

BEFORE DRIVING OFF-ROAD

Before venturing off-road, it is absolutely essential that inexperienced drivers become fully familiar with the vehicle's controls. In particular, CommandShift™, Hill Descent Control (HDC) and the Terrain response system.

TERRAIN RESPONSE OPERATION



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Terrain response selection is via the centre console switches. Use the switches to move through the different program selections. The currently selected program icon will be displayed in the Message centre.

Messages relating to the Terrain response system are displayed in the Message centre. See **32, WARNING AND INFORMATION MESSAGES**. Most of the messages that appear will be for information only and require no driver intervention.

Note: Changing between special programs will alter various vehicle settings, for example, engine revs while at the current accelerator pedal position may alter or the steering feel might change. These changes are not dramatic, but will be noticeable.

It is advisable to experiment with the available settings in an environment that will not effect other road users.

GENERAL PROGRAM (SPECIAL PROGRAMS OFF)



This program is compatible with all on and off-road conditions. If not already active, it should be selected before driving on surfaces which are similar to a hard road surface. Dry cobbles, tarmac, dry wooden planks, etc., all fall into this category.

This program should be selected once the need for a special program has passed. Once the special program has been deselected, all of the vehicle's systems will return to their normal settings, except Hill Descent Control (HDC). HDC will remain active, if it was selected manually.

GRASS/GRAVEL/SNOW



This program should be used where a firm surface is covered with loose or slippery material.

Note: For deep gravel, it is recommended that the Sand program is selected.

Note: If the vehicle is unable to gain traction in deep snow, switching Dynamic Stability Control (DSC) off may help. DSC should be switched on again, as soon as the difficulty is overcome.

MUD-RUTS



This program should be used for crossing terrain that is muddy, rutted, soft, or uneven. Hill Descent Control (HDC) is automatically selected with this program.

SAND



This program should be used for terrain which is predominantly soft, dry sand or deep gravel.