

## ***SECTION 1-8***

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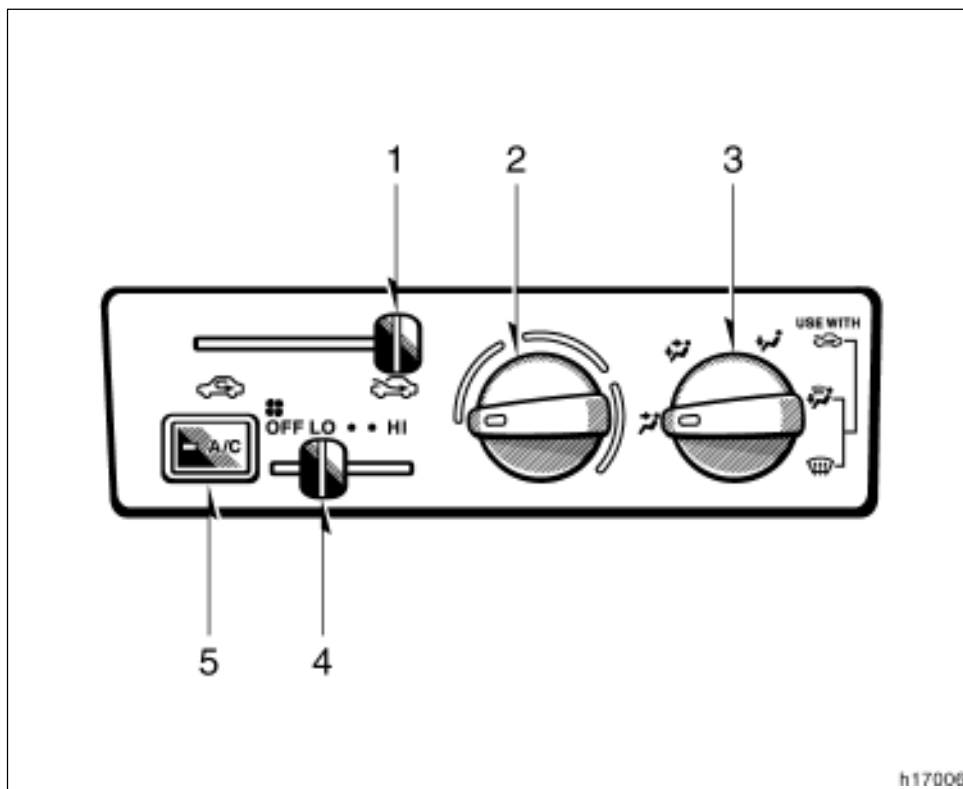
### **OPERATION OF INSTRUMENTS AND CONTROLS**

#### **Air conditioning system**

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### Controls



1. Air Intake Selector
2. Temperature Selector
3. Air Flow Selector
4. Fan Speed Selector
5. "A/C" Button (on some models)

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### Fan speed selector

Move the lever to adjust the fan speed—to the right to increase, to the left to decrease.

### Temperature selector

Turn the knob to adjust the temperature—to the right to warm, to the left to cool.



### Air flow selector

Turn the knob to select the vents used for air flow.

1. **Panel**—Air flows mainly from the instrument panel vents.
2. **Bi-level**—Air flows from both the floor vents and the instrument panel vents.
3. **Floor**—Air flows mainly from the floor vents.
4. **Floor/Windshield**—Air flows mainly from the floor vents and windshield vents.

Use with the air intake selector positioned in Fresh.

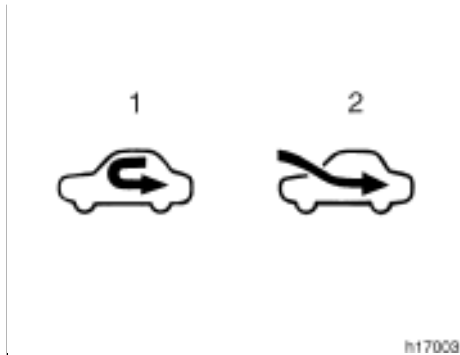
5. **Windshield**—Air flows mainly from the windshield vents.

Use with the air intake selector positioned in Fresh.

For details about air flow selector settings, see the illustration after "A/C" button.

Turning the Air Flow Selector to windshield position turns on the defroster to clear the front view more quickly.

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### "A/C" button

To turn on the air conditioning, press the "A/C" button. The "A/C" button indicator will come on. To turn the air conditioning off, press the button again.

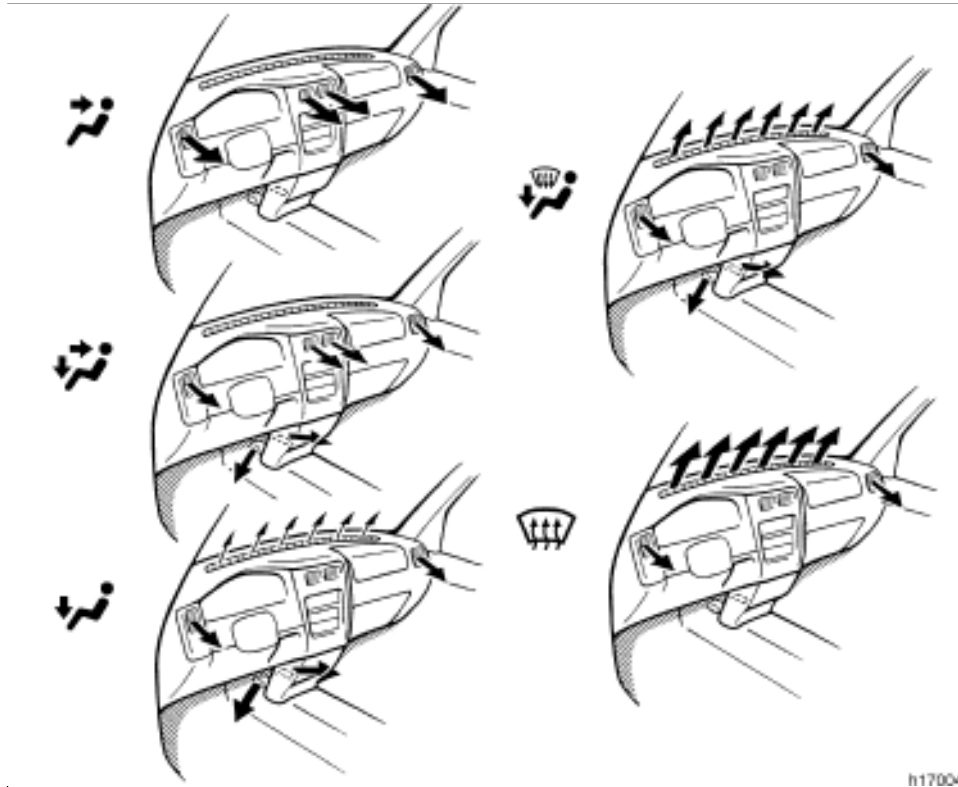
If the "A/C" button indicator flashes, there is a problem in the air conditioning system and the air conditioning automatically shuts off. If this happens, take your vehicle to a Toyota dealer for service.

### Air intake selector

Move the lever to select the air source.

1. **Recirculate**—Recirculates the air inside the vehicle.
2. **Fresh**—Draws outside air into the system.

### Air flow selector settings



### Operating tips

- To cool off your Toyota after it has been parked in the hot sun, drive with the windows open for a few minutes. This vents the hot air, allowing the air conditioning to cool the interior more quickly.
- Make sure the air intake grilles in front of the windshield are not blocked (by leaves or snow, for example).
- On humid days, do not blow cold air on the windshield. The windshield could fog up because of the difference in air temperature on the inside and outside of the windshield.
- Keep the area under the front seats clear to allow air to circulate throughout the vehicle.
- On cold days, move the fan speed to "HI" for a minute to help clear the intake ducts of snow or moisture. This can reduce the amount of fogging on the windows.
- When driving on dusty roads, close all windows. If dust thrown up by the vehicle is still drawn into the vehicle after closing the windows, it is recommended that the air intake selector be set to FRESH and the fan speed selector to any setting except "OFF".

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- If following another vehicle on a dusty road, or driving in windy and dusty conditions, it is recommended that the air intake selector be temporarily set to RECIRCULATE, which will close off the outside passage and prevent outside air and dust from entering the vehicle interior.

### Heating

For best results, set controls to:

**Fan speed**—Any setting except "OFF"  
**Temperature**—Towards **WARM**  
(red zone)  
**Air intake**—**FRESH** (outside air)  
**Air flow**—**FLOOR**  
**Air conditioning**—**OFF**

- For quick heating, select recirculated air for a few minutes. To keep the windows from fogging, select fresh after the vehicle interior has been warmed.
- Press the "A/C" button on for dehumidified heating.
- Choose floor/windshield air flow to heat the vehicle interior while defrosting or defogging the windshield.

### Air conditioning

For best results, set controls to:

**Fan speed**—Any setting except "OFF"  
**Temperature**—Towards **COLD**  
(blue zone)  
**Air intake**—**FRESH** (outside air)  
**Air flow**—**PANEL**  
**Air conditioning**—**ON**

- For quick cooling, move the air intake selector to recirculate for a few minutes.

### Ventilation

For best results, set controls to:

**Fan speed**—Any setting except "OFF"  
**Temperature**—Towards **COLD**  
(blue zone)  
**Air intake**—**FRESH** (outside air)  
**Air flow**—**PANEL**  
**Air conditioning**—**OFF**

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### Defogging

The inside of the windshield

For best results, set controls to:

**Fan speed**—Any setting except "OFF"  
**Temperature**—Towards **WARM**  
(red zone) to heat;  
**COLD** (blue zone) to  
cool  
**Air intake**—**FRESH** (outside air)  
**Air flow**—**WINDSHIELD**

Turning the Air Flow Selector to windshield position turns on the defroster to clear the front view more quickly.

Vehicles with "A/C" button—

Press the "A/C" button for dehumidified heating or cooling. This setting clears the front view more quickly.

- On humid days, do not blow cold air on the windshield—the difference between the outside and inside temperatures could make the fogging worse.

### Defrosting

The outside of the windshield

For best results, set controls to:

**Fan speed**—Any setting except "OFF"  
**Temperature**—Towards **WARM**  
(red zone)  
**Air intake**—**FRESH** (outside air)  
**Air flow**—**WINDSHIELD**

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Vehicles with "A/C" button—

Press the "A/C" button for dehumidified heating or cooling. This setting clears the front view more quickly.

- To heat the vehicle interior while defrosting the windshield, choose floor/windshield air flow.

### Side vents



If air flow control is not satisfactory, check the side vents. The side vents may be opened or closed as shown.

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