



2008 Audi A3

Quick Reference Guide



Dear driver,

This quick reference guide provides you with basic information about the operating procedures and functions of your vehicle.

This reference guide is NOT a substitute for the Owner's Manual which contains important in-depth information and safety warnings.

We hope that you derive great pleasure from your Audi and always have a safe and enjoyable journey.

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Always check the Owner's Manual for additional important details and safety information.

Note: The asterisk denotes features optional or unavailable on some models.



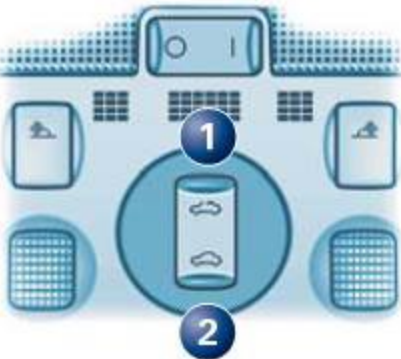
Opening and closing



Master key with remote control

Push the appropriate button.

- 1 **Unlock button:** Press the button and open the driver's door within 60 seconds, otherwise the vehicle will lock all the doors again automatically.
- 2 **Release button for luggage compartment:** Push the button for at least 1 second.



open sky system

It is opened/closed with the ignition switched on.

Tilt open: Press position 1.

Comfort position (low wind noise): Press position 1 twice.

Open/Close: Press and hold position 1 (open) or 2 (close) until the open sky system is opened/closed completely or the desired position is reached.

- 3 **Lock button:** Press the button to lock the vehicle.
- 4 **Folding master key with remote control:** Press the release button to fold the key out. The master key automatically pops out of the key housing. To close it, press the release button and fold the key back in.
- 5 **PANIC button:** Push to activate or deactivate the Panic function.

WARNING

When you leave the vehicle, always remove the ignition key and take it with you. This will prevent passengers (children, for example) from accidentally being locked in the vehicle should they accidentally press the power locking switch on the center console.

WARNING

When you lock your vehicle from the outside, do not leave anyone - especially children - inside the vehicle. Remember, when you lock the vehicle from the outside the windows cannot be opened from the inside.

WARNING

Improper use of the open sky system can cause serious personal injury.

- Always make sure that nobody is in the way when closing the open sky system.
- Always take the key with you whenever you leave the vehicle to help prevent unsupervised use.

Safety

All vehicle occupants, including those in the rear seats, must fasten their seat belt before driving off – even in city traffic. Observe the guidelines below to obtain maximum protection from the seat belt, belt tensioners and airbags:

 **WARNING**

Thoroughly review your Owner’s Manual for warnings and other important information about proper restraint use and what you can do to reduce the risk of injury in accidents. Failure to properly use restraint systems can cause serious personal injury.

 **WARNING**

The airbag system cannot protect you properly if you are seated too close to any of the airbag locations. When adjusting their seat positions, it is important that both the driver and front passenger keep their upper bodies and knees at the following minimum safe distances:

- 10 inches (25 cm) between the chest and the steering wheel/instrument panel.
- 4 inches (10 cm) between the knees and the lower part of the instrument panel.

 **WARNING**

Always fasten safety belts before driving off. Always make sure passengers are properly restrained. Children 12 years old and younger must ride in the rear seat and be properly restrained as indicated in the Owner’s Manual. The airbag is supplemental and does not replace safety belt use.

Correct positioning of seat belt

The shoulder belt section must pass across the middle of the shoulder, the lap belt section as low as possible across the pelvis. Seat belts must always sit snugly.



Correct seating position

Do not move the front seats too close to the steering wheel or the instrument panel. Always maintain a distance of at least 10 in (25 cm) between your upper body and the steering wheel or the instrument panel. Always maintain an upright seating position. The upper edge of the head restraint should be at eye level or higher. Always keep your feet in the footwell.

 **WARNING**

Never install rear facing child seats or infant carriers on the passenger seat. A child will be seriously injured or killed when the passenger airbag inflates.

Adjusting the manual front seats

-  **Adjusting the head restraints**
- Raising:* Take hold of the sides of the head restraint with both hands and move it up as required.
- Lowering:* Press the button on the side of the head restraint and move the head restraint as required.
-  **Adjusting the seat back angle**
- Lean forwards and turn adjuster wheel.



-  **Adjusting the seat height**
- Lift or press the lever repeatedly until the seat reaches the desired height.
-  **Moving the seat backwards or forwards**
- Lift the lever and move the seat into the desired position. Then release the lever and move the seat further until the catch engages.

 **WARNING**

Front seat passengers must never ride in a moving vehicle with the seatback reclined. The risk of personal injury increases with increasing rearward angle of the seatback. Safety belts only offer protection when the seatback is upright and belts are properly positioned on the body. Adjust your seats only when the vehicle is at a complete standstill.

Instruments



- ❶ RPM-gauge
- ❷ Warning/indicator lights
- ❸ Coolant temperature gauge
- ❹ Fuel gauge
- ❺ Speedometer
- ❻ Odometer
 - Upper odometer: distance driven on a single trip
 - Lower odometer: total distance driven
- ❼ Trip odometer reset knob
- ❽ Display for:
 - Driver information messages
 - Warning symbols and auto-check control
 - Radio, CD and telephone*
 - Navigation system*
 - Outside air temperature
 - Trip computer
 - Selector lever position*
 - Service interval display

If service is due soon, a service reminder will appear briefly.

- ❾ Control knob for setting:
 - Clock time/Date display

Pull on the knob as many times as needed until the desired display appears. Then adjust by turning the knob.
 - Scrolling through the Auto-Check System Displays

Press the knob while the ignition is on and the vehicle is standing still.
 - Briefly display driver information

Press the knob when a red symbol appears.
 - Briefly illuminating the clock and odometer

Press the knob when the ignition is off.
 - Saving the speed warning

Briefly press the knob when you reach the desired speed. To clear the speed warning, hold the knob down for longer than 1 second.
- ❿ Clock time with date display or outside temperature display

Refueling

Opening fuel filler flap

The fuel filler flap is opened by pulling the button  in the driver's door. Unscrew fuel filler cap counter-clockwise and hang it on the fuel filler flap.



Labels for:

- ❶ Fuel grades
- ❷ Tire pressure

Note: The sticker listing the tire pressures is located either on the driver's side B-pillar (visible when the door is open) or inside the fuel filler flap.

Warning and indicator lamps

	Tire pressure monitoring system		Headlight leveling adjustment
	Electronic power control ²⁾		Check engine oil/engine oil sensor defective
	Electronic Stabilization Program (ESP)		Low washer fluid level
	Malfunction Indicator Lamp ²⁾ (USA)		Cruise control system (USA)
	Malfunction Indicator Lamp ²⁾ (CDN)		Cruise control system (CDN)
	High beam		Airbag system ²⁾
	Turn signals/Hazard warning lights		Generator ²⁾
	Cooling system malfunction		Seat belt warning light
	Low fuel level		Brake malfunction (USA)
	Engine oil pressure too low		Brake malfunction (CDN)
	Hood open		Anti-lock brake system ²⁾ (USA)
	Door/doors open		Anti-lock brake system ²⁾ (CDN)
	Rear hatch open		Electro-mechanical power assist ²⁾
	Brake pads worn		Malfunction in the brake system ¹⁾ (USA)
	Fuel filler cap open		Malfunction in the brake system ¹⁾ (CDN)
	Light/rain sensor defective		Engine coolant level too low/engine coolant temperature too high ¹⁾
	Adaptive light malfunction		Engine oil pressure too low ¹⁾

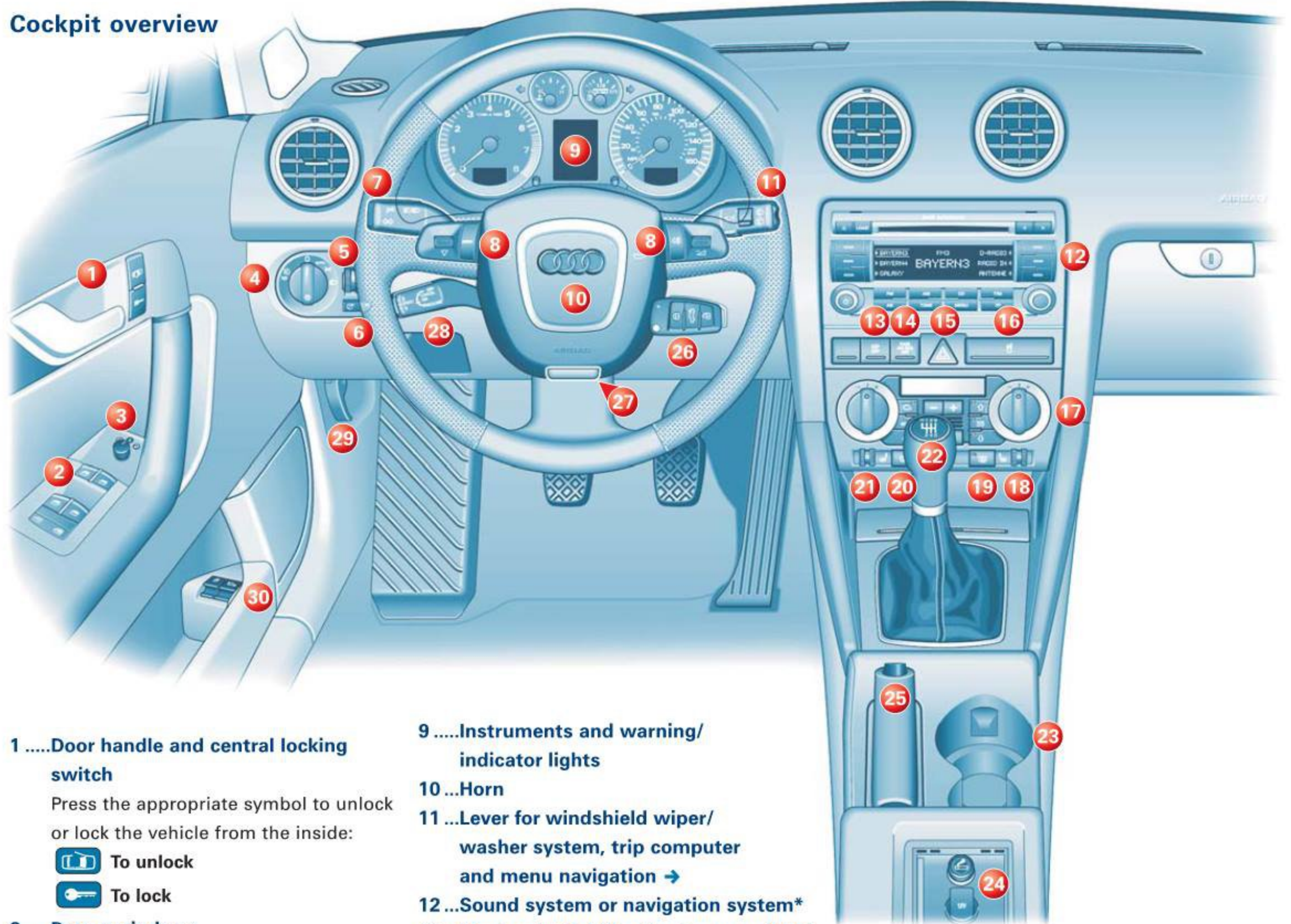
Please refer to your Owner's Manual for the explanation of the additional symbols on vehicles equipped with Auto Check Control.

⚠ WARNING

¹⁾ If one of the red symbols illuminates while you are driving, stop the vehicle as soon as it is safe, turn off the engine and consult the Owner's Manual.

²⁾ If one of the warning lights comes on while you are driving, please proceed to an authorized dealership immediately!

Cockpit overview



1 Door handle and central locking switch

Press the appropriate symbol to unlock or lock the vehicle from the inside:

To unlock

To lock

2 Power windows

Press or lift the switch as far as the first stop and hold it until the window has moved to the desired position.

“One-touch” function: Press/pull the switch briefly to the second stop.

3 Power mirror adjustment →

4 Light switch →

5 Instrument cluster illumination

6 Coming home/leaving home switch

7 Turn signal and high beam lever →

8 Controls for the multi-function steering wheel* →

9 Instruments and warning/indicator lights

10 ...Horn

11 ...Lever for windshield wiper/washer system, trip computer and menu navigation →

12 ...Sound system or navigation system*

13 ...Electronic Stabilization Program (ESP)

14 ...Passenger airbag off light*

15 ...Emergency flasher

16 ...Storage compartment

17 ...Air conditioner controls →

18 ...Thumbwheel for seat heating* (front right seat)

19 ...Rear window defogger switch

20 ...Window defroster

21 ...Thumbwheel for seat heating* (front left seat)

22 ...Gearshift lever or Selector lever → (on vehicles with Direct Shift Gearbox)

23 ...Cup holder

24 ...Cigarette lighter/Electrical socket

25 ...Parking brake lever

26 ...Ignition switch

27 ...Lever for adjustable steering column Refer to the Owner's Manual!

28 ...Control lever for cruise control system →

29 ...Hood release lever

Refer to the Owner's Manual!

30 ...Release switches for:

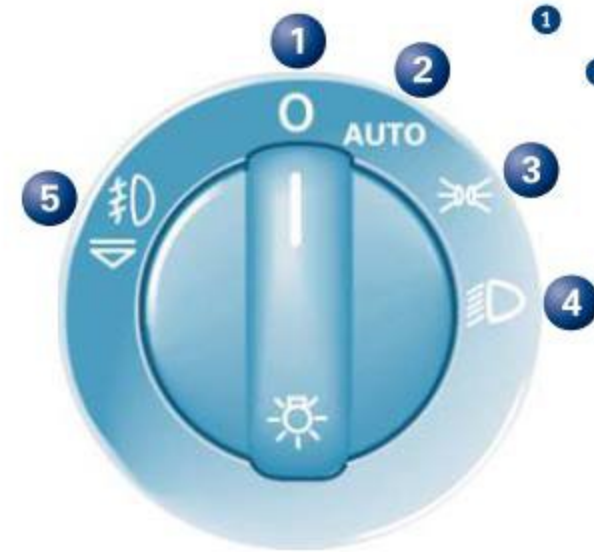
Tank flap

Rear lid

▲ Warning and indicator lamps ▼ Cockpit overview

→ You can find additional information concerning these points on the following pages.

[4] Light switch



- 1 Off
 - 2 AUTO*
Sensor-controlled activation/deactivation.
 - 3 Side marker lights
 - 4 Low/high beam
 - 5 Fog lights
- To turn on the fog lights, pull the switch out from the *Low/high beam* 4 position to the stop.

[3] Power mirror adjustment

Adjust the rotary knob:

- 1 Left outside mirror
- 2 Heated exterior mirrors*
- 3 Right outside mirror

Note: The mirror surfaces are heated regardless of the outside temperature.



[8] Controls for the multi-function steering wheel*

You can use the multi-function steering wheel to quickly and conveniently operate the soundsystem and telephone functions. Refer to your Owner's Manual.



[28] Control lever for cruise control system

Instructions for the cruise control system can be found in the Owner's Manual.

[22] Transmission selector lever (Direct Shift Gearbox)

Shift lever position

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|---|---------|---|---------|
| P | Park | R | Reverse |
| N | Neutral | D | Drive |
| S | Sport | | |

You can only shift the selector lever into the **P** and **R** position and shift out of the **P** and **N** position if you press the brake pedal and the selector lever shift lock button at the same time.

Note: Hold the vehicle with the brake pedal when the engine is running and the selector lever is in any position other than **P**.



⚠ WARNING

Only shift into **P** and **R** when the vehicle is stationary.

Manual shift program (tiptronic)

This program allows you to shift gears manually. Push the selector lever into the right shift gate from position **D**. Upshifts and downshifts are made by tapping the selector lever forward/to the rear. If you have a steering wheel with tiptronic controls*, you can shift gears with the selector paddles **+**/**-**.



[17] Air conditioner controls

Left-side rotary switch:

Temperature selection for the driver's side.

Right-side rotary switch:

Temperature selection for the passenger's side.

AUTO Automatic mode (Set a comfortable temperature and press the button)

- + Blower speed controls (switches in the center)

ECON Economy mode

[11] Lever for windshield wiper/washer system, trip computer and menu navigation

Windshield:

0 Wipers off

1 One-tap wiping

2 Interval wipe/rain sensor*: You can adjust the sensitivity of the rain sensor or the interval settings with switch **A**.

3 Low wiper speed

4 High wiper speed

5 Automatic wiper/washer: Pull and hold lever towards you.

Rear wiper:

6 Intermittent wiping: Press the lever forward.

7 Automatic wiper/washer: Press and hold the lever forward. When released, the rear wiper will return to the intermittent position.

Service position (for changing wiper blades):

Switch on ignition, then switch off ignition and move the wiperlever from position **0** to **1**.

Function control switches for trip computer

By repeatedly tapping the upper or lower edge of rocker switch **B**, you can bring up information on the display in order. By holding down the RESET button **C**, the value currently being displayed can be set to zero.

Function button for display modes

By tapping the RESET button **C** repeatedly, the driving data in the trip computer and the menu displays are selected in the display. The menu functions are selected with the rocker switch **B** and activated by pressing the RESET button **C**.

[7] Turn signal and high beam lever

1 Right turn signal

(with ignition Off = side marker lights on)

2 Left turn signal

(with ignition Off = side marker lights on)

3 High beam

4 Headlight flasher

⚠ WARNING

It is dangerous to use the Resume feature when the previously set speed is too fast for existing traffic conditions.

To prevent unintended operation of cruise control, turn it off when it is not being used.