ABS

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An anti-lock brake system, ABS, is a system which is designed to prevent you from “locking” up your brakes, or applying so much pressure to your [brakes](https://www.cbac.com/our-services/brakes/) that the axle and your wheels themselves stop turning completely. When your wheels stop turning but your car is still moving too fast, you start to skid, and skidding causes you to lose total control over your vehicle, which is a dangerous prospect when traveling at high speeds.

**Press 1** if the ABS status light is on steadily.

**Press 2** if the ABS status light is flashing.”]

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An [ABS indicator light on your dash](https://www.cbac.com/media-center/blog/2018/september/a-quick-guide-to-common-dashboard-warning-lights/) is a sign that something may have gone wrong with your system and you need to get it checked out. The four common reasons that typically cause this light to turn on include

**1. A blown fuse**

ABS fuse functions like other electrical systems. The fuse protects the ABS system and can blow if there is an electrical surge. Check the fuse, if it’s blown, replace it with a new fuse. If the fuse blows again, then there is a short circuit in the ABS system, check the pump motor or ABS computer.

The fuse is found in the fuse panel underneath the dashboard or under the hood in the power distribution center.

2. **Low brake fluid**

The abs light on the dashboard is a sign that either the brake fluid escaped from the system through a leak or evaporation, or that the fluid level dropped but wasn’t picked up by the sensor. In case the brake fluid level drops and the abs light comes on and off, then the sensor needs replacing as it’s defective.

**3. Broken wheel speed sensors**

**4. The system is turned off.**

Actions to take:

**Question 1:** Is it safe to drive a car with ABS light on?

**Answer:** It is Safe To Drive Carefully With The ABS Light On. But Get It Looked At Quickly. You can still drive the car with your ABS light on, because it does not impact normal braking. However, I wouldn't recommend you do this because your ABS system helps to control stopping, and it can be dangerous to be driving without it.

**Question 2:** Can low tire pressure cause ABS light to come on?

Answer: The short answer is yes, low tire pressure can cause your ABS light to **come on**. The ABS (anti-lock-braking) system is responsible for maintaining contact with the road when braking. This suggests that you may have low tire pressure in one of your tires.

**Question 3**: Can Low brake fluid cause ABS light to come on?

**Answer:** Yes, an ABS light comes on when there is a low brake fluid level in the ABS fluid reservoir. The warning light means you have an abnormally low fluid level. Turn off the engine and restart by turning it on again to see if the warning clears.

**Question 4:**  What causes ABS to fail? Why is my ABS failing? Why did my ABS fail? My ABS has failed.

**Answer:** The most common ABS problems occur when sensors become contaminated with debris or metal shavings. Malfunctions also occur when sensor wiring becomes damaged, resulting in intermittent or no continuity.

**Question 5:** Can cold weather cause ABS light to come on?

**Answer:** ABS brake warning light comes on only in cold weather (below 40 degrees)

**Question 6:** Can ABS lock up your brakes?

**Answer:** When it is functioning correctly the ABS system is designed specifically to prevent the wheels from locking up during heavy braking, preventing loss of traction. However, there can be certain instances where a faulty ABS module can behave erratically, causing your brakes to lock up even under normal driving conditions.

**Question 7:** What does it mean if ABS light stays on? Why does my ABS light stay on? The ABS light is steadily ON. The ABS is ON

**Answer:** The ABS light (usually yellow, amber or orange) should come on briefly every time you start your car as part of a system check. If the light stays on, that means something isn't working and the system has been shut down. With ABS, sensors mounted at each wheel monitor the speed at which the wheels are turning.

**Question 8:** Why is my ABS light on after changing the tyre? Why is my ABS light on after changing the tire?

**Answer**: If your ABS light comes on after installing new tyres, it's likely that one or more of these sensors were accidentally damaged or bumped during installation. In which case, it may be best to have your vehicle inspected to ensure your wheel speed sensors are still intact.

#### **Question: Is it safe to drive a car with an ABS light on?**

**Answer:** Yes, it’s safe. The car brakes will still work under normal braking circumstances as usual, even with the ABS light on. However, the brakes will lock up under heavy braking situations, forcing the wheels to skid. Your ABS system is very important during winter when your wheels lock up when you apply heavy braking on ice.

Driving with ABS light on during winter is dangerous, as your vehicle can’t handle heavy braking in emergency situations. The safety feature protects you from accidents and shortens your braking distance, giving you control over the steering.

#### **Question: How much does it cost to fix the ABS system?**

**Answer:** It will cost approximately £150 if you factor in the cost for ABS diagnosis and labor costs. However, the estimate doesn’t include taxes and fees and varies depending on your location.

However, if you have to replace the ABS system, you can pay an additional fee of £200-750 depending on the ABS module part. Many garages will fix your ABS for between £270-900 in total.

#### **Question: Can Low brake fluid cause ABS light to come on?**

**Answer:** Yes, an ABS light comes on when there is a low brake fluid level in the ABS fluid reservoir. The warning light means you have an abnormally low fluid level. Turn off the engine and restart by turning it on again to see if the warning clears. If not, check if the light is intermittent. If so, it means the brake fluid level is slightly low.

#### **Question: Can worn brake pads cause ABS light to come on?**

**Answer:** No. Worn-out brake pads don’t cause the ABS light to come on. The light is triggered by a low brake fluid level, abnormal wheel sensor, and a blown fuse. However, it’s good to replace worn-out brake pads to improve your braking as a safety precaution. Replace worn [brake lines](https://rxmechanic.com/best-brake-line-material/) to improve your car braking efficiency.

#### **Q: What can cause ABS to fail?**

**Ans:** ABS rarely malfunction unless the ABD controller is malfunctioning because of one or more sensors or faulty sensor wiring. The most common cause is the contamination of sensors by corrosion, debris, or metal shavings. You will only notice a failure the moment you slam the brakes and notice the wheels are locking up as you drive.