



① Handle for electronic parking brake

Manually releasing electronic parking brake

▶ Pull handle ①.

The red indicator lamp **PARK** (USA only) or **P** (Canada only) in the instrument cluster goes out.

You cannot release the electronic parking brake until the ignition is switched on.

Automatically releasing electronic parking brake

Your vehicle's electronic parking brake is automatically released when:

- The engine is running.
- Transmission is in drive position **D** or reverse gear **R**.
- The hood is closed.
- You have fastened your seat belt.
- You step on the accelerator pedal.

If reverse gear **R** is engaged, the trunk must be closed.

① If you have not fastened your seat belt, the following conditions must be met in order for the electronic parking brake to be automatically released:

- The driver's door is closed.
- You must move the gear selector out of park position **P** position or drive faster than 2 mph (3 km/h).

Manually engaging electronic parking brake

▶ Press handle ①.

The red indicator lamp **PARK** (USA only) or **P** (Canada only) in the instrument cluster comes on.

① You can also engage the electronic parking brake when the SmartKey is removed from the starter switch.

Controls in detail

Driving and parking

Automatically engaging electronic parking brake* (USA only)

Your vehicle's electronic parking brake is automatically engaged when DISTRONIC Plus* (▷ page 45 1) brings your vehicle to a standstill and at least one of the following conditions is met:

- The engine is switched off.
- The driver's door is opened and the seat belt is not inserted in the seat belt buckle.
- The hood is released.
- The trunk lid is open while reverse gear **R** is engaged.
- The vehicle is parked for an extended period of time.

The red indicator lamp **PARK** (USA only) or  (Canada only) in the instrument cluster comes on.

i In addition to the electronic parking brake, park position **P** can be automatically engaged.

Emergency braking with electronic parking brake

In an emergency situation, you can also brake your vehicle while driving by using the electronic parking brake.

- ▶ While driving, press handle for electronic parking brake (▷ page 422).

i Your vehicle will be braked for as long as you press and hold the switch for the electronic parking brake. The longer you keep the electronic parking brake pressed, the more strongly your vehicle will be braked. This method occurs on all 4 wheels, not just the rear wheels.

During the braking procedure, the red indicator lamp **PARK** (USA only) or  (Canada only) flashes in the instrument cluster, the message "Please Release Parking Brake" appears on the multifunction display and you will hear a warning tone.

Once the vehicle comes to a complete stop the electronic parking brake will engage.

Turning off the engine

i If the engine cannot be turned off as described, see "Emergency engine shut-down" (▷ page 744).

- ▶ Shift the automatic transmission to **P** (▷ page 430).

Warning!



Do not turn off the engine before the vehicle has come to a complete stop. With the engine not running, there is no power assistance for the brake and steering systems. In this case, it is important to keep in mind that a considerably higher degree of effort is necessary to brake and steer the vehicle.

! Observe instructions

- when taking the vehicle through an automatic conveyor type car wash (▷ page 618)
- when towing the vehicle (▷ page 737)