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Toyota Camry

1997 Toyota Camry Owner's Manual

Your comprehensive guide to operating and maintaining your vehicle.

Introduction

This manual provides detailed information necessary for the proper operation and maintenance of your 1997 Toyota Camry. To ensure safe driving and prolong the life of your vehicle, please read this manual thoroughly and keep it in your vehicle for future reference. It contains important instructions, warnings, and specifications.

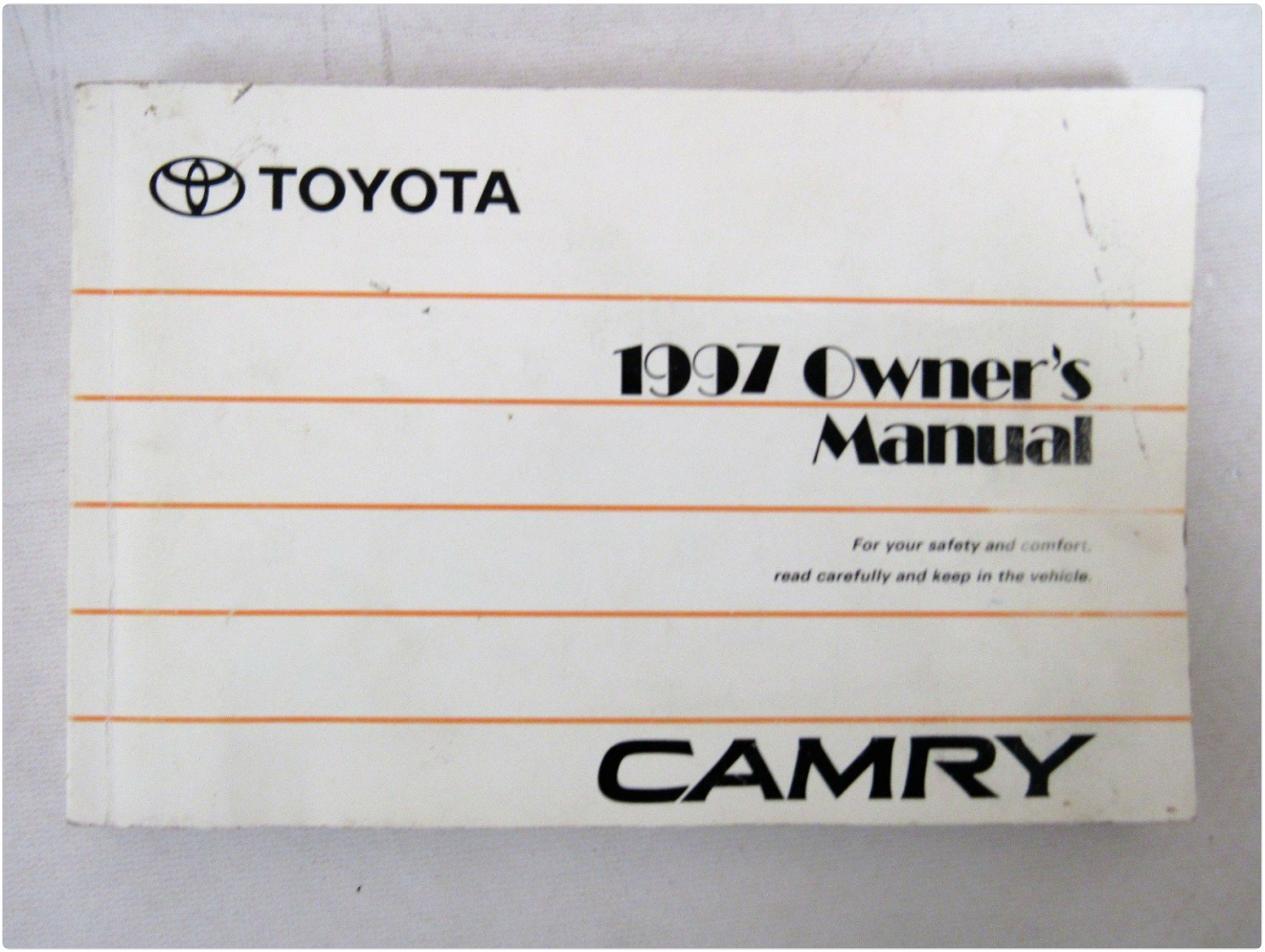


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Getting Started and Quick Reference

For quick access to common topics, refer to the following index. Detailed information for each item can be found on the specified pages within the physical manual.

- If your vehicle will not start: Refer to page 151.
- If your engine stalls while driving: Refer to page 154.
- If your vehicle overheats: Refer to page 155.
- If you have a flat tire: Refer to page 156.
- If your vehicle needs to be towed: Refer to page 162.
- Tips for driving during break-in period: Refer to page 129.
- How to start the engine: Refer to page 141.
- General maintenance: Refer to page 174.
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Image: A page from the 1997 Toyota Camry Owner's Manual showing the 'Quick Index' and 'Gas Station Information'. This page provides a summary of important topics and basic vehicle specifications.

Operating Your Vehicle

Starting the Engine

Before starting the engine, ensure the parking brake is engaged and the transmission is in Park (P) for automatic transmissions or Neutral (N) for manual transmissions. Insert the key and turn it to the 'START' position. Release the key once the engine starts. Avoid prolonged cranking to prevent damage to the starter motor.

Driving Tips for Break-in Period

During the first few hundred miles, it is recommended to drive gently to allow engine components to properly seat. Avoid sudden acceleration, hard braking, and high engine speeds. Vary your driving speed and avoid prolonged driving at a constant speed. This practice helps ensure optimal performance and longevity of your vehicle.

Maintenance

General Maintenance

Regular maintenance is crucial for the safety, reliability, and performance of your Toyota Camry. Follow the maintenance schedule outlined in the complete manual. This includes routine checks of fluid levels, tire pressure, lights, and brakes. For detailed procedures, refer to the 'General maintenance' section starting on page 174.

Engine Oil

The manual recommends API SH, "Energy-Conserving III" multigrade engine oil or ILSAC multigrade engine oil. For detailed information on oil selection and change intervals, refer to page 188 of the manual.

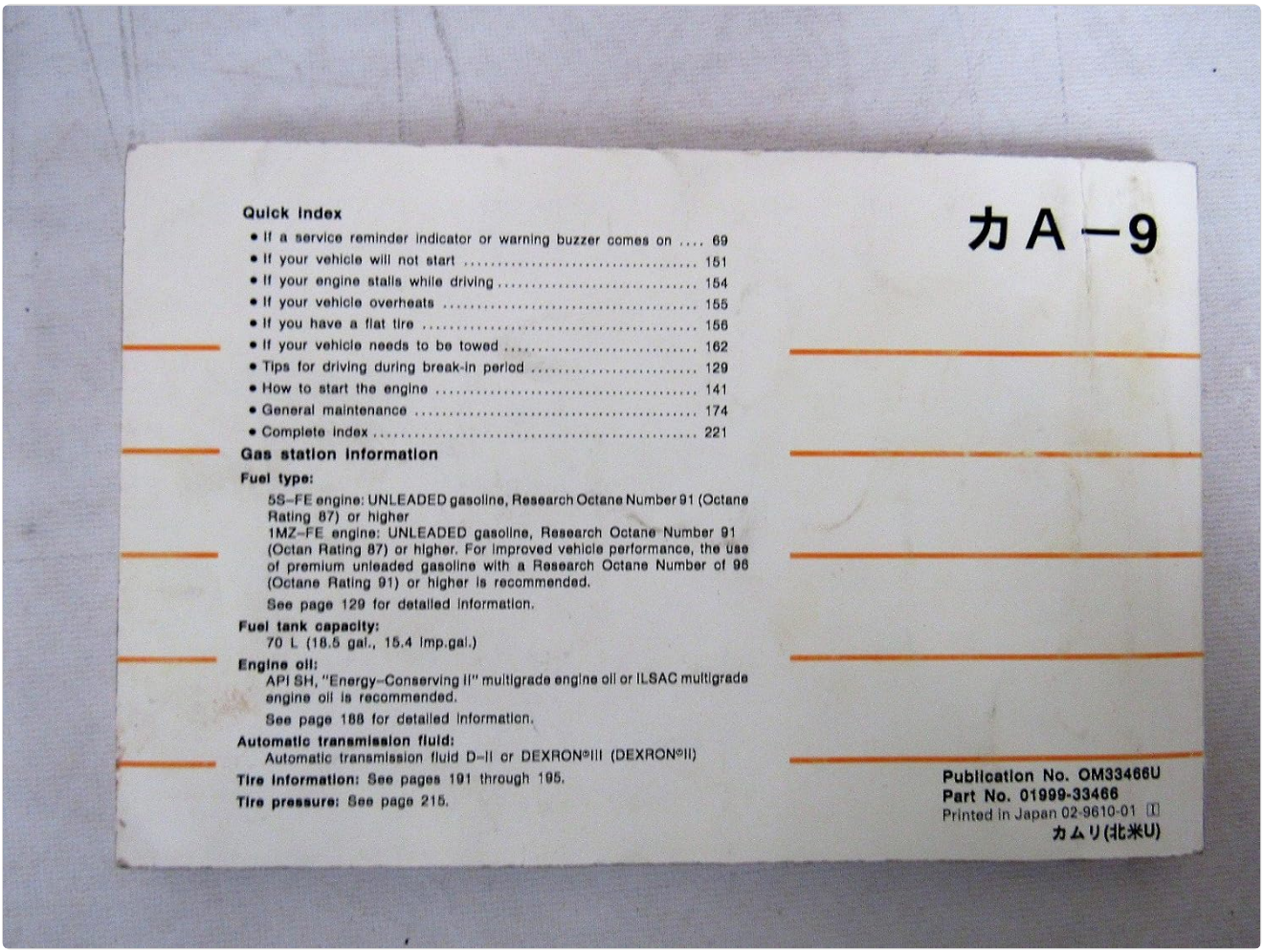
Automatic Transmission Fluid

Use Automatic Transmission Fluid D-II or DEXRON®III (DEXRON®II). Regular inspection and replacement of

transmission fluid are vital for smooth operation and transmission longevity. Consult the manual for specific service intervals and fluid checking procedures.

Tire Information

Proper tire inflation and regular rotation are essential for safety and tire life. Refer to pages 191 through 195 for detailed information on tire maintenance, including recommended tire pressure. For specific tire pressure values, see page 215.



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Gas station information

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See page 129 for detailed information.

Fuel tank capacity:
70 L (18.5 gal., 15.4 Imp.gal.)

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See page 188 for detailed information.

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Tire information: See pages 191 through 195.

Tire pressure: See page 215.

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Image: An open page from the 1997 Toyota Camry Owner's Manual, showing text and diagrams related to vehicle components.

TROUBLESHOOTING

This section provides guidance for common issues you might encounter with your 1997 Toyota Camry. For detailed steps and safety precautions, always refer to the full owner's manual.

If Your Vehicle Will Not Start

Check the battery terminals for corrosion or loose connections. Ensure the fuel tank has sufficient fuel. If the engine cranks but does not start, there might be an issue with the ignition system or fuel delivery. Consult page 151 for a comprehensive troubleshooting guide.

Engine Stalls While Driving

If the engine stalls, safely pull over to the side of the road. Check for any warning lights on the dashboard. Common causes include fuel delivery issues, electrical problems, or engine sensor malfunctions. Refer to page 154 for specific diagnostic steps.

Vehicle Overheats

If the temperature gauge indicates overheating, immediately pull over and turn off the engine. Do not open the radiator cap while the engine is hot. Allow the engine to cool down before checking coolant levels. Consult page 155 for detailed instructions on how to address an overheating engine safely.

If You Have a Flat Tire

Safely pull over to a level surface away from traffic. Engage the parking brake and turn on hazard lights. Locate the spare tire, jack, and lug wrench. Follow the step-by-step instructions on page 156 for safely changing a flat tire.

Vehicle Needs to Be Towed

In situations where your vehicle cannot be driven, it may need to be towed. Ensure proper towing procedures are followed to prevent damage to the vehicle. Refer to page 162 for guidelines on correct towing methods, including front-wheel drive and all-wheel drive considerations.

Specifications

Key specifications for the 1997 Toyota Camry are provided below:

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Tire Pressure	Refer to page 215 of the manual for specific values.
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Warranty and Support

Your 1997 Toyota Camry comes with various warranties and support programs. For complete details, please refer to the specific sections in your owner's manual.

- **Warranty at a Glance:** Provides a summary of your vehicle's warranty coverage.
- **New Vehicle Limited Warranty:** Details the coverage for defects in materials or workmanship.
- **Federal Emission Warranty:** Covers components related to emission control systems.
- **California Emission Control Warranty:** Specific emission warranty information for vehicles sold in California.
- **Tire Limited Warranty:** Information regarding the warranty provided by the tire manufacturer.
- **Arbitration:** Procedures for resolving disputes related to warranty claims.
- **Toyota Parts Centers:** Information on locating official Toyota parts and service centers.
- **Toyota Express Tube:** Details on quick service options.
- **Lifetime Guarantee Program:** Information on specific components or services covered by a lifetime guarantee.
- **Dealer Certificate:** Documentation provided by your selling dealer.



Image: A page from the 1997 Toyota Camry Owner's Manual showing the 'Table of Contents' for Part 1. This page lists various sections including warranty information, vehicle systems, and maintenance.

Additional Resources

For further details and supplementary information, please refer to the additional parts of your owner's manual set.



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