


Traction control remains active if you deactivate ESP®.

WARNING

Traction control cannot reduce the risk of an accident if you drive too fast. Traction control cannot override the laws of physics.

Deactivating/activating ESP®

-  Observe the "Important safety notes" section (▷ page 61).

WARNING

ESP® should not be deactivated during normal driving other than in the circumstances described below. Disabling the system will reduce vehicle stability in driving maneuvers.

Do not deactivate ESP® when the emergency or spare wheel is mounted.

ESP® is activated automatically when the engine is started.

It may be best to deactivate ESP® in the following situations:


- when using snow chains
- in deep snow
- on sand or gravel

WARNING

Switch on ESP® immediately if one of the previously stated conditions is no longer met. Otherwise, ESP® cannot stabilize the vehicle if it begins to lurch or when a wheel spins.


When you deactivate ESP®:

- ESP® no longer improves driving stability.
- the engine's torque is no longer limited and the drive wheels can spin. The spinning of the wheels results in a cutting action, which provides better grip.
- traction control is still activated.
- ESP® still provides support when you brake.


If ESP® is deactivated and one or more wheels start to spin, the  ESP® warning lamp in the instrument cluster flashes. In such situations, ESP® will not stabilize the vehicle.





- ▶ **To deactivate:** press button .

The  ESP® OFF warning lamp in the instrument cluster lights up.


WARNING


When the  ESP® OFF warning lamp is lit, ESP® is deactivated.


If the  ESP® warning lamp and the  ESP® OFF warning lamp remain lit, ESP® is not available due to a malfunction.

When ESP® is deactivated or not operational, vehicle stability in standard driving maneuvers is reduced.

Adapt your speed and driving to the prevailing road conditions and to the non-operating status of the ESP®.

-  Avoid spinning the driven wheels for an extended period with ESP® deactivated. You could otherwise damage the drivetrain.

- ▶ **To activate:** press button .

The  ESP® OFF warning lamp in the instrument cluster goes out.

ESP® trailer stabilization

If your vehicle with trailer (vehicle/trailer combination) begins to lurch, you can only stabilize the vehicle/trailer combination by depressing the brake firmly.