/unlock functions will not operate if any door/liftgate is open or if the key is in the ignition

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Content Theft-Deterrent System (optional)

The Content Theft-Deterrent System has a red 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 red 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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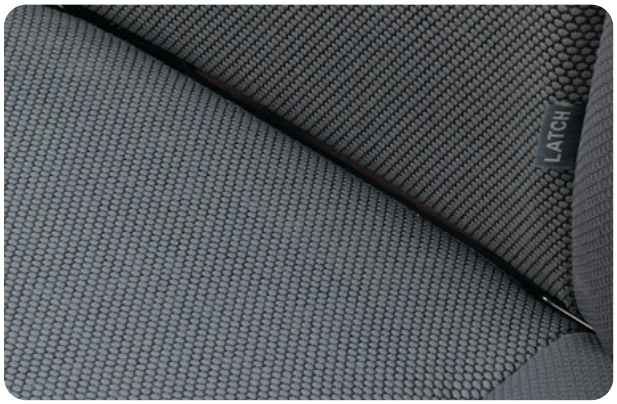
LATCH System



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.

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.

Driver’s Seat Height Adjustment

To adjust the height of the driver’s seat, turn the knob located on the outboard side of the driver’s seat cushion. It is easier to adjust when the seat is unoccupied. Make sure the ignition is off and the vehicle is in PARK (P) before adjusting the seat.

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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.

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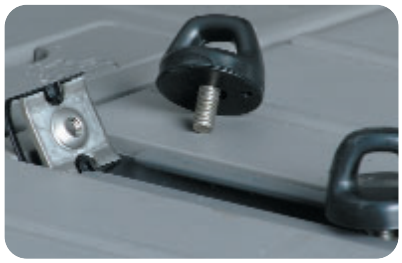
Rear Cargo Track Tie-Downs



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

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 the 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 6 of your Owner Manual.

Automatic Lamp Control

During daytime driving, 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 lower-left corner.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Air Conditioning System

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

1. Open the windows just

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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
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.

Window Anti-Fog Features

The vehicle windows and windshield often experience fogging when it is raining, or the humidity is high. To minimize this effect, leave the RECIRCULATE 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 RECIRCULATE button automatically deactivates when the Climate Control mode knob is set to the DEFROST or HEATER/DEFROST position. **Again, for optimal defog performance it is recommended to leave this deactivated.**

To override this feature, press the RECIRCULATE button again.

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 modes, close the outboard vents.

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.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

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.

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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.

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 the 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 lower speed you want, 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 CRUISE ON/OFF button again.
- Pull the cruise control lever toward you.

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.

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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 engine exhaust emissions. Once the engine warms, the transmission shift points will occur at higher engine speeds.

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.

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.

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 2 of your Owner Manual.

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

Cigarette Lighter and Power Outlet

To use the instrument panel-mounted cigarette lighter or the 12-volt power outlet, located inside the center console, 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.

Note: Using the cigarette outlet to power cell phones or other 12-volt accessories is not recommended, as damage to the cigarette outlet may occur.

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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 2 of your Owner Manual.

Dome Lamp Control

The interior 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.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

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 (PYT) for current programming and the name of the program being broadcast. RDS relies on receiving specific information from these stations and will only work when the information is available.

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Roadside Assistance Program

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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.

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- Fuel delivery
- Lock-out service (identification required)
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- Change a flat tire
- Jump starts

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

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- 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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