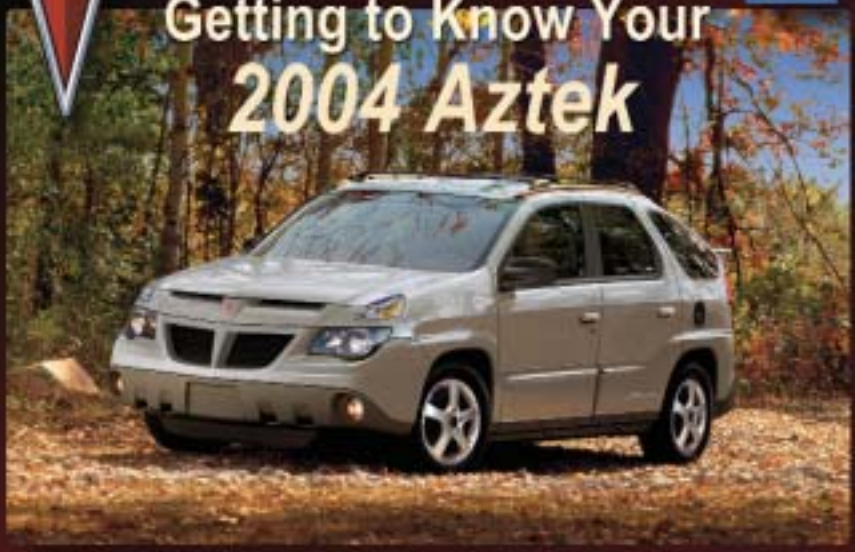
Getting to Know Your 2004 Aztek



Congratulations on your purchase of a Pontiac Aztek. 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.

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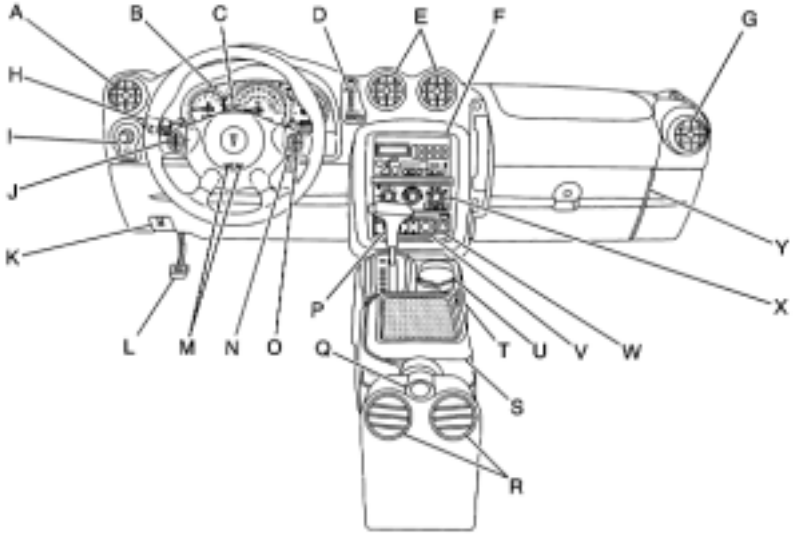
Instrument Panel



A. Side Outlets
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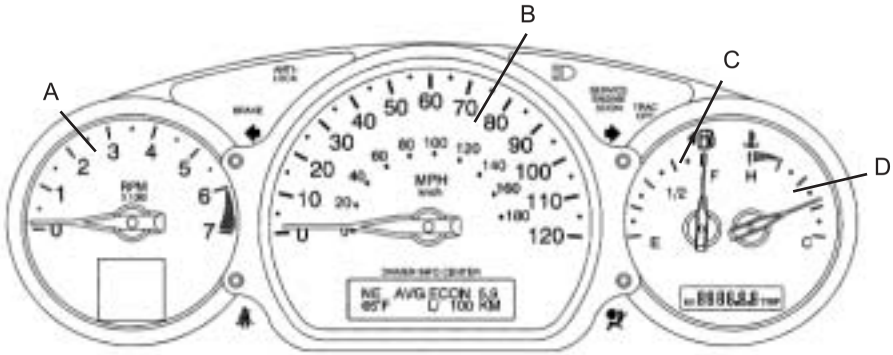
See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

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. 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 3 of your Owner Manual.

Driver Information Center (optional)

The Driver Information Center (DIC) can display a compass, trip information, fuel economy information, personalization features and other messages or warnings. The DIC display is located on the instrument cluster directly above the steering column. The DIC controls include MODE and SET buttons and are located to the right of the instrument panel cluster.



MODE: Press this button to cycle through the options on the display.

SET: After selecting the mode you wish to view, use the SET button to toggle between choices or select the desired setting.

Pressing the MODE button repeatedly will scroll through the following driver information levels:

- Average fuel economy (AVG ECONOMY) calculates how many miles per gallon you are getting based on overall driving conditions
- Instant Economy (INST ECONOMY) calculates miles per gallon being returned at a particular moment
- Fuel Range (RANGE) estimates the remaining distance you can drive with out refueling. It is based on recent fuel economy and remaining fuel
- FUEL USED displays the amount of fuel that has been used since it was last reset
- Average Speed (AVG SPEED) shows the vehicle's average speed since being started. To reset it, press the MODE button until average speed is displayed, then press and hold the SET button until the speed displayed is replaced by your current speed
- Oil Life Left (OIL LIFE LEFT HOLD SET TO RESET) displays the percentage of engine oil life remaining before an oil/oil filter change is needed. Reset this GM Oil Life Indicator only when the oil is changed. To reset it, press the DIC MODE button until OIL LIFE LEFT HOLD SET TO RESET is displayed, then press and hold the SET button until 100% is displayed and the CHANGE ENGINE OIL light on the instrument panel turns off

For full engine oil information, see Section 5 of your Owner Manual.

- TIRE PRESSURE indicates a large pressure change in one tire, when the vehicle is moving. See Section 5 of the Owner Manual for full details
- Select English or metric units (USE SET TO SELECT ENGLISH METRIC) allows you to select English or metric units of measure; the SET button toggles between the choices

- OFF turns off the DIC display three seconds after it is selected. Press the MODE button to turn the display back on

The DIC can memorize personalized settings for up to two drivers. A corresponding Remote Keyless Entry System transmitter identifies each driver. Using a key to access the vehicle leaves settings personalized for the last driver in the vehicle.

Personalizing the DIC

- Enter Programming Mode by turning the ignition key to ON with the transmission in PARK
- Repeatedly press and release the MODE button until PRESS SET TO BEGIN PERSONALIZATION is displayed
- Press the SET button. On the display, TO SELECT DRIVER PRESS REMOTE LOCK appears
- Press the LOCK button on your key fob transmitter. This identifies you with the key fob signal and, if key fob transmitter #1 is being used, identifies the transmitter number by displaying PERSONALIZATION FOR DRIVER 1. If key fob transmitter #2 is being used, the DIC identifies the transmitter number by displaying PERSONALIZATION FOR DRIVER 2
- The PROGRAM MODE message in the display center indicates that it is ready to begin programming

Follow the DIC instructions on the display to personalize each of the following:

- Headlamp exit delay
- Interior lighting delay
- Interior lighting on
- Auto door lock/unlock
- Delayed locking
- Remote door unlock
- Lock/unlock feedback

Exiting Programming Mode

When you have reached the end of the entire personalization list by pressing the MODE button, the PERSONALIZATION SELECTION DONE message appears on the DIC display, followed by PRESS SET TO EXIT MODE TO CONTINUE. To go back through the list again, press MODE. If you are satisfied with your settings, press SET. Your can also exit programming mode by:

- Shifting the vehicle out of PARK (P)
- Turning the ignition key out of the ON position
- Not programming any commands for one minute, while in the programming mode

Note: If equipped with DIC, when the outside temperature is below 38°F, the display will flash between “ICE” and the current temperature for two minutes after starting the vehicle. This safety feature warns of possible icy conditions and that caution should be taken when driving.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Compass Calibration (optional)

The vehicle's compass heading is displayed on the DIC display. In some instances, the compass may not be fully calibrated from the factory, resulting in the letter "C" for calibration displayed on the DIC. Should this condition occur, find a large area free from metal objects and drive in a continuous circle three times to calibrate the compass. The compass will subsequently calibrate itself.

Also note that there is a difference between magnetic north and geographic ("true") north, which is great enough in some areas of the country to give a false reading. In this case, manual calibration is required. See Section 3 of the Owner Manual to manually calibrate the compass.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Auto Door Lock/Unlock

The DIC (optional) is factory-set to automatically lock all doors when all doors are closed, the engine is running and the shift lever is moved out of the PARK (P) position. All of the doors will also unlock automatically after the vehicle has been shifted back into PARK. Using the DIC MODE and SET buttons, you can personalize the automatic lock/unlock to one of several different settings:

- **OFF:** When the shift lever is put in PARK, the doors will not unlock automatically
- **DRIVER:** When the shift lever is put in PARK, only the driver's door will unlock automatically
- **ALL:** When the shift lever is put in PARK, all doors will unlock automatically (original factory setting)

If the DRIVER or ALL setting is selected, you can also choose additional settings:

- **PARK:** Automatically unlocks the selected door(s) when the shift lever is placed into PARK (original factory setting)
- **KEY OUT:** Unlocks the door(s) when the ignition key is removed

Full DIC programming instructions for this and all other DIC modes are in Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

See Section 3 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 3 of your Owner Manual.

Headlamp Controls



The exterior lamps knob is located on the instrument panel, to the left of the steering wheel. The AUTO position activates the automatic headlamp system that illuminates all exterior lamps and the instrument panel/radio lights when they are needed. The position manually illuminates the taillamps and the instrument panel/radio lights. The position manually activates the headlamps, all exterior tail/marker lamps and the instrument panel/radio lights.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Automatic Headlamp System

If the headlamp rotary knob is in the AUTO position during daytime driving, it 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 light sensor is located on top of the instrument panel. To ensure proper system operation, avoid placing objects or stickers on or near the sensor.

Turning Off the Automatic Headlamps or Daytime Running Lamps (DRLs)

Turning off your vehicle's automatic headlamp system or DRLs requires the vehicle to be parked. Then, apply the parking brake before turning on the ignition. This will keep the headlamps from coming on automatically. However, upon releasing the parking brake, the automatic headlamp control will resume operation.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Fog Lamps



The Fog Lamps button is located in the center of the exterior lamps switch that controls the parking lamps and headlamps. To activate the fog lamps, press the FOG PUSH button. To turn them off, press the button again or turn off the ignition. The fog lamps automatically turn off when you activate the headlamp high beams, and come back on when the low beams are turned back on. Use of high beams in fog is not recommended.

> **Note:** To use the fog lamps, they must be turned on each time you start the vehicle.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Interior Lamps



The interior lamp control on the instrument panel can be set to:

- **OFF**, which disables the interior lamps entirely, whether or not a door is open
- **DOOR**, which turns on the interior lamps when a door is opened
- **ON**, which turns the interior lamps on continuously

To adjust instrument panel lamp brightness, press on the center of the interior lamp control and it will extend. Twist the knob to achieve the desired illumination level, and push the control knob to its stored position.

Note: If the interior lamps do not illuminate when opening a door, most likely the lamp control is in the "Off" position. (See instructions above).

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Head-Up Display (HUD) (optional)



The HUD displays important information on an image that appears to be focused toward the front of the vehicle. "Projecting" the information in this way permits the driver to remain well informed without taking his or her eyes off the road.

Information that can be displayed on the HUD includes:

- Vehicle speed (constant display)
- Current radio station (for three seconds after status changes)
- CD number and/or track number or tape (for three seconds after status changes)
- Turn signal indicators (when activated)
- High beam indicator (when activated)
- Low fuel warning message (when activated)
- Check gauges (when activated)

Should the CHECK GAUGES message illuminate, the DIC display may show one of the following:

- Engine Coolant Temperature Warning Message

- Low Oil Pressure Message
- Charging System Indicator Message
- Low Brake Fluid Warning Message

Turn the HUD ON/OFF and adjust brightness: Turn the HUD OFF by rotating the uppermost HUD control rotary dimmer knob counterclockwise until it clicks off. Turn the HUD on by rotating the same knob clockwise to the desired level of brightness. When driving in dark conditions, do not make the HUD so bright that it interferes with your view of the road.

Adjust the HUD position: With the driver seat adjusted, press the UP or DN button on the instrument panel until the HUD image is in full view (but as low as possible) straight ahead near the front bumper. There is no side-to-side adjustment.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Manual Climate Control System

To cool the vehicle interior more quickly on very hot days, open the windows just long enough to let the hot air escape. For quick cooling, press the button to activate the recirculation mode.

Use the MODE knob on the right of the heat and A/C control panel to direct air to the instrument panel vents (VENT), half to the instrument panel vents and half to the floor (BI-LEVEL), the floor (FLOOR), or to the windshield to defog or defrost .

Regulate the airflow by turning the fan control knob clockwise for more air volume.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Dual Manual Climate Control System (optional)



Your vehicle may be equipped with a climate control system that allows the driver and front seat passenger to move separate temperature levers that personalize the desired temperature to the corresponding seating position.

All other heating, ventilation and air conditioning controls operate similarly to the manual climate control system.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

Seats



Heated Seats (Optional): For additional comfort during cold weather, the front seats can be heated. The buttons to control this feature are located on the instrument panel switchbank. The left switch is for the driver seat and the right switch is for the front passenger seat. Press the top of the switch to turn the heater on and the bottom of the switch to turn if off. The switch will turn OFF when the ignition is turned to off, and, if left in the ON position, it will turn on when the vehicle is restarted.

Second-Row Folding Seat: When folding the second-row seat forward, ensure that the center head restraint is placed in its lowest position to prevent contact with the front floor console storage area.

See Section 1 of your Owner Manual.

Opening the Vehicle Hood



To open the hood, pull the hood release handle located under the driver's side of the instrument panel.

Under the leading edge of the hood itself, slide the secondary hood release handle from left to right and lift the hood.



Position the prop rod in its slot on the underside of the hood as applicable.

See Section 5 of your Owner Manual.

Entertainment Systems



Radio Data System (RDS): Your RDS-equipped radio has the capability to:

- Seek only radio stations with the program types you prefer (such as Jazz, Rock, News, etc.)
- Seek stations with traffic announcements
- Receive announcements concerning local and national emergencies
- Receive and display messages from radio stations

RDS features work only on FM stations that broadcast RDS information. These

features only work when the station broadcasts the RDS.

Speed-Compensated Volume (SCV): Your audio system can compensate automatically for wind and road noise that comes with increased speed. Set volume at the desired level, then press the AUTO VOL button repeatedly to display your choice of OFF, MIN, MED or MAX settings. Each higher setting adds more volume compensation at increased speeds. Choose OFF to disable SCV.

Radio with Six-Disc CD: To load one CD on vehicles equipped with the radio/six-disc CD, perform the following steps:

1. Turn the ignition on, then press and hold the LOAD button for two seconds. The unit beeps and the light to the right of the slot begins to flash
2. When the light stops flashing and turns green, insert a disc partway, label side up

To load multiple CDs in the Six-Disc CD Player, follow the above steps.



- When more than one disc is loaded, a number for each disc is displayed
- To play a specific CD, press the CD AUX button, then the number of the CD you want to hear
- A small bar appears under the CD number that is playing, and the track number appears

Rear Seat Entertainment (Optional): Available rear-seat entertainment includes:

- An audio system
- A DVD player
- Wireless headphones with an ON/OFF and VOLUME control
- RCA jacks on the overhead console for a camcorder, video game unit or other auxiliary device
- Mini headphone jacks on the overhead console for use with auxiliary devices
- A video screen located in the overhead console

Playing DVDs in Temperature Extremes: The optional DVD player's operating temperature range is between minus-four degrees F (-4° F) and 140 degrees F. When temperatures are outside this range, shut off the entertainment system, pull down the video screen, and heat or cool the vehicle until the operating range is reached.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Console/Cooler (optional)



This feature can store up to twelve 12-ounce cans, compact discs or cassette tapes and has a coinholder.

To open the console/cooler, move the handle fully down toward the passenger seat, then lift the lid. To remove the console/cooler from the vehicle, lift the driver's side handle fully upward and remove it.

To move it back into place, position it in its storage area and push the handle down to the driver's side until you hear a click. Move it from side to side to ensure that it's in place.

Important: To properly secure the console/cooler, the handle must be latched down toward the driver's seat. To access the cooler's contents, the handle must be on the passenger side.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Content Theft-Deterrent System (optional)



The Content Theft-Deterrent System has a red indicator lamp atop the center of the instrument panel that flashes slowly when the system is armed. After closing all vehicle doors, the system can be activated in two ways:

- Press the LOCK button on the Remote Keyless Entry key fob
- Press the power door LOCK switch with the door open and the key removed from the ignition

The alarm is armed when the indicator lamp on the top-center of the instrument panel begins blinking.

If the alarm is tripped, the horn sounds and the headlamps and parking lamps also flash. The alarm sounds whenever a locked door is opened without the key or Remote Keyless Entry System transmitter, or someone tries to turn on the ignition without the correct key.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Opening the Liftgate



Your vehicle has a remote liftgate release button located in the instrument panel switchbank (shown). With the shift lever in PARK (P) or NEUTRAL (N), press this release button to open the liftgate. You can also open it from the outside of the vehicle by using the key in the lift-

gate or by pressing REAR on the Remote Keyless Entry System key fob transmitter.



When the liftgate is opened, reach inside the tailgate to lift the handle and open the tailgate. To close them, always close the tailgate first. Closing the liftgate first can result in damage or breakage.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Sliding Rear Convenience Tray (optional)

This feature makes it easier to load, organize and remove items from the rear of your vehicle. To use this feature:

- Push the release lever located in front of the handle of the tray to release it from the floor assembly.
- Pull the tray toward you until you hear a click, indicating the tray is in the extended locked position.
- Push the release lever again and roll the tray back into the vehicle until hearing a click, indicating the tray's locked position.

Note: Under normal driving conditions, the tray's latching mechanism provides sufficient retention. However, the tray's tether strap provides added safety in the event of a collision. The strap does not affect the tray's ability to be maneuvered into the vehicle or over the tailgate.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Adjusting the Roof Rack Crossrails

If your vehicle is equipped with a sunroof, you will need to first remove the sunroof stop in order to adjust the roof rack crossrails. To remove the sunroof stop, use the special tool located in the glove box, and then:

- Place the tool on the screw located in the side rail assembly in front of the crossrail.
- Remove the screw and repeat for the other side.
- Put the tools and screw back in the plastic bag in the glove box.

Adjusting the Rails:

- Lift the release lever on each side of the crossrails (unlocked position). Slide the rails forward or backward to accommodate various size loads as needed.
- Engage the release lever to lock the rails in place.

Replacing the Sunroof Stop:

- Place the rear crossrail in the fully rear position.
- Move the front crossrail rearward of the sunroof stop screw hole. Put the screws back into each siderail assembly.

Important: Do not open the sunroof (if equipped), if the crossrails are not in the fully rear position, as damage could result to the sunroof glass panel and/or crossrails.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

Rear Door Security Locks



To prevent rear seat passengers from opening the rear doors from the inside:

- Open a rear door and locate the lock on the inside of the door.
- Slide it to the LOCK position.

Repeat the process for the other rear door. To disable this feature, reverse the process.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

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 in order to use the LATCH system. (See the Owner Manual for full instructions for securing conventional and LATCH-compatible child restraints in your Aztek.)



LATCH locations are below the contrasting fabric dots on second-row split-bench seats (shown). There are two LATCH locations in the second row (both outboard seating positions).

See Section 1 of your Owner Manual.

Rear Center Shoulder Belt



The rear seat's center shoulder belt stows overhead. To use it, remove it from its stowage location, pull it down and attach it to the belt buckle, inserting its knob through the buckle keyhole. This completes the three-point belt routing. The elastic strap stored under the driver-side head restraint connects with a sliding loop on the belt. Hook the elastic strap to the loop, as shown, to lower the routing of the belt as needed for maximum comfort.

See Section 1 of your Owner Manual.

Automatic Level Control (optional)

Vehicles equipped with this feature may make an occasional “whirring” sound under the rear of the vehicle. Under heavier rear loads, this noise indicates that the system air compressor is operating to provide a level ride height, and is normal.

See Section 4 of your Owner Manual.

All-Wheel Drive (AWD) System (optional)

AWD-equipped vehicles automatically transfer power to the rear wheels when the front wheels begin to slip. No action by the driver is required. There may be a slight noise when the system engages; this is normal.

See Section 4 of your Owner Manual.

Traction Control System (TCS) (optional)

Vehicles equipped with TCS limit wheelspin. TCS only operates when it senses that one or both of the front wheels are beginning to lose traction. When this happens, the system operates the front brakes and reduces engine power to limit wheelspin. It is normal to hear or feel the system working. TCS is automatically enabled whenever you start the vehicle. You can disable it if your vehicle ever gets stuck in sand, mud or snow and it is necessary to rock the vehicle to get it free. To disable TCS, press the TRAC OFF button located on the instrument panel switchbank. The TRAC OFF light then comes on. Enable the system by pressing the TRAC OFF button again and the TRAC OFF light will go out.

See Section 4 of your Owner Manual.

Setting Up the Tent (optional)

Note: Before getting started, make sure your Aztek's engine and exhaust has cooled to prevent injury and damage to the tent.

- Open the hatch and lower the tailgate



- Unroll the tent and slip it over the hatch with the Aztek logo facing outward
- Install the hatch strut supports to keep the hatch from inadvertently closing. Place one support on each side, starting from the bottom and working your way up
- Once the tent is supported by the hatch, cover the bumper with the fabric at the bottom of the tent



- Locate the two attaching straps at the leading edge of the tent. Secure them to the roof rail tie-down ring on top of the vehicle
- Locate the two attachment points on the passenger side wheelwell. One is a hole in the wheelwell, the other is the edge of the frame. Using these points, clip on the attached hooks (repeat procedure on driver's side)
- Locate and assemble the fiberglass tent pole to its full length. Ensure each of the nine segments are firmly seated at their connection points
- Feed the pole through the nylon sleeve located above the tent's zipper door



- Insert the ends of the poles through the tent's bottom corner pockets



- Secure hooks at the sides of the tent to the pole
- To remove slack at the bottom of the tent, buckle the tent's cinch straps (located under the tailgate) and cinch them tightly



Note: See your Installing the Aztek Tent booklet for erecting the tent canopy. Or, access MyGMLink for more detailed tent installation information.

Fuel Economy

A variety of factors can affect your fuel economy. They include:

- Vehicle maintenance
- Driving technique
- Proper tire pressure
- Vehicle loads
- Roof (luggage) rack use
- Trailering
- Air temperature/density; headwinds

For best fuel economy:

- Drive with the transaxle selector in AUTOMATIC OVERDRIVE (D)
- Use only your right foot to activate the brake pedal
- Avoid "jackrabbit" starts and maintain a set speed during steady-state driving
- Maintain proper tire pressure (check with every fuel-up)
- Keep the vehicle on the recommended maintenance schedule
- Load cargo on the roof rack for long trips only when necessary
- Understand that trailering reduces fuel economy

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Roadside Assistance Program

1-800-ROADSIDE (1-800-762-3743)

TTY Users: 1-888-889-2438

Pontiac Motor Division is proud to offer premium Pontiac Roadside Assistance to customers for vehicles covered under the 3-year/36,000-mile (60,000 km) new car warranty (whichever occurs first).

As the owner of a 2004 Aztek, you are automatically eligible for Pontiac Roadside Assistance. Membership is free; however, some services may incur costs. Pontiac Roadside Assistance is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

We will provide the following services for 3 years/36,000 mi. (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

For prompt and efficient assistance when calling, please provide the following information to the advisor:

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

For problems that cannot be resolved over the phone, our advisors have access to a nationwide network of dealer-recommended service providers.

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