



PRIVACY. SECURITY. DISCRETION.

A MORE PRIVATE DRIVE

VEHICLE PRIVACY GUIDE

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Practical steps for
new and used vehicles.

Start with the vehicle and manufacturer. Then
review satellite radio, subscriptions and
added devices.



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PRIVACY IN PRACTICE

01 / VEHICLE SETTINGS

START IN THE VEHICLE.

A connected vehicle can transmit data without
your phone. Park safely before changing
settings.

01 Open the privacy menus

Look for Privacy, Connectivity, Location and
Data Sharing in the infotainment system.

02 Switch off optional sharing

Turn off optional location and driving-data
sharing, analytics and personalization. Decline
optional camera/voice uploads without
obstructing safety sensors.

03 Check built-in services

Review navigation, voice assistants and built-in
Google or other accounts; their permissions
may be separate.

04 Limit phone data

Decline unnecessary contact, message and call-
history access. Use a power adapter when you
only need charging.

05 Recheck after changes

Recheck after updates, service or resets. Keep
a record of your privacy choices.

YOUR PHONE IS NOT THE SWITCH

Disconnecting your phone or turning off the
hotspot does not necessarily stop vehicle
data transmission.

02 / MANUFACTURER & ACCOUNTS

BEYOND THE DASHBOARD.

Review the app and owner account

Remove unneeded users and digital keys;
review remote access. Use a unique
password and two-factor authentication
where offered.

Use the official privacy portal

Request available data access/deletion and
sale/sharing or targeted-advertising opt-
outs. This is separate from marketing
unsubscribe. Contact dealers and other
providers separately.

Ask about data transmission

For this VIN, how do I disable optional data
transmission? What collection remains?
Which features stop working?

MANUFACTURER STARTING POINTS

Ford Digital Experience

Vehicle > Settings > Privacy > Data sharing with
Ford. Review Ford and Google location controls
separately.

Toyota app

Profile > Account > Data Privacy Portal > select your
vehicle.

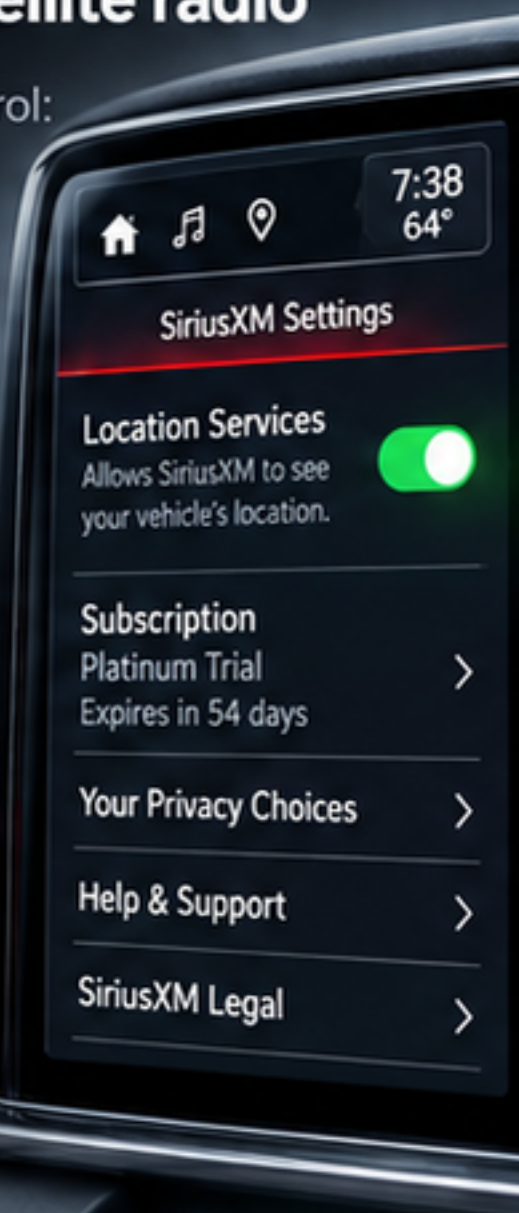
Canceling a service does not necessarily stop vehicle
data transmission or delete information already held
by a company.

CHECK EVERY CONNECTION.

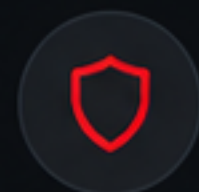
SiriusXM & satellite radio

On systems that offer this control:

- Turn off SiriusXM Location Services in the radio settings.
- Review Your Privacy Choices and opt out where available.
- Cancel unwanted trials or subscriptions.
- Remember: a music trial, streaming features, and vehicle safety / telematics services may be separate.
- A satellite-only radio is different from internet-connected features.



OTHER SERVICES



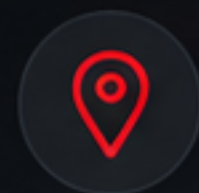
Insurance monitoring

Review app, plug-in and connected-car programs. Ask about pricing effects before withdrawing.



Hotspot, navigation & remote services

Check Wi-Fi plans, remote-start, roadside and theft-recovery accounts. Review permissions, sharing, retention and cancellation separately.



Added GPS equipment

Have unwanted equipment professionally deactivated or removed after checking lease, finance and insurance requirements.

NEW OWNER. CLEAN START.

New vehicles

Before or immediately after delivery:

- Read consent screens. Decline optional data sharing and unwanted trials.
- Ask the dealer to identify added GPS or theft-recovery devices, who receives the data, and how to deactivate them.
- Review the vehicle, manufacturer account and subscriptions before pairing your phone.

Used vehicles

- Have the manufacturer transfer ownership and revoke prior users' remote access and digital keys.
- Follow the model-specific reset procedure. Clear phones, messages, contacts, saved destinations, accounts and garage codes; separate steps may be needed.
- Review sharing again after the reset. Check for added trackers and old service accounts.

SELLING, TRADING OR RETURNING?

Delete stored data, unlink your apps, and cancel or transfer services. Keep deletion and disconnection confirmations.

A factory reset is not proof that a previous user's remote access has been removed.

KNOW WHAT REMAINS.

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Run a free Vehicle Privacy Report by VIN at vehicleprivacyreport.com. Review disclosed data practices and recorded privacy actions. It is not a live scan for tracking.

Ask a participating dealer about AutoCleared for stored-data deletion and DisconnectedCar for prior-user access and data-sharing resets, where supported. Keep both deletion and disconnection records.

KEEP SAFETY IN MIND

Disconnection may affect emergency assistance, navigation, remote functions and updates. Use manufacturer-approved procedures, not fuse or antenna removal.

REFERENCES & MODEL-SPECIFIC GUIDANCE

Ford: Connectivity and Privacy settings.
ford.com/support

Toyota: Connected Services Privacy Notice.
toyota.com/privacyvts

SiriusXM: Privacy Policy, section 8.
siriusxm.com/privacy-policy

Privacy4Cars: Consumer report & dealer tools.
privacy4cars.com · vehicleprivacyreport.com
privacy4cars.biz/dealerships

FTC: Selling your car? Clear your personal data first.
consumer.ftc.gov/node/76287

Progressive: Snapshot frequently asked questions.
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Controls and rights vary by model, software, provider and state.
Reduced sharing does not make a vehicle untrackable.