

Getting to Know Your 2012 Equinox



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Review this Quick Reference Guide for an overview of some important features in your Chevrolet Equinox. More detailed information can be found in your Owner Manual. Some optional equipment described in this guide may not be included in your vehicle. For easy reference, keep this guide with your Owner Manual in your glove box.

Instrument Panel

Express-Down
Power
Windows (All)

Power Door
Locks Button

Turn Signal Lever/
Exterior Lamp Control

Instrument
Cluster

Windshield
Wipers Lever



Cruise Control
Buttons

Instrument Panel
Illumination Control

Tilt/Telescopic
Steering Wheel Lever

Audio Steering
Wheel Controls ♦

Symbols



Safety Belt
Reminder



Check Engine



Low Tire Pressure

BRAKE

Brake System
Warning



Antilock Brake
System Warning



Charging System



Oil Pressure



Airbag Readiness



Security



Fog Lamps



Cruise Control On/Set



Traction Control Off



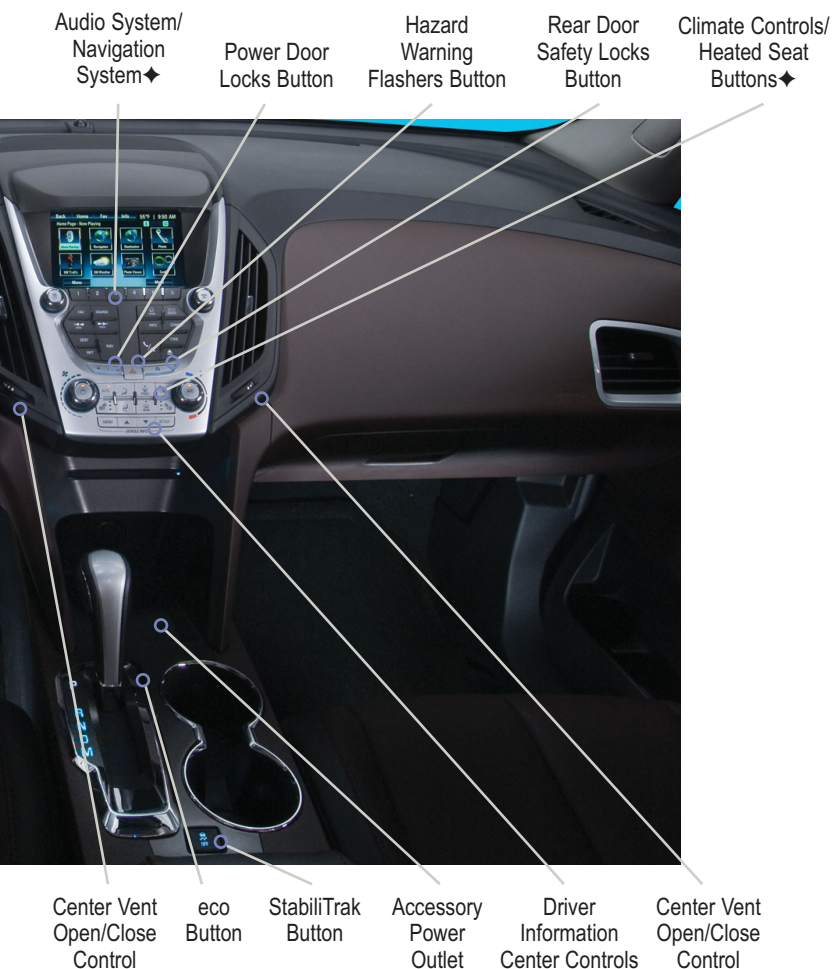
StabiliTrak/Traction
Control Off



StabiliTrak/Traction
Control Warning



Lights On



Note: Refer to your Owner Manual to learn about the information being relayed by the lights, gauges and indicators of the instrument cluster, as well as what to do to ensure safety and prevent damage.

◆ denotes optional equipment
LTZ model shown

See *Instruments and Controls* in your Owner Manual.

Remote Keyless Entry Transmitter

Unlock

Press to unlock the driver's door. Press again to unlock all doors and the liftgate.

Lock

Press to lock all doors and the liftgate. The driver's door will not lock if open.

TIP: The unlock and lock settings can be changed in the Vehicle Settings menu by using the audio system controls.

Liftgate

Press to open/stop/close the power liftgate (optional).

Vehicle Locator/Panic Alarm

Press and release to locate your vehicle. The turn signal lamps will flash and the horn will sound.

Press and hold to activate the alarm. The turn signal lamps will flash and the horn will sound until the button is pressed again or the ignition is turned on.

Remote Vehicle Start



Use to start the engine from outside the vehicle. See below for more information.

See Keys, Doors and Windows in your Owner Manual.

Remote Vehicle Start (optional)

During a remote start, the vehicle's manual climate control system will operate at the same setting as when the vehicle was last turned off, or the automatic climate control system will default to a heating or cooling mode depending on outside temperature. Using remote start reduces fuel economy.

Starting the Vehicle

1. Press and release the  **Lock** button on the transmitter.
 2. Immediately press and hold the  **Remote Start** button for at least two seconds. When the vehicle starts, the parking lamps will light and remain on while the engine is running. The engine will continue running for 10 minutes.
 3. Repeat these steps for a 10-minute time extension. Remote start can be extended once.
- Before driving, insert the key in the ignition and turn it to the On position.

See Keys, Doors and Windows in your Owner Manual.

Rear Door Safety Locks

- Press the rear door  **Safety Locks** button located on the center of the instrument panel to prevent the rear doors from opening from the inside. Press again for normal operation.

See Keys, Doors and Windows in your Owner Manual.

Tilt/Telescopic Steering Wheel

- With the vehicle in Park, push down the lever on the left side of the steering column to adjust the steering wheel. The steering wheel can then be moved up or down and in or out. After adjustment, pull up the lever to lock the steering wheel in place.

See Instruments and Controls in your Owner Manual.

Manual Driver's Seat



A

B

C

D

A. Seat Fore/Aft Adjustment

Lift the handle under the front of the seat to manually slide the seat forward or rearward.

B. Seat Height Adjustment

Press the vertical control to raise or lower the seat.

C. Lumbar Adjustment

Press the horizontal control to adjust the amount of lumbar support.

D. Seatback Recline Adjustment

Lift the lever to manually recline or raise the seatback.

Power Driver's Seat (optional)



A

B

C

A. Seat Adjustment

Move the front horizontal control to move the seat forward or rearward and to raise, lower or tilt the seat.

B. Seatback Recline Adjustment

Move the vertical control to recline or raise the seatback.

C. Lumbar Adjustment

Press the rear horizontal control to adjust the amount of lumbar support.

Memory Driver's Seat (optional)

Set Memory Positions

1. Adjust the driver's seat and power outside mirrors to the desired position.
2. Press and hold the **MEM** button and button 1 on the outboard side of the driver's seat until a beep sounds.
3. Repeat these steps using button 2 for a second driver.

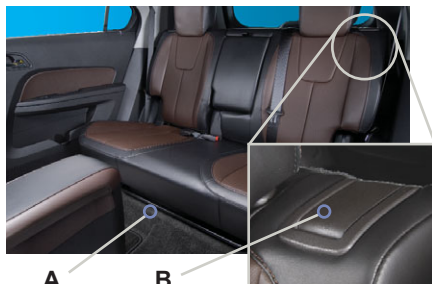
Recall Memory Positions

- Press and hold button 1 or 2 until the memory position is reached.

The memory positions also can be programmed using the Vehicle Settings menu to be recalled automatically.

See Seats and Restraints in your Owner Manual.

Rear Seat Adjustments



A. Seat Fore/Aft Adjustment

Lift the bar under the front of the seat to manually slide the seat forward or rearward.

B. Folding/Reclining Seatback

Lift the lever on top of each seatback to fold down the seatback.

Lift and hold the lever to adjust the seatback to any of three recline positions.

See *Seats and Restraints* in your Owner Manual.

Exterior/Interior Lighting

Automatic Headlamp System



Rotate the outer band to operate the exterior lamps.

TIP: Push the lever to turn on the high beam headlamps; pull the lever to return to low beam operation. Pull the lever to activate the flash-to-pass feature.

Headlamps

Manual operation of the headlamps.

Parking Lamps

Manual operation of the parking lamps.

AUTO Automatic Headlamp System

Activates the Daytime Running Lamps (DRLs) in the daytime and the headlamps and other exterior lamps at night or when necessary.

Off/On

Fog Lamps (optional)

Rotate the inner band to turn the fog lamps on or off.

Instrument Panel Lighting

The control knob is located on the left side of the instrument panel.



Instrument Panel Brightness

Turn the knob to increase or decrease the instrument panel lighting.

Dome Lamp

The dome lamps are controlled by a three-position switch on the front overhead console.

Dome Lamp Override/Off

Door Open (Default position)

On

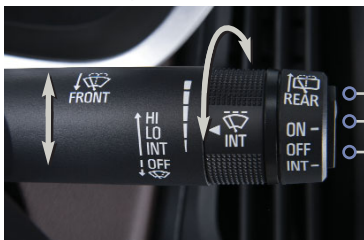
Note: The second-row dome lamps also can be turned on/off using the buttons by the lamps.

See *Lighting* in your Owner Manual.

Wipers and Washers

Windshield Wipers and Washer

Move the lever to operate the windshield wipers.



C B A

HI Continuous High Speed

LO Continuous Low Speed

INT Intermittent

Rotate the band to adjust the delay between wipes.

OFF



Mist



Washer Fluid

Pull the lever toward you to spray washer fluid on the windshield.

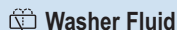
Rear Wiper and Washer

The rear wiper switch is located on the end of the wiper lever.

A. ON Continuous Low Speed

B. OFF

C. INT Intermittent



Washer Fluid

Push the lever away from you to spray washer fluid on the rear window.

See Instruments and Controls in your Owner Manual.

Power Programmable Liftgate (optional)



MAX

Fully open the liftgate.

3/4

Open the liftgate to the programmed height.

OFF

Operate the liftgate manually.

Programming the Liftgate Height

1. Turn the power liftgate switch to the 3/4 mode position.
2. Open the liftgate by pressing the RKE transmitter liftgate button or the touchpad on the center of the liftgate.
3. Stop the liftgate at the desired height by pressing any liftgate button. Adjust manually to the desired height if necessary.
4. To save the setting, press and hold the button next to the liftgate latch for three seconds. The taillamps will flash when the setting is saved.

See Keys, Doors and Windows in your Owner Manual.

Audio System

- Power/Volume
- FAV: Display pages of favorite radio stations
- SOURCE: Select radio band, CD, auxiliary source
- 1-6: Preset radio stations
- HOME: Main screen
- BACK: Move back one level in the menus
- MENU/SEL: Tune radio stations/ Open and select a menu



- SEEK: Previous/Next radio station or track
- PLAY/PAUSE
- Mute
- Phone
- CONFIG: Configure system settings
- Time menu
- Eject disc
- TONE: Tone and sound settings
- INFO: Display available song information

System shown available on LT and LTZ models.
Other systems are similar.

See Infotainment System in your Owner Manual.

Note: Avoid extended searching for specific items or configuring system settings while driving.

Setting the Time (LS model)

1. Turn on the radio.
2. Press the **Clock** button.
3. Turn the **MENU/SELECT** knob to highlight the desired time or date item; press the knob to select it.
4. Turn the **MENU/SELECT** knob to change the value; press the knob to confirm the set value.
5. Press the **BACK** button to exit each menu.

Setting the Time (LT and LTZ models)

1. Turn on the radio.
2. Press the **CONFIG** button.
3. Touch the Time and Date Settings screen button.
4. Touch the Set Time screen button.
5. Adjust the hour, minute and AM/PM settings as desired.
6. Press the **BACK** button to exit each menu.

Storing Favorite Stations

Radio stations from all bands (AM, FM or XM) can be stored in any order on up to six pages of favorites.

1. Tune in the desired radio station.
2. Press the **FAV** button to display the page where the station is to be stored.
3. Press and hold one of the six numeric pushbuttons until a beep sounds.
4. Repeat the steps for each pushbutton on each page.

Portable Audio Devices



A 3.5mm auxiliary input jack, a 12V accessory power outlet, and a USB port (optional) are located in the center console.

A portable audio device connected to the auxiliary input jack can be controlled only by using the portable device controls. To optimize speaker volume, fully increase the volume level of the portable device.

Compatible devices connected to the USB port can be controlled by the audio system. Use the **MENU/SELECT** radio knob and

the audio steering wheel controls to access various functions. **NOT ALL DEVICES ARE SUPPORTED. SEE YOUR DEALER FOR MORE DETAILS.**

Active Noise Cancellation (4-cylinder models only)

The Active Noise Cancellation (ANC) system monitors and effectively cancels out potentially undesirable vehicle noises at certain vehicle speeds. For optimal ANC performance, do not block the rear speaker located on the right side of the cargo area.

See Infotainment System in your Owner Manual.

Audio Steering Wheel Controls



+ VOL – Volume

Press + or – to increase or decrease the volume.

SRC Source

Press to select an audio source.

△▽ Next/Previous

Rotate up or down to go to the next or previous favorite radio station, CD track or MP3 file.

📞 Push to Talk

Press to interact with the OnStar or Bluetooth system.

📞 End Call/Mute

Press to end or reject an OnStar or a Bluetooth call.

Press to mute the vehicle speakers.

See Instruments and Controls in your Owner Manual.

Bluetooth® System

The Bluetooth hands-free system allows users to make and receive calls using a paired Bluetooth-capable cell phone. Bluetooth system is not available on vehicles without OnStar.

Pair a Phone

1. Press the **CONFIG** button on the audio system.
2. Use the **MENU/SELECT** knob to open the Phone Settings and/or Bluetooth Settings.
3. Select Pair Device. A four-digit PIN appears on the display.
4. Start the pairing process on the cell phone. Locate the device named Your Vehicle on the cell phone list. Follow the instructions to enter the PIN.
5. The system prompts for a name for the phone.
6. When complete, system responds that the system has been successfully paired.

Make a Hands-Free Call

1. Press the **Push to Talk** button on the steering wheel.
2. After the system prompt, say Dial and the entire phone number.
3. Confirm the number if requested.

Visit www.gm.com/bluetooth or refer to your Owner Manual for information on accessing contacts stored in the cell phone and other functions. Not all phones will support all functions.

See Infotainment System in your Owner Manual.



Setting Cruise Control

1. Press the **ON/OFF** button. The **Cruise Control** symbol will illuminate in white in the instrument cluster.
2. When traveling at the desired speed, rotate the **SET-** switch down to set the speed. The **Cruise Control** symbol will illuminate in green in the instrument cluster.

Adjusting Cruise Control

RES+ Resume/Accelerate

Rotate the switch up to resume a set speed.

When the system is active, rotate the switch up to increase speed.

SET- Set/Coast

When the system is active, rotate the switch down to decrease speed.

CANCEL

Press to cancel the cruise control but retain the set speed in memory.

The cruise control set speed is erased when cruise control or the vehicle ignition is turned off.

See Driving and Operating in your Owner Manual.

Accessory Power Outlets

There are four accessory power outlets in the vehicle — located below the audio system, inside the center console, on the rear of the center console, and in the rear cargo area. All of the outlets except the rear cargo area outlet are not powered when the vehicle is off to avoid draining the battery. Always unplug electrical equipment when not in use.

See Instruments and Controls in your Owner Manual.

Passenger Presence System

The passenger's frontal airbag On indicator located on the overhead console may illuminate if an object, such as a handbag, briefcase, notebook computer or other electronic device, is on the unoccupied front seat. If this is not desired, remove the object from the seat.

See Seats and Restraints in your Owner Manual.

Parking Brake

- To set the parking brake, hold down the regular brake pedal; then push down the parking brake pedal.
- To release the parking brake, hold down the regular brake pedal; then push down the parking brake pedal until you feel the pedal release.

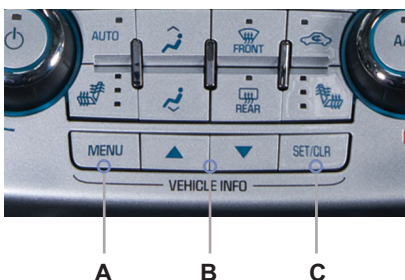
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Driver Information Center

The Driver Information Center (DIC) on the instrument cluster displays a variety of vehicle system information and warning messages.

TIP: To display an easy-to-read digital speedometer, open the Trip/Fuel menu and scroll to tab 1.

DIC Controls



A. MENU

Press to display the:

- **Vehicle Information** menu (units, tire pressures, remaining oil life).
- **Trip/Fuel** menu (digital speedometer, trip odometers, fuel range, average fuel economy, instantaneous fuel economy, average vehicle speed, timer, OnStar Turn-by-Turn guidance).

B. ▲▼

Press the up or down button to scroll through the items of each menu.

C. SET/CLR

Press to set or clear the displayed menu item or warning message. Some urgent messages cannot be cleared from the DIC display.

See *Instruments and Controls* in your Owner Manual.

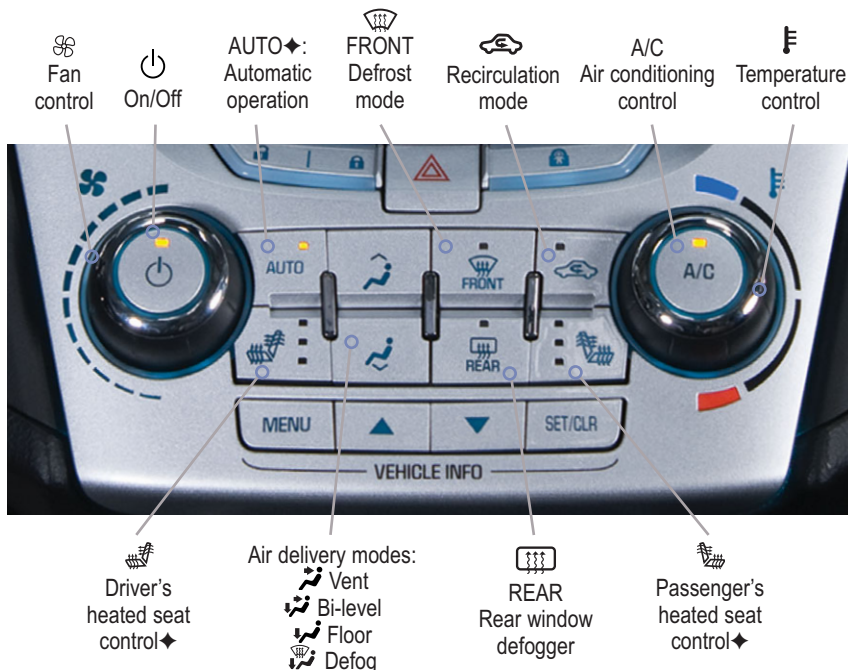
Vehicle Personalization

Vehicle personalization items may include climate and air quality, comfort and convenience, collision/detection systems, language, lighting, power door locks, remote lock/unlock/start, and factory settings. Use the controls on the audio system to change the settings.



1. Press the **CONFIG** button (A) to enter the System Configuration menu.
2. Turn the **MENU/SELECT** knob (B) to highlight the Vehicle Settings menu; press the knob to select it.
3. Turn the **MENU/SELECT** knob to highlight desired menu item; press the knob to select it.
4. Turn the **MENU/SELECT** knob to highlight the desired selection; press the knob to select it.
5. Press the **BACK** button (C) to move back within a menu and to exit a menu.

See *Instruments and Controls* in your Owner Manual.



Automatic climate control system with heated seats shown

Recirculation Mode

The recirculation mode can help to quickly cool the air inside the vehicle or prevent outside odors from entering the vehicle. It is not available while the defog or defrost mode is selected. When the recirculation mode is used without air conditioning, the air humidity increases and the windows may fog.

Air Outlets

- Use the thumbwheels below the center outlets to open or close the center outlets.
- Use the chrome-accented sliding knob on each outlet to direct airflow.

Automatic Operation (optional)

1. Press **AUTO**.
2. Set the temperature. Allow time for the system to automatically reach the desired temperature.

Note: When outside temperature and vehicle temperature are cold, fan speed will not increase until warmer air is available.

See *Climate Controls* in your Owner Manual.

◆ denotes optional equipment

Automatic Transmission Features

Fuel Economy (eco) Mode

The Fuel Economy (eco) mode (on 4-cylinder models only) can improve the vehicle's fuel economy by changing the transmission shift points and making several other fuel-saving adjustments. When eco mode is engaged, transmission shifts may be more noticeable and more noise and vibration at idle may be experienced.

- Press the **eco button** (A) by the shift lever to turn the eco mode on or off. The eco light will illuminate on the instrument cluster when active.



A B

Electronic Range Select (ERS) Mode

The Electronic Range Select mode allows the driver to manually select the range of gear positions. This feature can be used to limit the top gear while towing or to downshift when driving on a downhill grade to provide engine braking. **ERS is not designed to provide sportier performance or to be used to shift gears similar to a manual transmission.**

- Move the shift lever to the Manual (M) position.
- Press the **+/-** button (B) on the shift lever to increase/decrease the gear range available. All gears below the selected gear will be available to use.

If vehicle speed is too high or too low for the requested gear, the shift will not occur.

See Driving and Operating in your Owner Manual.

StabiliTrak®/Traction Control Systems

The traction control system limits wheel-spin and the StabiliTrak stability control system assists with directional control of the vehicle in difficult driving conditions. Both systems turn on automatically every time the vehicle is started.



Turning the Systems Off/On

- To turn off traction control, press the **StabiliTrak/Traction Control** button. The **Traction Control Off** light will illuminate. *Turn off traction control if the vehicle is stuck and rocking the vehicle is required.*
- To turn off both traction control and StabiliTrak, press and hold the button. The **Traction Control Off/ StabiliTrak Off** light will illuminate.
- Press the button again to turn on both systems.

See Driving and Operating in your Owner Manual.

Wind Noise

If a rear window is open, there may be a buffeting wind noise inside the vehicle. Opening a front window slightly when a rear window is open will prevent this noise from occurring.

See Keys, Doors and Windows in your Owner Manual.


Roof Rack Cross Rails (optional)

The roof rack cross rails can be secured in four positions along the roof rack side rails. When adjusting the cross rails, slide each cross rail slightly back and forth until the lock pins fully engage the holes. An audible click will be heard.

To help reduce wind noise when not in use, move the front cross rail to the forwardmost position and the rear cross rail to the rearwardmost position.

See Storage in your Owner Manual.

Tire Pressure Monitor

The  **Low Tire Pressure** warning light illuminates on the instrument cluster when a significant reduction in pressure occurs in one or more of the vehicle's tires. It will remain on until the tire pressure is corrected. **Current tire pressures can be displayed using the Driver Information Center.** Proper tire pressures are listed on the Tire and Loading Information label, located below the driver's door latch.


Tire pressure is affected by cold weather and distance driven. If the low tire pressure warning light illuminates and then turns off as the vehicle is driven in cooler temperatures, check for the proper tire pressures. Maintaining tire pressures also is important for fuel economy.

See Vehicle Care in your Owner Manual.

Engine Oil Life System

The Oil Life System calculates engine oil life based on vehicle use and displays Change Engine Oil Soon on the Driver Information Center when it's necessary to change the engine oil and filter. The Oil Life System should be reset to 100% only following an oil change.

Resetting the Oil Life System:

1. Turn the ignition to the On position, but do not start the engine.
2. Press the **MENU** button to display the Vehicle Information menu.
3. Press the  or down arrow to view Remaining Oil Life.
4. Press and hold the **SET/CLR** button until 100% is displayed.
5. Turn off the ignition.

See Vehicle Care in your Owner Manual.

Refueling the Vehicle

- To open the fuel door, press the center of the rear edge of the door. It will pop out slightly. Pull the door open.
- When tightening the fuel cap after refueling, turn it clockwise until it clicks. If the cap is not properly installed, the **Check Engine** light will illuminate on the instrument cluster.

See Driving and Operating in your Owner Manual.

Roadside Assistance

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

TTY Users: 1-888-889-2438

As the owner of a new Chevrolet, your vehicle is automatically enrolled in the Chevrolet Roadside Assistance program for 5 years/100,000 miles at no expense to you. This value-added service is intended to provide you with peace of mind as you drive in the city or travel the open road.

Chevrolet's Roadside Assistance toll-free number is staffed by a team of technically trained advisors who are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to provide minor repair information or make arrangements to tow your vehicle to the nearest Chevrolet dealer.

Roadside Assistance and OnStar

If you have a current OnStar subscription, press the OnStar button and the vehicle will send your current GPS location to an OnStar Advisor who will speak to you, assess your problem, contact Roadside Assistance and relay your exact location so you will get the help you need.

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