

# In~Car Activity

## Ready, SET, Drive!

All right, now you're in the driver's seat (literally!) Take time to familiarize yourself with all the controls before you put the car in motion.

### Starting The Engine

#### 1. Parking Brake On

It is a good habit to put the parking brake on before the car is vacated. Therefore, the parking brake should already be on when you enter the car. Release the parking brake and reapply it a few times to become familiar with its application. Keep it on during this exercise.

#### 2. Insert Key

Learn the positions of the switch.

#### 3. Shift Should Be In "Park"

The engine of the car will only start when the shift is in the P (park) position or in the N (neutral) position.

#### 4. Twist Key and Release

A common error a novice driver is likely to make is that of holding the key in the engaged position after the engine has started, resulting in a grinding of the starter. To avoid this, listen for the engine sounds and immediately release your grip on the key.

#### 5. Turn Headlights On

Get in the habit of driving during the day with your headlights on to help other drivers see your car. The habit of driving with headlights on will allow others to see your vehicle during various situations. When you have your headlights on, your vehicle will be easily detected by other drivers who may not have effective searching techniques

### Orientation To Controls

#### 1. Place Hands On Wheel

Place your hands in a balanced 9-3 position. It is important to have a balanced hand position in the event that an evasive action is needed. **Remember.** *Hand-to-hand and hand-over-hand steering are only appropriate during turns.*

#### 2. Use Directional Signal

With your fingers extended, keep your palm in contact with the wheel.

#### 3. Put Wipers On and Off

Locate and operate the wipers and the windshield washing procedure.

#### 4. Turn Hazards Lights On / Off

Locate and operate the hazard warning lights.

#### 5. Adjust Climate Control

Put on the defroster, heater, and air conditioner, adjust the fan setting from low to high, and change the temperature setting. Set the proper controls for a comfortable temperature.

#### 6. Parking Lights On and Off

Know how the parking lights are to be turned on. Never use the parking lights when the car is in motion.

#### 7. Headlights Low/High Beam

Turn the high beam and low beam off and on to identify where the control is located and how to use it correctly.

#### 8. Adjust Sun Visor

Move the visor for front and side shading of the sun.



***Make certain that the edge of the visor is not directed towards the driver's head***  
This could cause injuries during a crash. Always have the visor pointing away from the driver.

#### 9. Blow The Horn

Locate and use the horn. Two quick taps of the horn sounds friendlier and is more effective than a long sustained blast.

#### 10. Use Of Brake Pedal

Have heel of foot on floor with ball of foot contacting the brake pedal.

#### 11. Use Of Acceleration Pedal

With the shift in park, be able to press the gas pedal with gradual amounts of pressure to develop a smooth acceleration movement when the car is put into motion.

#### 12. Use Of Shift

You should be able to shift from "D" to "N" without looking at the shift indicator.