

2008 Mercury | Sable

Get ready to redefine your driving expectations. Your new Mercury Sable is going to take your automotive experience to a whole new level. And, you get to go along for the ride in style, comfort and with confidence. You know your new Sable has attitude...and you're about to find out it also has intelligence. Your new Sable was one very smart choice.

This Quick Reference Guide was designed to help you get to know your new Sable. The perfect combination of attitude, intelligence and style. That's your new Sable.

Feels good, doesn't it?



2008 Mercury Sable | Instrument Panel

Instrument Panel

one | Windshield / Wiper Washer The multifunction lever controls the windshield wiper modes, speeds and the windshield washer. Rotate the end of the control away from you to increase the speed of the wipers. Rotate the control towards you to decrease the speed of the wipers.



For windshield washer control, push the end of the stalk briefly to cause a single swipe of the wiper. With a quick push and hold, the wipers will swipe three times with washer fluid. With a long push and hold, the wipers and washer fluid will activate for up to ten seconds

two | Speed Control For your speed control to work, you must press and release the ON button. Pressing and releasing the OFF button disengages the system and turns it off. To set a speed, press the ON button, accelerate to the desired speed and press the SET+ button, then take your foot off the accelerator pedal. You can increase your speed by pressing and releasing the SET+ button until you reach the desired speed, increasing speed by 1 mph (1.6 km/h) with each tap. You can decrease speed in the same way using the SET- button. Pressing the RSM (resume) button will automatically return the vehicle to the previously set speed. To disengage the speed control, press the OFF or CNCL button or depress the brake pedal.



three | Headlamp Control Turning the headlamp control clockwise to the first position turns on the parking lamps, instrument panel lamps, license plate lamps and the tail lamps. Continuing to turn the headlamp control to the second position turns on the headlamps.



To use the autolamp light-sensitive, automatic on-off control for the headlamps, turn the headlamp control counterclockwise. If the windshield wipers are turned on for a fixed period of time, the exterior lamps will turn on with the headlamp control in the autolamp position. To turn autolamps off, turn the control clockwise to the OFF position.

To activate the high beams, simply push the turn signal lever toward the instrument panel. Pull the lever toward you to deactivate high beams. Use the same lever to activate the "Flash to Pass" feature. Pull the lever toward you slightly to activate and release it to deactivate.

four | Foglamp Control With the ignition on, the foglamps can be turned on when the headlamp control is in the parking lamp, headlamp, or autolamp position and the high beams are not on. Simply pull the headlamp control toward you to turn on the foglamps. The foglamp indicator light will illuminate. The foglamps will not operate when the high beams are activated.




five | Panel Dimmer Use this control to adjust the brightness of the instrument panel and all applicable switches in the vehicle during headlamp and parking lamp operation. Move the control to the full upright position, past the detent, to turn on the interior lamps.




six | Steering Wheel Audio Controls (if equipped) These controls allow you to adjust the radio and CD features from the steering wheel. Press MEDIA to select AM, FM1, FM2 or CD. Press SEEK to access the next/previous strong station or track on a CD. Press VOL+/- to adjust volume, and MUTE to mute the volume.





A. Navigation/SYNC™ Hands Free Feature (if equipped): Press and hold VOICE briefly until the  icon appears on the Navigation Display to use the voice command feature. Press SEND or END to complete a voice command.



B. Navigation System Push To Talk (PPT) Hands Free Feature (if equipped): Press and hold PTT briefly until the VOICE  icon appears on the Navigation display to use the voice command feature. Press PTT again to end a voice command.



C. SYNC™ System Hands Free Feature (if equipped): Press and hold VOICE briefly until the  icon appears on the display to use the voice command feature. Press and hold  to send a call or text message. Press OK to confirm your selection.

seven | Tilt Steering Column To adjust the steering wheel, push the adjustment lever down to unlock the steering column. While the lever is down, tilt the steering column to your desired position. Then, while holding the steering column in place, pull the lever up to its original position to lock the steering column. Do not adjust while driving.



Memory Feature (if equipped) This feature will allow you to set two positions for the driver's seat, power mirrors and adjustable pedals (if equipped). Set the position by pressing the SET button (indicator will illuminate), then press the 1 or 2 button to set the position to either Driver 1 or Driver 2. This memory setting can then be recalled when you press the 1 or 2 button, enter Customer Code 1 or 2 on the keypad, or when you press unlock on the remote entry system (one of your remote transmitters is associated with Driver 1 and the other transmitter is associated with Driver 2). A position can be recalled in any gearshift position if the ignition is not in the RUN position or only in P (Park) or N (Neutral) if the ignition is in the run position.



Power Mirrors To adjust your mirrors, rotate the control clockwise to adjust the right mirror and counterclockwise to adjust the left mirror. Move the control in the direction you wish to tilt the mirror. Then rotate the control to the center position to lock the mirrors in place.



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Warning Lights and Message Center

a | Throttle Control/Transmission Lights The throttle control/transmission lights illuminate when a powertrain fault has been detected. Contact your authorized dealer as soon as possible.

b | ABS Warning Light In an emergency, apply continuous force to the brake pedal. Do not pump the brakes. Any pulsation or mechanical noise you may feel or hear is normal. If the light doesn't illuminate or stays on, have your vehicle serviced. Normal braking is still functional unless the brake warning light is also illuminated.

c | Speed Control Light The speed control light will illuminate when the speed control is engaged. It will turn off when the speed control system is disengaged. The controls for the speed control are located on the steering wheel. Press and release the ON and OFF buttons to engage and disengage the system. Speed control does not work at speeds below 30 mph (48 km/h). For more information, please consult your Owner's Guide.

d | Check Engine Light The check engine indicator light illuminates when the ignition is first turned to the ON position to check the bulb. If the lamp turns solid or blinks, the On Board Diagnostics System has detected a malfunction. Drive in a moderate fashion (avoid heavy acceleration or deceleration) and have your vehicle serviced immediately.

e | Brake System Warning Light To confirm the brake system warning light is functional, it will momentarily illuminate when the ignition is turned to the ON position, when the engine is not running or in a position between ON and START, or by applying the parking brake when the ignition is turned to the ON position. If the brake system warning light does not illuminate at this time, seek service immediately from your dealership. Illumination after releasing the parking brake indicates low brake fluid level and the brake system should be inspected immediately by your servicing dealership.

f | Message Center With the ignition in the ON position, the message center displays important vehicle information by constantly monitoring vehicle systems. You may select display features on the message center for a display of status. The system will also notify you of potential vehicle problems with a display of system warnings. For more information, please consult your Owner's Guide.



Additional Features

HomeLink® (if equipped) The HomeLink® Wireless Control System on the driver's visor provides a convenient way to replace up to three handheld transmitters with a single device. This feature will operate most garage doors, entry gate operators, security systems, and home or office lighting. For programming, please consult your Owner's Guide.



Integrated Keyhead Transmitter (IKT) and Remote Entry System

Your vehicle comes equipped with two specially programmed Integrated Keyhead Transmitters (IKTs). IKTs are both a programmed ignition key and a remote keyless entry transmitter. Handle the IKT carefully when starting the car to avoid accidentally pressing any of the remote entry buttons. Press once to unlock the driver's door. The interior lamps will illuminate. Press twice to unlock all the doors. Press once to lock all the doors. Press twice within three seconds to confirm all the doors and trunk are closed. On the first press of the turnlamps will flash. On the second press within 3 seconds, the horn will chirp and the turn signal lamps will flash once if all the doors and the trunk are closed. Press and hold for 1.5 seconds to activate the panic alarm. Press again or turn the key in the ignition to deactivate the panic alarm. Press twice within 3 seconds to activate the car finder feature; your horn will chirp and your turn signal lamps will flash. It is recommended that this method be used to locate your vehicle, rather than using the panic alarm. Press twice within 3 seconds to open the trunk. Ensure that you keep the IKT adhesive security label in a safe place for future reference.



Autolock Your vehicle is equipped with an autolock feature. The autolock feature will automatically lock all doors when your vehicle is in motion and meets a set of conditions, as described in your Owner's Guide. Your vehicle comes with this feature enabled. You can enable or disable this feature by following the activation or deactivation procedure outlined in your Owner's Guide.



Adjustable Pedals (if equipped) The accelerator and brake pedal should only be adjusted when the vehicle is stopped and the gearshift is in the P (Park) position. Press the top of the control to adjust the pedals away from you or press the bottom of the control to adjust the pedals toward you.



Reverse Sensing System (if equipped) The Reverse Sensing System (RSS) sounds a tone to warn the driver of obstacles near the rear bumper when R (Reverse) is selected and the vehicle is moving at speeds less than 3 mph (5 km/h). The system is not effective at speeds above 3 mph (5 km/h) and may not detect certain angular or moving objects. The RSS detects obstacles up to 6 feet (2 meters) from the rear bumper with a decrease coverage area at the outer corners of the bumper. When the obstacle is less than 10 inches away, the tone will sound continuously.



Auxiliary Input Jack Your vehicle is equipped with an Auxiliary Input Jack located inside the console bin. This allows you to plug and play auxiliary audio devices, including MP3 Players. Press AUX repeatedly on your audio system to access. When LINE IN appears in the display, plug in your auxiliary audio device. For more information, please consult your Owner's Guide.



Center Console Storage The utility compartment has a clamshell tray and removable divider for flexible storage of MP3 players, CDs or handbags.



USB port (if equipped) Your vehicle may be equipped with a USB port inside your center console. This feature allows you to plug in your laptop computer and medial playing devices among other options. For more detailed information, please refer to using your USB port in the SYNC™ supplement.

Essential Information

Location of Spare Tire and Tools Your vehicle is equipped with a temporary spare tire which is smaller than a regular tire and designed for emergency use only. The jack, spare tire, jack handle and lug nut wrench are under the cargo cover in the trunk of the vehicle.

Fuses If your electrical components are not working properly, a fuse may have blown. For more information, please consult your Owner's Guide.

Fuel Pump Shut-off Switch This device stops the electric fuel pump from sending fuel to the engine when your vehicle has had a substantial jolt. After an accident, if the engine cranks but does not start, this switch may have been activated. The fuel pump shut-off switch is located in the front passenger footwell area in the right upper corner.

Unleaded Fuel Recommendations For optimum performance use "Regular" unleaded fuel with a pump (R+M)/2 octane rating of at least 87. We do not recommend the use of gasolines labeled as "Regular" with octane ratings of 86 or lower that are sold in high altitude areas.

Tire Pressure Safe operation of your Sable requires that your tires be properly inflated. The Mercury recommended inflation pressure is found on the Tire Label or the Safety Compliance Certification Label located near the front door latch on the edge of the driver's door. At least once a month and before long trips, inspect each tire and check the air pressure with a digital or dial-type tire gauge. Don't forget the spare. Air pressure should be checked when the tires are cold. Inflate all tires to the inflation pressure recommended by Ford Motor Company. As an added safety feature, your vehicle has been equipped with a tire pressure monitoring system (TPMS) that illuminates a low tire pressure warning light when one or more of your tires is significantly under-inflated.

Roadside Assistance In addition to your New Vehicle Limited Warranty, Mercury provides new vehicle owners with a complimentary roadside assistance program. It covers changing a flat tire, jump starts, limited fuel delivery, lock-out assistance, winch out and towing of your vehicle.

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Rear Window Buffeting When one or both of your rear windows are fully open, you may experience a wind throb or buffeting noise. This is common among all vehicles and can be eliminated simply by lowering a front window two to three inches.

Safety Please wear your safety restraints, pay attention to changing road conditions and drive safely. For more safety related information, please consult your Owner's Guide.



Premium/Audiophile In-Dash 6-CD/MP3 Sound System (if equipped)

one | Tune/Disc Selector Press to go up or down the radio frequency or to select a desired disc. Also use in menu mode to select various settings.

two | Load Press to begin the CD load sequence. Press and hold to autoloop up to 6 CDs.

three | CD Press to enter CD mode. If a CD is already loaded into the system, the CD will begin playing where it last ended.

four | On/Off/Volume Control Push to turn the system ON or OFF. Turn to increase or decrease volume. If the volume is set above a certain level and the ignition is turned off, the volume will come back on at a "nominal" level when the ignition switch is turned back on.

five | AM / FM Press to select AM or FM frequency bands.

six | Seek Function Press to access the next/previous strong station or track.

seven | Scan Function Press for a brief sampling of radio stations or CD tracks. Press again to stop.

eight | CD Rewind Press to manually reverse in a CD track.

Navigation System (if equipped) Please refer to your Navigation Supplement for more information on the Navigation System.

Use extreme caution with any device that may take your attention off the road. Your primary concern is safe operation of your vehicle. Only use non-essential devices when it is safe to do so.

nine | CD Fast Forward Press to manually advance in a CD track.

ten | Setting Memory Preset To set a station: Press AM/FM to select frequency band, tune to a station, then press and hold a preset button until the sound returns.

Bass / Treble Press MENU until bass or treble settings are displayed; adjust using the SEEK control.

Balance / Fade Press MENU until Balance is displayed; press to adjust the audio between the left and right speakers using the SEEK control. Press MENU again to display Fade. Press SEEK to adjust audio between the front and rear speakers.

Setting the Clock Press MENU until SELECT HOUR or SELECT MINS is displayed. Press the up/down arrows or SEEK control to adjust the hours/minutes. Press MENU again to disengage clock mode.

MP3 Track/Folder Mode In Track mode, pressing SEEK will scroll through all tracks on the disc. In Folder mode, pressing SEEK will scroll only through tracks within a selected folder.



Climate Control

Driver and Passenger Side Temperature Set desired cabin temperature with the 1 or 4 red and blue buttons. Press 1 for driver's side, 4 for passenger's side. Recommended setting is 72°F (22°C) to 75°F (24°C).

Dual Control (if equipped) Press 10 DUAL to engage/disengage separate passenger side temperature control.

Automatic Operation Set desired 1 cabin temperature. Press 2 AUTO button for full automatic operation. The system will automatically adjust airflow temperature, fan speed, airflow direction, A/C and recirculated air, based on the selected temperature to heat or cool the vehicle to the desired temperature as soon as possible.

Max A/C Operation Automatic operation: Press 2 AUTO button for full automatic operation. Do not override A/C or recirculated air. Set the desired temperature. Override Operation: Select 7 air distribution. Select 8 A/C and 9 recirculated air. Use recirculated air with A/C to provide colder airflow. Set temperature setting to 60°F (15.5°C). Initially set to highest fan speed 5, then adjust to maintain comfort.

Manual Override Operation: Press 1 to set desired cabin temperature. Adjust any of the following for personal comfort preferences: 5 fan speed, 7 airflow direction, 8 A/C and 9 recirculated air. Fan speed, A/C and recirculated air overrides will not turn off the AUTO indicator light. Airflow direction overrides will turn off the AUTO indicator light.

Airflow Direction Control (if equipped) Press 7 repeatedly to select airflow direction.

Defogging / Demisting Press 3 to distribute outside air through the windshield defroster vents and demister vents. To reduce humidity buildup in the vehicle, do not drive with the Climate Control turned off. Also, do not drive with recirculated air selected unless A/C is operating.

Heated Seats (if equipped) Press 6 to cycle through available settings of high heat (2 lights), low heat (1 light), and off (no lights).

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