

Getting to Know Your 2012 LaCrosse



Review this Quick Reference Guide for an overview of some important features in your Buick LaCrosse. More detailed information can be found in your Owner Manual. Some optional equipment described in this guide may not be included in your vehicle. For easy reference, keep this guide with your Owner Manual in your glove box.

◆ denotes optional equipment

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Instrument Panel



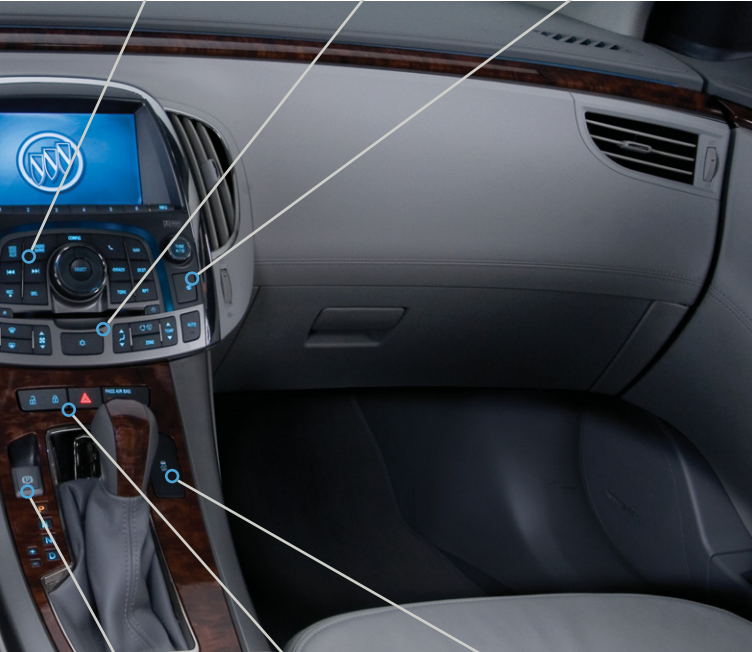
Symbols

	Safety Belt Reminder		Charging System		StabiliTrak/Traction Control Off
	Check Engine		Oil Pressure		StabiliTrak/Traction Control Warning
	Low Tire Pressure		Airbag Readiness		Lights On
	BRAKE Brake System Warning		Security		
	Antilock Brake System Warning		Fog Lamps		
			Cruise Control On/Set		
			Traction Control Off		

Audio System/
Navigation System ◆

Climate Controls/
Heated Steering
Wheel Button ◆

Heated/Cooled
Seat Buttons ◆



Electric Parking
Brake

Power Door Locks
Button/Hazard
Warning Flashers
Button

StabiliTrak Button/Rear
Parking Assist Button ◆/
Rear Sunshade Button ◆

Note: Refer to your Owner Manual to learn about the information being relayed by the lights and gauges of the instrument cluster, as well as what to do to ensure safety and prevent damage to your vehicle.

See Instruments and Controls in your Owner Manual.

Remote Keyless Entry Transmitter



Unlock

Press to unlock the driver's door only or all doors. The unlock setting can be changed in the Vehicle Settings menu on the audio system.

Lock

Press to lock all doors. The driver's door will not lock if open.

Trunk

Press and hold to unlock the trunk.

Remote Vehicle Start ◆

Use to start the engine from outside the vehicle. (See Adaptive Remote Start.)

Vehicle Locator/Panic Alarm

Press and release to locate your vehicle. The turn signal lamps flash and the horn sounds.

Press and hold for two seconds to activate the alarm. The turn signal lamps flash and the horn sounds until the button is pressed again or the ignition is turned on.

See Keys, Doors and Windows in your Owner Manual.

Keyless Access System ◆

The Keyless Access System enables operation of the doors, ignition and trunk without removing the transmitter from a pocket or purse. The system will recognize the transmitter when it is within 3 feet of the vehicle.

Keyless Unlocking/Locking

With the transmitter within range of the vehicle, the driver's door or all doors will unlock automatically when any door handle is pulled. The unlock setting can be changed in the Vehicle Settings menu on the audio system.



All doors will lock automatically when the ignition is off, the transmitter is removed from the vehicle, all doors are closed, and the touchpad on a front door handle is pressed.

Keyless Trunk Opening

With the transmitter within range, press the trunk release button above the license plate.

See Keys, Doors and Windows in your Owner Manual.

Power Door Locks

- Press the power door  **Unlock**/ **Lock** button in the center of the instrument panel to unlock or lock all doors.
- To open a locked door from inside the vehicle, pull the inside door handle to unlock the door and then pull the handle again to open the door.

See Keys, Doors and Windows in your Owner Manual.

Start

With the vehicle in Park or Neutral, press the brake pedal and then press and hold the **START/STOP** button to start the engine.

Note: The transmitter must be in the vehicle to turn on the ignition. If the transmitter battery is weak, insert the transmitter into the slot beneath the removable cupholder tray in the center console to enable the engine to start.

Stop

Shift to Park and press the **START/STOP** button to turn off the engine. Power to the audio system will be active until the driver's door is opened, and power to the windows and sunroof will be active until either front door is opened.

Accessory



With the engine off, press the **START/STOP** button once to place the ignition system in the accessory position.

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Adaptive Remote Start ◆

During a remote start, the vehicle's automatic climate control system will operate at the same setting as when the vehicle was last turned off and, based on outside temperature, the windshield defroster and/or rear defogger will turn on.

Starting the Vehicle

1. Aim the keyless access transmitter at the vehicle. (Transmitter range depends on operating conditions.)
2. Press and release the  **Lock** button on the transmitter.
3. Immediately press and hold the  **Remote Start** button for at least two seconds. When the vehicle starts, the parking lamps will light and remain on while the engine is running. The engine will continue running for 10 minutes.
4. Repeat these steps for a 10-minute time extension. Remote start can be extended only once.

After a remote start, the ignition must be turned to the On position by pressing the **START** button before driving.

Canceling a Remote Start

- Press and hold the  **Remote Start** button until the parking lamps turn off.

Note: Several conditions will cause the Adaptive Remote Start feature not to operate, such as if the hood or doors are not closed.

See Keys, Doors and Windows in your Owner Manual.

Seats

8-Way Power Seat Adjustment ♦



A. Seat Adjustment

Move the horizontal control to move the seat forward or rearward and to tilt, raise or lower the seat.

B. Seatback Recline Adjustment

Move the vertical control to recline or raise the seatback.

C. Lumbar Adjustment

Press the control pad to adjust the lumbar support.

Head Restraint Adjustment



- Press the release button to raise or lower the head restraint.

Memory Seats ♦

Set Memory Positions

1. Adjust the driver's seat and power outside mirrors to the desired position.
2. Press and hold the Memory button and button 1 on the outboard side of the driver's seat until a beep sounds.
3. Repeat these steps using button 2 for a second driver.

Recall Memory Positions

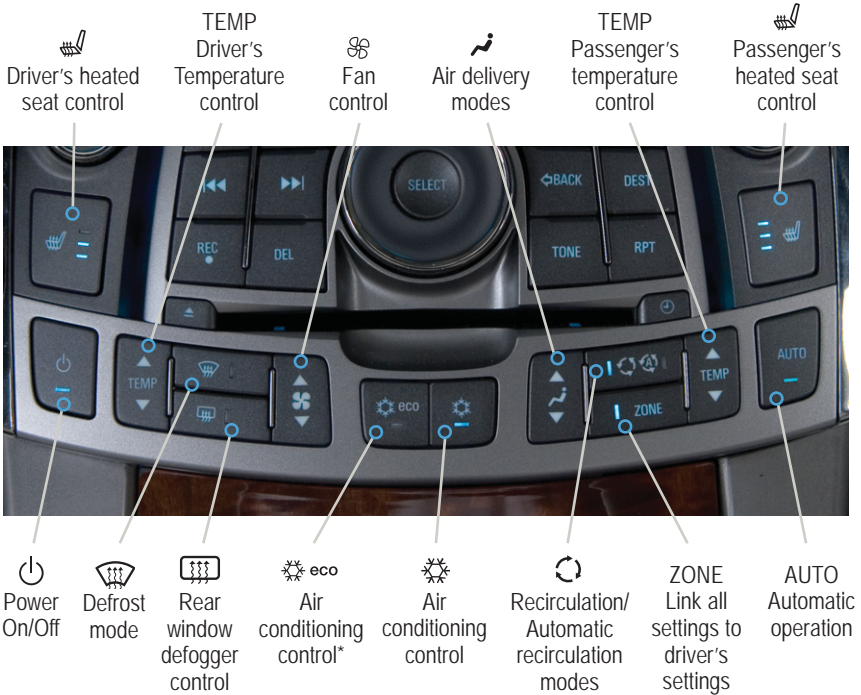
- Press and hold button 1 or 2 until the memory position is reached.

The memory positions also can be programmed using the Vehicle Settings menu on the audio system to be recalled automatically.

See Seats and Restraints in your Owner Manual.

Climate Controls

Dual automatic climate control system shown



*If equipped with eAssist. Refer to the eAssist Features section.

Note: The recirculation mode can help to quickly cool the air inside the vehicle or prevent outside odors from entering the vehicle. When the recirculation mode is used without air conditioning, the air humidity increases and the windows may fog.

See *Climate Controls* in your Owner Manual.

Bluetooth® System◆

The in-vehicle Bluetooth system allows users with a Bluetooth-enabled cell phone to make and receive hands-free calls using the vehicle's audio system, microphone and controls. The Bluetooth-enabled cell phone must be paired with the vehicle's Bluetooth system before it can be used in the vehicle. Not all phones will support all functions.

Visit www.gm.com/bluetooth for more information.

See *Infotainment System* in your Owner Manual.

Audio System

Power/Volume (Power icon)

FAV: Display pages of favorite radio stations or stored favorites list

MENU/SELECT: Open/select menus

CONFIG: Open the Settings menu

Open the Phone menu (Phone icon)

INFO: Display available song information

TUNE/▶/||: Tune radio stations or play/pause audio or video ◆

HDD/DVD/AUX ◆: Play an audio file, DVD or portable audio device

Eject CD or DVD (Eject icon)

REC ◆: Record content

◀▶: Previous or next radio station, track or file

DEL ◆: Delete current file

RADIO BAND: FM, AM, XM ◆

TONE: Open the Tone menu


◀BACK: Move back one level in the menus

Audio system with CD/DVD/HDD and Navigation shown

See Infotainment System in your Owner Manual.

Note: Avoid extended searching for specific items or configuring system settings while driving.

Setting the Time

1. Turn on the radio.
2. Press the  **Time** button, or press the **CONFIG** button until the time settings are displayed.
3. Use the **MENU/SELECT** knob to adjust the time, date and day settings; press the knob to select it.
4. The new time settings will be displayed after exiting the screen.

Storing Favorite Stations

Radio stations from all bands (AM, FM or XM \blacklozenge) can be stored in any order on up to six pages of favorites.

1. Tune in the desired radio station.
2. Press the **FAV** button to display the page where the station is to be stored.
3. Press and hold one of the six numeric pushbuttons until a beep is heard, indicating it is stored.
4. Repeat the steps for each pushbutton on each page.

Portable Audio Devices

A 3.5mm auxiliary input jack and a USB port \blacklozenge are located under the armrest in the center console.

A portable device connected to the auxiliary input jack can be controlled only by using the portable device controls. To optimize speaker volume, fully increase the volume level of the portable device.

Compatible devices connected to the USB port can be controlled by the audio system. Not all devices may be supported. Use the **MENU/SELECT** knob and the audio steering wheel controls to access various functions.

Hard Drive Device (HDD) \blacklozenge

HDD storage is able to record music from CDs, MP3s and USB storage devices.

● REC

Press to record the current song or all songs to memory.

TUNE/ Play/Pause

Turn to view the recorded files; then press to select the desired file.

Time Shift Live Radio \blacklozenge

When listening to the radio (AM, FM and XM), content is buffered to the HDD.

Play/Pause

Press to pause radio audio. Press again to resume playback of time-shifted audio.

The Time Shift buffer status bar shows the amount of stored content. When the radio station is changed, the buffer is cleared and restarted for the new station.

Audio Steering Wheel Controls



+ ▸ - Volume

Press + or - to increase or decrease the volume.

SRC Source

Press to select an audio source.

△▽ Next/Previous

Rotate up or down to go to the next or previous favorite radio station, CD track, or MP3 file.

📞 Push to Talk

Press to interact with the OnStar or Bluetooth system. Press and hold to interact with the Navigation system.

📞 End Call/Mute

Press to end or reject an OnStar or a Bluetooth call. Press to mute the vehicle speakers.

See Infotainment System in your Owner Manual.

Navigation System



Note: When the vehicle is moving, various on-screen functions are disabled to reduce driver distraction.

A. NAV Navigation

Press to view the vehicle's current position on the map screen.

B. DEST Destination

Press to access the Route screen to plan a destination.

C. RPT Navigation Repeat

Press to repeat the last voice guidance prompt.

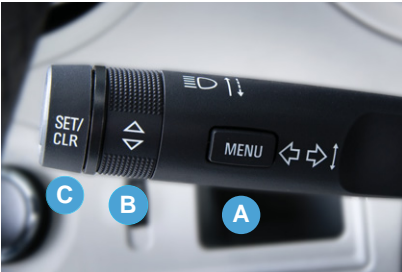
To select various system functions, touch the highlighted touch screen buttons in the on-screen menus or use the MENU/SELECT knob.

Entering a Destination

1. Press the **DEST** control button.
2. Touch one of the Select Destination menu options to plan a route. If you know the specific address, touch the **Address Entry** screen button.
3. Enter the State/Province, City and Street name. Touch the **List** button to select the desired name from the generated list for each entry.
4. Enter the house number. Touch the **OK** screen button.
5. If the displayed address is correct, touch the **GO** screen button.
6. Select the route preference and touch the **Start** screen button.

The Driver Information Center (DIC) on the instrument cluster displays a variety of vehicle system information and warning messages.

DIC Controls



A. MENU

Press to display the:

- **Trip/Fuel** menu (digital speedometer, trip odometers, eAssist power flow display (if equipped), fuel range, average fuel economy, instantaneous fuel economy, average vehicle speed, timer, navigation).
- **Vehicle Information** menu (units, tire pressure, remaining oil life).

B. \triangle/∇

Rotate the switch to scroll through the items of each menu.

C. SET/CLR

Press to set or clear the displayed menu item or warning message. Some urgent messages cannot be cleared from the DIC display.

Vehicle Personalization



Some vehicle features can be customized using the controls on the audio system.

1. Press the **CONFIG** button (A) to view the Configuration Settings menu.
2. Continue to press the **CONFIG** button to highlight the Vehicle Settings menu.
3. Turn the **MENU/SELECT** knob (B) to highlight the desired menu item; press the knob to select it.
4. Turn the **MENU/SELECT** knob to highlight the desired selection; press the knob to select it.
5. Press the **BACK** button (C) to exit each menu.

See Instruments and Controls in your Owner Manual.

Exterior/Interior Lighting

Automatic Headlamp System



 Off/On

AUTO Automatic Headlamp System

Activates the Daytime Running Lamps (DRLs) in the daytime and the headlamps and other exterior lamps at night or when necessary.

 Parking Lamps

Manual operation of the parking lamps.


 Headlamps

Manual operation of the headlamps.

 Fog Lamps 

Press to turn the fog lamps on or off.

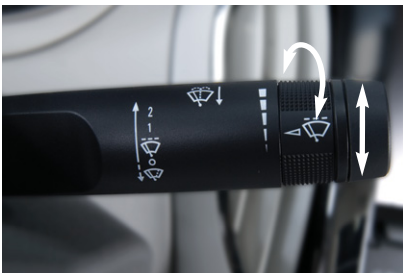
Interior Lighting

 Instrument Brightness Control

Rotate and hold the switch to brighten or dim the instrument panel lighting.

See Lighting in your Owner Manual.

Wipers and Washers



2 High

1 Low

 Intermittent

Rotate the band to adjust the delay between wipes. The wipers activate more often as the band is moved up.

 Off

 Mist

 Washer Fluid

Pull the lever toward you to spray washer fluid on the windshield.

See Instruments and Controls in your Owner Manual.



Setting Cruise Control

1. Press the **On/Off** button.
2. When traveling at the desired speed, rotate the **SET/-** switch down to set the speed.

When the cruise control is set, the **Cruise Control** symbol will illuminate in the instrument cluster.

Adjusting Cruise Control

RES/+ Resume/Accelerate

Rotate the switch up to resume a set speed.

When the system is active, rotate the switch up to increase speed.

SET/- Set/Coast

When the system is active, rotate the switch down to decrease speed.

Cancel

Press to cancel the cruise control but retain the set speed in memory.

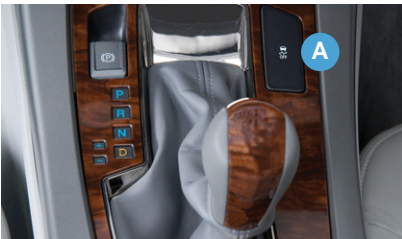
Pressing the brake pedal also will cancel the cruise control.

The cruise control set speed is erased when cruise control or the vehicle ignition is turned off.

See Driving and Operating in your Owner Manual.

StabiliTrak®/Traction Control Systems

The traction control system limits wheel-spin, and the StabiliTrak stability control system assists with directional control of the vehicle in difficult driving conditions. Both systems turn on automatically every time the vehicle is started.



Turning the Systems Off/On

- To turn off traction control, press the **StabiliTrak/Traction Control** button (A). The **Traction Control Off** light will illuminate.
- To turn off both traction control and StabiliTrak, press and hold the button. The **StabiliTrak Off** light will illuminate.
- Press the button again to turn on both systems.

See Driving and Operating in your Owner Manual.

Electric Parking Brake

- To apply the parking brake, pull up the parking brake switch by the shift lever.
- To release the parking brake, turn on the vehicle ignition, press the brake pedal and press the switch.

eAssist Overview *(if equipped)*

A compact electric assist system called eAssist has been integrated with the highly efficient 2.4-liter four-cylinder engine and six-speed automatic transmission to provide an electric "boost" to help conserve fuel. eAssist includes a small, but powerful, electric motor rated at 15 kilowatts. It replaces the typical alternator found on most engines. eAssist also uses a small, advanced 115-volt lithium-ion battery located in the trunk.

eAssist Features

Your LaCrosse with eAssist has several features that increase vehicle efficiency and maximize fuel economy.

When braking or coasting, the electric motor acts like a generator to charge the high-voltage battery. This "regenerative braking" process captures kinetic energy that would otherwise be lost and stores it in the high-voltage battery. This electrical energy can then be reused.


Note: The regenerative braking process requires unique transmission shifting as the vehicle slows down.

When the vehicle comes to a stop, the engine may turn off automatically, saving fuel that would otherwise be used while idling. This is called an Auto Stop. The vehicle is powered by the high-voltage battery.

Note: The eAssist features of the vehicle are enabled after the engine reaches operating temperature.



Auto Start/Stop

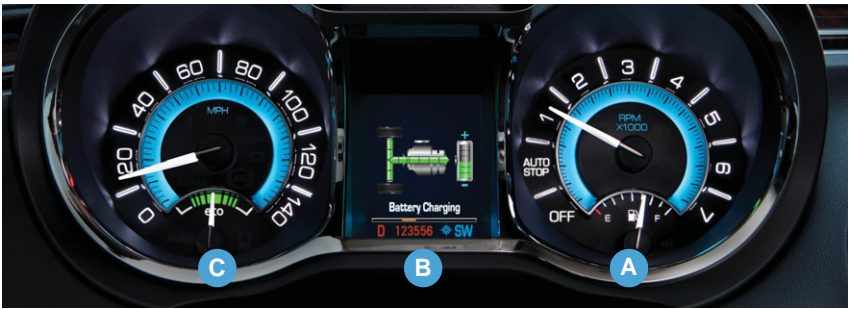
While driving, when the brake is applied and the vehicle comes to a complete stop, the automatic engine start/stop system may turn off the engine, referred to as an Auto Stop. In Auto Stop mode, the tachometer gauge (A) will read AUTO STOP. The audio system, climate controls and other accessories will be powered by the high-voltage battery. The engine will restart immediately when the brake pedal is released or the accelerator pedal is applied.

After parking the vehicle and turning off the engine using the key or **START/STOP** button , the tachometer gauge will read OFF.


Auto Start/Stop Conditions

There are several conditions that may cause the engine to remain running or restart when the vehicle is stopped.

- The engine, transmission or high-voltage battery is not warmed up.
- The outside temperature is less than -4°F (-20°C).
- The shift lever is in any gear other than Drive (D).
- The high-voltage battery state of charge is low.
- The climate control system requires the engine to run based on the climate control or defog setting. Using the  **eco Air Conditioning** mode will result in more frequent and longer Auto Stops than the  **Comfort Air Conditioning** mode.
- The Auto Stop time is greater than two minutes.



Power Flow Display

The Power Flow display (B) located on the instrument panel's Driver Information Center, or on the navigation system , indicates the energy flow direction, the high-voltage battery charge level, and the current eAssist operating mode. These modes include:

- Engine Idle – The vehicle is stopped and the engine is running.
- Auto Stop – The vehicle is stopped, the engine has been automatically turned off and is ready to automatically restart when needed.
- Engine Power – The engine is providing the primary drive power for the vehicle.
- Hybrid Power – The eAssist electric motor is providing significant electrical assist to the engine.
- Battery Charging – The eAssist electric motor is charging the high-voltage battery while the vehicle is slowing down.



See Instruments and Controls in your Owner Manual.

Driver Efficiency Gauge

The efficiency gauge (C) assists you in driving efficiently. To maximize efficiency, attempt to keep the pointer in the solid green zone in the middle of the gauge. The gauge moves to the left when braking and to the right when accelerating. When either is done aggressively, it is less efficient and the gauge will move farther away from the center. The eAssist system's ability to capture energy while the vehicle is slowing down makes decelerating very important for efficiency.

See Instruments and Controls in your Owner Manual.

Climate Control Settings

- Select the  **eco Air Conditioning** setting for maximum efficiency. This setting will maximize the frequency and duration of Auto Stops while still providing cabin comfort when the vehicle is in an Auto Stop. To further maximize efficiency, operate the climate controls in Automatic mode at the highest comfortable temperature setting or turn off the air conditioning system when climate conditions allow.
- Select the  **Comfort Air Conditioning** setting for maximum cabin comfort. Auto Stops will be reduced in both frequency and duration.

See Climate Controls in your Owner Manual.

Roadside Assistance

1-800-252-1112

TTY Users: 1-888-889-2438

As the owner of a new Buick, your vehicle is automatically enrolled in the Buick Roadside Assistance program for 5 years/100,000 miles at no expense to you. This value-added service is intended to provide you with peace of mind as you drive across town or travel the open road.

Buick's Roadside Assistance toll-free number is staffed by a team of trained advisors who are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to contact a service provider for light services (fuel delivery, jump-starts, flat tire and lock-outs) or make arrangements to tow your vehicle to the nearest Buick dealer.

Roadside Assistance and OnStar

If you have a current OnStar subscription, press the OnStar button and the vehicle will send your current GPS location to an OnStar Advisor who will speak to you, assess your problem, contact Roadside Assistance and relay your exact location so you will get the help you need.

myBuick and OnStar® Mobile Apps



The myBuick and OnStar mobile apps connect owners to a variety of vehicle information and services, such as a searchable Owner Manual, real-time fuel information and Roadside Assistance, as well as enable users to perform Remote Keyless Entry transmitter commands, including locking and unlocking the doors and starting the vehicle.



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