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Cadillac Escalade, Escalade ESV

2010 Cadillac Escalade and ESV Owner's Manual

Comprehensive instructions for your vehicle.

Introduction

This owner's manual provides detailed information regarding the operation, features, maintenance, and safety of your 2010 Cadillac Escalade or Escalade ESV. Familiarizing yourself with this manual will help ensure safe and efficient use of your vehicle and prolong its lifespan. Please keep this manual in your vehicle for quick reference.



Image: Front cover of the 2010 Cadillac Escalade and ESV Owner's Manual, displaying the Cadillac logo and model names.

Getting Started: Vehicle Overview

Before operating your vehicle, it is important to understand its basic controls and features. This section covers essential information to help you get acquainted with your Cadillac Escalade or ESV.

Keys and Locks

- **Remote Keyless Entry (RKE) Transmitter:** Used to lock/unlock doors, arm/disarm the alarm, and activate the panic alarm.
- **Ignition Key:** Insert into the ignition to start the vehicle.
- **Door Locks:** Manual and power door lock controls are located on the door panels.

Instrument Panel Overview

The instrument panel provides critical information about your vehicle's status. Refer to the detailed diagrams in the physical manual for specific locations of gauges, indicators, and controls.

- **Speedometer:** Displays current vehicle speed.
- **Tachometer:** Displays engine revolutions per minute (RPM).
- **Fuel Gauge:** Indicates the fuel level in the tank.
- **Engine Coolant Temperature Gauge:** Shows engine operating temperature.
- **Warning Lights:** Various indicators for system malfunctions or status (e.g., check engine, oil pressure, battery, ABS).

Operating Your Vehicle

This section details the procedures for driving and utilizing the various systems within your Cadillac Escalade or ESV.

Starting and Stopping the Engine

1. Ensure the vehicle is in PARK (P) or NEUTRAL (N).
2. Press the brake pedal.
3. Insert the ignition key and turn it to the START position. Release the key once the engine starts.
4. To stop the engine, shift to PARK (P) and turn the ignition key to the OFF position.

Transmission Operation

Your vehicle is equipped with an automatic transmission. Use the gear selector to choose the desired driving mode:

- **P (Park):** Locks the transmission. Use when parking.
- **R (Reverse):** For backing up.
- **N (Neutral):** Allows the wheels to roll freely.
- **D (Drive):** For normal forward driving.
- **M (Manual Mode):** Allows manual gear selection using the +/- buttons on the shifter.

Climate Control System

The automatic climate control system maintains a comfortable interior temperature. Set your desired temperature, and the system will automatically adjust fan speed and airflow.

- **AUTO Button:** Activates automatic climate control.
- **Temperature Dials:** Adjust desired temperature for driver and passenger.
- **Fan Speed Control:** Manually adjust fan speed.

- **Mode Buttons:** Direct airflow to specific vents (e.g., face, feet, defrost).

Maintenance and Care

Regular maintenance is crucial for the performance, safety, and longevity of your Cadillac Escalade or ESV. Adhere to the recommended service schedule.

Scheduled Maintenance

Refer to the maintenance schedule in your physical owner's manual for specific intervals. Key items include:

- Engine oil and filter change.
- Tire rotation and inspection.
- Brake system inspection.
- Fluid level checks (coolant, power steering, brake fluid, washer fluid).
- Air filter replacement.

Tire Care

- **Tire Pressure:** Check tire pressure regularly, including the spare. Recommended pressures are found on the tire placard located on the driver's side door jamb.
- **Tire Rotation:** Rotate tires every 5,000-7,500 miles (8,000-12,000 km) to ensure even wear.
- **Tread Depth:** Inspect tire tread for wear indicators. Replace tires when tread depth is low.

Fluid Checks

Regularly check fluid levels to prevent damage and ensure optimal performance.

Fluid Type	Check Interval	Notes
Engine Oil	Every fuel fill-up	Check when engine is warm and off for at least 5 minutes.
Engine Coolant	Every fuel fill-up	Check when engine is cool. Do not open radiator cap when hot.
Brake Fluid	Monthly	Maintain level between MIN and MAX marks.
Windshield Washer Fluid	As needed	Refill with appropriate washer fluid.

Troubleshooting Common Issues

This section addresses common issues you might encounter with your vehicle and provides basic troubleshooting steps. For complex problems, consult a certified service technician.

Warning Lights

- **Check Engine Light:** Indicates an emission control system malfunction. If flashing, reduce speed and seek service immediately. If steady, schedule service soon.
- **Oil Pressure Warning:** Stop the vehicle safely and turn off the engine immediately. Check oil level. Do not drive with low oil pressure.
- **Battery/Charging System Light:** Indicates a problem with the charging system. Check battery terminals and alternator belt. Seek service if light persists.
- **Brake System Warning:** If illuminated, check brake fluid level. If the light remains on, have the brake system inspected immediately.

Engine Does Not Start

1. Check if the gear selector is in PARK (P) or NEUTRAL (N).
2. Ensure the battery terminals are clean and tight.
3. Listen for a clicking sound when turning the key; this may indicate a low battery.
4. If the engine cranks but does not start, check fuel level.

Specifications

This section provides general specifications for the 2010 Cadillac Escalade and ESV. For precise figures and model-specific details, refer to your vehicle's official documentation.

Category	Specification (Typical)
Engine Type	6.2L V8 Vortec
Transmission	6-speed automatic
Fuel Tank Capacity	Approx. 26 gallons (Escalade), 31 gallons (ESV)
Tire Size	Varies by trim (e.g., P265/65R18, P285/45R22)
Seating Capacity	7-8 passengers

Warranty and Support

Your 2010 Cadillac Escalade or ESV is covered by a limited warranty. For complete details on coverage, terms, and conditions, please refer to the separate *Limited Warranty and Owner Assistance Information* booklet provided with your vehicle.



Image: Cover of the Cadillac Limited Warranty and Owner Assistance Information booklet.

Owner Assistance

For additional support, questions, or to locate a certified Cadillac service center, please visit the official Cadillac website or contact customer service.

- **Official Website (U.S.):** www.cadillac.com
- **Official Website (Canada):** www.cadillac.gm.ca
- **Customer Service:** Refer to your warranty booklet for specific contact numbers.

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