



# Getting to Know Your 2005 Equinox



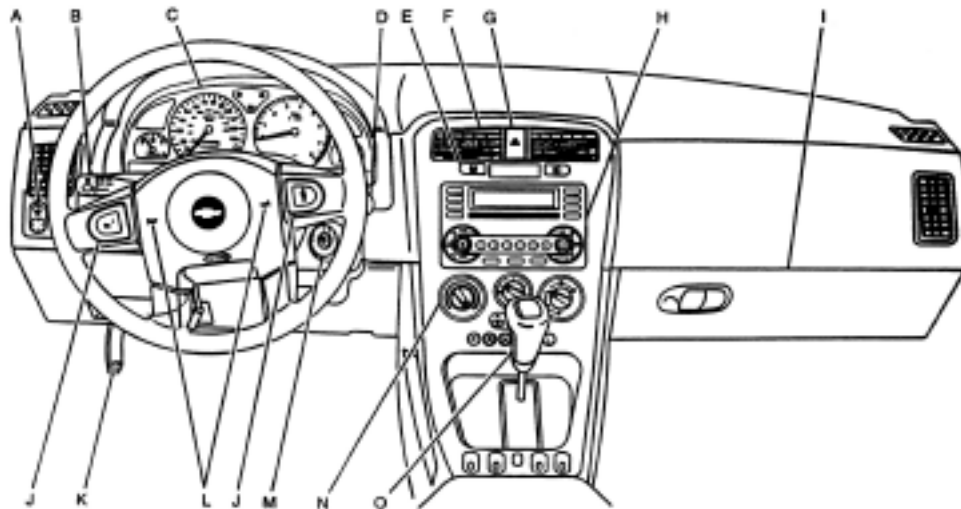
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Congratulations on your purchase of a Chevrolet Equinox. Please read this information and your Owner Manual to ensure an outstanding ownership experience. Note that your vehicle may not include all the features described in this booklet. Place this booklet in your Owner Manual portfolio for easy reference.

## Instrument Panel



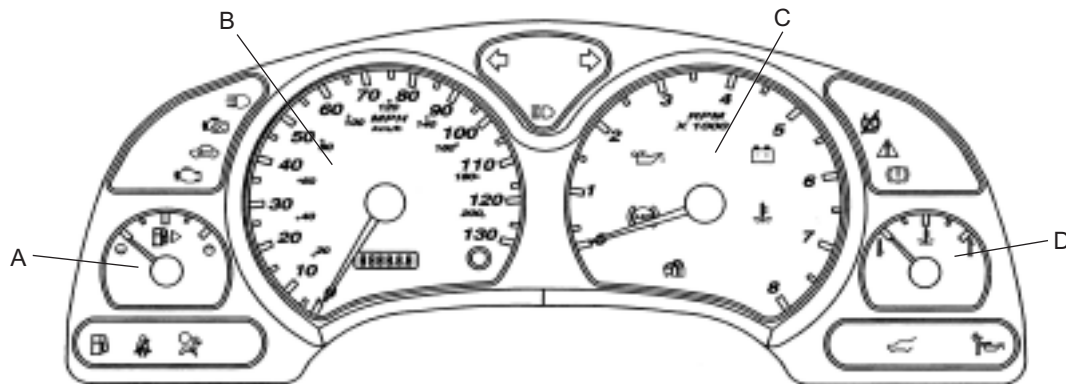
A. Power Mirror Control  
B. Turn Signal/Multifunction Lever  
C. Instrument Panel Cluster  
D. Windshield Wiper/Washer Lever  
E. Traction Control System Button

F. Air Outlets  
G. Hazard Warning Flashers  
H. Audio System  
I. Glove Box  
J. Cruise Control System Buttons

K. Hood Release  
L. Horn  
M. Ignition Switch  
N. Climate Control System  
O. Shift Lever

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. Fuel Gauge
- B. Speedometer
- C. Tachometer
- D. Engine Coolant Temperature Gauge

**IMPORTANT:** 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.*

**Manual Driver's Seat Height and Recliner Adjustments (if equipped)**

The manual driver's seat height adjustment and recliner controls are located on the left side of the seat cushion.

**Raise the seat**

- Ratchet the height adjustment lever (see "A" above) upward until reaching the desired height.

**Lower the seat**

- Ratchet the lever downward until reaching the preferred height.

**Recline the seatback**

- Lift the recliner lever (see "B" above) and move the seatback to the desired position.
- Release the lever to lock the seatback in place.

*See Section 1 of your Owner Manual.*

**Six-Way Power Driver's Seat (if equipped)**

The six-way power driver's seat control is located on the left side of the seat cushion. The seat cushion can be raised, lowered, and moved forward or rearward by moving this control in the desired direction.

*See Section 1 of your Owner Manual.*

**Driver's Seat Lumbar Support (if equipped)**

The driver's seat lumbar control is located on the front-right side of the seat cushion.

**Adjust lumbar support**

- Turn the control knob clockwise or counterclockwise to increase or decrease lumbar support.

*See Section 1 of your Owner Manual.*

### Heated Seats (if equipped)



This feature allows you to heat the driver and/or front-passenger seat. The controls are located on the outboard sides of the front seats.

#### Turn on the heated seat(s)

- Press the forward part of the switch once to select the “High” heat setting. Press it twice for the “Low” setting.

#### Turn off the heated seat(s)

- Press the rearward part of the switch.

*See Section 1 of your Owner Manual.*

### Fold-Down Front Passenger Seatback



The front passenger seatback can be folded flat, allowing you to carry extra-long cargo, such as skis, lumber, or an eight-foot ladder.

The back of the seat has a durable plastic surface that can be used as a desk or table when the vehicle is stationary.

#### Fold the seatback forward

- Lift the release bar (shown below) located under the front of the seat cushion.



- Slide the seat completely rearward, and then release the bar.
- Push and pull on the seat to ensure it is locked in place.

### Fold-Down Front Passenger Seatback (con't)



- Lift the recliner lever located on the right side of the seat cushion (shown above) and fold the seatback forward until it locks in the folded position. Pull up on the seat to ensure it is locked in place.

### Return the seatback to an upright position

- Lift the recliner lever upward; then use your other hand to raise the seatback to an upright position.
- Push and pull on the seatback to ensure it is locked in place.

See Section 1 of your Owner Manual.

### Multi-Flex™ Split-Folding and Sliding Rear Seat

Your vehicle's rear seatbacks can fold forward to provide additional cargo space. The seatbacks also include two recline positions for greater passenger comfort.

In addition, the seat can travel nearly eight inches — two inches forward and six inches backward.

**Note:** Before folding or reclining the seatback(s), ensure that all three rear safety belts are unbuckled and that the front seatbacks are not reclined.

### Fold the seatback(s) down

- Lift the lever located on the top of the seatback (shown below) and tilt the seatback forward and down.



### Recline the seatback(s)

- Lift and hold the lever located on the top of the seatback.
- Tilt the seatback rearward; then release the lever when the seatback is in the desired position.

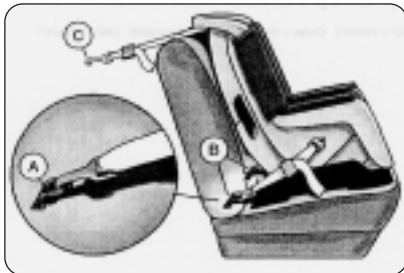


### Slide the seat forward or rearward

- Lift the release bar located under the front of the seat cushion (see above) to unlock the seat.
- Slide the seat to the desired position; then release the bar.
- Try to move the seat forward and backward to ensure it is locked in place.

*See Section 1 of your Owner Manual.*

## Child Safety Seats



**A, B — vehicle anchors**

**C — top tether strap**

Chevy Equinox is equipped with the LATCH System (Lower Anchors and Top tethers for Children) to make installation of child safety seats easier. You can use any LATCH-compatible forward- or rear-facing child safety seat with the LATCH system. A vehicle may use child safety seats installed using either the LATCH system or safety belts. If you have a LATCH-compatible forward- or rear-facing child safety seat, you can use the LATCH system. Other child safety seats may, alternately, be installed using the vehicle's safety belts.

Information on Equinox child safety seat configuration options and hardware attaching points is available at [www.chevy.com/childseats](http://www.chevy.com/childseats). If you do not have website access, please see your Chevy Dealer for assistance. No matter which system you use, it's important to know how to properly secure child safety seats in your vehicle. See Section 1 of your Owner Manual for detailed installation instructions, and be sure to check the instructions from your child safety seat manufacturer as well.

*See Section 1 of your Owner Manual.*

### Dome Lamps

The dome lamps control is located on the front passenger dome lamp housing. It controls both the front and rear lamps.



#### Turn on the dome lamps

- Place the switch in the On ( I ) position.

#### Turn off the dome lamps

- Place the switch in the Off ( O ) position.

#### Set dome lamps to illuminate automatically when a door is opened

- Place the dome lamp switch in the AUTO position.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

### Ashtray and Lighter Kit

An ashtray and lighter accessory kit is available from your dealership.

### Remote Keyless Entry System



This feature allows you to lock or unlock your vehicle's doors from approximately 26 feet away.

#### Lock the doors

- Press .

#### Unlock the doors

- Press  once to unlock the driver's door. Press the button again within five seconds to unlock all doors.

#### Sound the panic alarm

- Press  when the ignition is turned off. The horn will sound and the parking lamps and dome lamps will flash for up to two minutes.

#### Silence the panic alarm when it is sounding

- Press .

See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.

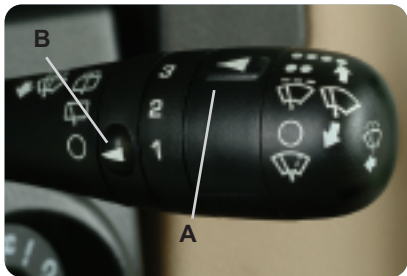


## Climate Controls

 **Air Conditioning** Press this button to turn the air conditioning system on or off. A light indicates that the air conditioning is activated.

 **Recirculation** Press this button to recirculate cabin air through the vehicle. A light indicates that the air is being recirculated. This feature can be used to prevent outside air and odors from entering your vehicle or to help heat or cool the air inside your vehicle more quickly.

## Wipers and Washers



The front and rear wiper and washer systems are operated by a single lever located on the right side of your steering column.

### Front Wiper/Washer System

 (Mist): Pull the lever down and release it for a single wiping cycle.

 (Off): Move the lever to this position to turn off the wipers.

 (Intermittent): Move the lever to this position (one position up from the Off setting) to set a delay between wipes.

The Intermittent setting allows you to choose the amount of delay between

wipes by rotating the dial (see “A” left below) to one of three settings:

●● (Low Speed): Move the lever to this position (two positions up from the Off setting) for slow, steady wiping cycles.

●●● (High Speed): Move the lever to this position (three positions up from the Off setting) for rapid wiping cycles.

 (Washer): Pull the lever toward you to squirt washer fluid onto the windshield. For more wash cycles, pull the lever toward you and hold it there.

### Rear Wiper/Washer System

The rear wiper and washer system is controlled by the inner band located on the same lever used for the front wiper system (see “B” left).

 (Off): Turn the band to this position to turn off the wiper.

 (On): Turn the band to this position for slow, steady wiping cycles.

 (Wash): Hold the band in this position to squirt a stream of washer fluid onto the rear window. It will continue to provide fluid until you release the band. The wiper will activate and remain on until you rotate the band to the Off position.

See *Section 3 of your Owner Manual.*

## AM/FM Radio with CD Player



### Setting the Time

- Press the clock button, located on the right side of the radio. The clock symbol will appear on the display and the hour number will flash.
- Turn the ADJ knob to set the hour.
- Repeat the above steps to set the minutes.

**Note:** The time can be set with the ignition on or off.

### Radio Controls

**(Power):** Press this button to turn your audio system on and off.

**(Volume):** Turn the power button's outer ring to increase or decrease volume.

**AUTO (Automatic Volume):** Use this control to automatically adjust audio system volume to make up for wind and road noise as you drive.

**DISP:** When using the Radio Data System (RDS), press the DISP button to display various information, including station name, RDS station frequency, Program Type (PTY), and the name of the program, if available.\*

**BAND:** Press this button to switch between FM1, FM2, AM or XM1 or XM2 (if equipped).

**ADJ (Adjust):** Turn this knob to select radio stations.

**SEEK** Press this button's up or down arrow to go to the next or previous station and stay there. To scan radio stations, press and hold either arrow for two seconds until you hear a beep. Press either arrow again to stop scanning.

### Presetting Radio Stations

You can preset up to 30 radio stations (six FM1, six FM2, six AM, six XM1 and six XM2) by using the radio's six numbered buttons.

### Preset a radio station

- Tune in a desired station.
- Press and hold one of the six numbered buttons until you hear a beep.

Repeat the steps for each button.

**\*Note:** See Section 3 of your Owner Manual for additional radio features information, including instructions on operating the Radio Data System (RDS).

### CD Player Controls

**(Previous Track):** Press this button to go to the start of the current track.

**(Next Track):** Press this button to go to the start of the next track.

**(Reverse):** Press and hold this button to reverse quickly within a track.

**(Fast Forward):** Press and hold this button to advance quickly within a track.

**RPT (Repeat):** Press this button to hear a track over again. Press the button again to turn off repeat play.

**RDM** (Random): Press this button to hear the tracks in random order. Press the button again to turn off random play.

**▽SEEK△**: Press this button's down arrow to go to the start of the current track or to go to the previous track. Press the button again to continue moving backward through the track.

**▽SEEK△**: Press this button's up arrow to go to the start of the next track. Press it again to continue moving forward through the track.

If either arrow is held for more than two seconds, the player will enter the scan mode and will play the first 10 seconds of each track. Press either arrow to stop scanning.

**DISP** (Display): Press this button to see how long the current track has been playing.

**AUTO EQ** (Automatic Equalization): Press this button to select the desired equalization setting while playing a CD. The setting will be automatically recalled whenever a CD is played.

**BAND**: Press this button while a CD is playing to listen to the radio.

**SRCE** (Source): Press this button when listening to the radio to play a CD.

**△** (Eject): Press this button to eject a CD. (Eject operates with the ignition or radio off.)

*See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.*



### Load one CD

- Turn the ignition on.
- Press and release the LOAD button.
- After "INSERT CD" flashes on the display, insert a CD partway into the slot, label side up. The player will pull in the CD. The CD will begin to play automatically, whether your radio is on or off.

### Load multiple CDs

- Turn the ignition on.
- Press and hold the LOAD button for two seconds.
- After "INSERT CD" and the number appear on the display, insert a CD partway into the slot, label side up. The player will pull in the CD.
- Once "INSERT CD" and the number appear again on the display, load another CD. When finished loading, press the LOAD button to cancel loading operation. The player will begin to play the last CD loaded.
- For Random mode operation options, please see Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

**△** (Eject): Press this button to eject a single CD. To eject multiple CDs, press and hold this button until a beep sounds and "EJECTING ALL CDs" appears in the display.

*See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.*

### Six-Disc CD Changer (if equipped)

The six-disc CD changer can hold up to six CDs. To load one CD or multiple CDs, follow the steps below.

**MP3 Player (if equipped)**

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual for complete MP3 Player features information and operating instructions.

**XM Satellite Radio\*  
(if equipped)****Access XM Radio**

- Press the **BAND** button on your radio until XM1 or XM2 appears on the display.

For more information, contact XM on the Internet at [www.XMradio.com](http://www.XMradio.com) or call 1-800-852-XMxm (9696).

\*Activation fee and service subscription are extra. Available only in the U.S. 48 contiguous states.

See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.

**Steering Wheel Radio Controls  
(if equipped)**

In addition to the radio's primary controls, your steering wheel includes secondary radio controls as well — making for quick accessibility while also helping you keep your eyes on the road.

**SEEK:** When playing the radio, press this button's up or down arrow to go to the next or previous radio station and stay there. When playing a CD, press the up or down arrow to go to the next or previous track.

**BAND:** Press this button to switch between FM1, FM2, AM or XM1 or XM2 (if equipped).

**1–6 (Preset Pushbuttons):** When playing the radio, press this button to go to a preset radio station. When playing a CD in the six-disc CD changer, press this button to go to the next CD (if multiple CDs are loaded).

**▽ ▲ (Volume):** Press this button's up or down arrow to increase or decrease volume.

⏏ (Mute): Press this button to silence the audio system. Press it again (or any other radio button) to turn the sound back on. If equipped with OnStar®, press and hold this button for two seconds to interact with the system.

**SRCE** (Source): Press this button when listening to the radio to switch to a CD or a remote device.

*See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.*

### Sunroof (if equipped)



The sunroof controls are located on the roof liner above your rearview mirror. The ignition key must be in the RUN or ACC position to operate this feature.

*See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.*

### Cupholders



Your Equinox comes with two pairs of cupholders. One pair is located underneath the front portion of the center armrest console (above). The other is located in the rear of the console (below).



*See Section 2 of your Owner Manual.*

### Multifunction Cargo Panel/ Security Cover

This feature serves as an adjustable cargo panel or as a security cover when placed in the upper level position.

The cargo panel is carpeted on one side and has a recessed plastic surface on the other — a convenient feature when carrying wet or dirty cargo. The panel includes four hooks for securing grocery bags and has a swing-down leg that allows the panel to be used as a table.

### Four Cargo Panel Positions

The cargo panel can be placed in one of four positions: Upper, Center, Lower and a Table position.



Upper level position shown

### Upper, Center and Lower Positions

- Insert the panel's rubber knobs into either the upper, center or lower guides and slide the panel forward.
- Press down on the back of the panel to lock it in place.

### Setting Up the Table



**Note:** The table can only be used in the upper level position.

- Insert the panel's rubber knobs into the rear of the upper guides.
- Tilt the panel upward.
- Unsnap the table leg from the panel; then rotate the leg outward.
- While lowering the panel, guide the leg onto the striker plate located on the lower trim molding of the vehicle.
- Be sure that the leg is secure.

**Caution:** The table can hold a maximum of 100 pounds. Placing hot items on the table surface could damage it. Be sure items placed on the table are of moderate temperature. Always have the panel in the stored position when you are driving; otherwise, vehicle damage may occur.

See **Section 2** of your *Owner Manual*.

### All-Wheel Drive System (if equipped)

Your Equinox may be equipped with an “on-demand” All-Wheel Drive (AWD) system. The system has no buttons or controls as it is completely automatic. There may be a slight engagement sound or feel when the system engages, but this is normal.

*See Section 4 of your Owner Manual*

### Traction Control (Front-wheel drive models, if equipped with antilock brakes)

This feature limits wheelspin on slippery surfaces.

The system activates automatically whenever you start your vehicle and should be left on at all times. When the system is operating, a Traction Control light will illuminate in the instrument panel. You may also hear or feel the system working. This is normal.

Should your vehicle become stuck and it becomes necessary to “rock” it, in order to free it, you can temporarily turn off the system by pressing the traction control button shown below.



*See Section 4 of your Owner Manual.*

### Malfunction Indicator Lamp ("Check Engine" Light)



Your vehicle is equipped with an On-Board Diagnostics System (OBD II) that monitors the fuel, ignition and emission systems. OBD II helps ensure that your vehicle's emissions remain at acceptable levels. If a problem requiring service occurs, a “Check Engine” light (“A” above) will illuminate in the instrument cluster.

If the Malfunction Indicator Lamp is flashing:

- 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 remains on steadily, see the steps below. If the light continues flashing, follow the previous steps and see your dealer for service as soon as possible.

If the Malfunction Indicator Lamp remains on:

- If you recently refueled your vehicle, remove and then reinstall the fuel cap, making sure that it is tight (it will make a ratcheting sound).
- A few driving trips with the cap properly attached should turn the light off automatically.

*See Section 3 of your Owner Manual.*



## Roadside Assistance

**1-800-CHEV-USA** (1-800-243-8872)

TTY Users: 1-888-889-2438

As the owner of a 2005 Chevrolet, membership in the Roadside Assistance program is free.

Roadside Assistance is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year by calling one of the above numbers. An advisor will provide you with over-the-phone roadside assistance with minor mechanical problems. If the problem can't be resolved over the phone, our advisors have access to a nationwide network of dealer-recommended service providers. Roadside membership is free; however, some services may incur costs.

Roadside offers two levels of service: Basic Care and Courtesy Care.

### Roadside *Basic Care* provides:

- Toll-free number (shown above)
- Free towing for warranty repairs
- Basic over-the-phone technical advice
- Available dealer services at reasonable costs (i.e., wrecker services, locksmith/key service, glass repair)

### Roadside *Courtesy Care* provides:

- Roadside Basic Care services (as outlined previously)

Plus:

- FREE Non-Warranty Towing (to the closest dealer from a legal roadway)

- FREE Locksmith/Key Service (when keys are lost on the road or locked inside)
- FREE Flat Tire Service (spare installed on the road)
- FREE Jump Start (at home or on the road)
- FREE Fuel Delivery (\$5 worth of fuel delivered on the road)

Courtesy Care is available to retail and retail lease customers operating 2005 and newer Chevrolet vehicles for a period of 3 years/36,000 miles (60,000 km), whichever occurs first.

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

- Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)
- Vehicle license plate number
- Vehicle color and mileage
- Location of the vehicle
- Telephone number where you can be reached
- Description of problem

## My GMLink

The Chevrolet Owner Center at My GMLink is a complimentary service for Chevrolet Owners, a one-stop resource to enhance your Chevrolet 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](http://www.mygmlink.com)

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