# Getting to Know Your 2008 Vibe



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Congratulations on your purchase of a Pontiac Vibe. 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. Keep this booklet with your Owner Manual for easy reference.

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## DRIVER INFORMATION

#### Instrument Panel

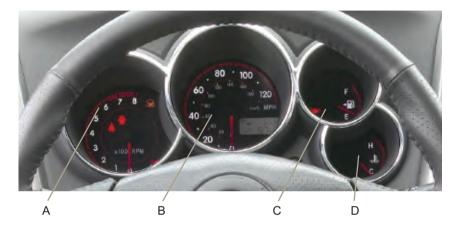


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#### **Instrument Panel Cluster**



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

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.

#### SAFETY & SECURITY

#### **Remote Keyless Entry**

The Remote Keyless Entry system locks and unlocks the doors and liftglass from a range of three to 30 feet. At times the range may be shorter than usual, which is normal. If the transmitter doesn't seem to be working properly:

- Ensure that you are within transmitter range of the vehicle. Rainy and snowy weather can reduce transmitter range.
- Check to see whether other vehicles or obstacles are blocking the transmitter signal by stepping a few feet to the left or right, and hold the transmitter higher when pressing the button(s).
- Consider the length of time that the transmitter battery has been in service and replace it if necessary.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

#### Content Theft-Deterrent System (if equipped)

The Content Theft-Deterrent System has an indicator lamp to the left of the steering wheel that is labeled SECURITY. After closing all vehicle doors, the system can be activated in three ways:



 Press the Lock button on the Remote Keyless Entry key fob.

- Press the power door Lock button.
- Lock the front doors manually with the key.

The system arms itself following a 30-second delay. At this time, the SECURITY indicator light flashes.

If the alarm is tripped, the horn sounds in intermittent blasts. The headlamps, turn signals and interior lights also flash to get visual attention. The alarm sounds whenever any door or hatch is opened by force, or if the battery is disconnected and then reconnected. The alarm will also sound whenever it is armed and the rear hatch or liftglass is opened with a key.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual

## OnStar<sup>®</sup> (if equipped)

If your vehicle is OnStar-equipped, the Onstar system provides in-vehicle safety, security and phone services, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. With OnStar, you can enjoy such available services as:

- Automatic notification of air bag deployment
- Emergency services assistance
- Roadside assistance
- · Stolen vehicle tracking
- Remote door unlock (if equipped with power door locks)
- Driving directions and location assistance\*
- OnStar Hands-Free Calling, a handsfree, voice-activated service\*\*

These services are easily accessed through the three OnStar buttons in your vehicle.

- Press the blue OnStar button to connect to an OnStar Advisor for services such as driving directions and location assistance.\*
- Press the white Phone button to access OnStar Hands-Free Calling.\*\*
- Press the red Emergency button to connect to an OnStar Advisor who can contact a nearby emergency services provider to request dispatch of ambulance, police, fire or other emergency services to your location.

For more information about OnStar features, refer to the OnStar Owner's Guide and enclosed audio CD located in your glove box.

\*Directions and location assistance may require service upgrade.

\*\*Available in most markets.

See Section 2 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 the instrument panel center stack.

Note: It is recommended that children not be placed in the front passenger seat, even with the Passenger Sensing System. All children should be secured in a rear seat, including an infant riding in a rear-facing infant seat, a child riding in a forward-facing child seat or an older child riding in a booster seat.

#### See Sections 1 and 3 of your Owner Manual.

#### 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 safety belt system.

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

#### Safety Belt Operation

#### Safety Belt Reminders

When the key is turned to On or Start, a chime will sound for several seconds to remind passengers to fasten their safety belts, unless the driver's safety belt is already buckled.

The safety belt light will also flash until the driver's belt is buckled. If the driver's belt is already buckled, neither the chime nor the light will come on.

Your vehicle also has a safety belt reminder light for the right-front passenger position.

#### **Center-Rear Safety Belt**

All rear seat positions, including the center position, are equipped with safety belts. Should you have difficulty latching the center-rear safety belt or left-rear safety belt, it may be a result of the left-rear safety belt buckle and the center buckle being mispositioned. Both outboard safety belt latch plates and buckles are different from the center latch plate and buckle. For easier identification, the center safety belt buckle includes the word CENTER on its side.

See Section 1 of your Owner Manual.

#### COMFORT

## Driver's Seat Height Adjustment



To adjust the driver's seat height, pull the lever located on the outboard side of the seat cushion until reaching the desired height. (You may find the seat easier to adjust when unoccupied.) Before adjusting, make sure the ignition is off and the vehicle is in Park (P).

See Section 1 of your Owner Manual.

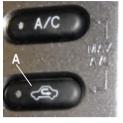
#### Air Filtration System

Your vehicle is equipped with a pollen and dust filter that removes common allergens and pollutants from outside air before they reach the vehicle cabin. If air output volume from the heating and air conditioning outlets drops over time (with the fan at its highest setting), the filter may be dirty and may need to be changed. The filter is located in the heating and A/C housing and can be accessed through the filter door, behind the glove box.

## Air Conditioning System

To cool the vehicle interior on very hot days, perform the following:

1. Open the windows just long enough to let the



hot, inside air escape.

- Press both the A/C button and the (Recirculation) button. The Recirculation button (A) is located under the A/C button.
- Select 1 (Vent) mode and turn the temperature knob fully to the blue area.

For continuous maximum cooling, remain in recirculation mode.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

#### Side Vent Airflow

Airflow coming through the climate control system's side vents is normal during all operating modes. To optimize the effectiveness of your system when using the floor, defog or defrost mode, close the outboard vents.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

## Window Anti-Fog Feature



The vehicle windows and windshield may experience fogging when it is raining or the humidity is high.

To prevent window fogging:

- 1. Press the A/C button.
- 2. Select the (Defrost) mode.
- 3. Turn the fan knob to HI.
- 4. Adjust the temperature knob as desired.

The (Recirculation) button will not function when the () (Defrost) mode or () (Heater/Defrost) mode is selected. This allows outside air into the vehicle to help reduce moisture.

#### ENTERTAINMENT

#### **Radio Data System Operation**

Your audio system is equipped with a Radio Data System (RDS). RDS features are available for use only on FM stations that broadcast RDS information. With RDS, the radio can:

- Seek stations broadcasting the type of programming you select.
- Receive announcements concerning local and national emergencies.
- Display messages from radio stations.
- Seek stations with traffic announcements.

When you tune to an RDS station, the station name and call letters will appear on the display instead of the frequency. RDS stations may also provide the time of day, a Program Type (PTY) for current programming and the name of the program being broadcast. RDS relies on receiving specific information from these stations and will work only when the information is available.

#### See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

#### CONVENIENCE

## Front and Rear Wipers/Washers



The lever on the upper-right side of the steering column controls the wipers and washers.

#### Front Wipers/Washer

- Move the lever up to the MIST setting to activate the front wipers for a single wipe.
- Move the lever down to activate the wipers in the INT (Intermittent), LO (Low) or HI (High) setting. In the Intermittent setting, rotate the band on the lever to change the delay between wipes.

(Activating the wipers by moving the wiper lever down is the opposite of all other Pontiac models.)

• To spray washer fluid on the windshield, pull the lever toward you.

#### **Rear Wiper/Washer**

The rear wiper and washer are activated by rotating the knob at the end of the wiper lever to the desired setting.

#### **Cruise Control**



The cruise control lever is located on the lower-right side of the steering wheel.

#### **Setting Cruise Control**

To set the cruise control:

- 1. Press the ON-OFF button at the end of the cruise control lever. The CRUISE light on the instrument panel cluster will come on.
- 2. Accelerate to the desired speed.
- Move the lever down to SET and release it.
- 4. Take your foot off the accelerator pedal.

#### **Resuming a Set Speed**

To return to a set speed after having used the brakes, push the cruise control lever up to + RES. This returns the vehicle to its set speed.

#### **Increasing Speed**

To increase cruise control speed:

- Use the accelerator to reach the desired speed; then move the cruise control lever to the – SET position. Release the lever and the accelerator pedal.
- Tap up or hold the cruise lever up to the + RES position until you reach the desired speed, and then release the lever.

#### **Reducing Speed**

To reduce cruise control speed:

 Tap down or hold the cruise control lever down to the – SET position until you reach the desired speed, and then release the lever.

#### **Ending Cruise Control**

There are several ways to cancel cruise control:

- Step lightly on the brake pedal or push the clutch pedal, if you have a manual transaxle.
- Press the ON-OFF button again (this will erase the set speed memory).
- Pull the cruise control lever toward you.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

#### Daytime Running Lamps

The Daytime Running Lamps (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 sidemarker lamps.

#### Automatic Headlamp System

During daytime driving, the Automatic Headlamp System 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 inside a parking garage. The automatic light sensor is located at the upper-left corner of the instrument panel. To ensure proper system operation, avoid placing objects or stickers on the windshield that may cover the sensor.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

#### Power Windows (if equipped)

To disable all of the passenger power window switches, including the passenger window switches on the driver's door, press the window lockout button located near the driver's power door lock switches. Press the button again to enable the window switches.

Only the driver's window will operate with the lockout button depressed.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

#### **Closing the Sunroof**

As a safety measure, the sunroof closing mechanism is designed to stop in the middle of its cycle. This prevents objects from being closed in the sunroof. When the sunroof stops and the opening is clear of all objects, release the switch and press it again to complete the closing cycle.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

#### **Dome Lamp Control**

The Dome Lamp Control switch is located on the dome lamp. To operate the lamp, place the switch in one



of the following positions:

**DOOR:** In this position, the dome lamp will turn on when any door, the liftgate or liftglass is opened. The lamp will turn off when all doors, the liftgate and liftglass are closed.

**OFF:** In this position, the lamp will be off at all times, even if a door, the liftgate or liftglass is opened.

**ON:** In this position, the lamp will be on at all times.

#### **Auxiliary Power Outlets**

To use the auxiliary power outlets on the instrument panel, place the ignition key in the ACC (Accessory) or ON position to supply the necessary power. This feature reduces the chances of encountering a weak or dead battery.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

#### **115-Volt AC Power Outlet**

The 115-volt household-style AC outlet provides current for electrical accessories with a two-prong power plug and a maximum current draw



of 1.0 amp. If a device rated higher than this maximum is plugged in, the system resets itself after a 30-second delay.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

#### Rear Cargo Track Tie-Downs



At vehicle delivery, cargo tie-downs and a corresponding installation diagram were provided under the rear cargo floor panel.

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#### PERFORMANCE & MAINTENANCE

#### Cold Engine Shifting

When the engine is cold, the vehicle's powertrain computer directs automatic transmission-equipped vehicles to shift early, which may result in slower acceleration. This early shifting eases engine and transmission loads and reduces exhaust emissions. Once the engine warms, the transmission shift points will occur at higher engine speeds.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

#### Steering Wheel Lock-Up

The ignition switch provides four positions: LOCK, ACC, ON, START. Should the key become stuck in the LOCK position, or if you are unable to turn the key, turn the steering wheel to the left and right while turning the key hard.

**Note:** Turn the key only with your hand. Using a tool to force it could damage the key or ignition switch.

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

#### **EVAP Leak Detection Pump**

Your Vibe is equipped with a vacuum pump for the vehicle's fuel evaporation system. This pump performs a fuel evaporation leakage test approximately five hours after the engine is turned off. You may hear a sound coming from underneath the rear cargo compartment for several minutes. The noise is normal and does not signify a malfunction.

See Section 5 of your Owner Manual.

#### StabiliTrak<sup>®</sup> − Stability Control System (if equipped)



StabiliTrak is a Vehicle Stability Control (VSC) system that uses an advanced computer to assist your vehicle with directional control during difficult driving situations.

StabiliTrak activates automatically whenever you start the vehicle and it engages only when it senses a discrepancy between your intended drive path and the direction the vehicle is actually moving.

The system selectively applies the appropriate brake(s) to help guide the vehicle in the direction you are steering.

The system will activate when the vehicle speed reaches or exceeds 9 mph (15 km/h) and will deactivate when the vehicle speed reduces below 9 mph (15 km/h).

When engaged, the VSC symbol will blink in the instrument panel cluster and an alarm will sound intermittently. Special care should be taken while driving.

#### Tire Pressure Monitor (if equipped)



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  $\langle \underline{l} \rangle$  (Low Tire Pressure) warning light on the instrument panel. 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 fill the tire(s) to the proper tire inflation pressure (just as you must refuel the vehicle when the low fuel warning light illuminates). The Tire and Loading Information label shows the correct inflation 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 the vehicle. This could be an early indicator that your tire pressures are getting low and 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 Section 5 of your Owner Manual.

#### Storing a Flat Tire

Place the flat tire on the rear cargo area floor panel and secure it with the tire tiedown straps located under the cargo floor panel. The proper tie-down strap routing can be found in your Owner Manual.

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#### 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 vehicle, 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 dealership 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:

- · 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 equipped)

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.

## My GMLink

The Pontiac Owner Center at My GMLink is a complimentary service for Pontiac owners, a one-stop resource to enhance your Pontiac ownership experience. Exclusive member benefits include online service reminders, vehicle maintenance tips, online owner manual, special privileges and more. Sign up today at www.mygmlink.com.

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