

***SECTION 1-6***

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**OPERATION OF INSTRUMENTS AND CONTROLS**

**Ignition switch, Transmission and Parking brake**

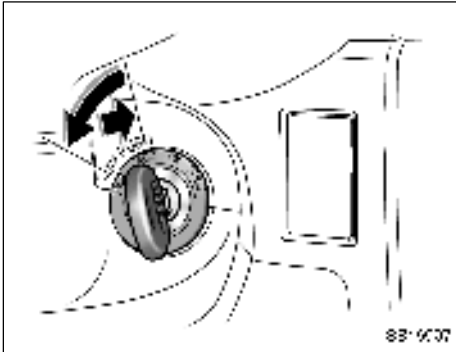
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### Ignition switch with steering lock



**“START”**—Starter motor on. The key will return to the “ON” position when released.

For starting tips, see Section 3.

**“ON”**—Engine on and all accessories on.

This is the normal driving position.

**“ACC”**—Accessories such as the radio operate, but the engine is off.

If you leave the key in the “ACC” or “LOCK” position and open the driver’s door, a buzzer will remind you to remove the key.

**“LOCK”**—Engine is off and the steering wheel is locked. The key can be removed only at this position.

You must push in the key to turn it from “ACC” to the “LOCK” position. Once you remove the key, the engine immobiliser system is automatically set. (See “Engine immobiliser system” in Section 1–2.)

When starting the engine, the key may seem stuck at the “LOCK” position. To free it, first be sure the key is pushed all the way in, and then rock the steering wheel slightly while turning the key gently.



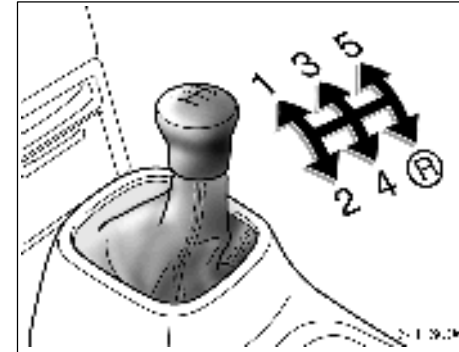
#### CAUTION

**Never remove the key when the vehicle is moving, as this will lock the steering wheel and result in loss of steering control.**

#### NOTICE

***Do not leave the key in the “ON” position if the engine is not running. The battery will discharge and the ignition could be damaged.***

### Manual transmission



The shift pattern is as shown above.

Press the clutch pedal down fully while shifting, and then release it slowly. Do not rest your foot on the pedal while driving, because it will cause clutch trouble. And do not use the clutch to hold the vehicle when stopped on an uphill grade—use the parking brake.

#### Recommended shifting speeds

The transmission is fully synchronized and upshifting or downshifting is easy.

For the best compromise between fuel economy and vehicle performance, you should upshift or downshift at the following speeds:

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gear	mph (km/h)
1 to 2 or 2 to 1	15 (24)
2 to 3 or 3 to 2	25 (40)
3 to 4 or 4 to 3	40 (64)
4 to 5 or 5 to 4	45 (72)

Downshift to the appropriate gear if acceleration is needed when you are cruising below the above downshifting speeds.

Upshifting too soon or downshifting too late will cause lugging, and possibly ping-pong. Regularly revving the engine to maximum speed in each gear will cause excessive engine wear and high fuel consumption.

### Maximum allowable speeds

To get on a highway or to pass slower traffic, maximum acceleration may be necessary. Make sure you observe the following maximum allowable speeds in each gear:

gear	mph (km/h)
1	33 (53)
2	55 (88)
3	75 (120)
4	101 (163)

### NOTICE

***Do not downshift if you are going faster than the maximum allowable speed for the next lower gear.***

### Good driving practice

If it is difficult to shift into reverse, put the transmission in neutral, release the clutch pedal momentarily, and then try again.



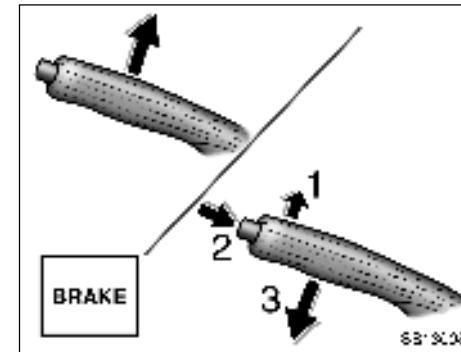
### CAUTION

**Be careful when downshifting on a slippery surface. Abrupt shifting could cause the vehicle to spin or skid.**

### NOTICE

***Make sure the vehicle is completely stopped before shifting into reverse.***

## Parking brake



**When parking, firmly apply the parking brake to avoid inadvertent creeping.**

To set: Pull up the lever. For better holding power, first depress the brake pedal and hold it while setting the parking brake.

To release: Pull up the lever slightly (1), press the lock release button (2), and lower (3).

To remind you that the parking brake is set, the parking brake reminder light in the instrument panel remains on until you release the parking brake.

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