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Nissan Altima Sedan

2018 Nissan Altima Sedan Owner's Manual

Official Guide for Vehicle Operation and Maintenance

Introduction

This document serves as the official owner's manual for the 2018 Nissan Altima Sedan. It provides comprehensive instructions and essential information necessary for the safe and efficient operation, maintenance, and care of your vehicle. Familiarizing yourself with the contents of this manual will help you understand your vehicle's features, ensure its longevity, and maintain its performance.

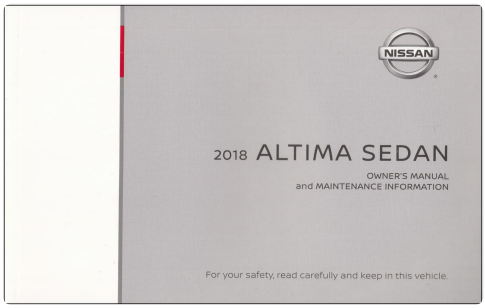


Image: Front cover of the official 2018 Nissan Altima Sedan Owner's Manual. This manual contains detailed information about the vehicle's features and functions.

Vehicle Setup and Initial Familiarization

Before operating your Nissan Altima, it is important to familiarize yourself with its primary controls and settings. This section covers initial adjustments and basic feature locations.

Dashboard and Instrument Panel

Understand the layout of your dashboard, including the speedometer, tachometer, fuel gauge, and various indicator lights. Refer to the manual's detailed diagrams for specific locations and functions.

Seat and Steering Wheel Adjustments

- **Seat Position:** Adjust the seat forward or backward, and recline the seatback for optimal driving posture. Ensure you can comfortably reach the pedals and steering wheel.
- **Steering Wheel:** Adjust the steering wheel for height and reach to ensure a comfortable and safe grip.
- **Head Restraints:** Adjust head restraints to the proper height to minimize the risk of injury in a collision.

Mirror Adjustments

Properly adjust your side mirrors and rearview mirror to maximize visibility around your vehicle.

Operating Your Vehicle

This section outlines the procedures for starting, driving, and stopping your 2018 Nissan Altima Sedan, along with the use of various operational features.

Starting and Stopping the Engine

1. **Starting:** Ensure the vehicle is in Park (P) or Neutral (N). Press the brake pedal and press the ENGINE START/STOP button.
2. **Stopping:** Shift the transmission to Park (P). Press the ENGINE START/STOP button.

Transmission Operation (Xtronic CVT)

The Altima is equipped with an Xtronic Continuously Variable Transmission (CVT). Select the appropriate gear position (P, R, N, D, L) using the shift lever. Refer to the manual for detailed driving tips with the CVT.

Lighting and Wipers

- **Headlights:** Use the headlight switch to control headlights, parking lights, and fog lights.
- **Turn Signals:** Operate the turn signal lever for lane changes and turns.
- **Wipers:** Adjust wiper speed and activate washer fluid using the wiper control stalk.

Climate Control System

Operate the climate control system to adjust temperature, fan speed, air distribution, and defrost functions for optimal cabin comfort.

Infotainment System

Learn how to operate the audio system, connect Bluetooth devices, and use navigation features (if equipped). Consult the dedicated infotainment section in your manual for detailed instructions.

Maintenance and Care

Regular maintenance is crucial for the performance, safety, and longevity of your 2018 Nissan Altima. Follow the recommended service schedule.

Scheduled Maintenance

Adhere to the maintenance schedule provided in your manual for oil changes, tire rotations, filter replacements, and inspections. This schedule is based on mileage and time intervals.

Fluid Checks

- **Engine Oil:** Check oil level regularly and change according to schedule.
- **Coolant:** Monitor coolant level and ensure it is within the recommended range.
- **Brake Fluid:** Check brake fluid level; low levels may indicate a problem.
- **Washer Fluid:** Keep the windshield washer fluid reservoir filled.

Tire Care

- **Tire Pressure:** Check tire pressure monthly, including the spare, and inflate to specifications found on the door jamb label.
- **Tire Rotation:** Rotate tires at recommended intervals to ensure even wear.
- **Tread Depth:** Inspect tire tread for wear indicators.

Battery Maintenance

Inspect battery terminals for corrosion and ensure connections are secure. If the battery requires replacement, use a battery that meets Nissan specifications.

Troubleshooting Common Issues

This section provides guidance on identifying and resolving common operational issues you might encounter with your 2018 Nissan Altima.

Warning and Indicator Lights

Familiarize yourself with the meaning of various warning lights on your instrument panel (e.g., Check Engine, Oil Pressure, Battery, ABS, Airbag). Consult the manual immediately if a warning light illuminates.

Engine Not Starting

- Check if the shift lever is in Park (P) or Neutral (N).
- Ensure the battery is not discharged (check for dim lights or no cranking sound).
- Verify that the Intelligent Key is inside the vehicle and functioning.

Flat Tire

Instructions for safely changing a flat tire, including locating the spare tire, jack, and tools. Always ensure the vehicle is on a level surface and the parking brake is engaged.

Overheating Engine

If the engine 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. Consult the manual for detailed steps.

Specifications

This section provides general specifications for the 2018 Nissan Altima Sedan. For precise details specific to your vehicle's trim level, refer to the full owner's manual.

Category	Specification
Engine Type	2.5L DOHC 16-valve 4-cylinder or 3.5L DOHC 24-valve V6
Transmission	Xtronic CVT (Continuously Variable Transmission)
Fuel Tank Capacity	Approximately 18.0 US gallons (68.1 liters)
Tire Size (Typical)	P215/60R16, P215/55R17, or P235/45R18 (depending on trim)
Overall Length	Approximately 191.9 inches (4874 mm)
Overall Width	Approximately 72.0 inches (1829 mm)

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Overall Height	Approximately 57.9 inches (1471 mm)

Note: These specifications are general and may vary based on specific trim levels and optional equipment. Always refer to your vehicle's specific owner's manual for exact details.

Warranty Information

Your 2018 Nissan Altima Sedan is covered by a limited warranty. Details regarding coverage, duration, and conditions are provided in a separate warranty information booklet that accompanies your vehicle. Please consult that document for complete terms and conditions. Keep all service records as they may be required for warranty claims.

Customer Support

For further assistance, questions not covered in this manual, or to locate an authorized Nissan service center, please contact Nissan Customer Service or visit the official Nissan website. Always use genuine Nissan parts for replacements and repairs to ensure optimal performance and safety.

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