If you get stuck on a hill, roll slowly straight back down, using the brake, with the gear shift lever left in the F(forward) position.

NOTE

○ When the throttle lever is released completely and the engine speed drops near an idle, the vehicle has no engine braking. This is caused by the vehicle’s automatic transmission which releases the engine at very low speed to prevent it from stalling. Use the hand and foot brakes to control the vehicle’s speed.

Descending Hills

Slow down or stop at the top of a hill so you can pick a straight, safe path for descent to avoid any obstacles. Normally you should descend straight down a hill since driving at an angle could cause the vehicle to lean to one side and possibly tip over. Proceed slowly and cautiously. Apply the brake as necessary. Be careful if the surface is loose because the tires are more likely to skid and braking effectiveness will be reduced.

Turning while descending a slope must be done very carefully and gradually to avoid tipping the vehicle over.

▲WARNING

Do not turn sideways to the hill, or the vehicle may roll over.

Remember:

○ Stop and look for obstacles before descending a hill.
○ Go straight downhill.
○ Go slowly.
○ If you must turn, do so carefully and gradually.

NOTE

○ When the throttle lever is released completely and the engine speed drops near an idle, the vehicle has no engine braking. This is caused by the vehicle’s automatic transmission which releases the engine at very low speed to prevent it from stalling. Use the hand and foot brakes to control the vehicle’s speed.