Congratulations on your purchase of a Chevrolet Equinox. Please read this information about your vehicle's features and your Owner Manual to ensure an outstanding ownership experience. Note that your vehicle may not include all the features described in this booklet. Keep this booklet with your Owner Manual for easy reference.

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Instrument Panel

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S. Heated Seats Buttons
T. Shift Lever
U. Rear Window Defogger Button

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.
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. Low Fuel Indicator Light
B. Fuel Gauge
C. Speedometer
D. Tachometer
E. Engine Coolant Temperature Gauge

**Note:** 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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Vehicle Symbols

Following are examples of symbols you may find on your vehicle. It is important to become familiar with them, as they alert you to various vehicle operating conditions.

- Air Bag Readiness and Warning Light
- Air Conditioning (A/C)
- Antilock Brake System Warning Light
- Change Engine Oil Light
- Cruise Control Set
- Headlamps
- Instrument Panel Brightness Control
- Low Fuel Warning Light
- Low Traction Light
- Malfunction Indicator Lamp (Check Engine Light)
- Off
- Off/On
- On
- Parking Lamps
- Reduced Engine Power Light
- Rear Window Defogger
- Safety Belt Reminder Light
- Security Light
- Traction Control Off Light

COMFORT

Manual Driver’s Seat Height and Recliner Adjustments (if equipped)

The manual driver’s seat height adjustment and recliner controls are located on the left side of the seat cushion.

Raise the Seat
- Ratchet the height adjustment lever (A) upward until reaching the desired height.

Lower the Seat
- Ratchet the lever downward until reaching the preferred height.

Recline the Seatback
- Lift the recliner lever (B) and then move the seatback to the desired position. Release the lever to lock the seatback in place.

See Section 1 of your Owner Manual.
The six-way power driver’s seat control is located on the outboard side of the seat. The seat cushion can be raised, lowered, and moved forward or rearward by moving this control in the desired direction.

*See Section 1 of your Owner Manual.*

### Driver’s Seat Lumbar Support (if equipped)

The driver’s seat lumbar control is located on the front-right side of the seat cushion.

**Adjust Lumbar Support**

- When seated, turn the control knob clockwise or counterclockwise to increase or decrease lumbar support.

*See Section 1 of your Owner Manual.*

### Heated Seats (if equipped)

This feature allows you to heat the driver and/or front-passenger seat. The controls are located below the climate control system on the instrument panel center stack. The heated seat operation is cancelled each time the ignition is turned off.

**Turn On the Heated Seat(s)**

- Press the switch once to select the high heat setting. Two indicator lights will illuminate.
- Press the switch twice for the low setting. One indicator light will illuminate.
- Press the switch a third time to turn off the heated seats.

*See Section 1 of your Owner Manual.*
Setting the Time

1. Press the clock button, located on the right side of the radio. The clock symbol will appear on the display and the hour number will flash.
2. Turn the ADJ knob to set the hour.
3. Repeat the above steps to set the minutes.

Note: The time can be set with the ignition on or off.

Radio Controls

**(Power):** Press this button to turn your audio system on and off.

**(Volume):** Turn the power button’s outer ring to increase or decrease volume.

**AUTO (Automatic Volume):** Use this control to automatically adjust audio system volume to make up for wind and road noise as you drive.

**DISP:** When using the Radio Data System (RDS), press the DISP button to display various information, including station name, RDS station frequency, Program Type (PTY), and the name of the program, if available.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.
AM/FM: Press this button to switch to FM1, FM2 or AM.
XM/AUX: Press this button to switch to XM1 or XM2 (if equipped).
ADJ (Adjust): Turn this knob to select radio stations.
SEEK: Press this button’s right or left arrow to go to the next or previous station and stay there. To scan radio stations, press and hold either arrow for two seconds until you hear a beep. Press either arrow again to stop scanning.

Presetting Radio Stations
You can preset up to 30 radio stations (six FM1, six FM2, six AM, six XM1 and six XM2) by using the radio’s six numbered buttons.

Preset a radio station
1. Tune in a desired station.
2. Press and hold one of the six numbered buttons until you hear a beep.
3. Repeat the steps for each button.

Note: See Section 3 of your Owner Manual for additional radio features information, including instructions on operating the Radio Data System (RDS).

RPT (Repeat): Press this button to hear a track over again. Press the button again to turn off repeat play.
RDM (Random): Press this button to hear the tracks in random order. Press the button again to turn off random play.
SEEK: Press this button’s left arrow to go to the start of the current track. Press the button again to continue moving backward through the CD.
SEEK: Press this button’s right arrow to go to the start of the next track. Press it again to continue moving forward through the CD.
If either arrow is held for more than two seconds, the player will enter the scan mode and will play the first 10 seconds of each track. Press either arrow to stop scanning.

DISP (Display): Press this button to see how long the current track has been playing.
EQ (Equalization): Press this button to select the desired equalization setting while playing a CD. The setting will be automatically recalled whenever a CD is played.
AM/FM: Press this button while a CD is playing to listen to the radio.
XM/AUX: Press this button while a CD is playing to listen to XM (if equipped).
CD: Press this button when listening to the radio to play a CD.
Eject: Press this button to eject a CD. (Eject operates with the ignition or radio off.)

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If your AM/FM stereo with CD has MP3 playing capability, a CD-R or CD-RW containing MP3 audio tracks will play automatically when inserted into the CD player. An MP3 symbol will be displayed. Refer to your Owner Manual for complete MP3 Player features information and operating instructions. See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Multiple-Disc CD Changer (if equipped)

The six-disc CD changer can hold up to six CDs. To load one CD or multiple CDs, follow the steps below.

Load One CD
1. Turn the ignition on.
2. Press and release the LOAD button.
3. After INSERT CD flashes on the display, insert a CD partway into the slot, label side up. The player will pull in the CD. The CD will begin to play automatically, whether your radio is on or off.

Load Multiple CDs
1. Turn the ignition on.
2. Press and hold the LOAD button for two seconds.
3. After INSERT CD and the number appear on the display, insert a CD partway into the slot, label side up. The player will pull in the CD.
4. Once INSERT CD and the number appear again on the display, load another CD. When finished loading, press the LOAD button to cancel loading operation. The player will begin to play the last CD loaded.

(Eject): Press this button to eject a single CD. To eject multiple CDs, press and hold this button until a beep sounds and EJECTING ALL CDs appears in the display.

Note: CDs with any affixed labels may jam in the CD player. Label a CD using a permanent marker. If more than one CD is inserted into the slot at one time, or if scratched or damaged CDs are played, the CD player could be damaged. When using the CD player, use only CDs in good condition without labels; load one CD at a time; and keep the CD player and the loading slot free of foreign materials, liquids and debris.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

MP3 Player (if equipped)

If your AM/FM stereo with CD has MP3 playing capability, a CD-R or CD-RW containing MP3 audio tracks will play automatically when inserted into the CD player. An MP3 symbol will be displayed.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.
**XM Satellite Radio (if equipped)**

XM Satellite Radio offers more than 150 channels of digital-quality sound that goes wherever you go — coast to coast. XM displays song title, artist and entertainment genre.

On equipped radios, two additional listening bands are available: XM1 and XM2. To access these bands, press the XM/AUX button until XM1 or XM2 appears on the display.

Activation fee and service subscription are extra. Service is based in the 48 U.S. contiguous states, and Canada (if available). For more information, contact XM online at www.XMradio.com or call 1-800-852-XMXM (9696).

*See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.*

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**Audio Steering Wheel Controls (if equipped)**

In addition to the radio’s primary controls, your steering wheel includes secondary radio controls as well — making for quick accessibility while also helping you keep your eyes on the road.

**SEEK:** When playing the radio, press this button's up or down arrow to go to the next or previous radio station and stay there. When playing a CD, press the up or down arrow to go to the next or previous track.

**BAND:** Press this button to switch to FM1, FM2; AM; or XM1 and XM2 (if equipped).

**1–6 (Preset Pushbuttons):** When playing the radio, press this button to go to a preset radio station. When playing a CD in the six-disc CD changer, press this button to go to the next CD (if multiple CDs are loaded).

\[\text{(Volume)}\]: Press this button's up or down arrow to increase or decrease volume.

\[\text{(Mute)}\]: Press this button to silence the audio system. Press it again (or any other radio button) to turn the sound back on. If equipped with OnStar®, press and hold this button for two seconds to interact with the system.

**SRCE (Source):** Press this button when listening to the radio to switch to a CD or a remote device.

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**CONVENIENCE**

**Remote Keyless Entry System**

This feature allows you to lock or unlock your vehicle's doors from approximately 26 feet away.

- **(Lock):** Press this button to lock the doors.
- **(Unlock):** Press this button once to unlock the driver's door. Press the button again within five seconds to unlock all doors.
- **(Panic Alarm):** Press this button to sound the panic alarm when the ignition is turned off. The horn will sound and the parking lamps and dome lamps will flash for up to two minutes. Press the button again to silence the panic alarm when it is sounding.

*See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.*

**Windshield Wipers and Washer**

The windshield wipers on your Equinox are controlled by a single lever located on the right side of your steering column. The lever operates both the front windshield wipers and washer and the rear wiper and washer.

The front wiper/washer system provides you with the following settings:

- **MIST (Mist):** Pull the lever down and release it for a single wiping cycle. For additional cycles, hold the lever down before releasing it.
- **OFF (Off):** Move the lever to this position to turn off your wipers.
- **INT (Intermittent):** Place the lever in this position to set a delay between wipes. The Intermittent position allows you to choose the amount of time between wipes by rotating the dial marked with the large arrow (A) to one of the following settings:
  1 – Long delays between wipes.
  2 – Medium delays between wipes.
  3 – Short delays between wipes.
- **LO (Low Speed):** Move the lever to this position for slow, steady wiping cycles.
- **HI (High Speed):** Move the lever to this position for rapid wiping cycles.
(Washer Fluid): Pull the windshield wiper lever toward you to spray washer fluid onto the windshield. The wipers will cycle several times to clear the windshield. For additional wash cycles, simply pull the lever toward you and hold it.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Rear Wiper and Washer

Your rear wiper and washer are controlled by the same lever used for the front wiper system. You can choose from three wiper settings by turning the band on the inner portion of the lever, closer to the steering column (A).

Ø (Off): Turn the band to this position to turn off the wiper.

◇ (On): Place the band in this position for continuous operation with a delay between wipes.

₽ (Wash): Rotate the band to this position to spray a stream of washer fluid onto the rear window. It will continue to provide fluid until you release the band. When you select this position, the wipers will automatically start and stay on until you rotate the band to the Off position.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Cruise Control

The cruise control buttons are located on the steering wheel.

◇ (On/Off): Press this button to turn the cruise control system on and off.

+ RES (Resume): Press this button to resume a set speed, or to increase the set speed if the system is engaged.

If cruise control has been deactivated for more than 60 seconds, the set speed will be erased.

– SET (Set): Press this button to set a speed, or to decrease the set speed if the system is engaged.

When the cruise control is engaged, the cruise control symbol will illuminate in the instrument cluster.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.
Dome Lamps

The dome lamps control, located on the front passenger dome lamp housing, controls both the front and rear lamps. The following settings are available:

- **(Off)**: Place the switch in this position to turn off the dome lamps.
- **(Door)**: Place the switch in this position to have the dome lamps illuminate automatically when a door is opened.
- **(On)**: Place the switch in this position to turn on the dome lamps.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Center Console Features

The center console between the front seats features cupholders and a folding armrest/storage bin. To access the storage bin, pull up the lever on the front of the console. Lift up the entire folding armrest/storage bin for additional storage space for items such as CDs.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Cupholders

A pair of cupholders are located in the front portion of the center console (A) and an additional pair of cupholders are located in the rear of the console (B). There is also one cupholder under the folding armrest/storage bin.

Ashtray and Lighter Kit (if equipped)

An ashtray and lighter accessory kit is available from your dealership.
The sunroof controls are located on the headliner above your rearview mirror. The ignition key must be in the Run or Accessory position to operate this feature.

Vent the Sunroof
• With the sunroof closed, pull down on the front of the switch. The sunroof will open to the vent position. Push up on the front of the switch to close it.

Open the Sunroof
• With the sunroof closed, pull the switch rearward past the detent and release it. The sunroof will express-open automatically. Press the switch rearward again to stop the sunroof.

Close the Sunroof
• Press and hold the switch forward. The sunroof will close only when the switch is being pressed.

Note: In the closed position, the sunroof may not appear parallel with the vehicle headliner.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Fold-Down Front Passenger Seatback

The front passenger seatback can be folded flat, allowing you to carry extra-long cargo, such as skis, lumber, or an eight-foot ladder.

The back of the seat has a durable plastic surface that can be used as a desk or table when the vehicle is stationary.

Fold the Seatback Forward
1. Lift the release bar located under the front of the seat cushion.
2. Slide the seat completely rearward; then release the bar.
3. Push and pull on the seat to ensure it is locked in place.
4. Lift the recliner lever located on the right side of the seat cushion fully upward and fold the seatback forward until it locks in the folded position.
5. Pull up on the seat to ensure it is locked in place.

Front passenger seatback can be folded flat, allowing you to carry extra-long cargo, such as skis, lumber, or an eight-foot ladder.

The back of the seat has a durable plastic surface that can be used as a desk or table when the vehicle is stationary.

Fold the Seatback Forward
1. Lift the release bar located under the front of the seat cushion.
2. Slide the seat completely rearward; then release the bar.
3. Push and pull on the seat to ensure it is locked in place.
4. Lift the recliner lever located on the right side of the seat cushion fully upward and fold the seatback forward until it locks in the folded position.
5. Pull up on the seat to ensure it is locked in place.

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**Return the Seatback to an Upright Position**
1. Lift the recliner lever upward; then use your other hand to raise the seatback to an upright position.
2. Push and pull on the seatback to ensure it is locked in place.
   
   *See Section 1 of your Owner Manual.*

**Recline the Seatback(s)**
1. Lift and hold the lever located on top of the seatback.
2. Tilt the seatback rearward; then release the lever when the seatback is in the desired position.

**Slide the Seat Forward or Rearward**
1. Lift the release bar located under the front of the seat cushion to unlock the seat.
2. Slide the seat to the desired position; then release the bar.
3. Try to move the seat forward and backward to ensure it is locked in place.
   
   *See Section 1 of your Owner Manual.*

**MultiFlex™ Split-Folding and Sliding Rear Seat**
Your vehicle’s rear seatbacks can fold forward to provide additional cargo space. The seatbacks also include two recline positions for greater passenger comfort. In addition, the seat can travel nearly eight inches — two inches forward and six inches backward.

*Note:* Before folding or reclining the seatback(s), ensure that all three rear safety belts are unbuckled and that the front seatbacks are not reclined.

**Fold the Seatback(s) Down**
1. Lift the lever located on top of the seatback.
2. Tilt the seatback forward and down.
Child Restraints (LATCH)

Your vehicle is equipped with LATCH anchors, and may have top tethers for use with a LATCH compatible child restraint. If your child restraint is not compatible with the LATCH system, you may still use it by installing the child restraint with the seat belt system.

Choose a child seat that is appropriate for the child’s age and size (weight and height).

See Section 1 of your Owner Manual.

Multifunction Cargo Panel/Security Cover (if equipped)

This feature serves as an adjustable cargo panel or as a security cover when placed in the upper level position.

The cargo panel is carpeted on one side and has a recessed plastic surface on the other — a convenient feature when carrying wet or dirty cargo. The panel includes four hooks for securing grocery bags and has a swing-down leg that allows the panel to be used as a table.

Four Cargo Panel Positions

The cargo panel can be placed in one of four positions: Upper, Center, Lower and a Table position.

Upper, Center and Lower Positions

1. Insert the panel’s rubber knobs into either the upper, center or lower guides and slide the panel forward.
2. Press down on the back of the panel to lock it in place.

Setting Up the Table

1. Insert the panel’s rubber knobs into the rear of the upper guides.
2. Tilt the panel upward.
3. Unsnap the table leg from the panel; then rotate the leg outward.
4. While lowering the panel, guide the leg onto the striker plate located on the lower trim molding of the vehicle.
5. Be sure that the leg is secure.

Note: The table can only be used in the upper level position. The table can hold a maximum of 100 pounds. Placing hot items on the table surface could damage it. Be sure items placed on the table are of moderate temperature. Always have the panel in the stored position when you are driving; otherwise, vehicle damage may occur.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.
Roof Rack Cross-Rails (if equipped)

The roof rack cross-rails can be secured in four positions along the roof rack side rails. It’s best to have a person on each side of the vehicle to move each cross-rail simultaneously.

Reposition the Cross-Rails:

1. Lift the end cap levers to release the rail.

2. Move the cross-rail so it aligns with the desired side rail hole.

3. Push down the end cap levers.

4. Slide the cross-rails slightly back and forth until the lock pins fully engage the holes. An audible click will be heard. The end cap levers will not fully seat until the lock pins engage the side rail holes completely.

5. Try sliding the cross-rails to verify they’re secure and the end cap levers stay tight.

When not using the roof rack, move the cross-rails to the farthest rearward position to help reduce wind noise.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.
PERFORMANCE & MAINTENANCE

Automatic Transmission

Your vehicle’s electronically controlled automatic transmission is equipped with a control system that reduces excessive transmission shifting while traveling on hilly, winding roads.

The transmission will not upshift to a higher gear if that gear cannot maintain speed on the grade. If you completely lift off the accelerator pedal and the transmission does not upshift on a steep grade, it is normal — the computer is preventing unnecessary shifting. After reaching the top of the hill, the normal gearshift schedule will resume operation.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

All-Wheel Drive System (if equipped)

Your vehicle may be equipped with an “on-demand” All-Wheel Drive (AWD) system. The system has no buttons or controls, as it is completely automatic. There may be a slight engagement sound or feel when the system engages, but this is normal.

See Section 4 of your Owner Manual.

Traction Control (Front-wheel drive models only)

This feature limits wheelspin on slippery surfaces. The system activates automatically whenever you start your vehicle and should be left on at all times. When the system is operating, a Traction Control light will illuminate in the instrument panel. You may also hear or feel the system working. This is normal.

If your vehicle becomes stuck and it is necessary to “rock” the vehicle in order to free it, you can temporarily turn off the system by pressing the traction control button located above the audio system on the instrument panel.

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**Battery Rundown Protection**

Your vehicle has a battery saver feature that will automatically turn off interior lamps and the radio after a predetermined period of time with the ignition off. The battery rundown protection does not apply to the accessory power outlets (APO). Any device that is plugged into an APO with the ignition off will discharge power from the battery. All devices should be disconnected from an APO when leaving the vehicle.

*See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.*

**Malfunction Indicator Lamp (Check Engine Light)**

Your vehicle is equipped with an On-Board Diagnostics System (OBD II) that monitors the fuel, ignition and emission systems. OBD II helps ensure that your vehicle’s emissions remain at acceptable levels. If a problem requiring service occurs, a “Check Engine” light will illuminate in the instrument cluster.

If the Malfunction Indicator Lamp is flashing:

- When it is safe to do so, stop the vehicle and turn the engine off.
- Wait 10 seconds and restart the engine.

If the light remains on steadily, see the steps below. If the light continues flashing, follow the previous steps and see your dealer for service as soon as possible.

If the Malfunction Indicator Lamp remains on:

- And you have recently refueled your vehicle, remove and then reinstall the fuel cap, making sure that it is tight (it will make a ratcheting sound).
- A few driving trips with the cap properly attached should turn the light off automatically.

*See Section 5 of your Owner Manual.*

**Cleaning the Interior Upholstery**

In general, cleaning the entire seat panel is recommended, starting from the seams and moving into the stain to avoid a ring effect after drying.

For the sport cloth fabric seats, in most instances, mild soapy water and a clean white cloth will remove spills and spots. For oil and grease spots, sprinkle baking soda on the spot, and then brush and wipe with a clean white cloth. See your Owner Manual for additional cleaning information.

*See Section 5 of your Owner Manual.*
For prompt and efficient assistance when calling, please provide the following information:

- Location of the vehicle
- Telephone number and your location
- Vehicle model, year and color
- Vehicle mileage
- Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)
- Vehicle license plate number

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

**Roadside Assistance and OnStar (if equipped)**

If your vehicle is OnStar-equipped, press the blue OnStar button and the vehicle will send your current GPS location to an OnStar Advisor who will speak to you, assess your condition, contact Roadside Assistance and relay your exact location so you will get the help you need.

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