Traversing Hillsides

When driving across the side of a hill, reduce vehicle speed and exercise extreme caution to prevent tipping or loss of control. Avoid hills with slippery sides that will cause you to lose traction. Also avoid traversing hillsides covered with rocks or other obstacles which may cause you to lose your balance or tip over.

When driving on soft terrain, steer slightly uphill to keep the vehicle on a straight line across the hillside.

If the vehicle begins to tip, steer downhill if possible to regain control.

Sliding and Skidding

Obviously, on slippery or loose surfaces, special care is required. Sliding any vehicle may be hazardous because the wheels may suddenly regain traction and cause the vehicle to tip or overturn. Therefore, never drive “over your head” or when you are unsure or unprepared for the surface.

Often you can correct a skid by turning the wheels in the direction of the skid. Do not apply heavy braking force or accelerate when skidding, since this may cause further loss of control.

Use caution and maintain low speeds to avoid uncontrolled skidding on areas covered with clay, mud, ice, or snow. These conditions are particularly hazardous when descending a hill or making a turn. Remember that this vehicle is not for use on public streets, roads, or highways.

Remember:
- Be especially careful on very slippery surfaces.
- Don’t drive on public streets, roads, or highways.