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Your comprehensive guide to operating and maintaining your vehicle.

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INTRODUCTION

This manual contains important information regarding the operation, maintenance, and safety of your 2021 Toyota Avalon. To ensure safe and proper use of your vehicle, please read this manual thoroughly before driving and keep it in your vehicle for future reference. All information in this manual is current at the time of printing.

For your safety, always pay attention to warning labels and instructions throughout this manual and on your vehicle. Failure to follow these instructions could result in serious injury or vehicle damage.

1. GETTING STARTED

1.1 Familiarizing with the Dashboard

Before driving, take time to understand the layout of your vehicle's dashboard. Locate the speedometer, tachometer, fuel gauge, and various indicator lights. Ensure you know the function of each control before operating the vehicle.

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1.2 Adjusting Seats and Mirrors

Proper seating position is crucial for comfort and safety. Adjust your seat so you can comfortably reach the pedals and steering wheel. Ensure your head is approximately 10-12 inches from the steering wheel airbag cover. Adjust the side mirrors and rearview mirror to provide the best possible view of the areas around your vehicle.

- **Seat Adjustment:** Use the levers or power controls located on the side of the seat to adjust forward/backward, height, and recline.
- **Mirror Adjustment:** Use the mirror control switch on the driver's door panel to select and adjust the left or right side mirror. Manually adjust the rearview mirror.

1.3 Starting the Engine

Your 2021 Toyota Avalon is equipped with a push-button start system.

1. Ensure the shift lever is in **P** (Park) or **N** (Neutral).

2. Press the brake pedal firmly.
3. Press the ENGINE START/STOP button. The engine will start.
4. To turn off the engine, ensure the vehicle is stopped and the shift lever is in **P**, then press the ENGINE START/STOP button.

2. DRIVING & OPERATION

2.1 Driving Modes

Your Avalon may feature different driving modes to optimize performance or fuel efficiency. These typically include Normal, Eco, and Sport modes. Use the drive mode selector button, usually located near the gear shifter, to switch between modes.

- **Eco Mode:** Optimizes fuel economy by adjusting throttle response and transmission shift points.
- **Sport Mode:** Provides a more responsive driving experience with sharper throttle response and firmer steering feel.
- **Normal Mode:** Balances performance and fuel efficiency for everyday driving.

2.2 Infotainment System Overview

The Toyota Avalon features a sophisticated infotainment system. It includes navigation, audio controls, Bluetooth connectivity, and smartphone integration (Apple CarPlay/Android Auto). Refer to the separate multimedia system manual for detailed instructions.

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2.3 Climate Control

The automatic climate control system maintains a comfortable cabin temperature. Set your desired temperature using the temperature control dial or buttons. The system will automatically adjust fan speed and airflow distribution.

- **AUTO Button:** Activates automatic climate control.
- **SYNC Button:** Synchronizes passenger side temperature with the driver's side.
- **DEFROST Buttons:** For front and rear window defrosting.

2.4 Toyota Safety Sense (TSS)

Your Avalon is equipped with Toyota Safety Sense, a suite of active safety features designed to assist the driver. These may include:

- **Pre-Collision System (PCS):** Helps detect vehicles or pedestrians and can apply brakes if a collision is imminent.
- **Lane Departure Alert (LDA) with Steering Assist:** Warns if unintentional lane departure is detected and can provide steering input.
- **Dynamic Radar Cruise Control (DRCC):** Maintains a preset distance from the vehicle ahead.
- **Automatic High Beams (AHB):** Automatically switches between high and low beams based on traffic conditions.

Always remember that TSS is a driver-assist system and does not replace the driver's responsibility to operate the vehicle safely.

3. MAINTENANCE AND CARE

3.1 Scheduled Maintenance

Regular maintenance is essential for the longevity and performance of your Avalon. Refer to the separate Warranty and Maintenance Guide for the detailed maintenance schedule. It is recommended to have your vehicle serviced by an authorized Toyota dealership.

3.2 Checking Fluid Levels

Periodically check the following fluid levels:

- **Engine Oil:** Check when the engine is warm and off for at least 5 minutes. Ensure the level is between the 'MIN' and 'MAX' marks on the dipstick.
- **Coolant:** Check the reservoir level when the engine is cold. The level should be between 'LOW' and 'FULL'.
- **Brake Fluid:** Ensure the level is between the 'MIN' and 'MAX' lines on the reservoir.
- **Windshield Washer Fluid:** Keep the reservoir filled for clear visibility.

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3.3 Tire Pressure and Rotation

Maintain correct tire pressure as specified on the driver's side door jamb label. Check pressure monthly when tires are cold. Rotate tires according to the maintenance schedule to ensure even wear and extend tire life.

3.4 Cleaning Your Vehicle

Regular cleaning helps protect your vehicle's finish and interior. Use mild automotive-specific cleaning products. Avoid abrasive cleaners or harsh chemicals.

- **Exterior:** Wash with a soft sponge or cloth and automotive soap. Rinse thoroughly and dry to prevent water spots.
- **Interior:** Vacuum carpets and upholstery. Wipe down surfaces with a damp cloth.

4. TROUBLESHOOTING COMMON ISSUES

4.1 Warning Lights Explanation

Your dashboard may display various warning lights. Consult this manual or your dealership immediately if a critical warning light (e.g., engine oil pressure, brake system, charging system) illuminates.

- **Check Engine Light:** Indicates a potential issue with the engine or emissions system.
- **Low Tire Pressure Warning:** One or more tires are significantly underinflated.
- **Battery/Charging System Warning:** Indicates a problem with the vehicle's charging system.

4.2 Flat Tire Procedure

If you experience a flat tire:

1. Safely pull over to a level area away from traffic.
2. Turn on your hazard lights.
3. Refer to the spare tire and jack instructions located in your trunk.
4. If unsure, contact roadside assistance.

4.3 Jump-Starting the Battery

If your vehicle's battery is discharged:

1. Ensure both vehicles are off and not touching.
2. Connect the positive (+) jumper cable to the positive terminal of the discharged battery.
3. Connect the other end of the positive (+) cable to the positive terminal of the good battery.
4. Connect the negative (-) jumper cable to the negative terminal of the good battery.
5. Connect the other end of the negative (-) cable to an unpainted metal surface on the engine block of the disabled vehicle, away from the battery.
6. Start the engine of the assisting vehicle and let it run for a few minutes.
7. Attempt to start the disabled vehicle.
8. Once started, disconnect cables in reverse order.

WARNING: Improper jump-starting can cause serious injury or damage to the vehicle. Follow instructions carefully.

5. VEHICLE SPECIFICATIONS

Below are general specifications for the 2021 Toyota Avalon. Specifics may vary by trim level and options.

Category	Specification
Engine Type	3.5L V6 DOHC 24-Valve (Gasoline) or 2.5L 4-Cylinder DOHC 16-Valve (Hybrid)
Fuel Tank Capacity	Approximately 15.8 gallons (Gasoline), 13.2 gallons (Hybrid)
Overall Length	Approximately 195.9 inches
Overall Width	Approximately 72.8 inches
Overall Height	Approximately 56.5 inches
Tire Size	Varies by trim (e.g., 215/55R17, 235/45R18, 235/40R19)
Oil Capacity	Varies by engine (e.g., 4.8 quarts for V6 with filter)

6. WARRANTY INFORMATION

Your 2021 Toyota Avalon is covered by a comprehensive warranty. Details regarding coverage periods, terms, and conditions are provided in the separate Warranty and Maintenance Guide. Please review this document carefully. To obtain warranty service, please contact an authorized Toyota dealership. Ensure you have your vehicle's VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) and proof of purchase readily available.

- **Basic New Vehicle Warranty:** Typically 3 years/36,000 miles (whichever comes first).
- **Powertrain Warranty:** Typically 5 years/60,000 miles (whichever comes first).
- **Hybrid System Warranty:** Specific coverage for hybrid components.

Note: Warranty coverage may vary. Refer to your official warranty documentation for precise details.

7. CUSTOMER SUPPORT

For additional assistance, questions, or to schedule service, please utilize the following resources:

- **Authorized Toyota Dealership:** Your primary resource for service, parts, and vehicle-specific inquiries. Use the

[Toyota Dealer Locator](#) to find a dealership near you.

- **Toyota Customer Experience Center:** For general inquiries or concerns, you can contact Toyota directly.
- **Toyota Website:** Visit the official Toyota website for up-to-date information, FAQs, and owner resources.

When contacting support, please have your vehicle's VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) ready to help expedite the process.

