Brakes

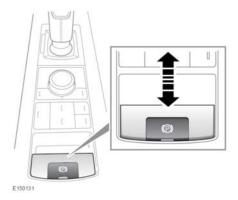
If the vehicle has a light load (only the driver in the vehicle for example), EBD will reduce the braking force applied to the rear wheels. If the vehicle is heavily laden, EBD will allow greater braking force to the rear wheels.

A fault with the EBD system is indicated by the brake warning lamp (see **50**, **BRAKE (RED)**) illuminating and an associated warning message. Gently and safely stop the vehicle and seek qualified assistance.

ELECTRIC PARKING BRAKE (EPB)

- The Electric parking brake (EPB) operates on the rear wheels. Therefore, secure parking of the vehicle is dependent on being on a hard and stable surface.
- Do not rely on the EPB to operate effectively, if the rear wheels have been immersed in mud or water.

Note: If the vehicle is used in severe off-road conditions (e.g. wading, deep mud, etc.), additional maintenance and adjustment of the EPB will be required. Consult a Dealer/Authorised Repairer.



With the ignition turned on, press the brake pedal and press down on the EPB switch. This will release the EPB.

With the vehicle stationary, pull the EPB switch up and release it to apply the EPB. The parking brake warning lamp illuminates to indicate that the EPB is applied. See **51**, **PARKING BRAKE** (**RED**).

If the EPB is operated when the vehicle's speed is less than 3 km/h (2 mph), the vehicle will be brought to an abrupt stop. The stop lamps will not be illuminated.



Driving the vehicle with the EPB applied or repeated use of the EPB to slow the vehicle, may cause serious damage to the brake system.

In an emergency, with the vehicle travelling at more than 3 km/h (2 mph), pulling on the EPB switch and holding gives a gradual reduction in the speed. The brake warning lamp will illuminate accompanied by a warning tone and a warning message in the Message centre. The stop lamps will illuminate.

If the vehicle is stationary with the EPB applied and the transmission in Drive (**D**) or Reverse (**R**), pressing the accelerator will release the EPB and allow the vehicle to move off.

Note: Automatic release of the EPB is only possible when the driver's door is closed or the driver's seat belt is buckled.

When shifting from Park (**P**) with the EPB applied, the EPB will automatically release to allow a smooth drive away.

If the system detects a fault with the EPB, the amber brake warning lamp will illuminate, accompanied by a warning in the Message centre.

If the system detects a fault while the EPB is operating, the red parking brake warning lamp flashes, accompanied by a warning in the Message centre.

Note: The red parking brake warning lamp will continue to be illuminated for at least ten seconds after the ignition has been turned off.