

Driving Your Mazda

Starting and Driving

Starting the Engine

NOTE

Engine-starting is controlled by the spark ignition system.

This system meets all Canadian Interference-Causing Equipment Standard requirements regulating the impulse electrical field strength of radio noise.

1. Occupants should fasten their seat belts.
2. Make sure the parking brake is on.
3. Depress the brake pedal.
4. **(Manual transmission)**
Depress the clutch pedal all the way and shift into neutral.
Keep the clutch pedal depressed while cranking the engine.
(Automatic transmission)
Put the vehicle in park (P). If you must restart the engine while the vehicle is moving, shift into neutral (N).

NOTE

(Manual transmission)

The starter will not operate unless the clutch is depressed sufficiently.

(Automatic transmission)

*The starter will not operate if the shift lever is **not** in P or N.*

5. Switch the ignition to START and hold (up to 10 seconds at a time) until the engine starts.

CAUTION

Do not try the starter for more than 10 seconds at a time. If the engine stalls or fails to start, wait 10 seconds before trying again. Otherwise, you may damage the starter and drain the battery.

6. After starting the engine, let it idle for about 10 seconds.

NOTE

- *In extremely cold weather or after the vehicle has not been driven in several days, let the engine warm up without operating the accelerator.*
- *Whether the engine is cold or warm, it should be started without use of the accelerator.*
- *If the engine does not start the first time, refer to Starting a Flooded Engine under Emergency Starting. If the engine still does not start, have your vehicle inspected by an Authorized Mazda Dealer (page 7-20).*