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Toyota Tacoma 1997 Owner's Manual

Model: Tacoma

Quick Reference Guide

This section provides a quick overview of important topics and their corresponding page numbers in the full manual.

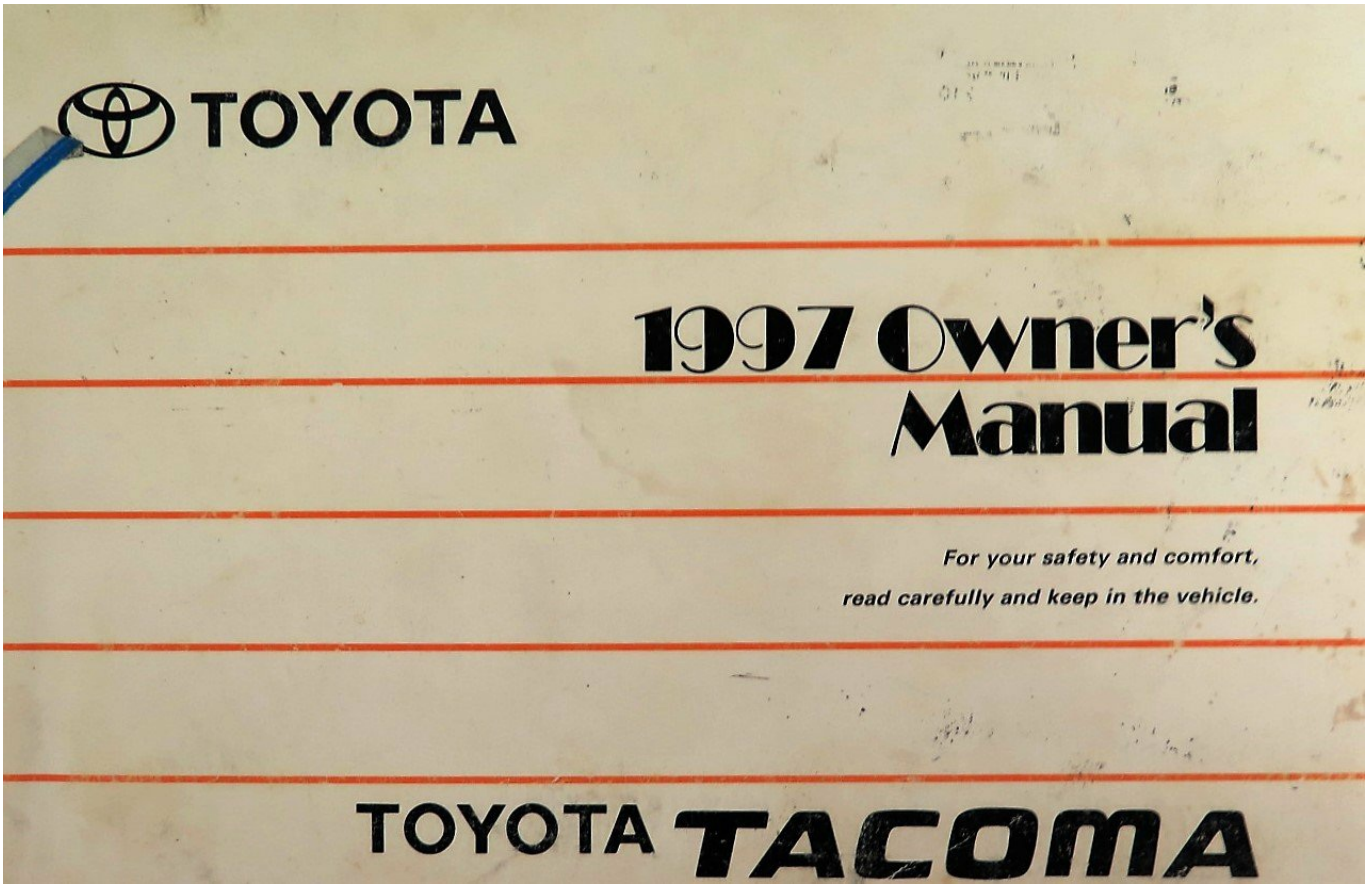


Image: Quick Index and Gas Station Information from the 1997 Toyota Tacoma Owner's Manual, showing key topics and initial specifications.

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Gas Station Information

Understanding your vehicle's fuel and fluid requirements is crucial for optimal performance and longevity.

Fuel Type

UNLEADED gasoline, Research Octane Number 91 (Octane Rating 87) or higher, is recommended. Refer to page 114 for more detailed information on fuel specifications and recommendations.

Fuel Tank Capacity

- **Two-wheel drive models:** 57 L (15.1 gal., 12.5 Imp.gal.)
- **Four-wheel drive models:** 68 L (18.0 gal., 15.0 Imp.gal.)

Engine Oil

For optimal engine performance and protection, API SH, "Energy-Conserving II" multigrade engine oil or ILSAC multigrade engine oil is recommended. Consult page 182 for detailed information regarding engine oil specifications, checking procedures, and replacement intervals.

Tire Information

Proper tire maintenance is essential for safety and vehicle performance. For comprehensive tire information, including rotation, replacement, and care, refer to pages 185 through 189 of the manual. Specific tire pressure recommendations can be found on page 211.

Vehicle Setup and Initial Checks

Before operating your Toyota Tacoma, it is important to perform initial checks and familiarize yourself with the vehicle's controls and features. This includes adjusting seats and mirrors, understanding dashboard indicators, and ensuring all lights are functional. For detailed instructions on initial setup and pre-drive checks, please consult the relevant sections in the full owner's manual.

Operating Your Vehicle

This section covers the fundamental aspects of operating your 1997 Toyota Tacoma. It includes procedures for starting the engine, understanding the transmission, and safe driving practices.

Starting the Engine

Detailed instructions on how to start the engine can be found on page 127 of the manual. Ensure all pre-start checks are completed before attempting to start the vehicle.

Driving During Break-in Period

For the first few hundred miles, specific driving practices are recommended to ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your new vehicle. Refer to page 114 for tips on driving during the break-in period.

Maintenance Schedule and Procedures

Regular maintenance is vital for the safety, reliability, and resale value of your Toyota Tacoma. This section outlines general maintenance procedures and recommended service intervals.

General Maintenance

Information on general maintenance tasks, such as fluid checks, filter replacements, and visual inspections, is provided starting on page 168. Adhering to the maintenance schedule will help prevent potential issues.

Troubleshooting Common Issues

This section provides guidance on how to address common operational problems you might encounter with your vehicle.

Vehicle Not Starting

If your vehicle fails to start, consult page 139 for troubleshooting steps, which may include checking the battery, starter, or fuel system.

Engine Stalling While Driving

Should your engine stall unexpectedly while driving, refer to page 142 for immediate actions and potential causes.

Vehicle Overheating

If your vehicle's engine overheats, turn to page 143 for instructions on how to safely address the situation and prevent further damage.

Flat Tire Procedures

In the event of a flat tire, page 144 provides detailed steps for safely changing a tire, including locating the spare and necessary tools.

Towing Your Vehicle

If your vehicle requires towing, refer to page 152 for proper towing procedures and precautions to avoid damage.

Specifications

This section summarizes key technical specifications for the 1997 Toyota Tacoma.

Fuel Specifications

- **Fuel Type:** UNLEADED gasoline, Research Octane Number 91 (Octane Rating 87) or higher
- **Two-wheel drive fuel tank capacity:** 57 L (15.1 gal., 12.5 Imp.gal.)
- **Four-wheel drive fuel tank capacity:** 68 L (18.0 gal., 15.0 Imp.gal.)

Engine Oil Specifications

- **Recommended Oil:** API SH, "Energy-Conserving II" multigrade engine oil or ILSAC multigrade engine oil

Tire Pressure

Refer to page 211 of the manual for specific tire pressure recommendations for your vehicle configuration.

Warranty Information

Details regarding the vehicle's warranty coverage, terms, and conditions are typically provided in a separate warranty booklet or within the comprehensive owner's manual. Please consult those documents for complete information on your 1997 Toyota Tacoma's warranty.

Customer Support

For further assistance, service inquiries, or to locate an authorized service center, please refer to the contact information provided in your original owner's manual or visit the official Toyota website for your region. This manual serves as a guide for vehicle operation and maintenance.

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