
Wiper controls

WARNING

In freezing weather, do not use the windshield washer until the windshield is sufficiently warmed by the defroster. Otherwise the washer fluid can freeze on the windshield, blocking your view.

CAUTION

- Do not operate the washer continuously for more than ten seconds, or when the washer fluid tank is empty. This may cause overheating of the washer motor. Check the washer fluid level frequently, such as at fuel stops.
- Do not operate the wipers when the windshield or rear window is dry. This may scratch the glass, damage the wiper blades and cause the wiper motor to burn out. Before operating the wiper on a dry windshield or rear window, always use the windshield washer.
- In freezing weather, be sure the wiper blades are not frozen to the windshield or rear window before operating the wipers.
- Do not operate the wipers if the wiper blades are frozen to the windshield or rear window. If the wiper would be operated with the wiper blades frozen to the windshield or rear window, the wiper blades could be worn or damaged prematurely, resulting in streaking or incomplete wiping. Be sure to use the defroster or rear window defogger, if the wiper blades are frozen to the glass.
- Do not clean the wiper blades with gasoline or a solvent, such as paint thinner or benzene. This will cause deterioration of the wiper blades.

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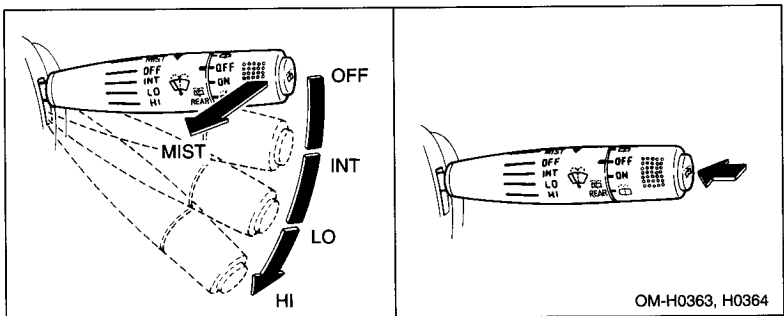
- The wiper operates only when the ignition switch is in the "ON" or "ACC" position.
- Clean your wiper blades and windshield periodically with a windshield washer solution to prevent streaking, and to remove accumula-

tions of road salt or road film. Keep the windshield washer button depressed at least for 1 second so that washer solution will be sprinkled all over the windshield or rear window.

Grease, wax, insects or other material on the windshield or the wiper blade results in jerky wiper operation and streaking on the glass. If you cannot remove those streaks after operating the windshield washer or if the wiper operation is jerky, clean the outer surface of the windshield (or rear window) and the wiper blades using a sponge or soft cloth with a neutral detergent or mild-abrasive cleaner. After cleaning, rinse the windshield and wiper blades with clean water. The windshield is clean if beads do not form when you rinse the windshield with water.

If you cannot eliminate the streaking even after following this method, replace the wiper blades with new ones. Refer to the Wiper Blade Replacement section (chapter 10) for replacement instructions.

■ Windshield wipers and washer switch



▼ Windshield wipers

To turn the wipers on, push the wiper control lever down.

INT: Intermittent

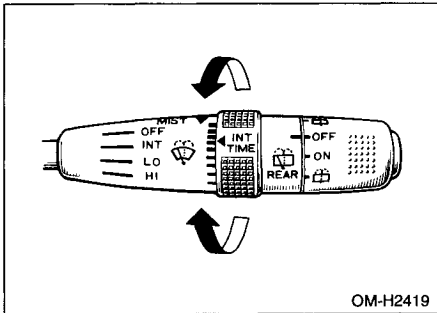
LO : Low speed

HI : High speed

To turn the wipers off, return the lever to the "OFF" position.

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▼ Wiper intermittent time control (if equipped)



When the wiper switch is in the "INT" position, turn the dial to adjust the operating interval of the wiper.

▼ Mist (for a single wipe)

For a single wipe of the wipers, pull the lever toward you. The wipers operate until you release the lever.

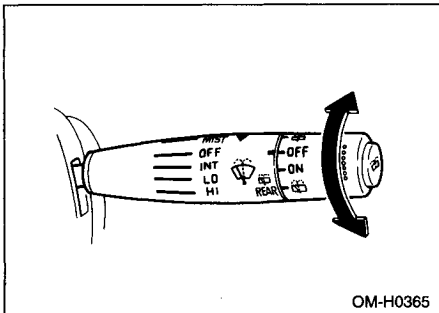
▼ Washer

To wash the windshield, push the washer button at the end of the wiper control lever. The washer fluid sprays until you release the washer button. The wipers operate while you push the button.

■ Rear window wiper and washer switch (Wagon — if equipped)

⚠ CAUTION

- In freezing weather, be sure the wiper blade is not frozen to the rear window before operating the rear wiper. Attempting to operate the wiper while the blade is frozen to the rear window could cause the wiper motor to burn out. If the wiper blade is frozen to the rear window, turn on the rear window defogger and wait to melt the frozen wiper blade from the rear window before operating the rear wiper.
- If the wiper stops during operation because of ice or some other obstruction on the rear window, the wiper motor could burn out even if the wiper switch is turned off. If this occurs, promptly stop the vehicle in a safe place, turn the Ignition switch to the "LOCK" position and clean the rear window to allow proper wiper operation.



To turn the rear wiper on, turn the end of the wiper control lever to the "ON" position.

To turn the wiper off, return the end of the lever to the "OFF" position.

▼ Washer

To wash the rear window while the rear wiper is operating, turn the end of the wiper control lever counterclockwise to the "☒" position. The washer fluid sprays until you release the lever.

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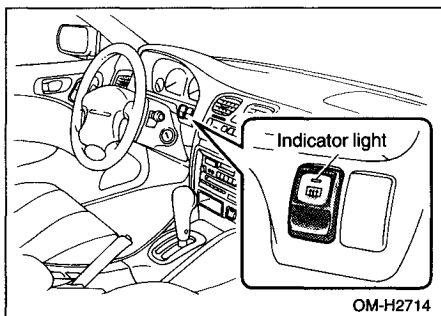
To wash the rear window when the rear wiper is not in use, turn the end of the wiper control lever clockwise to the "☐" position. The washer fluid sprays and the wiper operates until you release the lever.

Rear window defogger switch

CAUTION

Do not use sharp instruments or window cleaner containing abrasives to clean the inner surface of the rear window. They may damage the conductors printed on the window.

The rear window defogger operates only when the ignition switch is in the "ON" position.



To turn on the defogger, push the switch. To turn it off, push the switch again.

The indicator light located on the switch will come on when the rear window defogger is in operation.