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IS IT AN ALL WHEEL DRIVE?

- Typically, on AWD vehicles you don't have to make any gear selections.
- The vehicle will automatically do this based on driving conditions.
- Contrary to popular (but erroneous belief) AWD vehicles are not designed to handle rough terrain; they are designed to improve general vehicle stability and handling on normal roads-especially during rainy and snowy weather conditions.
- Even though most vehicle manufacturers use the AWD tag, some manufacturers have special names for their AWDs.

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- On some vehicles, instead of AWD you might see some of these:
 - 4MATIC for Mercedes Benz
 - X-DRIVE for BMW
 - 4Motion for VW
 - All-Trac for Toyota
 - Quattro for Audi.
 - ATTESA for Nissan
 - HTRAC for Hyundai
 - AllGrip for Suzuki
- Differences between AWD and 4WD will be discussed in an upcoming tip.

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