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2016 Chevrolet Sonic Vehicle Instruction Manual

Your guide to understanding and operating your 2016 Chevrolet Sonic.

INTRODUCTION

This document provides an overview of the key features, operations, and maintenance procedures for the 2016 Chevrolet Sonic. For detailed information and complete instructions, always refer to your official 2016 Chevrolet Sonic Owner's Manual and the Quick Reference Guide.



Image: The front cover of the 2016 Chevrolet Sonic Owner's Manual, indicating the model year and vehicle type.

SAFETY INFORMATION

Always prioritize safety when operating your vehicle. Familiarize yourself with all safety features and warnings outlined in the official owner's manual. Key safety considerations include:

- **Seat Belts:** Always wear your seat belt and ensure all passengers are properly restrained.
- **Airbags:** Understand the location and function of the airbag system.
- **Child Restraints:** Use appropriate child restraint systems for children.
- **Driving Conditions:** Adjust driving habits to suit road, weather, and traffic conditions.
- **Warning Lights:** Pay attention to dashboard warning lights and address any issues promptly.

SETUP AND INITIAL FAMILIARIZATION

Before driving, take time to set up your vehicle for comfort and safety.

Key Features and Controls

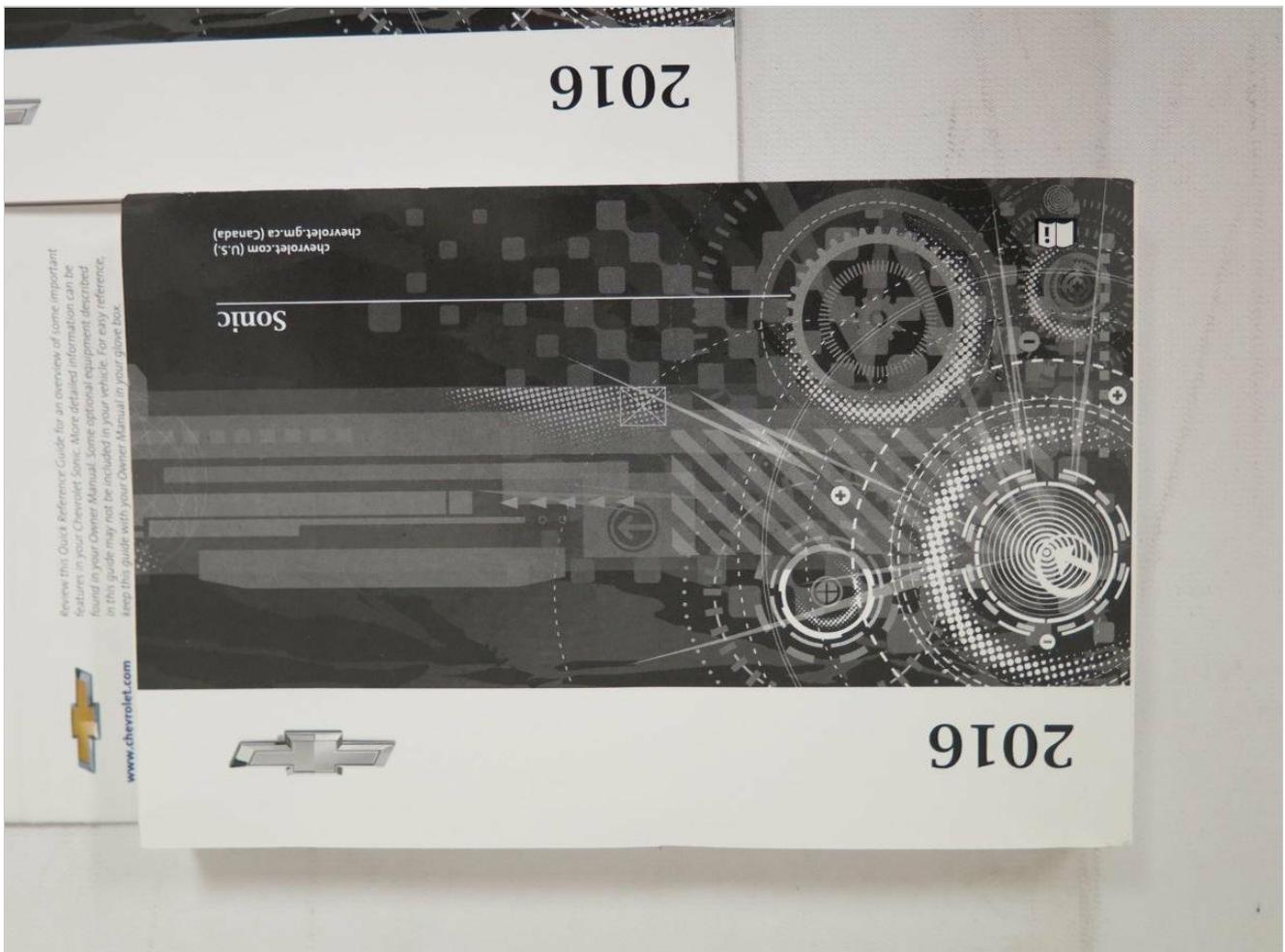


Image: The "Getting to Know Your 2016 Sonic" Quick Reference Guide, featuring a red Chevrolet Sonic. This guide helps users quickly identify and understand key vehicle features.

- **Seating Position:** Adjust your seat for optimal comfort and control.
- **Mirror Adjustment:** Set side and rearview mirrors for clear visibility.
- **Steering Wheel:** Adjust the steering wheel position if equipped with tilt/telescopic features.
- **Climate Control:** Understand how to operate the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system.
- **Infotainment System:** Familiarize yourself with the radio, media, and connectivity options.

OPERATING YOUR VEHICLE

This section covers the basic operation of your 2016 Chevrolet Sonic.

Starting and Driving

- **Starting the Engine:** Insert the key and turn to the START position, or press the engine start button (if equipped).
- **Transmission:** Understand how to shift gears in both automatic and manual transmissions.
- **Braking:** Familiarize yourself with the brake pedal and parking brake operation.
- **Lighting:** Know how to operate headlights, turn signals, and hazard lights.

Advanced Features (if equipped)

- **Cruise Control:** How to set, adjust, and cancel cruise control.
- **Driver Assistance Systems:** Information on features like StabiliTrak, Traction Control, and available parking assist.

MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance is crucial for the longevity and performance of your vehicle.

Routine Checks

- **Engine Oil:** Check oil level regularly and change according to schedule.
- **Tire Pressure:** Maintain correct tire pressure for safety and fuel efficiency.
- **Fluid Levels:** Monitor coolant, brake fluid, and windshield washer fluid levels.
- **Lights:** Ensure all exterior and interior lights are functioning.

Service Schedule

Refer to your official owner's manual for the complete maintenance schedule, which includes recommended intervals for:

- Oil and filter changes
- Tire rotations
- Brake inspections
- Fluid flushes
- Spark plug replacement

TROUBLESHOOTING COMMON ISSUES

This section addresses some common issues you might encounter with your 2016 Chevrolet Sonic.

| Issue | Possible Cause | Solution |
|--------------------|--|---|
| Engine won't start | Dead battery, faulty starter, no fuel. | Check battery terminals, jump-start, ensure fuel in tank. Consult a mechanic if issue persists. |

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| Warning light illuminated | Various system malfunctions (e.g., check engine, low tire pressure). | Refer to the owner's manual for specific light meanings. Seek professional diagnosis if necessary. |
| Poor braking performance | Worn brake pads, low brake fluid, air in brake lines. | Have brakes inspected immediately by a qualified technician. |

For comprehensive troubleshooting guides and diagnostic procedures, always consult your official owner's manual or a certified Chevrolet service center.

SPECIFICATIONS

Key specifications for the 2016 Chevrolet Sonic may vary by trim level and options. Refer to your owner's manual for exact details.

- **Engine Options:** Typically 1.8L 4-cylinder or 1.4L Turbo 4-cylinder.
- **Transmission:** Manual or Automatic.
- **Fuel Tank Capacity:** Approximately 12.2 gallons (46.2 liters).
- **Tire Size:** Varies by trim, e.g., P195/65R15, P205/55R16.
- **Oil Type:** Refer to owner's manual for specific viscosity and API rating.

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Your 2016 Chevrolet Sonic comes with a limited warranty. For full details on coverage, terms, and conditions, consult the official Chevrolet Limited Warranty and Owner Assistance Information booklet.



Image: The cover of the "Chevrolet Limited Warranty and Owner Assistance Information" booklet for the 2016 model year. This document provides details on warranty coverage and customer support.

Customer Support

For assistance, service, or further information, you can:

- Contact your authorized Chevrolet dealer.
- Visit the official Chevrolet website (e.g., chevrolet.com for U.S. or chevrolet.ca for Canada).
- Refer to the contact information provided in your owner's manual.

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