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Audi A8

Audi A8 (2012 Model Year) Owner's Manual

Your comprehensive guide to operating and maintaining your vehicle.

1. Introduction

Welcome to the Audi A8 owner's manual. This document provides essential information for the safe and efficient operation, maintenance, and care of your 2012 Audi A8. Please read this manual thoroughly to familiarize yourself with your vehicle's features and systems. Understanding this information will help ensure your safety and the longevity of your vehicle.

1.1 Important Safety Information

Always pay attention to warning lights and messages displayed on the instrument cluster. Failure to follow safety instructions can result in serious injury or damage to the vehicle. Ensure all occupants wear seatbelts correctly. Never operate the vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

2. Initial Setup and Familiarization

Before driving, take time to adjust your seating position and familiarize yourself with the primary controls.

2.1 Seat and Steering Wheel Adjustment

- **Driver's Seat:** Use the controls located on the side of the seat to adjust forward/backward position, height, backrest angle, and lumbar support.
- **Steering Wheel:** Adjust the steering wheel for height and reach using the lever or electric control, ensuring a comfortable and safe driving position.

2.2 Mirror Adjustment

- **Exterior Mirrors:** Use the control knob on the driver's door panel to select and adjust the left or right exterior mirror.
- **Interior Rearview Mirror:** Manually adjust for optimal rear visibility.

3. Operating Your Audi A8

This section covers the basic procedures for starting, driving, and stopping your vehicle.

3.1 Starting and Stopping the Engine

1. Ensure the gear selector is in 'P' (Park) or 'N' (Neutral).
2. Press the brake pedal firmly.
3. Press the 'START/STOP ENGINE' button.
4. To stop the engine, ensure the vehicle is stationary, shift to 'P', and press the 'START/STOP ENGINE' button again.

3.2 Transmission Operation

The Audi A8 is equipped with an automatic transmission. Use the gear selector to choose between 'P' (Park), 'R' (Reverse), 'N' (Neutral), and 'D' (Drive). For manual gear selection, move the selector to the 'S' (Sport) position and use the paddle shifters or the selector lever to shift gears manually.

3.3 Driving Modes

Your Audi A8 may feature Audi Drive Select, allowing you to choose different driving modes (e.g., Comfort, Auto, Dynamic, Individual) to adjust steering, suspension, engine, and transmission characteristics. Access these settings via the MMI system.

4. Maintenance and Care

Regular maintenance is crucial for the performance, safety, and longevity of your Audi A8.

4.1 Service Schedule

Adhere to the recommended service intervals outlined in your vehicle's service schedule booklet. Regular inspections and fluid changes by an authorized Audi service center are essential.

4.2 Fluid Checks

- **Engine Oil:** Check oil level regularly using the MMI system or the dipstick (if equipped). Top up with approved oil as needed.
- **Coolant:** Ensure coolant level is between MIN and MAX marks when the engine is cold.
- **Brake Fluid:** Check level periodically; consult an Audi service center if low.
- **Windshield Washer Fluid:** Keep reservoir filled for clear visibility.

4.3 Tire Maintenance

Check tire pressure monthly, including the spare tire. Refer to the label on the driver's door jamb for correct pressures. Inspect tires for wear and damage regularly. Rotate tires according to the service schedule.

5. Troubleshooting

This section provides guidance on common issues and what to do if a warning light illuminates.

5.1 Warning Lights and Indicators

Familiarize yourself with the warning lights in your instrument cluster. Consult the manual for specific meanings. Red warning lights typically indicate an urgent issue requiring immediate attention. Yellow lights indicate a less urgent issue or a system malfunction that should be checked soon.

5.2 Common Issues

- **Engine Not Starting:** Check battery terminals, ensure sufficient fuel, and confirm the gear selector is in 'P' or 'N'.
- **Flat Tire:** Safely pull over, engage hazard lights, and refer to the manual for instructions on using the tire repair kit

or changing the spare tire.

- **Overheating Engine:** If the temperature gauge indicates overheating, safely pull over, turn off the engine, and allow it to cool. Do not open the coolant reservoir cap when hot.

6. Specifications

Key technical specifications for the 2012 Audi A8.

Category	Specification
Engine Type	V6, V8, or W12 (depending on model variant)
Fuel Type	Premium Unleaded Gasoline
Fuel Tank Capacity	Approx. 23.8 US Gallons (90 Liters)
Oil Capacity	Refer to specific engine variant in service manual
Tire Sizes	Varies by trim and wheel option; see door jamb label
Dimensions (L x W x H)	Varies by standard or long wheelbase model

7. Warranty and Support

Your Audi A8 is covered by a comprehensive warranty. Please refer to your separate warranty booklet for detailed terms, conditions, and coverage periods.

7.1 Customer Support

For technical assistance, service appointments, or warranty inquiries, please contact your authorized Audi dealer. You can also find more information on the official Audi website: www.audiusa.com.

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