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Dodge Intrepid

1998 Dodge Intrepid Owner's Manual

Your comprehensive guide to operating and maintaining your vehicle.

Introduction

This manual provides essential information for the safe and efficient operation of your 1998 Dodge Intrepid. Please read it thoroughly to familiarize yourself with the vehicle's features, controls, and maintenance requirements. Understanding this information will help ensure a safe driving experience and prolong the life of your vehicle.

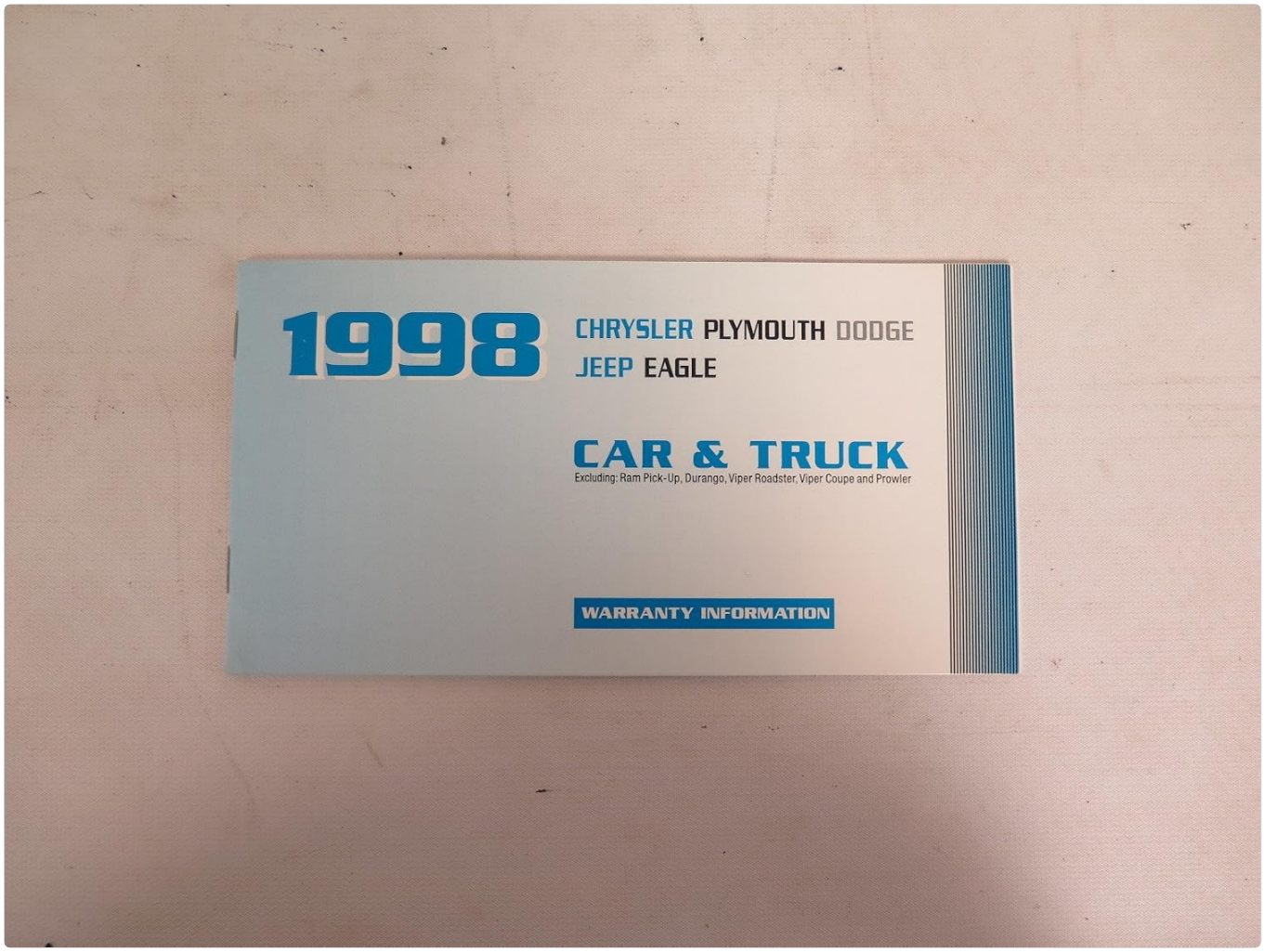


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Vehicle Familiarization and Setup

Before driving, take time to become familiar with your Intrepid's controls and features. This section covers basic adjustments and safety features.

Seating and Restraints

- **Seat Adjustment:** Adjust the driver's seat for optimal comfort and control. Ensure you can comfortably reach the pedals and steering wheel.
- **Seat Belts:** Always wear your seat belt and ensure all passengers are properly buckled. Refer to the manual for proper usage and child restraint system installation.
- **Airbags:** Understand the location and function of the airbag system.

Dashboard and Controls

Familiarize yourself with the instrument panel, warning lights, and controls for lights, wipers, climate control, and audio system. Consult the original manual for detailed diagrams.

Operating Your Vehicle

This section outlines the procedures for starting, driving, and stopping your 1998 Dodge Intrepid.

Starting the Engine

1. Ensure the transmission is in PARK (P) or NEUTRAL (N).
2. Insert the key into the ignition and turn it to the START position.
3. Release the key once the engine starts. Do not crank for more than 15 seconds.

Driving

- **Automatic Transmission:** Shift into DRIVE (D) for normal driving. Use lower gears (1, 2) for increased engine braking or specific driving conditions.
- **Braking:** Apply steady pressure to the brake pedal to slow down or stop. Avoid sudden, harsh braking unless in an emergency.
- **Steering:** Maintain a firm but relaxed grip on the steering wheel.

Parking

When parking, shift the transmission to PARK (P) and engage the parking brake. On inclines, turn the front wheels appropriately (towards the curb when downhill, away from the curb when uphill).

Maintenance and Care

Regular maintenance is crucial for the longevity and performance of your Dodge Intrepid. Follow the recommended service schedule outlined in your original owner's manual.

Routine Checks

- **Engine Oil:** Check oil level regularly and change according to the service schedule.
- **Tire Pressure:** Maintain correct tire pressure as specified on the tire placard (usually inside the driver's door jamb).

- **Fluid Levels:** Regularly check coolant, brake fluid, power steering fluid, and windshield washer fluid levels.
- **Lights:** Ensure all exterior and interior lights are functioning correctly.

Cleaning

Wash your vehicle regularly to protect the paint finish. Use appropriate cleaning products for interior surfaces. Avoid harsh chemicals that may damage materials.

Troubleshooting Common Issues

This section provides guidance for common problems you might encounter. For more complex issues, consult a qualified service technician.

Warning Lights

- **Check Engine Light:** If illuminated, it indicates a potential issue with the engine or emissions system. Have it checked by a professional.
- **Oil Pressure Light:** If this light comes on while driving, safely pull over and shut off the engine immediately. Check oil level. Do not drive if oil pressure is low.
- **Battery/Charging Light:** Indicates a problem with the charging system. Have it inspected promptly.

Flat Tire

Refer to your original manual for instructions on how to safely change a flat tire using the spare tire and jack provided with your vehicle. Ensure the vehicle is on a level, stable surface and the parking brake is engaged.

Engine Overheating

If the temperature gauge indicates overheating, safely pull over, turn off the engine, and allow it to cool. Do not open the radiator cap when the engine is hot. Check coolant level once cooled.

Specifications (General)

This section provides general specifications for the 1998 Dodge Intrepid. Specific details may vary by trim level and options. Always refer to your original owner's manual for precise figures.

Feature	Typical Specification
Engine Type	V6 (various displacements available)
Transmission	Automatic
Fuel Tank Capacity	Approx. 16-18 Gallons (60-68 Liters)
Tire Size	Varies by model and trim
Curb Weight	Approx. 3,300 - 3,500 lbs (1,500 - 1,600 kg)

Warranty Information

Your 1998 Dodge Intrepid was sold with a limited warranty. Details regarding coverage, duration, and conditions are provided in a separate warranty booklet or within the original owner's manual package. Please refer to those documents for complete information regarding your vehicle's warranty.

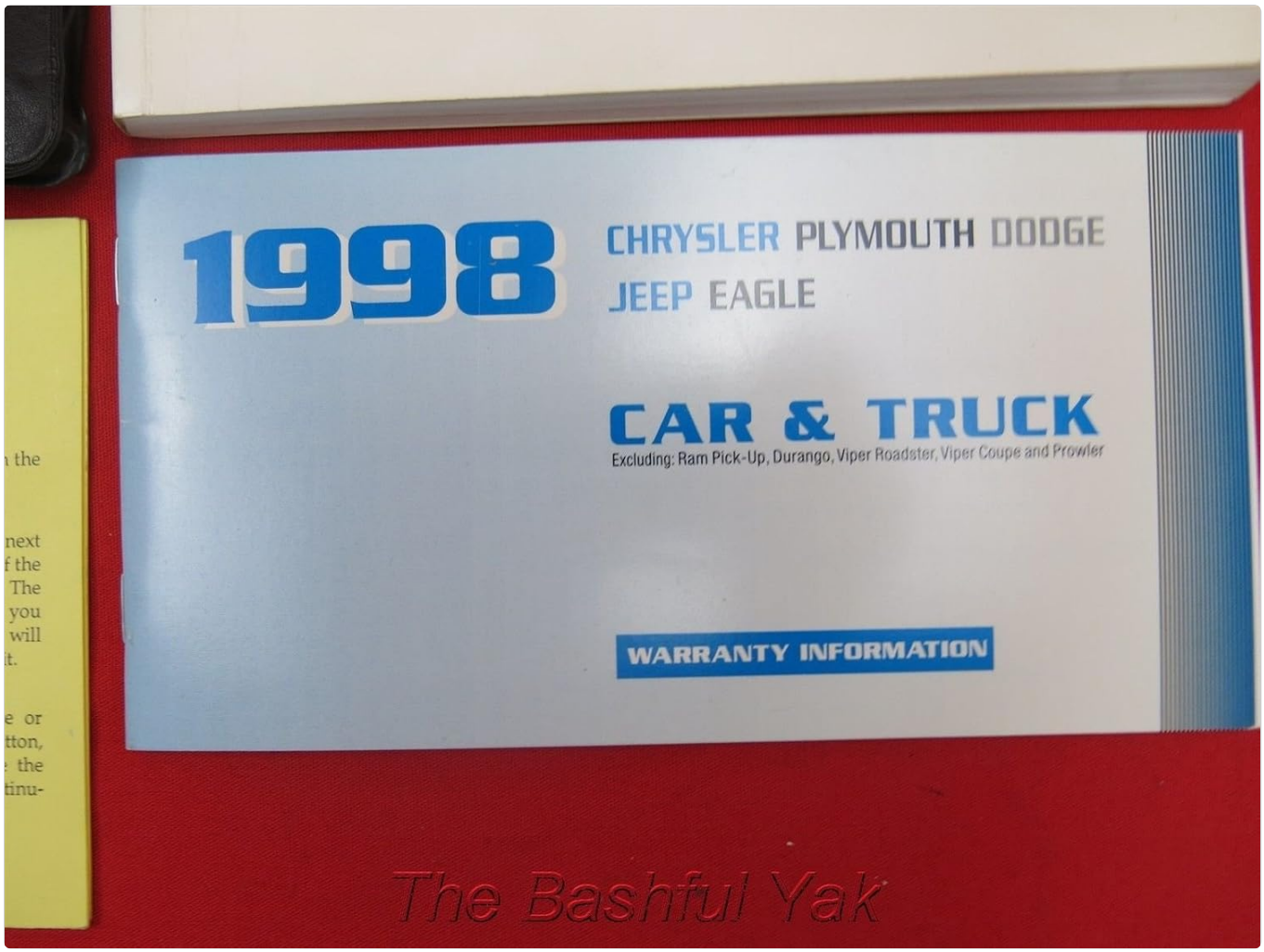


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Support and Service

For service, parts, or further assistance with your 1998 Dodge Intrepid, please contact an authorized Dodge dealership. They have trained technicians and genuine Mopar parts to ensure your vehicle receives the best care.

You can find your nearest authorized dealer by visiting the officialDodge website or by consulting your local directory.

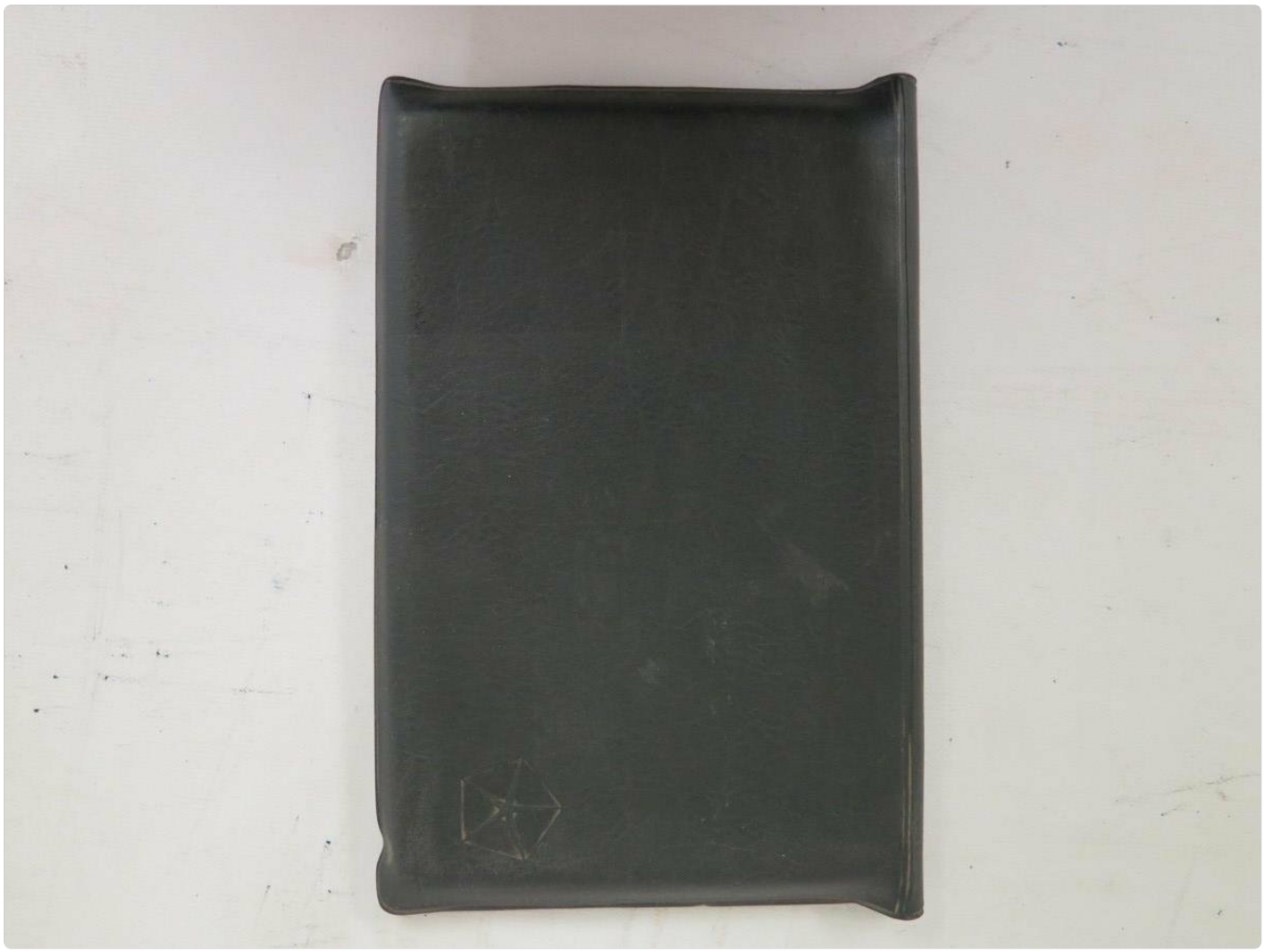


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