2012 Audi A8

Quick Reference Guide

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This Quick Reference Guide provides you with a brief overview of selected procedures and functions in your vehicle. It does not replace the Owner's Manual with its important explanations and warnings.

Cockpit

1. Luggage compartment
2. Power windows

WARNING

Be careful when closing the windows and luggage compartment. Check to see that no one is in the way, or serious personal injury could result.

3. Adjusting the exterior mirrors
4. Hood release
5. Data link Connector for On Board Diagnostics (OBD II)
6. Memory seat buttons
7. Door handle
8. Central locking switch
9. All-weather lights
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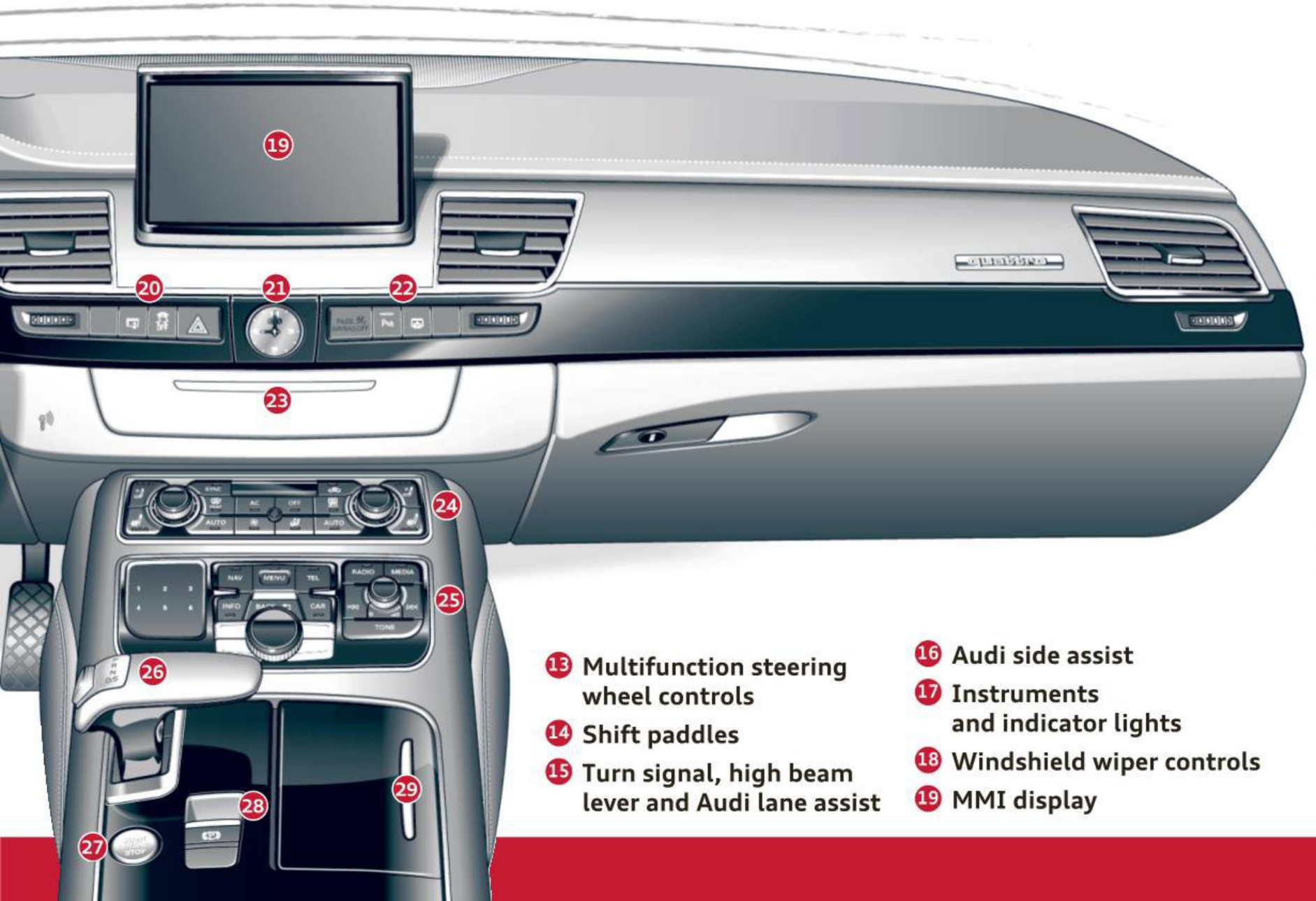
10. Light switch
11. Cruise control or adaptive cruise control
12. Steering wheel position adjuster and Steering wheel heating

WARNING

The column should only be adjusted when the vehicle is at a complete standstill.



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Adjusting the seats

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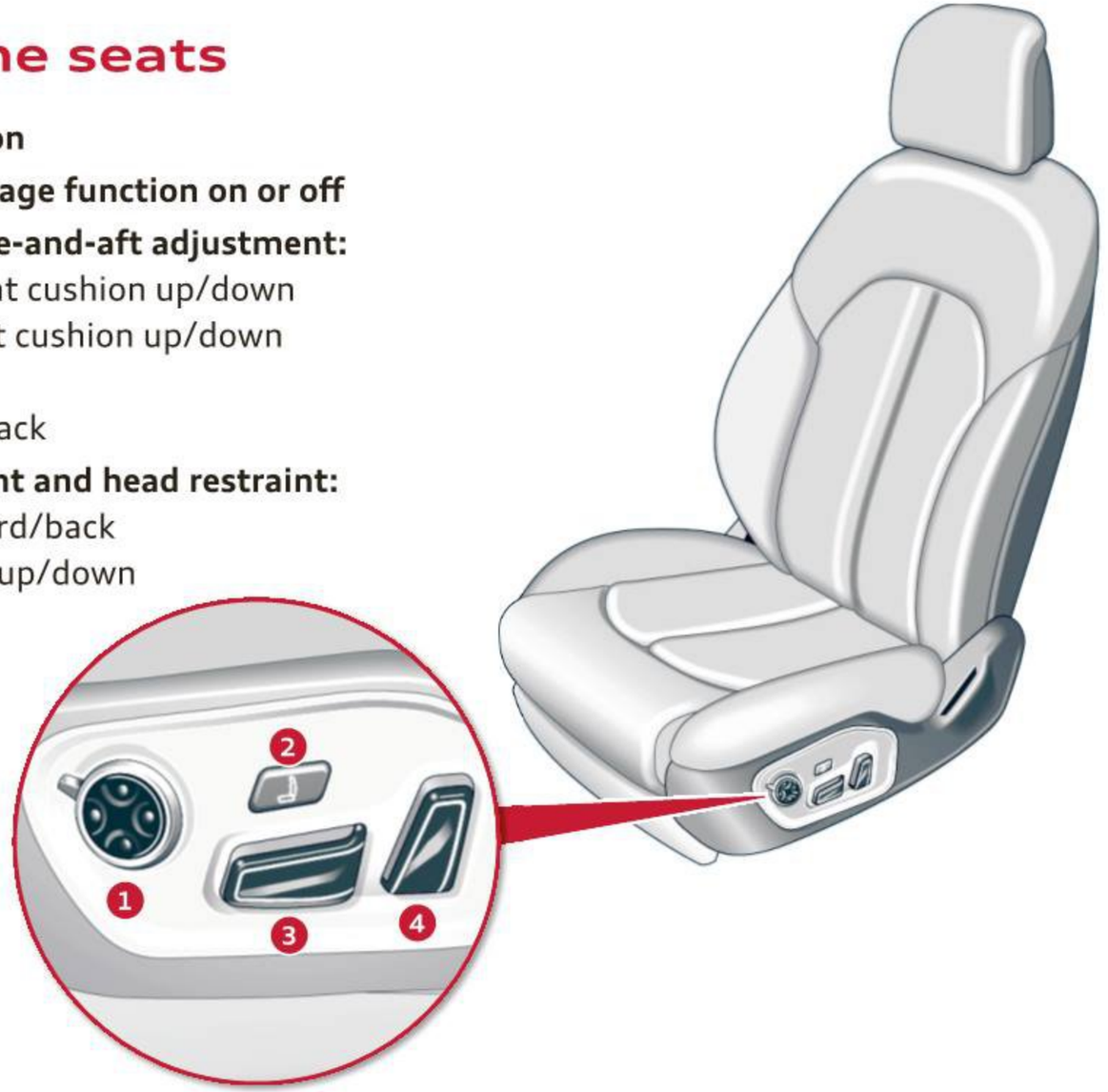
2. **Switching the massage function on or off**
3. **Seat height and fore-and-aft adjustment:**
   - Front of the seat cushion up/down
   - Back of the seat cushion up/down
   - Seat up/down
   - Seat forward/back
4. **Seatback adjustment and head restraint:**
   - Backrest forward/back
   - Head restraint up/down



Adjusting the headrests

Adjust the head restraint so the upper edge is as even as possible with the top of your head.

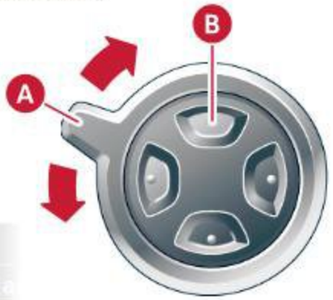
⚠WARNING

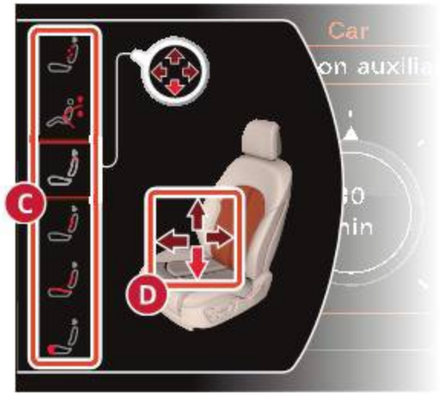
The airbag system cannot protect you properly if you are seated too close to any of the airbag locations. When adjusting their seat positions, it is important that both the driver and front passenger keep their upper bodies at a minimum safe distance of 10 inches (25 cm) between the chest and the steering wheel/instrument panel.

Multifunction button

You can adjust the massage function, upper section of the backrest, lumbar support, side bolsters, upper thigh support and safety belt height using the multifunction button 1.

- Turn the outer ring A on the multifunction button. The possible seat adjustments are shown in the MMI display C.
- Turn the outer ring A to select the desired seat adjustment C.
- The arrows displayed D indicate the possible adjustments. Press the multifunction button to select the desired item B that is indicated by the arrow.





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

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.

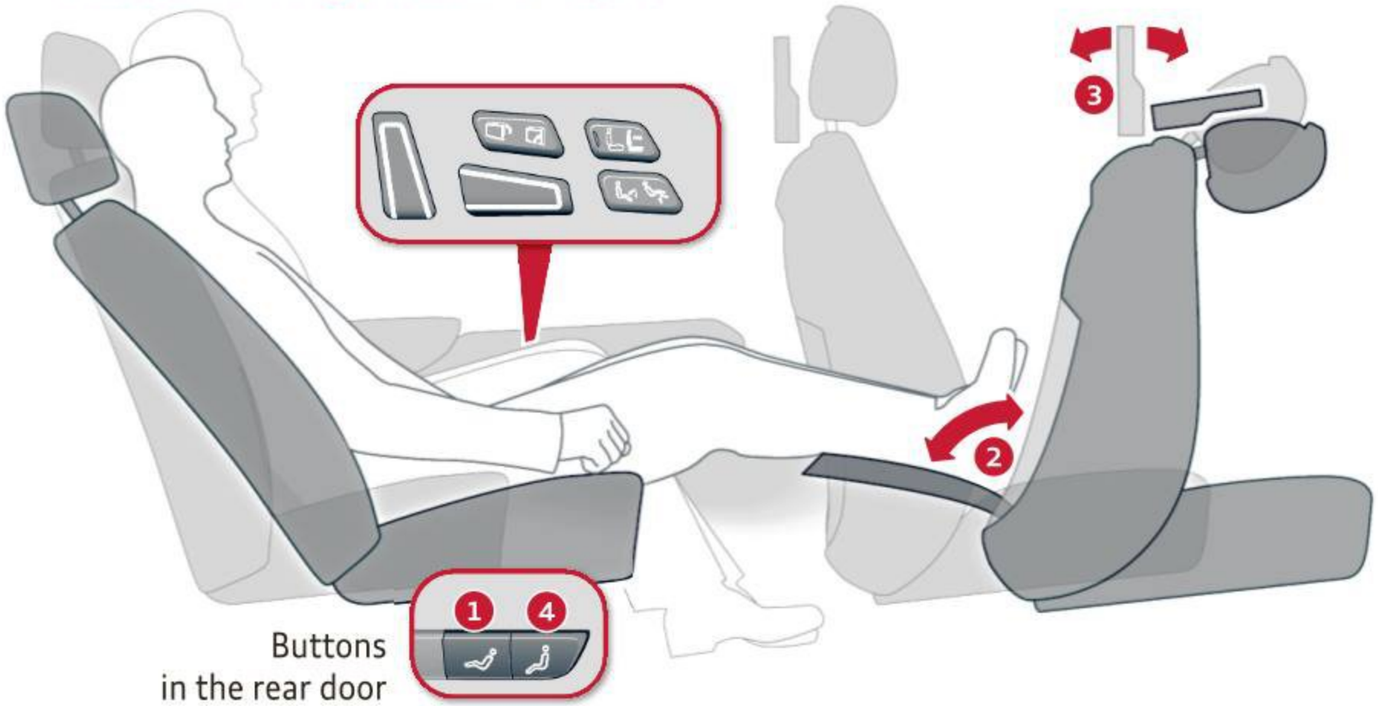
WARNING

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.

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.

Reclining rear seat



Buttons
in the rear door

⚠WARNING

- **Never adjust the reclining position when the front passenger's seat is occupied. This increases the risk of injury.**
- **Do not tilt the display if the driver's view of the right exterior mirror will be obstructed.**
- **Make sure the area between the leg support and the front passenger's seat backrest is clear before folding the leg support in so that you are not pinched.**

1 Adjusting the reclining position

Press and hold the button in the rear door until the rear and front passenger seats have reached their end positions.

2 Adjusting the leg support

The leg support can be folded out and in when the seat is in the reclining position.

Folding out/in: Press and hold the button on the left/right until the desired position is reached.

The leg support can also be adjusted when adjusting the front passenger seat.

Press the button.

Leg support steeper/flatter

Leg support forward/back

3 Adjusting the RSE display

Tilting: Press the button forward/back.

You can fold the display forward so that you have a clear view of the roadway:

Press and hold the button until the end position is reached.

4 Adjusting the standard position

Press and hold the button in the rear door until the end position is reached and the head restraint is upright.

Convenience key

Opening and closing the vehicle

With convenience key, you can lock and unlock your vehicle without using the remote control key. You only need to carry the remote control key with you.

Unlocking the vehicle: Take hold one of the door handles.

Locking the vehicle: Place the selector lever in the P position. Touch the sensor 1 on one of the door handles.

Closing the rear lid automatically: Press the button in the open rear lid or pull the button in the driver's door until the rear lid is closed.

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 in the front doors.

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

Always ensure that no one is within range of the rear lid when it is moving, in particular close to the hinges - fingers or hands can be pinched.

Starting the engine

Use the START ENGINE STOP button to switch the ignition on and start the engine. The master key must be inside the vehicle.

Switching the ignition on/off:

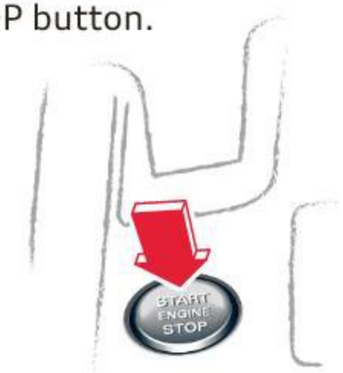
Do not press the brake pedal and press the START ENGINE STOP button.

Starting the engine:

Press the brake pedal and press the START ENGINE STOP button.

Stopping the engine:

Stop the vehicle. Move the selector lever into P or N and press the START ENGINE STOP button.



All-weather lights

Reduces the glare from your own headlights when visibility is poor, for example on wet roads.

Switching on or off:
Press .

WARNING

Night vision assistant has limits and cannot always detect pedestrians. Always pay close attention to traffic and the area around your vehicle even when night vision assistant is switched on.

Night vision assistant

The night vision assistant shows the area in front of the vehicle in the instrument cluster display when it is dark outside. The system highlights pedestrians that it detects in yellow. Detected pedestrians are marked in red if they are within a critical distance.

Switching on or off: Switch the ignition and the headlights on. Press the button located near the light switch.

Adaptive cruise control

The adaptive cruise control is a combined cruise control and distance regulation system.

Switching on/off: Pull/press the lever 3.

Storing the speed: Press the button 1.

Changing the stored speed: Press the lever 3 up (faster) or down (slower).

Increasing/decreasing the distance: Slide the switch 2 to the right/left.

WARNING

Improper use of the Audi lane assist and adaptive cruise control can cause collisions, other accidents and serious personal injury. Always read and heed the Warnings in the Owner's Manual.

Selector lever

The selector lever 1 shows the selected position. To engage the nearest lever position, move the selector lever forward/back to the first pressure point.
To skip over one (or two) positions (for example from P to D), move the selector lever to the second or third pressure point.

To change the selector lever position, press the selector lever lock 2 and press the brake pedal, if necessary.

P - Park

R - Reverse

N - Neutral

D/S - Drive/Sport

When switching from D to S or from S to D, you must move the selector lever back.
You can use the M button on the multifunction steering wheel to activate or deactivate manual shifting using the shift paddles.

Electromechanical parking brake

Engaging the parking brake:
Stop the vehicle and pull the (P) button.

Releasing the parking brake:
Press the brake pedal while pressing the (P) button.

Using automatic car washes

If you switch the engine off when the selector lever is in the N position, the transmission will remain in N for approximately 30 minutes and then will shift into P automatically.

To prevent P from engaging automatically when driving through an automatic car wash, complete the following:

- Select the N selector lever position.
- Switch the engine off.

Climate control

1 Left switch – driver's side

2 Right switch – passenger's side

Rotary switch: Adjusts the temperature, blower speed and air distribution

AUTO **Automatic mode**
Set the desired temperature and press the button.

AC **Switching cooling mode on/off**

OFF **Switching the climate control system on/off**

Fan speed

Air distribution

SYNC **Synchronizing the driver's and front passenger's settings**

Recirculation mode

FRONT **Defrost the windshield/ side windows**

REAR **Rear window defroster**

Ventilated seats

Heated seats

Fuel

The label on the inside of the fuel filler flap indicates the correct fuel type.

Fuel filler flap

Opening: Press the left side of the fuel filler flap.
Closing: Press the fuel filler flap in until it latches.

Engine oil

For the applicable oil specifications, refer to the Owner's Manual.

Tire pressures

The label with the correct tire pressures is located on the driver's door pillar.

Multi Media Interface

⚠ WARNING

Distraction causes accidents:
- Never enter data while driving!
- Obey traffic laws & road signs!
- Refer to the Owner's Manual!

MMI components

1 Driver information system

2 Multifunction steering wheel

Press the **rocker switch** ◁ ▷ to the left or right to select the menu tabs in the driver information display.

Press the ☰ **button** to call up the submenu in an activated tab.

Roll the **left thumbwheel** to select a menu item.
Press the thumbwheel to confirm the selection.

Roll the **right thumbwheel** to adjust the volume.
Press the thumbwheel to mute the MMI.

Press the NAV **button** to repeat the last navigation announcement.

Press the 🎤 **button** briefly to activate the voice recognition system.

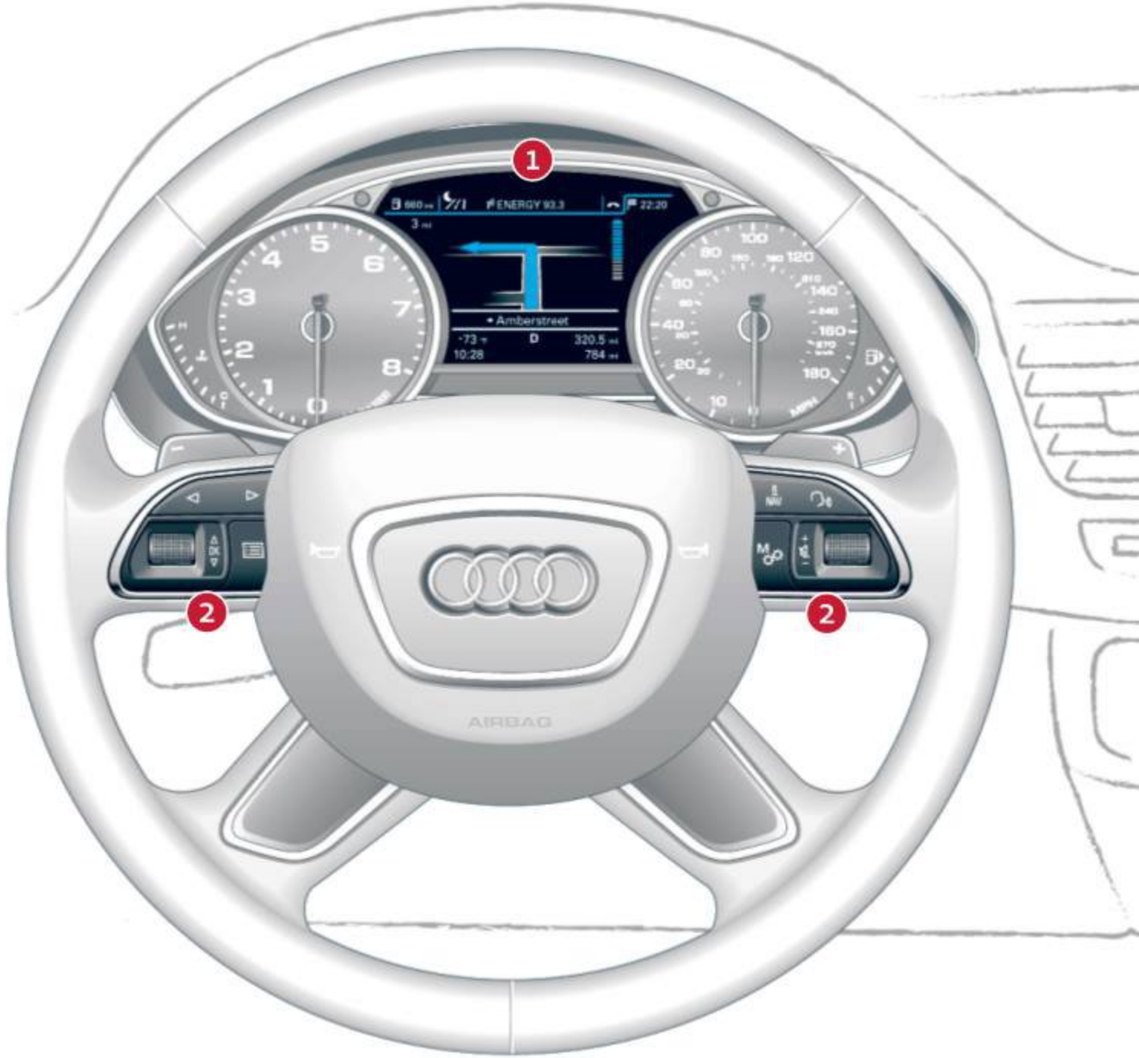
After the <Beep>, you can say the desired commands.

To deactivate, press and hold the 🎤 **button** until you hear the message <Cancel>.

3 MMI display

4 Button ⏏ for opening/closing the MMI display

5 MMI drives



6 MMI touch control panel

You can enter individual letters, numbers and symbols or control selected MMI functions with your finger.

7 Function buttons

Call up main functions such as RADIO .

8 Button BACK

Cancel the selection/go back to the function above.

9 On/Off button

Switching on/off: Press briefly/press and hold.

Adjusting the volume: Turn.

Mute: Press briefly.

10 Arrow buttons

Press briefly: Previous/next radio or TV station, select track.

Press and hold: Fast forward/rewind.

11 Control buttons

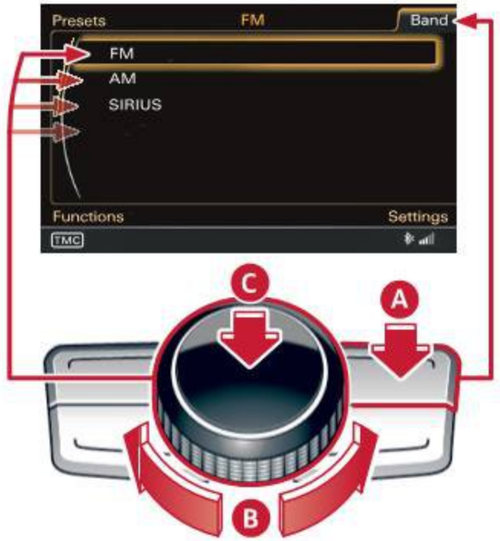
Activate the functions currently shown in the corners of the MMI display.

12 Control knob

To select a menu item: Turn the knob.
To confirm your selection: Press the knob.

MMI operation

The MMI is operated the same way in all functions.



A Calling up menus in the display corners: Press the appropriate button.

B Selecting: Turn the knob.

C Confirming: Press the knob.

MMI touch

Entering numbers, letters and symbols

”Write” each character one at a time on the MMI touch control panel using your finger. When the system recognizes a character, it shows it in the MMI display A and reads it aloud.

To select a different character B, turn the control knob. The selected symbol appears in the input field C. Drag your finger from left to right over the control panel to enter a blank space. Move your finger from right to left over the control panel to erase a symbol. Touch the control panel briefly to end the input.

Saving the selected radio station

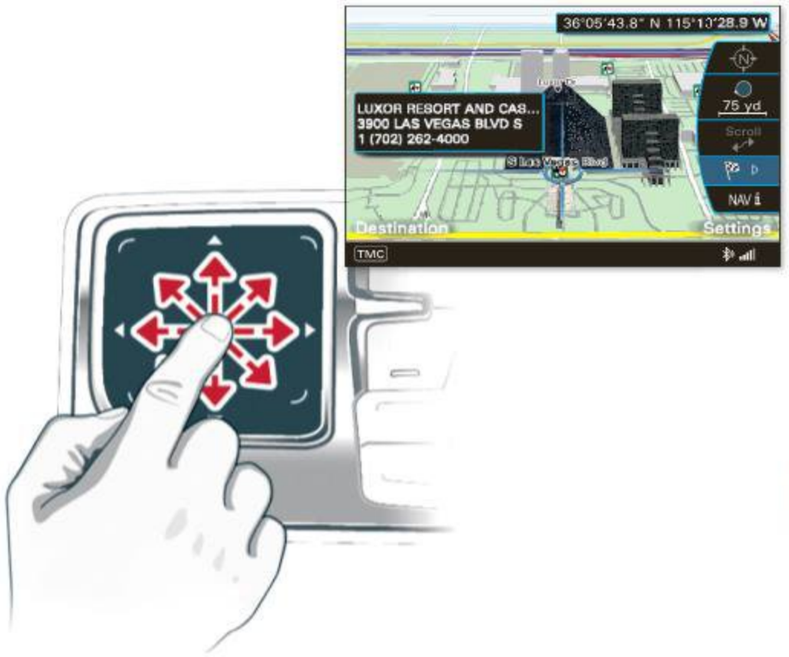
Press and hold the desired number on the control panel until you hear a signal.

Selecting stored radio stations

Tap the number on the control panel.

Moving the map with crosshairs

Press the control button to display the crosshairs. Then move your finger across the control panel in the desired direction.



Scrolling through album covers

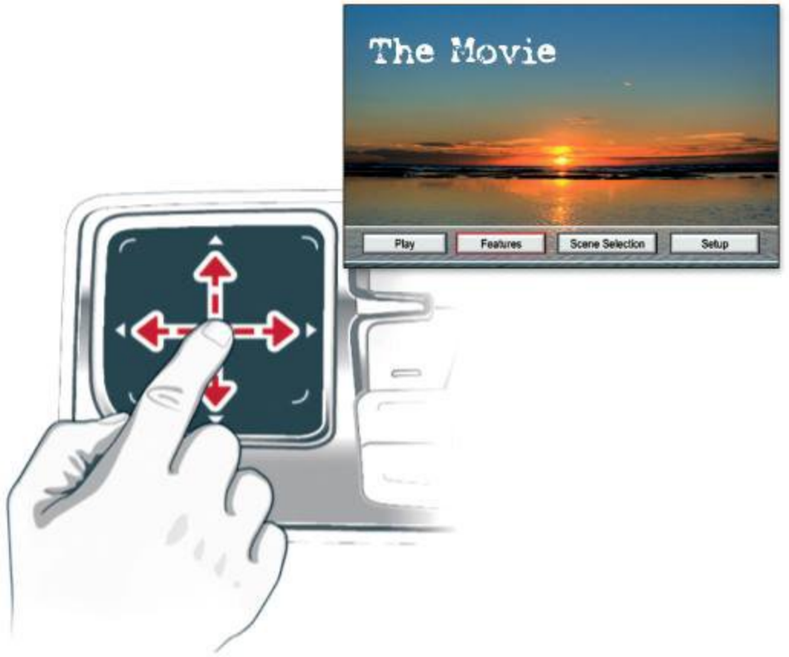
Move your finger over the control panel in the desired direction as illustrated.

Tap the control panel briefly to confirm a selection.

Operating the DVD main menu

Move your finger over the control panel in the desired direction as illustrated.

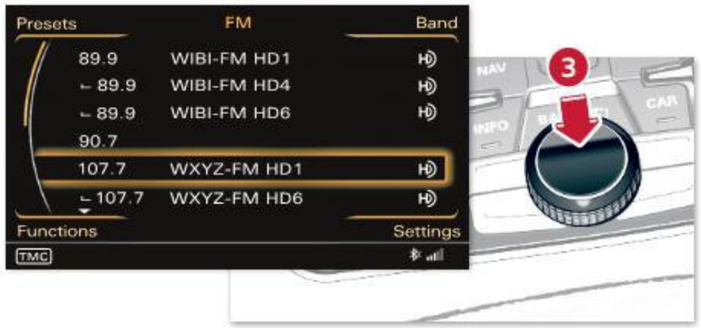
Tap the control panel briefly to confirm a selection.



Storing a radio station

1 Press the RADIO function button.

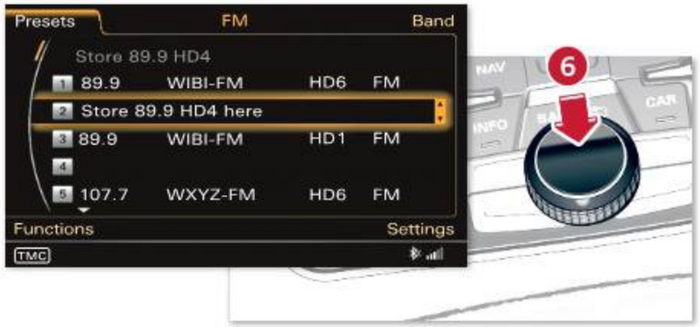
2 Turn the control knob and select the desired station.



3 Press the control knob to confirm.

4 Press the "Presets" control button.

5 Turn the control knob and select "Store <station name>".

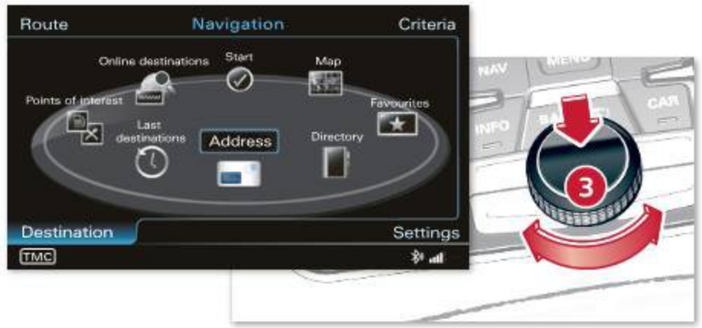


6 Press the control knob. The next free memory preset is selected.

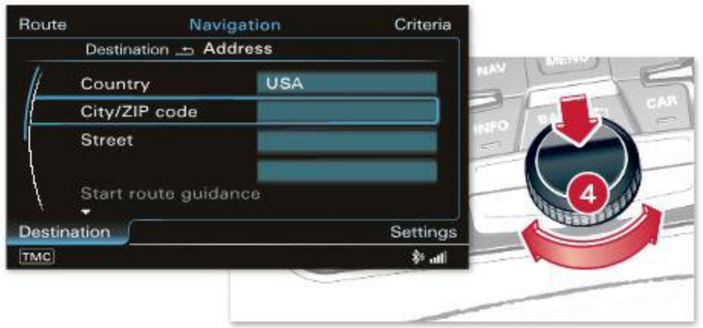
7 Turn the control knob and select the desired preset.

8 Press the control knob to confirm.

1 Press the NAV function button.
2 Press the "Destination" control button.



3 Turn/press the control knob to select/confirm the "Address" menu.



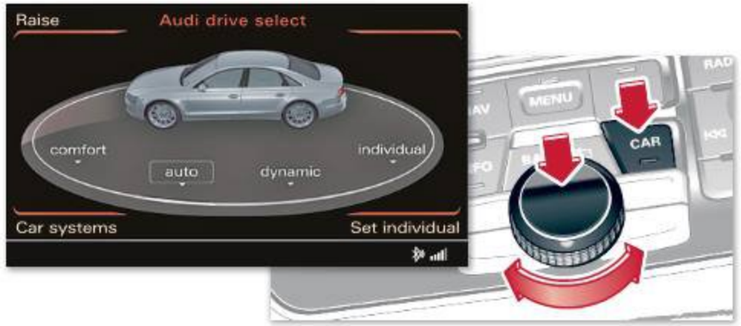
4 Turn/press the control knob to select/confirm the "City/Zip code" menu item.

5 "Write" the destination on the MMI touch control panel one letter at a time until the desired destination name is displayed.
6 To end the input and go to the list of found destinations, tap the control panel briefly.

7 Turn/press to select the city and enter detailed destination information if necessary.

8 Select the menu item "Start route guidance".
9 Press the control knob to confirm. The route is calculated.

MMI Functions



Driver assistance systems

Use the button CAR to adjust or operate many driver assistance systems in your Audi.

For detailed information on this, please see your vehicle Owner's Manual.

Establishing a Bluetooth™ Connection for Cell Phones and Bluetooth™ audio players

Requirements: The vehicle must be stationary. The ignition, MMI and cell phone/Bluetooth audio player must be switched on. Switch on the "Bluetooth" and "Bluetooth audio player" menus in the MMI Bluetooth settings. Activate "Bluetooth" and "Visible mode" on the cell phone/Bluetooth audio player.

Pairing a cell phone:

- Press the TEL function button on the MMI.
- Select the "Search for new cell phone" menu item and confirm.
- Select your Bluetooth cell phone in the display and confirm.
- Select the "Handsfree" menu item and confirm your selection.
- Confirm the PIN displayed with "Yes" and enter the PIN in your cell phone.
- Confirm the connection in your cell phone too when requested.

Pairing a Bluetooth audio player:

- Press the MEDIA function button on the MMI.
- Press the "Source" control button.
- Select the "Bluetooth audio player" menu item and confirm your selection. A message appears indicating that no players are paired with the MMI.
- Press the control knob to begin the search.
- Select your Bluetooth audio player in the display and confirm your selection.
- Press the control knob to confirm the Bluetooth audio player profile.
- Confirm the PIN displayed with "Yes" and enter the PIN in your Bluetooth audio player.
- Confirm the connection in your Bluetooth audio player too when requested.

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For additional information on indicator lights, refer to your vehicle Owner's Manual.

BRAKE	Brake malfunction (USA)
	Brake malfunction (CAN)
PARK	Parking brake (USA)
	Parking brake (CAN)
	Engine cooling system
	Engine oil pressure
	Engine oil level
	Generator
	Safety belt
	Steering column lock
	Engine start system

	Speed warning system
	Adaptive cruise control
	Air suspension
	Pedestrian warning
AIR BAG	Safety systems (USA)
	Safety systems (CAN)
	Electronic Stability Control (ESC)
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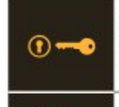
ABS	Anti-lock brake system (USA)
	Anti-lock brake system (CAN)
	Worn brake pads

	Parking brake
	Tire pressure monitoring system
TPMS	Tire pressure monitoring system
EPC	Electronic power control
	Malfunction indicator Lamp
	Engine speed limitation
	Engine oil level
	Engine oil sensor
	Generator
	Tank system
	Windshield washer fluid level

	Windshield wipers
	Remote control key
	Remote control key
	Battery in remote control key
	Defective light bulb
	Fog lights
	Rear fog lights
	Headlight range control
	Adaptive light
	Light-/rain sensor
	Audi lane assist

	Transmission
	Transmission
	Electronic steering column lock
	Engine start system
	Dynamic steering
	Air suspension
	Sport differential
	Turn signals

CRUISE	Cruise control (USA)
	Cruise control (CAN)
	Adaptive cruise control
	Adaptive cruise control
	Adaptive cruise control
	Audi lane assist
	High beam

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