

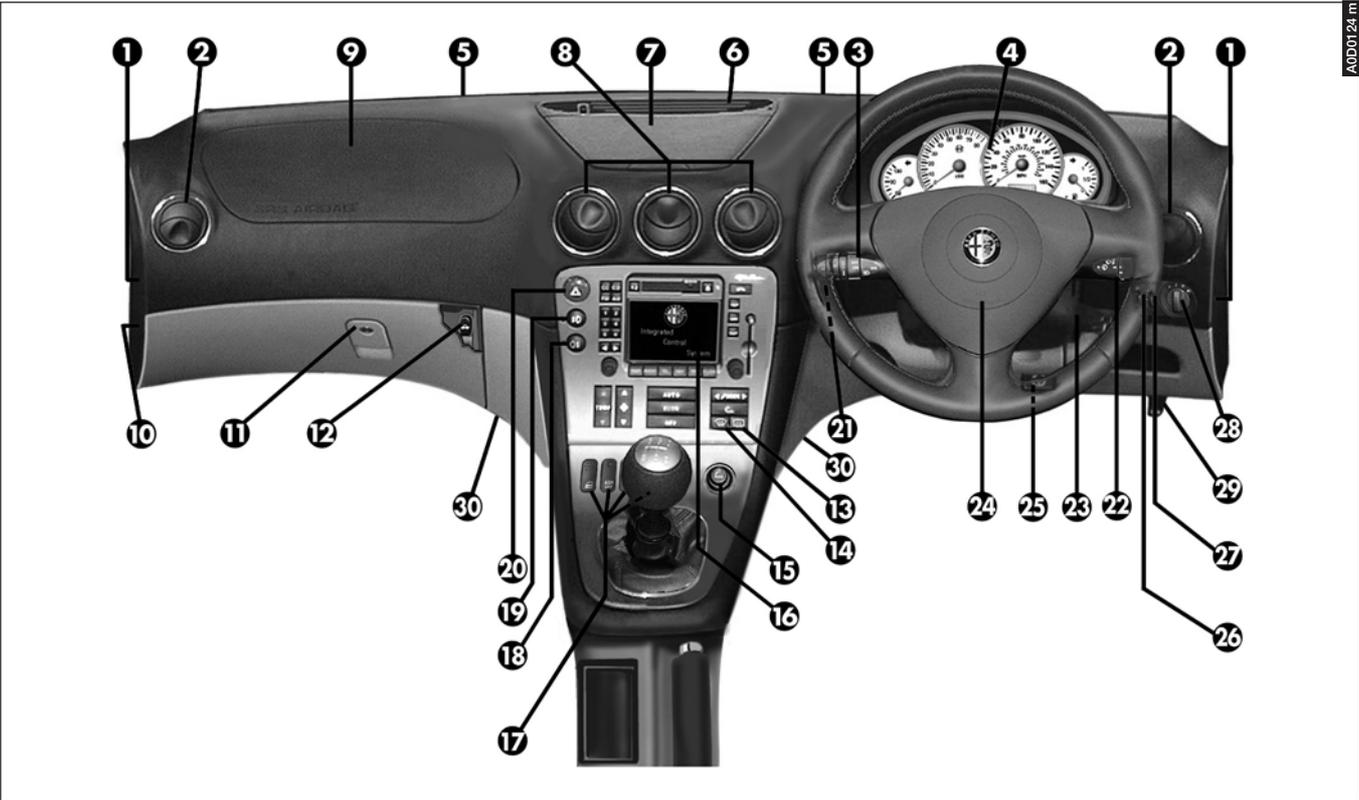
RIGHT HAND DRIVE VERSION

This chapter describes the main characteristics of the right hand drive version.

For any topic not specifically dealt with in this chapter, refer to the main chapter of the Owner's manual which should be thoroughly read to ensure that the vehicle is used correctly and that the maximum performance is obtained under conditions of safety.

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DASHBOARD



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fig. 1

- 1** Air ducts for side window outlets.
- 2** Side air vents.
- 3** Light switch lever (high beam, flashing, direction indicators) and controls for Cruise Control (automatically keeping a set speed, if present).
- 4** Instrument cluster.
- 5** Outlets for windscreen.
- 6** Upper outlet.
- 7** Oddments compartment.
- 8** Centre air vents.
- 9** Passenger's air bag.
- 10** Manual passenger's side Air bag deactivation switch.
- 11** Glove box.
- 12** Boot opening button (in glove box).
- 13** Button for rearscreen defrosting, door mirrors and resistances at base of windscreen (if present).
- 14** Button for windscreen/front side windows and door mirrors defrosting, rearscreen heating, resistances at base of windscreen (if present).
- 15** Cigar lighter.
- 16** Alfa Romeo I.C.S. (INTEGRATED CONTROL SYSTEM): RDS radio, computer on board (TRIP), climate control, clock and outside/inside temperature, GSM phone and navigation system (if present).
- 17** Buttons for central locking, fuel flap opening, switching off the ASR function of the VDC system switching on the STR system (if present).
- 18** Rear fog guard switch.
- 19** Front fog light switch.
- 20** Hazard warning light switch.
- 21** Inside temperature sensor.
- 22** Windscreen wiper/washer control lever and rain sensor (if present).
- 23** Ignition switch (ignition device).
- 24** Driver's air bag and horn.
- 25** Lever for releasing/locking adjustable steering wheel.
- 26** Instrument lighting adjustment.
- 27** Headlamp aiming device control (except versions with gas discharge headlights).
- 28** Outside lights switch.
- 29** Bonnet opening lever.
- 30** Front floor air outlets.

INSTRUMENT PANEL

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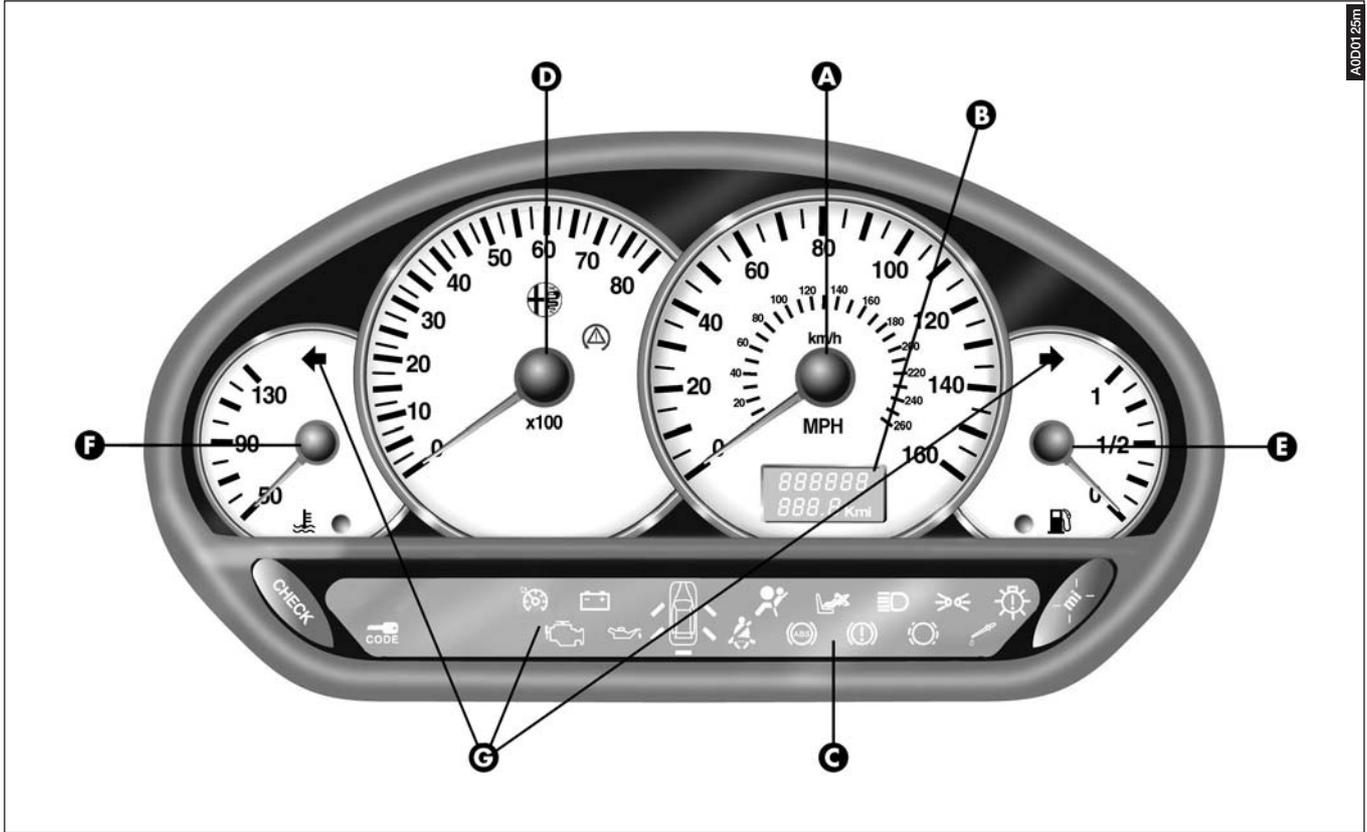


fig. 2 - 2.0 T.SPARK and 3.2 V6 24V versions

- A** - Speedometer
- B** - Mileage recorder with double meter display (total and trip)
- C** - Check panel
- D** - Rev. counter
- E** - Fuel gauge and reserve warning light
- F** - Engine coolant temperature gauge and maximum temperature warning light
- G** - Warning lights
- H** - Electronic automatic gearbox display

IMPORTANT Depending on the trim levels, the dial of the instruments may be either light grey or black, with green or red light.

CONTROLS

LIGHTS SWITCH (fig. 4)

The device and services controlled by the levers on the steering wheel can only be activated when the ignition key is in the **MAR** position (except the parking lights which can always be switched on).



fig. 4

Lights switched off

When the pointer on the knurled ring (**A**) is opposite the symbol **0**, the external lights are switched off.

Sidelights

The sidelights are switched on by turning the knurled ring (**A**) from **0** to ☀.

The ☸ warning light on the instrument panel will come on at the same time.

Dipped-beam headlights

These are switched on by turning the knurled ring (**A**) from ☀ to ☸.

Parking lights

When the pointer of the switch (**A**) corresponds with the P symbol, the side lights stay on regardless of the position of the ignition key.

DASHBOARD LIGHTING ADJUSTMENT (fig. 5)

When the outside lights are on, the dashboard lighting is adjusted turning button **(A)**.



fig. 5

FUEL CUT-OFF SWITCH AND CIRCUIT BREAKER

The car is fitted with two safety switches that come into operation in the case of an accident to block fuel supply and power, thereby stopping the engine and the car electric utilities.

To reactivate the fuel cut-off switch press button under the passenger's seat (**fig. 6**).

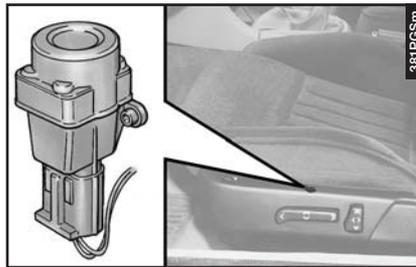


fig. 6

Circuit breaker is located on the left side of the boot, inside a box directly set and connected to the battery positive terminal.



WARNING

Before resetting fuel cut-off switch and circuit breaker, carefully read the related paragraph in chapter "Getting to know your car".

DEACTIVATING THE FRONT PASSENGER'S AIR BAG

(fig. 7)

Should it be absolutely necessary to carry a child on the front seat, the passenger's Air bag on the vehicle must be deactivated.

Deactivation takes place using the car ignition key to operate the special switch on the left hand side of the dashboard. Access to the switch is gained only with the door open.

Deactivation/reactivation takes place with ignition key at **STOP** and operating it in the special key switch on the right-hand side of the dashboard (fig. 7).

You can reach the switch only if the door is opened.

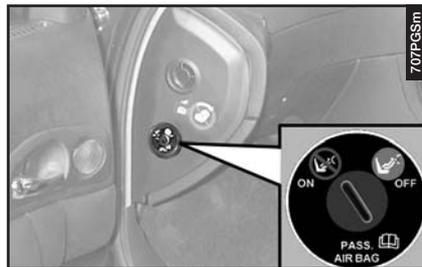


fig. 7



WARNING

Operate the switch only when the engine is not running and the ignition key is removed.

The key-operated switch has two positions:

1) Passenger's Air bag activated. (**ON** position ) warning light on instrument cluster off; it is absolutely prohibited to carry a child on the front seat.

2) Passenger's Air bag deactivated (**OFF** position ) warning light on instrument cluster on; it is possible to carry a child protected by special restraint system on the front seat.

The warning light  on the cluster stays on permanently until the passenger's Air bag is reactivated.

When the door is open, the key can be inserted and removed in both positions.

Deactivation of the passenger's front Air bag inhibits too the left-hand side Air bag (if present).



WARNING

***SERIOUS DANGER:** The car is fitted with an Air bag on the passenger's side. Never place cradle child's seats on the front passenger seat of cars fitted with passenger air bag since the air bag activation could cause serious injuries, even mortal. In the case of need, always deactivate the passenger's Air bag when a child's seat is placed on the front seat. The front passenger seat shall be adjusted in the most backward position to prevent any contact between child's seat and dashboard. Even if not compulsory by law, you are recommended to reactivate the Air bag immediately as soon as child transport is no longer necessary.*



WARNING

Warning light  indicates also warning light  failure. This is indicated by intermittent flashing, over 4 seconds, of warning light . In this event, warning light  could be not up to indicate restraint system failures, if any. Stop the car and contact Alfa Romeo Authorized Services to have the system checked.

BONNET

The lever used to open the bonnet is located under the right end of the dashboard.

To open:

– Pull the lever (**A-fig. 8**) until the bonnet clicks open.



WARNING

Do this only with the car stationary.

– Raise the safety lever upwards (**B-fig. 9**).

– Raise the bonnet.



WARNING

DANGER-SERIOUS INJURY. When carrying out checks or maintenance operations in the engine compartment, take special care not to bump the head on the raised bonnet.

IMPORTANT Bonnet raising is aided by two gas springs. Do not tamper with these springs and always accompany the bonnet while raising it.

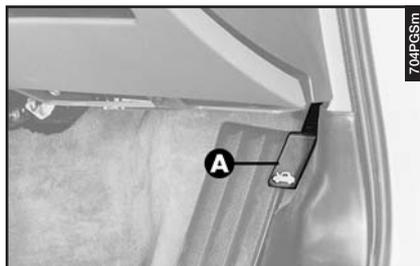
To close:

– Lower the bonnet to approx. 20 cm. from the engine bay, then let it drop. Try lifting it to make sure that it is shut completely and not simply caught in the safety position. If the bonnet does not close properly do not push it down but open it again and repeat the above procedure.



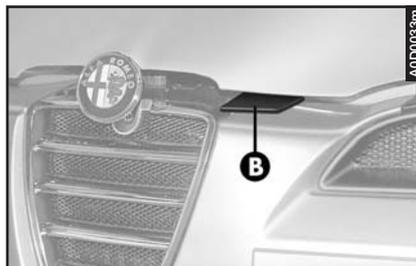
WARNING

For safety reasons the bonnet shall always be perfectly closed when travelling. Always check for proper bonnet locking. If the bonnet is left inadvertently open, stop the car immediately and close the bonnet.



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fig. 8



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fig. 9

FUSES AND RELAYS IN THE CONTROL UNIT

The fuses for the main devices are housed in a control unit under the dashboard, to the right of the steering column.

Access to it is gained slackening the knob (**A-fig. 10**) and lowering the panel (**B**).

The graphic symbols which distinguish the main electric component corresponding to each fuse are given on a label on the inner wall of the panel.

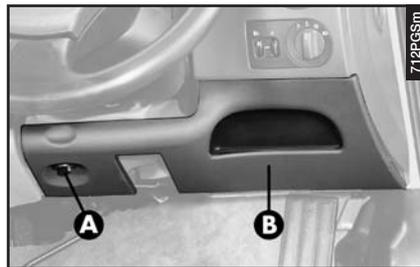


fig. 10

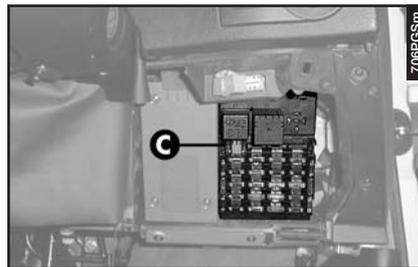


fig. 11

In the upper part of the control unit there is a pincer (**C-fig. 11**) for removing fuses.

At the sides of the control unit there are some spare fuses (**D-fig. 12**); after replacing a fuse you are advised to replenish the stock of fuses when they are used.

The devices protected by the fuses in the control unit are listed in the tables see chapter "In emergency".

A - Switch discharge relay

B - Direction indicator/hazard warning light flashing device

C - Headlight washer timer.

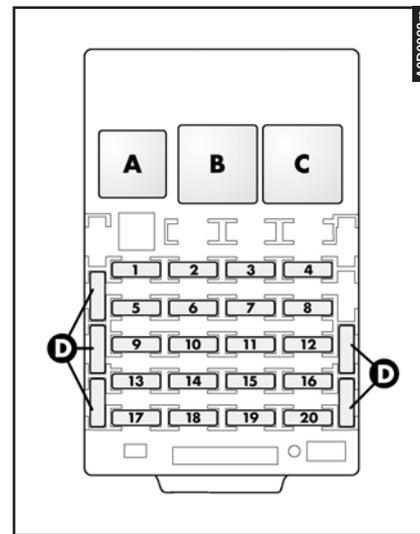


fig. 12