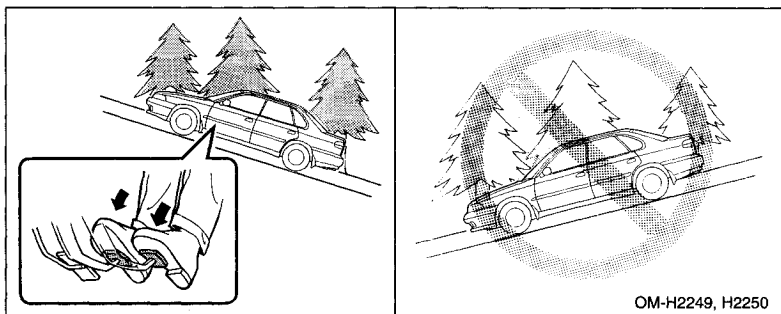


Hill holder (for manual transmission — if equipped)

CAUTION

The Hill Holder is a device only for helping the driver to START the vehicle on an uphill grade. To prevent accidents when the vehicle is parked on a slope, be sure to firmly set the parking brake. When setting the parking brake, make sure that the vehicle remains stationary when the clutch pedal is released.

The hill holder is a device to make starting on an uphill grade easier.



On an uphill grade, when the clutch pedal is depressed while the brake pedal is also depressed, braking power is maintained temporarily by the Hill Holder when the brake pedal is released. The driver is therefore able to start the vehicle the same way as on a level grade, just using the clutch and accelerator pedal.

The hill holder does not operate when the vehicle is facing downhill. And the hill holder may not operate on slight grades.

When starting in reverse and using the Hill Holder, a braking effect may be felt even after the brake pedal has been released. However, this braking effect should disappear once the clutch pedal is released.

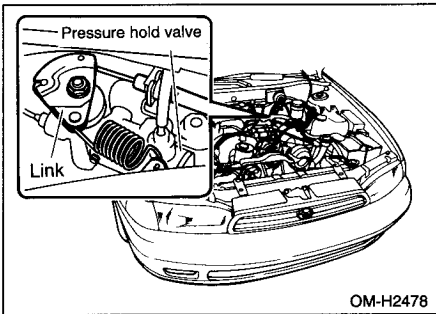
A slight jolt may be felt when the vehicle begins to move forward after being reversed.

If the braking power of the Hill Holder is insufficient after the brake pedal is released, apply more braking power by pressing the brake pedal again.

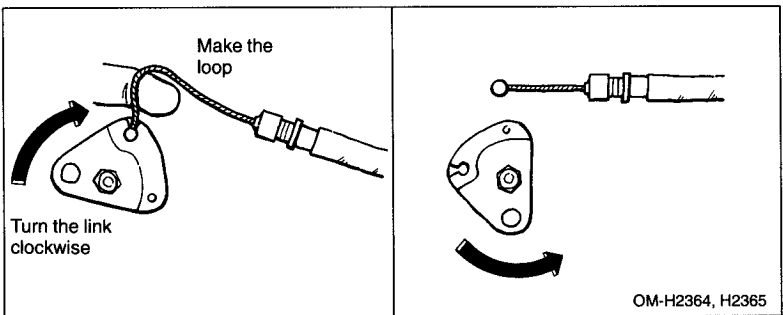
■ **Manual release**

If the vehicle cannot be moved (because it is impossible to release the hill holder) due to a malfunctioning of the hill holder:

1. Apply the parking brake and stop the engine.



2. Find the Pressure Hold Valve. It is located inside the engine compartment under the brake fluid reservoir (big yellow cap).



3. Turn the link clockwise to loosen the wire enough to form a loop.
4. Pull the wire out of its housing (by lifting with your finger).

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5. Turn the link counterclockwise as far as possible. The device is now inoperative and the vehicle can be moved.

Consult your nearest SUBARU dealer for repairs.

Parking your vehicle

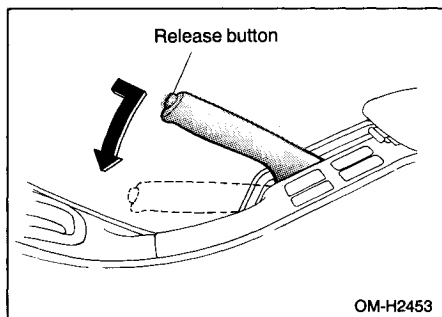
■ Parking brake



CAUTION

Never drive while the parking brake is set because this will cause unnecessary wear on the brake linings. Before starting to drive, always make sure that the parking brake has been fully released.

To set the parking brake, press the brake pedal firmly and hold it down while fully pulling up the parking brake lever.



To release the parking brake, pull the lever up slightly, press the release button, then lower the lever while keeping the button pressed.

When the parking brake is set while the engine is running, the parking brake warning light comes on. After starting the vehicle, be sure that the warning light has gone out before the vehicle is driven. Refer to Warning and Indicator Lights section (Chapter 3).