NOTE
Engine oil, engine coolant, brake fluid, washer fluid and other fluid levels should be checked daily, weekly or at fuel stops.

Driving in foreign countries

When planning to use your vehicle in another country:
- Confirm the availability of the correct fuel. (Refer to Fuel Requirement section in this chapter.)
- Comply with all regulations and requirements of each country.

Periodic inspections

To keep your vehicle in the best condition at all times, always have the recommended maintenance services listed in the maintenance schedule in the warranty and maintenance booklet performed at the specified time or mileage intervals.

Ignition switch

⚠ WARNING
Never turn the ignition switch to "LOCK" while the vehicle is being driven or towed because that will lock the steering wheel, preventing steering control. And when the engine is turned off, it takes a much greater effort than usual to steer.

The ignition switch has four positions: LOCK, ACC, ON and START.

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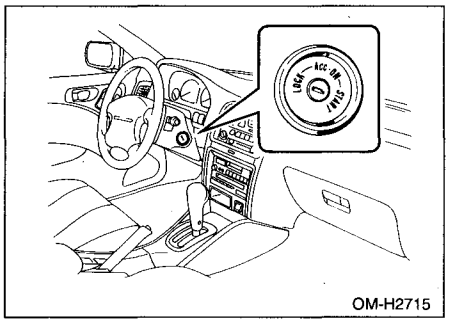
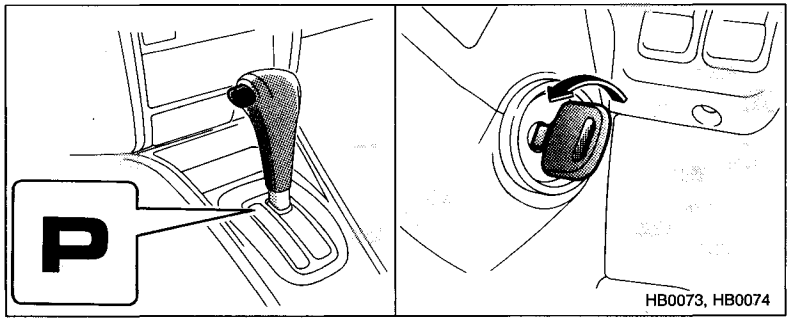


■ LOCK

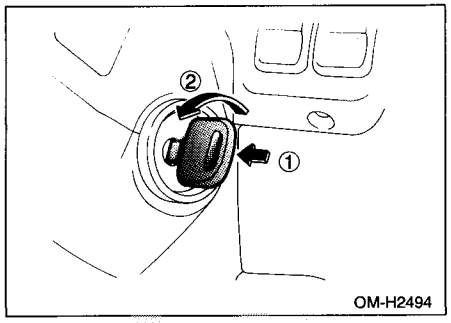
The key can only be inserted or removed in this position. The ignition switch will lock the steering wheel when you remove the key.
If turning the key is difficult, turn the steering wheel slightly to the right and left as you turn the key.

▼ Automatic transmission vehicles:



The key can be turned from "ACC" to "LOCK" only when the selector lever is in the "P" position.

▼ Manual transmission vehicles:



The key can be turned from "ACC" to "LOCK" only when the key is pushed in while turning it.

■ ACC

In this position the electrical accessories (radio, accessory socket, etc.) can be used.

■ ON

This is the normal operating position after the engine is started.

■ START

⚠ CAUTION

Do not turn the ignition switch to the "START" position while the engine is running.

The engine is started in this position. The starter cranks the engine to start it. When the key is released (after the engine has started), the key automatically returns to the "ON" position.

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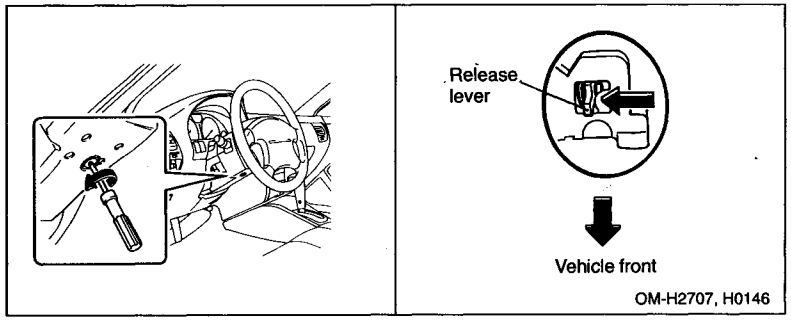
■ **Key reminder chime**

The reminder chime sounds when the driver's door opens and the key is in the "LOCK" or "ACC" positions. The chime stops when the key is removed from the ignition switch.

■ **Key interlock release (AT vehicles only)**

If the key can not be turned to the "LOCK" position even when the selector lever is in the "P" position:



1. Remove the cover under the steering column using a phillips screwdriver.
2. Turn the ignition key while pressing the key interlock release lever.

Take your vehicle to the nearest SUBARU dealer immediately to have the key interlock system repaired.

Starting the engine

⚠ CAUTION

Do not operate the starter motor continuously for more than ten seconds. If the engine fails to start after operating the starter for five to ten seconds, wait for ten seconds or more before trying again.