



# Getting to Know Your 2009 G3



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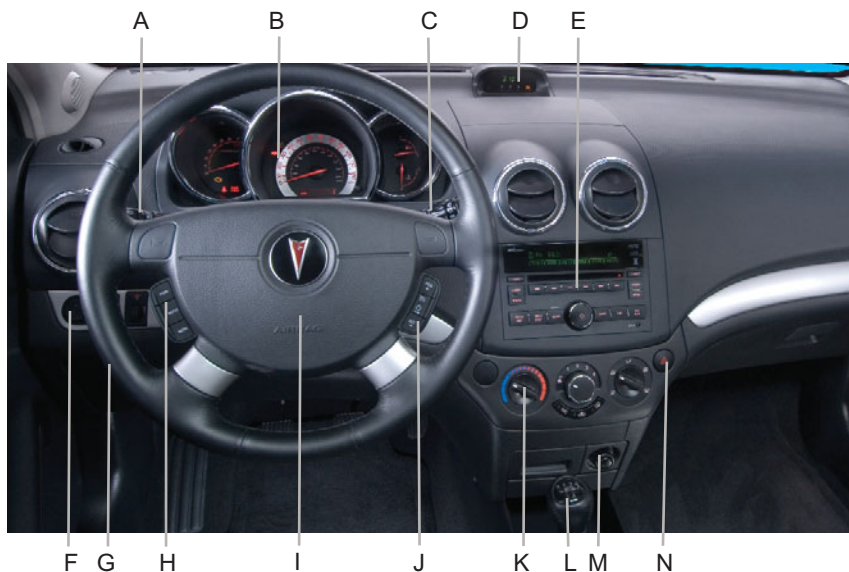
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Congratulations on your purchase of a Pontiac G3. Please read this information about your vehicle's features and your Owner Manual to ensure an outstanding ownership experience. Note that your vehicle may not include all the features described in this booklet. Keep this booklet with your Owner Manual for easy reference.

## DRIVER INFORMATION

## Instrument Panel

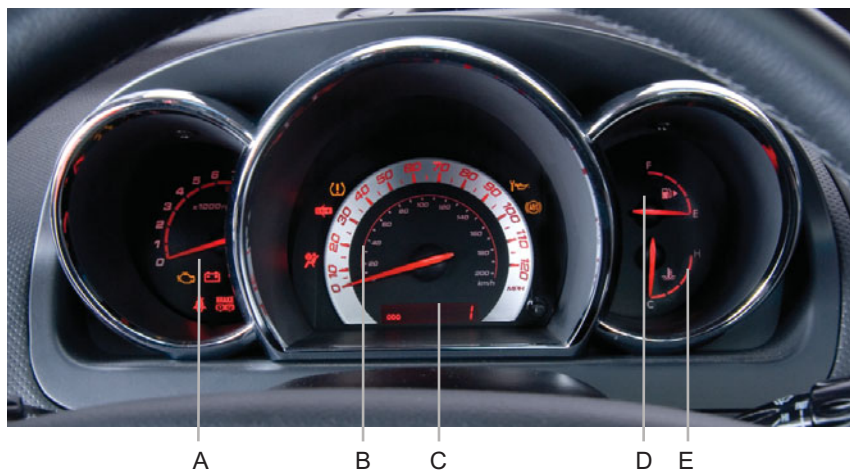


The main features of the instrument panel include:

- A. Turn Signal/Headlamp Control Lever
- B. Instrument Panel Cluster
- C. Windshield Wipers/Washer Lever
- D. Clock/Passenger Airbag Status Indicator
- E. Audio System
- F. Power Mirror Controls (if equipped)
- G. Hood Release
- H. Audio Steering Wheel Controls (if equipped)
- I. Horn
- J. Cruise Control (if equipped)
- K. Climate Controls
- L. Shift Lever
- M. Accessory Power Outlet
- N. Hazard Warning Flashers Button

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

## Instrument Panel Cluster



The instrument panel cluster is designed to let you know at a glance how your vehicle is running. It includes these key features:

- A. Tachometer
- B. Speedometer
- C. Odometer/Trip Odometer
- D. Fuel Gauge
- 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.

*See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.*

## SAFETY & SECURITY

### Rear Center Safety Belt Operation



Your vehicle has a retractable safety belt in the rear center seating position. The safety belt should be unlatched and retracted only when folding the rear seat.

- When fastening the safety belt, connect it to the belt buckle with the red release button (A).
- When folding the rear seatback, disconnect the safety belt latch plate by inserting a narrow-ended tool (such as a key) into the hole on the belt buckle (B). Allow the belt to retract.
- When unfolding the rear seatback, connect the safety belt by pushing the safety belt latch plate into the belt buckle with the keyhole. Make sure the belt is not twisted.

See Section 1 of your Owner Manual.

### Passenger Airbag Status Indicator

Your vehicle is equipped with a Passenger Sensing System located in the front passenger seat for the front passenger frontal airbag, and a passenger airbag status indicator located on top of the instrument panel.

**Note:** It is recommended that children not be placed in the front passenger seat, even with the Passenger Sensing System. All children should be properly secured in a rear seat.

See Section 1 of your Owner Manual.

### Remote Keyless Entry and Content Theft-Deterrent Systems (if equipped)

#### Remote Keyless Entry System

The Remote Keyless Entry (RKE) transmitter is integral to the ignition key. Functions include:



**(L) (Lock):** Press this button to lock all the doors and arm the Content Theft-Deterrent System.

**(U) (Unlock):** Press this button to unlock all the doors and disarm the Content Theft-Deterrent System.

**(P) (Panic Alarm):** Press this button to activate the panic alarm. The hazard lamps will flash and an alarm will sound for about 28 seconds. To cancel the alarm, press any button on the transmitter.

#### Content Theft-Deterrent System

The Content Theft-Deterrent System will be armed only if the doors are locked using the remote transmitter. It will not arm if the doors are locked using the key or the manual door lock.

To cancel the alarm, press any button on the transmitter or unlock either front door with the key.

## Transmitter Range

The RKE transmitter's range is up to about 65 feet (20 m). If range is reduced, check the:

- Distance — you may be too far away.
- Location — other vehicles or objects may be blocking the signal.
- Battery — it may be weak and need to be replaced.

See *Section 2 of your Owner Manual*.

## OnStar®

Your vehicle may feature the OnStar Safe & Sound Plan or the uplevel OnStar Directions & Connections Plan, with one year of OnStar service from the date you purchased your new vehicle. OnStar offers a variety of capabilities, such as Remote Door Unlock, Automatic Airbag Deployment Response, and Hands-Free Calling.

Press the OnStar button to ask an OnStar Advisor about the service plan you have or to upgrade your plan.

For more information, refer to your OnStar Owner's Guide, call 1-888-4-ONSTAR (1-888-466-7827), or visit [onstar.com](http://onstar.com).

See *Section 2 of your Owner Manual*.

## COMFORT

### Front Seat Adjustments



#### Seat Adjustment

- Lift the bar (A) under the front of the seat to slide the seat to the desired position; then release the bar.

#### Seat Height Adjustment (Driver's Seat only)

- Turn the height adjustment knob (B) on the outboard side of the driver's seat cushion to raise or lower the seat.

#### Seatback Recline Adjustment

- Lift the recline lever (C) on the outboard side of the seat to move the seatback to the desired position; then release the lever.

#### Lumbar Adjustment (Driver's Seat only)

- Raise or lower the lumbar support lever (D) on the outboard side of the driver's seatback to adjust the position of the lumbar support.

See *Section 1 of your Owner Manual*.

## Adjustable Head Restraints

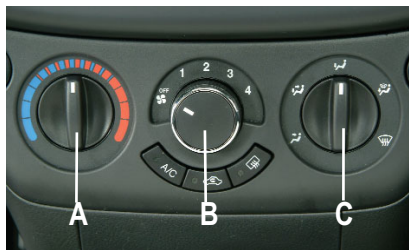


To adjust the position of a head restraint:

- Pull up the head restraint to raise it.
- Press the button on the guide sleeve on top of the seatback to lower the head restraint.


See Section 1 of your Owner Manual.

## Climate Controls




Use the following controls to operate the climate control system:

**Air Temperature:** Turn the temperature control knob (A) to adjust the temperature setting.


 **(Fan):** Turn the fan control knob (B) to adjust fan speed.

**Air Delivery:** Turn the airflow selection knob (C) to change the direction of the air delivery to vent, bi-level, floor, defog or defrost mode.

**A/C (Air Conditioning)** (if equipped): With the fan turned on, press this button to turn the air conditioning on or off. The air conditioning turns on automatically when the defog or defrost mode is selected.

 **(Recirculation):** Press this button to prevent outside air from entering the vehicle. Recirculation will not operate when the floor, defog or defrost mode is selected.

**Note:** When the recirculation mode is used for extended periods without the air conditioning, the air humidity increases and the windows may fog more easily.

 **(Rear Defogger):** Press this button to turn the rear window defogger on or off. The heated outside rearview mirrors (if equipped) will also activate.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

## ENTERTAINMENT

### Audio System Features



#### Radio/CD system

While most of the features on the audio system will look familiar, some of the following may be new:

**⏻ (Power/Volume):** Press this knob to turn the system on or to mute the volume. Turn the knob to adjust the volume. Press and hold the knob to turn off the system.

**⏪ ⏩ (Seek):** Press the right or left Seek button to go to the next or previous radio station or, when a CD is playing, to the next track or the start of the current track.

**⏮ ⏭ (Tune):** Press these buttons to select radio stations or, when a CD is playing, to select a track.

**SCAN:** Press this button to scan radio stations. Press the button again to stop scanning.

**SOUND:** Press this button to access the tone control (bass/treble), speaker control (balance/fade) and other system features. Press the pushbutton under the desired feature to select it. Turn the volume knob to adjust the setting.

**BAND:** Press this button to switch between AM, FM, and XM (if equipped) bands. When playing a CD, press this button to switch to the radio.

**FAV (Favorite):** Press this button to go through up to six pages of any combination (AM, FM, or XM, if equipped) of preset favorite radio stations. On each page, up to six presets are available by using the six pushbuttons below the radio display.

**CD/AUX (CD/Auxiliary):** Press this button to switch to CD operation. Press it again to switch to operation of an auxiliary device, such as a portable audio player.

**Portable Audio Device:** A portable audio device (such as an iPod® or MP3 player) can be connected to the auxiliary input jack located on the radio. Press the AUX button to play audio from the portable device over the vehicle speakers. To optimize speaker volume, fully increase the volume level of the portable device.

#### Favorite Stations

Before setting your preset stations, park the vehicle.

**Note:** Engaging in extended searching for specific audio stations or songs by using buttons and knobs — or giving extended attention to entertainment tasks — can lead you to look away from the road frequently or for prolonged periods, which may cause you to miss seeing things on the road that you need to see. Avoid engaging in extended searching for specific items while driving.

You can set up to six pages of any combination (AM, FM, or XM, if equipped) of favorite radio stations, with up to six stations stored on each page.

### Set Number of Favorite Station Pages

1. Press and hold the FAV button to display the setup menu.
2. Press the pushbutton below the desired number of favorite station pages.
3. Press the FAV button. You may now begin storing your favorite stations for the chosen number of pages.

### Store Favorite Stations

1. Tune in the desired radio station.
2. Press the FAV button to display the pages where the station is to be stored.
3. Press and hold one of the six push-buttons until a beep sounds.
4. Repeat the steps for each pushbutton on each page.

### Playing MP3 Files

The audio system has MP3 file playback capability. When playing a CD containing MP3 audio tracks, an MP3 label will be displayed.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

## XM® Radio

XM Radio offers more than 170 channels of digital-quality sound that goes wherever you go — coast to coast. After a free three-month trial period, activation and service subscription fees apply. Service is based in the continental U.S. and Canada. For more information, visit XM online at [www.XMradio.com](http://www.XMradio.com) or call 1-800-929-2100.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

### Audio Steering Wheel Controls (if equipped)

The following audio controls are located on the steering wheel:

**+ VOLUME –:** Toggle the outer button (A) upward or downward to adjust the volume.



**PWR:** Press this button to turn the system on or off, or simply tap this button to mute the system.

**MODE:** Press this button to switch between AM, FM, XM (if equipped), CD and AUX operation.

**SEEK:** Press this button to go to the next preset radio station or, when a CD is playing, to the next track.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.



## CONVENIENCE

### Wipers/Washer Controls



The lever on the right side of the steering column operates the front windshield wipers and the rear wiper.

#### Windshield Wipers/Washer


To operate the front wipers and washer, move the lever to the following positions:

**OFF:** Move the lever to this position to turn off the windshield wipers.

**INT (Intermittent):** Move the lever up to the first position to choose a delayed wiping cycle. Turn the band to adjust the delay between wipes.


**LO (Low Speed):** Move the lever up to the second position for steady, low-speed wipes.


**HI (High Speed):** Move the lever up to the third position for rapid, high-speed wipes.

 **(Washer):** Pull the lever toward you to spray washer fluid on the windshield and activate the wipers.

#### Rear Wiper/Washer

The rear wiper and washer operate in the following positions:

 **(Rear Wiper):** Turn the end of the lever to the first position to operate the rear wiper continuously.


 **(Rear Washer):** Turn the end of the lever to the second position to spray washer fluid on the rear window and operate the rear wiper continuously.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

### Cruise Control (if equipped)

The cruise control buttons are located on the right side of the steering wheel.

#### Set Cruise Control

1. Press the  (On/Off) button to turn on cruise control.
2. Accelerate to the desired speed.
3. Press the SET- button. An indicator light on the instrument panel cluster will illuminate.
4. Take your foot off the accelerator pedal.



#### Increase Speed

- Press and release the RES+ button to increase speed by 1 mph.
- Press and hold the RES+ button until you reach the desired speed; then release the button.
- Use the accelerator to reach the desired speed; then press the SET- button. Release the button and the accelerator pedal.


### Reduce Speed

- Press and release the SET- button to reduce speed by 1 mph.
- Press and hold the SET- button until you reach the desired lower speed; then release the button.

### Resume a Set Speed

- To return to a set speed after having used the brakes, press the RES+ button. Vehicle speed must be more than 24 mph.

### End Cruise Control

- Step lightly on the brake pedal (or clutch pedal, if equipped) to cancel cruise control but retain the set speed in memory.
- Press the  button to erase the set speed and turn off cruise control.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

### Power Mirrors (if equipped)



The outside rearview mirrors may be adjusted using the controls located on the left side of the instrument panel.

- Use the selector switch to select the driver-side (left) mirror or passenger-side (right) mirror; then use the control pad to move the mirror in the desired direction.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

### Sunroof (if equipped)



The control switch for the sunroof is located on the headliner between the sun visors.

### Vent

- To open the sunroof to the vent position, press and hold the driver's side of the switch. Press and hold the passenger's side of the switch to close the sunroof.

### Open/Close

- To fully open the sunroof, press and hold the passenger's side of the switch. Press and hold the driver's side of the switch to close the sunroof.

### Sunshade

- The sunshade must be manually opened and closed.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

## Folding Rear Seat

Either side of the G3's 60/40 split seat-back may be folded down individually, or both at the same time:

1. Lower the head restraints completely.
2. Detach the center safety belt by inserting the key into the slot in the mini buckle and pressing the release button.
3. Pull up the release knob on top of the seatback.



4. Fold each seatback forward and down.



To fold and tumble the rear seatbacks for more cargo space:

5. Move the safety belt buckles out of the space between the seatback and seat cushion.

6. Pull the release handles on the rear side of each seat cushion.



7. Lift and fold up the seat cushion.



8. Clip the hook to the front seat head restraint to secure the folded rear seat.



Reverse this process to return the rear seat to the upright position.

- Before lowering the seat cushion, place the safety belt buckles behind the rear seat position so they are not pinched under the seat.

- Before raising the rear seatbacks, place the safety belts into the side retaining clips (A) to avoid catching the belt behind the seatback.



- To raise the seatback, lift it up and push it rearward until it locks in place.
- Place the safety belt buckles and center seat safety belt in their original positions.

See Section 1 of your Owner Manual.

## Cupholders



Two cupholders are located in the center of the instrument panel.

- To open the front cupholder door, press on its outer edge.

There also is a cupholder located in the rear of the center console.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

## PERFORMANCE & MAINTENANCE

### Malfunction Indicator Lamp/ Check Engine Light

**If the light is flashing:** A misfire condition has been detected. 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 continues to flash, see your dealer for service as soon as possible.

**If the light is on steady:** If you recently put fuel into your vehicle, reinstall the fuel cap, making sure that it is tight. A few driving trips with the cap properly installed should turn off the light.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

### Automatic Transmission Hold Mode (if equipped)

This feature allows the automatic transmission to stay in a specific gear range.

When the Hold mode is selected in the "D" position, the transmission is held in 3rd gear, which locks out overdrive (4th gear) and provides additional torque and responsiveness at most higher speeds. This allows for engine braking during higher speed descents and decelerations.

Similarly, if the Hold mode is selected in the "2" position, the transmission will start in 2nd gear (instead of 1st), helping to reduce wheelspin when starting out on slippery surfaces.

**Note:** Since selecting the Hold mode in the “D” position locks the transmission in 3rd gear and prevents downshifts to 2nd or 1st gear, acceleration from a standstill or near standstill on dry pavement will be slower than expected. The Hold mode should not be selected during these situations.



### Select the Hold Mode

1. Place the shift lever in the gear range you want to hold.
2. Press the HOLD button (A) located on the shift lever console. (The HOLD indicator light on the instrument panel cluster will illuminate.)

To turn off the Hold mode and return to normal automatic transmission operation, press the HOLD button again.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

### Automatic Transmission Cold Weather Shifting (if equipped)


When operating your vehicle in severe cold conditions, the transmission may be prevented from shifting into 4th gear until the transmission fluid has warmed up to its operational temperature. It may take several miles of driving to warm up the fluid and enable the 4th gear upshift.

While the fluid is warming up, your vehicle will shift normally between 1st, 2nd and 3rd gear.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

### Up-Shift Light (if equipped)

Vehicles with a manual transmission are equipped with an Up-Shift light that indicates when to shift to achieve the best possible fuel economy.

When the  (Up-Shift) light on the instrument panel cluster illuminates, shift to the next higher gear when conditions permit.

It is normal for the light to turn on and off if the position of the accelerator pedal is changed quickly. When downshifting, ignore the light.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

### Manual Transmission Reverse Lockout Feature (if equipped)


This feature prevents the engagement of Reverse (R) gear when the vehicle is moving forward.

- To shift into Reverse (R), depress the clutch pedal; then lift up the ring on the shift lever and shift into Reverse (R). Slowly release the clutch pedal while pressing the accelerator pedal.

**Note:** Shifting into Reverse (R) gear while your vehicle is moving forward could damage the transmission. Shift into Reverse (R) only after the vehicle is stopped.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

## Tire Pressure Monitor

The Tire Pressure Monitor alerts you when a significant reduction in pressure occurs in one or more of your vehicle's tires by illuminating the  (Low Tire Pressure) warning light on the instrument panel cluster. The low tire pressure warning light will remain on until you correct the tire pressure.

### Correcting the Tire Pressure


When the low tire pressure warning light illuminates, you must inflate the tire to the proper tire pressure (just as you must refuel the vehicle when the low fuel warning light illuminates). The Tire and Loading Information label shows the correct tire pressure for the tires when they're cold. "Cold" means your vehicle has been sitting for at least three hours or driven no more than one mile.

During cooler conditions, the low tire pressure warning light may appear when the vehicle is first started and then turn off as you start to drive. This could be an early indicator that the tire pressures are getting low and the tires need to be inflated to the proper pressure.

**Note:** The Tire Pressure Monitor can alert you about low tire pressure, but it doesn't replace normal monthly tire maintenance.

See Sections 3 and 5 of your Owner Manual.

## Reset the Engine Oil Life System

The Oil Life System calculates engine oil life based on vehicle use and illuminates the  (Change Engine Oil) light on the instrument panel cluster when it's necessary to change your engine oil and filter. The Oil Life System should be reset only following an oil change.


To reset the Oil Life System:

1. Turn on the ignition, with the engine off.
2. Fully press and release the accelerator pedal three times within five seconds.
3. Turn off the ignition.

See Sections 3 and 5 of your Owner Manual.

## Opening the Hood

To open the hood:

1. Pull the  (Hood Release) handle (A) located on the lower-left side of the instrument panel.



2. At the front of the vehicle, feel under the front-center lip of the hood for the secondary hood release and push the lever up, using a squeezing motion.



3. Lift the hood and release the hood prop from its retainer on the underside of the hood. Place the hood prop into the slot on the inner fender.



To close the hood:

1. Lift up on the hood to relieve pressure on the hood prop. Remove the hood prop from the slot in the inner fender and return the prop to its retainer on the underside of the hood.
2. Lower the hood to 8–10 inches above the vehicle and release it to latch it fully. Check to ensure that it is latched properly and repeat if necessary.

See Section 5 of your Owner Manual.

**OWNER INFORMATION****Roadside Assistance**

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

TTY Users: 1-888-889-2438

As the proud owner of a new Pontiac, you are automatically enrolled in the Pontiac Roadside Assistance program. This value-added service is intended to provide you with peace of mind as you drive in the city or travel the open road.

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, to provide minor repair information or make arrangements to tow your vehicle to the nearest Pontiac dealer.

Pontiac will provide the following services for 5 years/100,000 miles at no expense to you:

- Fuel delivery
- Lockout service (identification required)
- Tow to nearest dealer for warranty service
- Flat tire assistance
- Jump starts

In many instances, mechanical failures are covered under Pontiac's comprehensive warranty. However, when other services are utilized, our advisors will explain any payment obligations you might incur.

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

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

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

**Roadside Assistance and OnStar**

If you have a current OnStar subscription, press the OnStar button and the vehicle will send your current GPS location to an OnStar Advisor who will speak to you, assess your problem, contact Roadside Assistance and relay your exact location so you will get the help you need.

**Pontiac Owner Center**

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