

CONTROL YOUR VEHICLE

HYDROPLANING AND CRUISE CONTROL

HYDROPLANING HAPPENS WHEN THE SPEED of a vehicle is too high to permit the displacement of water on the roadway from underneath the tires. This causes the vehicle to ride on a thin layer of water on top of the pavement, reducing traction and steering capability.

HOW TO BRING A VEHICLE THAT IS HYDROPLANING UNDER CONTROL

- Grip the steering wheel firmly.
- Allow the vehicle to drop to the roadway by reducing speed through release of the accelerator.
- Never apply the brakes as this can facilitate or initiate a skid or spin by decreasing traction.

DRIVING TIPS

- Never use cruise control on gravel, rough, slippery or wet roads.
- Read the owner's manual to determine the vehicle's capability as it relates to the cruise control and any other traction control systems.
- When driving during wet and slippery conditions, don't tailgate. This will provide for time and space if you have to stop or slow down. The vehicle ahead will have displaced water and you can reduce the risk of hydroplaning by traveling in its path.

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