This *Quick Reference Guide* is a summary of basic vehicle operations. It contains brief descriptions of fundamental operations so you can locate and use the vehicle’s main equipment quickly and easily.

The *Quick Reference Guide* is not intended as a substitute for the *Owner’s Manual* located in the vehicle’s glove box. We strongly encourage you to review the *Owner’s Manual* and supplementary manuals so you will have a better understanding of the vehicle’s capabilities and limitations.

Your dealership and the entire staff of Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. wish you many years of satisfied driving in your new RAV4.

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! A word about safe vehicle operations

This *Quick Reference Guide* is not a full description of RAV4 operations. Every RAV4 owner should review the *Owner’s Manual* that accompanies this vehicle.

Pay special attention to the boxed "△CAUTION" information highlighted throughout the *Owner’s Manual*. Each box contains safe operating instructions to help you avoid injury or equipment malfunction.

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* Visit your Toyota dealer for information on customizing this feature.
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Instrument panel

Steering wheel controls

1. Steering wheel audio controls
2. Telephone controls*
3. Speech command button*
4. Cruise control
5. Instrument panel light control
6. Headlight, turn signal and front fog light* control
7. Wiper and washer controls
8. Four-wheel drive lock switch (4WD models) or “AUTO LSD” switch (2WD models)
9. Audio system
10. Emergency flasher switch
11. Front passenger occupant classification indicator
12. Air Conditioning controls
13. Rear window and outside rearview mirror defogger switch*
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FEATURES/OPERATIONS

SAFETY AND EMERGENCY FEATURES

- Clock and Air Conditioning display
- 12V DC Power outlet
- Seat heater switch*
- Downhill Assist Control switch
- Front passenger seat belt reminder light
- Engine immobilizer indicator*
- Engine switch
- Tilt and telescopic steering release
- 115V AC Power outlet ON/OFF switch*

* If equipped
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Instrument cluster

1. Tachometer
2. Service indicator and reminder
3. Speedometer
4. Engine coolant temperature
5. Fuel gauge
6. Odometer, two trip meters and outside temperature display
7. Trip meter reset knob

Indicator symbols

- **BRAKE**: Brake system warning
- **Driver/Front passenger seat belt reminder** (alarm will sound if speed is over 12 mph)
- **Charging system warning**
- **Low engine oil pressure warning**
- **Malfunction/Check Engine indicator**
- **Low fuel level warning**
- **Engine oil replacement reminder**
  - Vehicle Stability Control warning
  - “AUTO LSD” warning
  - Traction Control warning
  - Downhill Assist Control warning
  - Hill-start Assist Control warning
- **Open door warning**

1 For details, refer to “Service reminder indicators and warning buzzers,” Section 1-6, 2008 Owner’s Manual.
2 For details, refer to “Active torque control 4WD system,” Section 1-7, 2008 Owner’s Manual.
Airbag SRS warning
Automatic Transmission fluid temperature warning
Low Tire Pressure Warning
"4WD" warning
Electric power steering system warning
Low windshield washer fluid level warning
Front passenger occupant classification indicator
Headlight high beam indicator
Turn signal indicator
Front fog light indicator
Automatic Transmission indicator (4-speed)
Automatic Transmission indicator (5-speed)
Four-wheel drive lock indicator
Slip indicator
"AUTO LSD" indicator
Downhill Assist Control indicator
Cruise control indicator
Anti-lock Brake System warning

3 If this light flashes, refer to “Cruise control,” Section 1-7, 2008 Owner’s Manual.
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**Fuel tank door release and cap**

*NOTE:* Tighten until one click is heard. If the cap is not tightened enough, Check Engine “!” indicator may illuminate.

**Keyless entry**

Beep sound can be switched “ON” or “OFF.” Refer to the *Owner’s Manual* for more details.

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*NOTE:* After unlocking, if a door is not opened within 30 seconds, all doors will relock for safety.
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FEATURES/OPERATIONS

SAFETY AND EMERGENCY FEATURES

Hood release

Panic button

Push and hold

Pull up latch and raise hood

Pull

Pull up latch and raise hood
Engine coolant reservoir
2 Engine oil filler cap
3 Engine oil level dipstick
4 Windshield and back window washer fluid tank

Note: Regularly scheduled maintenance, including oil changes, will help extend the life of your vehicle and maintain performance. Please refer to the "Owner's Warranty Information Booklet," "Scheduled Maintenance Guide" or "Owner's Manual Supplement.”
**Automatic Transmission**

### 4-speed models

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* The engine switch must be ON, and the brake pedal depressed to shift from “Park.”

Downshifting increases power going uphill, or provides engine braking downhill. For best fuel economy during normal driving conditions, always drive with the shift lever in the “D” position.
**Active torque control 4WD (4WD models)**

Four-wheel drive lock switch

Push the switch to ensure that the engine torque is applied to the four wheels.

**NOTE:** Should ONLY be used when wheel spinning occurs on loose or unpaved surfaces.

Refer to the *Owner’s Manual* for more details.

**Seat adjustments-Front**

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1. Position  
2. Height crank (driver side only)  
3. Seatback angle  
4. Driver seat: position, cushion angle and height  
   Passenger seat: position only  
5. Seatback angle  
6. Lumbar support
**Seats-Head restraints**

Front seats

Second row seats

Third row seats

Lock release button

**Seat adjustments-Second row seats**

Vehicles with third row seats

1. Position
2. Seatback angle
3. Seatback lock release
Seats-Folding down second row seats

Vehicles without third row seats

Left side remote seat release

Right side remote seat release

Vehicles with third row seats

(1) Push

(2) Lower

(3) Pull down
Seats—Stowing third row seats (if equipped)

1. Push
2. Lower
3. Pull
4. Fold down
5. Pull up
6. Lift up
7. Push down
8. Push to lock in
9. Push to lock in

Windshield wipers & washers

Front

- Adjust interval
- Single wipe
- Pull to wash and wipe
- Interval wipe
- Slow
- Fast

Rear

- Wash and wipe
- Wipe
- Interval wipe
- Wash and wipe
# Lights & turn signals

## Headlights

- **Headlights**
- **Parking lights**

![High beam](image1)

![Low beam](image2)

![High beam flasher](image3)

- **Daytime Running Light system (if equipped)**
  Automatically turns on the headlights at a reduced intensity.

- **Automatic light cut off system**
  Will automatically turn lights off after a delay of 30 seconds, or the lock switch on remote may be pushed.

## Turn signals

- **Right turn**
- **Lane change**

![Lane change](image4)

- **Left turn**

## Front fog lights (if equipped)

- **Turn**

Front fog lights come on only when the headlights are on low beam.
**Parking brake**

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**Tilt and telescopic steering wheel**

Hold wheel, push lever down, set angle and length, and return lever.

*NOTE: Do not attempt to adjust while the vehicle is in motion.*

**Windows**

**Driver side**

- **Automatic operation (driver side only)**: Push the switch completely down or pull it completely up and release to fully open or close. To stop window midway, lightly push the switch in the opposite direction.

- **Window lock switch**: Deactivates all passenger windows. Driver’s window remains operable.

*NOTE: If the battery is disconnected, the window needs to be reinitialized. Refer to the Owner’s Manual for more details.*
**Seat heaters (if equipped)**

- Left front seat
- Right front seat

**Air Conditioning/Heating**

### Automatic Air Conditioning

1. Temperature (driver side)
2. Fresh or recirculated cabin air
3. Airflow vent
   - In "(room icon)" or "(room icon)" mode, use fresh air ("(room icon)" indicator "OFF") to reduce window fogging.
4. Air Conditioning ON/OFF
5. "DUAL" button
   - **Indicator ON:** Separate temperature settings for driver and passenger.
   - **Indicator OFF:** Synchronize temperature settings for driver and passenger.
6. Temperature (front passenger side)
7. Micro dust and pollen filter ON/OFF
8. Rear defogger
9. Fan speed
10. Climate control OFF
11. Automatic climate control ON
   - Adjust the temperature setting, and airflow vents and fan will adjust automatically.
Manual Air Conditioning

1. Airflow vent selector
   In "겠습니다" or " moden, use fresh air ("겠습니다" indicator “OFF”) to reduce window fogging.
2. Fan speed
3. Temperature
4. Air Conditioning ON/OFF
5. Use for quick cooling. MAX A/C changes air intake to recirculate. It is not possible to change intake to fresh, or to turn A/C OFF in this mode.
6. Rear defogger
7. Fresh or recirculated cabin air

Clock

Manual Air Conditioning system

Automatic Air Conditioning system

H- Hour set
M- Minute set
:00- Round off minutes

Bottle holders

Front doors
Rear doors
**CD PLAYER**

To scan tracks on a disc  Push “SCAN.” Push again to hold selection.

**CD Changer (Type 2)**
- To load one disc  Push “LOAD” and insert one disc.
- To load multiple discs  Push and hold “LOAD” until you hear a beep. Insert one disc. *Wait until the green indicator illuminates and shutter opens to insert next disc.*

To select a file (MP3/WMA only)  Turn “TUNE-FILE.”
To select a folder (MP3/WMA only)  Push either side of “FOLDER” or “TYPE/FOLDER.”
RADIO

To preset stations  Tune in the desired station and hold down a preset button (1-6) until you hear a beep. Push desired preset button (1-6) to select.

To scan stations  Push “SCAN.” Push and hold to scan preset stations. Push again to hold selection.

Steering wheel controls (if equipped)

1  “- +”  
Volume control
2  “MODE”  
Push to turn audio ON and select an audio mode. Push and hold to turn the audio OFF.
3  “∧ ∨ ”  
- In radio mode Push to select a preset station; push and hold to seek the next strong station.  
- In CD mode Push to skip up or down to next/previous track.

AUX audio jack

By inserting a mini plug into the AUX audio jack, you can listen to music from a portable audio device through the vehicle’s speaker system.
FEATURES/OPERATIONS

Rear seat entertainment system (if equipped)

1. Front audio system
2. DVD player
3. DVD screen
4. Remote control
5. A/V input adapter
6. 115V AC Power outlet
7. 115V AC Power outlet ON/OFF switch

Moonroof (if equipped)

**Sliding operation**

![Sliding operation diagram]

**Tilting operation**

![Tilting operation diagram]

**NOTE:** If battery is disconnected, the moonroof needs to be reinitialized. Refer to the Owner’s Manual for more details.
Telephone controls (Bluetooth®)* (if equipped)

Bluetooth® technology allows dialing or receipt of calls without taking hands from the steering wheel or using a cable to connect the telephone and the system. Refer to the Owner’s Manual for more details.

Door locks

Auto LSD (Limited Slip Differential) (2WD models)

Push the “AUTO LSD” switch when the vehicle is stopped. To deactivate, push the switch again.

NOTE: Will ONLY work for 2-wheel drive models. Should ONLY be used when wheel spinning occurs on slippery or unpaved surfaces.

Refer to the Owner’s Manual for more details on this system before attempting to use it.
**Power outlets**

**12V DC**

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**NOTE:** Designed for car accessories. Engine switch must be in the “ACC” or “ON” position to be used.

**Luggage Compartment**

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**115V AC (if equipped)**

**NOTE:** Engine switch must be in the “ON” position to be used.

**Light control-Instrument panel**

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With the dial turned fully up, instrument panel lights will not dim when the headlights are turned ON.
### Cruise control

**Turning system ON/OFF**

![System ON/OFF](image)

**Functions**

- **Cancel**
- **Resume**
- **Increase speed**
- **Set/Decrease speed**

1. The set speed may also be cancelled by depressing the brake pedal.
2. The set speed may be resumed once vehicle speed exceeds 25 mph.

Refer to the *Owner’s Manual* for more details.

### Cup holders

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- **Second row**
- **Third row side trim (if equipped)**
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Doors-Child safety locks

Moving the lever to “LOCK” will allow the door to be opened only from the outside.

Seat belts

If belt is fully extended, then retracted even slightly, it cannot be re-extended beyond that point, unless fully retracted again. This feature is used to help hold child restraint systems securely.

To find more information about seat belts, and how to install a child restraint system, refer to the Owner’s Manual.

Seat belts-Shoulder belt anchor

Tire Pressure Warning System

The system is designed to provide a warning when tire pressure of any one of the tires (including the spare) is critically low.

Refer to the Owner’s Manual for more details.
Spare tire & tools

Tool location

Luggage compartment
Inside left side box

Luggage compartment
Inside right side box

Removing the spare tire

(1)

(2)

(1) To remove the spare tire cover,* open the back door. Unhook the latch on the bottom of the cover. After closing the back door, remove the cover.
(2) To remove the spare tire, turn the wheel nuts counterclockwise with the wheel nut wrench and remove.

Refer to the Owner’s Manual for tire changing and jack positioning procedures.

* If equipped