



Warning Lights, Gauges and Indicators

Some have commented that turning the ignition key in your new fleet vehicle is like attending a light show or a music concert. What does all this mean?

During the initial ignition key cycle, most systems will perform a self-diagnostic system check. Therefore, some warning lights or chimes will come on briefly and then go out. This indicates that the specific system is functioning. When one of the warning lights comes on and stays on, or when one of the gauges shows there may be a problem, please promptly refer to your Owner's Manual and check the section that tells you what to do about it. Please follow this manual's advice.

Waiting to do repairs can be costly — and even dangerous.

TIRE PRESSURE MONITORING SYSTEM

The Tire Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS) uses radio and sensor technology to check tire pressure levels. If your vehicle has this feature (on most current GM vehicles), sensors are mounted in each tire and wheel assembly, except the spare tire. The TPMS sensors transmit tire pressure readings to a receiver located in the vehicle.

When the tire pressure monitoring system warning light is illuminated, one or more of your tires is significantly under- or overinflated. You should stop and check your tires as soon as possible, then inflate them to the proper pressure as indicated on the vehicle's tire information placard.

THE TIRE AND LOADING INFORMATION LABEL (TIRE INFORMATION PLACARD)

This label shows the size of your vehicle's original tires and the correct inflation pressure for your vehicle's tires when they are cold. This information label is generally located on the inside driver door channel; otherwise, please refer to your Owner's Manual, not the stamping on the tire.

ANTI-LOCK BRAKE LIGHT

If your vehicle is equipped, the anti-lock brake system warning light should come on for a few seconds when you turn the ignition key to ON. At this point, your anti-lock brake system is performing a self-diagnostic check. This is a normal function.

If the anti-lock brake system warning light stays on longer than normal after you've started your engine, or if the light comes on and stays on while you're driving, stop as soon as possible and turn the ignition off. Then start the engine again to reset the system. If the light still stays on, or comes on again while you're driving, the anti-lock brake system needs service and may not be functioning properly. It is important to know that if you do not have anti-lock brakes, your normal hydraulic brake system is still functioning, unless other brake warning lights are illuminated.

AIRBAG READINESS LIGHT

An airbag readiness light is located on the instrument panel showing an airbag symbol. When the ignition key is cycled, the system checks the airbag's electrical system for malfunctions. If the light stays on longer than normal, it indicates that there is an electrical problem. This system self-check includes the airbag sensors, the airbag modules, the wiring, and the crash sensing and diagnostic module. If this symbol is illuminated after initial engine start or comes on while driving, this indicates that a malfunction is present and that you should have your vehicle repaired as soon as possible.