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GMC Yukon, Suburban

1996 GMC Yukon and Suburban Vehicle Owner's Manual

Introduction

This manual provides detailed instructions and important information for the safe and efficient operation, maintenance, and care of your 1996 GMC Yukon or Suburban. Familiarize yourself with its contents to ensure a thorough understanding of your vehicle's features and capabilities. This document serves as a guide to help you get the most out of your vehicle and maintain its optimal performance.

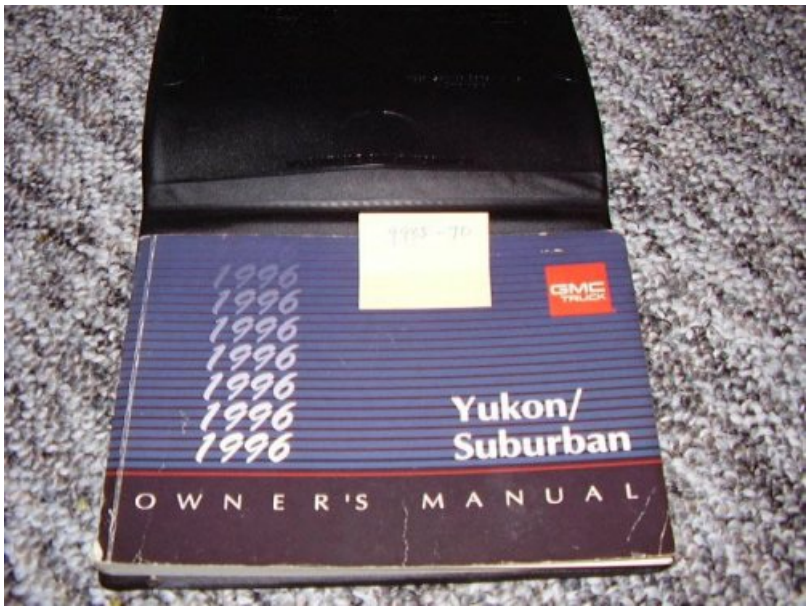


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Vehicle Setup and Initial Checks

Before operating your vehicle, perform the following initial setup and checks to ensure safety and readiness:

- **Seat Adjustment:** Adjust the driver's seat for optimal comfort and control. Ensure you can comfortably reach the pedals and steering wheel.
- **Mirror Adjustment:** Adjust the rearview and side mirrors to provide a clear view of the areas around your vehicle.
- **Safety Belts:** Ensure all occupants are properly secured with safety belts. Refer to the 'Safety Features' section within the full manual for detailed instructions.
- **Tire Pressure:** Check tire pressure regularly, especially before long trips. Consult the tire placard located on the driver's side door jamb for recommended pressures.
- **Fluid Levels:** Verify engine oil, coolant, brake fluid, and windshield washer fluid levels are within recommended

ranges.

Operating Your Vehicle

This section covers the fundamental procedures for operating your 1996 GMC Yukon or Suburban.

Starting the Engine

1. Ensure the transmission is in **PARK (P)** or **NEUTRAL (N)**.
2. Insert the key into the ignition.
3. Turn the key to the **START** position. Release the key once the engine starts.

Driving

- **Automatic Transmission:** Select the desired gear (e.g., **DRIVE (D)** for normal forward motion).
- **Braking:** Apply steady pressure to the brake pedal to slow down or stop the vehicle.
- **Steering:** Use smooth and controlled movements of the steering wheel to guide the vehicle.

Lighting and Climate Control

- **Headlights:** Turn the headlight switch to the 'ON' position for low beams. Pull the switch out for high beams.
- **Turn Signals:** Move the turn signal lever up for a right turn and down for a left turn.
- **Climate Control:** Adjust temperature, fan speed, and air distribution using the controls on the dashboard.

Vehicle Maintenance

Regular maintenance is crucial for the longevity, safety, and optimal performance of your vehicle. Adhere to the recommended service intervals.

- **Scheduled Maintenance:** Follow the comprehensive maintenance schedule outlined in the full owner's manual. This includes routine oil changes, tire rotations, and inspections of various critical components.
- **Engine Oil:** Check engine oil level frequently using the dipstick. Change oil and filter according to the recommended mileage or time intervals.
- **Tires:** Inspect tires regularly for proper inflation, wear patterns, and damage. Rotate tires as recommended to ensure even wear and extend tire life.
- **Brakes:** Have the brake system inspected periodically by a qualified technician. Check brake fluid level and inspect brake pads for wear.
- **Battery:** Keep battery terminals clean and ensure the battery is securely mounted. Check battery fluid levels if applicable.
- **Wiper Blades:** Replace wiper blades when they no longer clear the windshield effectively, typically every six to twelve months.

Troubleshooting Common Issues

This section provides guidance for common issues you might encounter with your 1996 GMC Yukon or Suburban.

Engine Will Not Start

- Check battery terminals for corrosion or looseness.
- Ensure the transmission is securely in **PARK** or **NEUTRAL**.
- Verify there is sufficient fuel in the tank.

Warning Lights Illuminated

- **Check Engine Light:** If this light illuminates, it indicates a potential issue with the engine or emissions system. Consult a qualified service technician promptly.
- **Oil Pressure Light:** If this light comes on, stop the vehicle safely and immediately check the engine oil level. Do not continue driving with low oil pressure.
- **Brake Warning Light:** If this light illuminates, it may indicate low brake fluid or a problem with the brake system. Have the system inspected by a professional without delay.

Engine Overheating

- If the engine temperature gauge indicates overheating, safely pull over to the side of the road and turn off the engine.
- **Do not open the radiator cap while the engine is hot**, as pressurized hot fluid can cause severe burns. Allow the engine to cool completely before checking coolant levels.

Technical Specifications

Key technical specifications for the 1996 GMC Yukon and Suburban models. Please note that specific values may vary based on trim level, engine option, and factory configuration.

- **Engine Type:** V8 Gasoline (various displacements available)
- **Fuel Tank Capacity:** Typically ranges from 30 to 35 gallons, depending on the specific model and wheelbase.
- **Tire Size:** Varies by trim level and wheel option (e.g., P235/75R15, P245/75R16). Always refer to your vehicle's tire placard.
- **Towing Capacity:** Varies significantly based on engine, axle ratio, and vehicle configuration. Consult the 'Towing' section of the full owner's manual for detailed information specific to your vehicle.
- **Electrical System:** 12-volt, negative ground.

Warranty Information

Your 1996 GMC Yukon or Suburban was sold with a limited warranty from the manufacturer. Details regarding coverage, duration, and specific conditions are provided in a separate warranty booklet that accompanied your vehicle at the time of purchase. Please refer to that document for the official and complete terms and conditions. This manual provides general operational guidance and does not supersede the official warranty statement.

Customer Support

For further assistance, professional service, or genuine parts inquiries regarding your 1996 GMC Yukon or Suburban, please contact your authorized GMC dealership. They are equipped with factory-trained technicians and genuine parts to provide the best service for your vehicle.

- **Authorized GMC Dealership:** Locate your nearest authorized dealer for professional service, maintenance, and repairs.
- **Service Records:** It is highly recommended to maintain accurate and detailed service records for your vehicle. This documentation can be valuable for future maintenance planning, warranty claims, and enhancing resale value.

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