



2020+ Aviator

Manual Park Release

AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION

WARNING: Always fully apply the parking brake and make sure you shift into park (P). Failure to follow this instruction could result in personal injury or death.

WARNING: Do not apply the brake pedal and accelerator pedal simultaneously for more than a few seconds will limit engine performance, which may result in difficulty maintaining speed in traffic and could lead to serious injury.

Note: You cannot shift out of park (P) unless the intelligent access key is inside your vehicle.

Understanding Your Transmission Selector Positions

Your vehicle has an electronic transmission shifter. The transmission selector is on the center stack below the touchscreen.

Reverse (R)

With the transmission selector in reverse (R), your vehicle moves backward. Always come to a complete stop before shifting into and out of reverse (R).

Neutral (N)

With the transmission selector in neutral (N), you can start your vehicle and it is free to roll. Hold the brake pedal down when in this position.

Drive (D)

Drive (D) is the normal driving position for the best fuel economy and smoothness. Shift the transmission selector to drive (D) to allow your vehicle to move forward and shift through the forward gears.

The transmission shifts to the appropriate gear for optimum performance based on ambient temperature, road slope, vehicle load and your input.



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- P Park.
- R Reverse.
- N Neutral.
- D Drive.

The instrument cluster displays the current gear.

Automatic Return to Park

Note: This feature does not operate when your vehicle is in Stay in Neutral mode or neutral tow.

The transmission returns to park (P) if any of the following occur:

- You switch the ignition off.
- You do not have your seatbelt fastened and you open the driver door.
- The driver door is open and you unfasten your seatbelt.

If you switch the ignition off when your vehicle is moving, your vehicle shifts into neutral (N) until it slows down enough to shift into park (P).

Note: This feature does not work properly if the door ajar switch is malfunctioning. If your door ajar indicator does not illuminate when you open or close the driver door, or the Transmission not in Park message still displays in the information display when the shifter has already selected (R), (N) or (D) and the driver door remains closed, see your authorized dealer.

Park (P)

With the transmission in park (P), your vehicle locks the transmission and prevents the wheels from turning. Always come to a complete stop before putting your vehicle into and out of park (P). An audible tone sounds once you select park (P).

When you switch the ignition off, your vehicle shifts into park (P). If you switch the ignition off while your vehicle is moving, the transmission first shifts into neutral (N) until it reaches a speed less than 3 mph (5 km/h) and then shifts into park (P).

The electric parking brake could apply when you shift to park (P) without the brake pedal fully pressed. The electric parking brake applies when you shift to park (P) on large slopes. The electric parking brake releases with the drive away release function, or manually as described in the Releasing the Electric Parking Brake section. See **Electric Parking Brake** (page 236).

Note: A warning tone sounds if you open the driver door and you have not shifted the transmission selector to park (P).

Stay in Neutral Mode

Note: Stay in Neutral mode is a temporary vehicle state that works with the engine in a running or OFF state. Once in this mode, maintain sufficient battery voltage, or your vehicle returns to park (P) if left active for an extended period of time when the engine is off.

Failure to follow this instruction could result in vehicle damage not covered by the vehicle warranty.

Note: When entering an automatic car wash, always enter the Stay in Neutral mode. Stay in Neutral mode must be enabled if you are exiting the vehicle before the car wash.

Extended usage of Stay in Neutral mode could result in a battery voltage reduction to a level where the vehicle no longer starts.

Do not tow your vehicle in this mode.

With the transmission selector in Stay in Neutral mode, you can start your vehicle and it is free to roll.

To enter Stay in Neutral mode, do the following: