**Car Dashboard Text Used – Simplified**

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**Red Faults**

**Oil Pressure Warning Light**

This warning light will illuminate, and a buzzer will sound if the engine oil level gets too low. Check the engine oil level, adding if necessary.

Safe to Drive: No

It is best to stop as soon as possible and check the oil level, topping up as needed. If the light still shows it is best to seek assistance from a mechanic.

**Brake System Warning Light**

The brake system warning light requires urgent attention. It could be caused that you’ve left the handbrake slightly engaged while pulling away, so it’s best to ensure its fully released. If the light stays on, it is best to seek assistance. The problem could be that your vehicle could have a brake fluid leak, a sensor failure or need the brake pads replacing.

Safe to Drive: No

Check you've released the handbrake fully. If you have, stop, check the brake fluid level, and top it up if you need to.

**Battery charge Warning Light**

This warning light can indicate a number of issues, all relating to the cars battery and charging system. This is a particular problem at night because a faulty battery can lead to headlights failing, but without the battery or charging system providing electricity, you may find power steering, brake servos or the engine itself stop working.

Safe to Drive: No

In this case it would be best to stop the vehicle in a safe place, turn off the engine and contact roadside assistance or your local mechanic. It is advised not to restart the engine as it could make the problem worse.

**Temperature Warning Light**

If you see the light on at any time after start-up, then the engine is running too hot or there isn’t enough coolant (also called antifreeze) in the system. It could be that the car’s radiator is leaky, clogged or broken. It could also be due to a faulty water pump. More serious is a blown head gasket, which can signal catastrophic failure if you don’t turn off the engine immediately. White smoke from the exhaust could be a sign of head gasket failure.

Safe to Drive: Yes, if coolant levels are okay, no if the light turns red.

If the light stays on and stays red after the coolant being topped up, it is best to stop the car and get assistance from your mechanic.

**Seatbelt Warning Light**

It will usually be a light with a sound to tell you this is the case. Cars use pressure sensors in the seats and in the belts, so if there is a certain weight on a seat and the seatbelt isn’t secured, it will notify the driver.

Safe to Drive: No

Ensure all passengers have their seatbelts on before taking off.

**Door/boot/bonnet Warning Lights**

These lights don’t usually mean there is anything wrong with the car, unless of course there is a sensor issue. Instead, they inform the driver if you have any openings while driving.

Safe to Drive: No

Make sure all are closed properly. You will know this once all lights and noises go off. In any case where the light or noise doesn’t could indicate an issue with a sensor. In that case seek assistance from a mechanic.

**Amber Faults**

**Check Engine Light (Engine Management Light)**

**Low-fuel Warning Light**

**Tyre-pressure sensor Warning Light**

**Traction-control Warning Light**

**Anti-lock Braking System (ABS) Warning Light**

**Windscreen (Wiper) Washer Fluid Level**

**Rear Fog Lamp Indicator Symbol**

**Red Faults**

**Recharge AdBlue**

The red warning appears when there is no AdBlue range left; once this happens the car will not restart once the ignition is turned off. This is not a fault, but a required feature of the system. If this stage is reached the system will need a full top-up before the car can be restarted. Further information is available in the vehicle handbook.

**Electronic Parking Brake**

The electronic parking brake is switched on while you are driving. As soon as it is safe to do so, pull over and disable the parking brake before continuing your journey. Once the electric parking brake has been disabled, the warning light will switch off. If the warning remains illuminated, please contact an authorised mechanic.

**Engine Oil Pressure**

1. Switch off the engine immediately and do not restart. Check the oil level. Oil level ok: Please contact roadside assistance. Oil level not ok: Add more oil until it is at the correct level. Start the engine, let it run for five seconds, monitor the warning lamp, then switch off the engine.  
2. Does the light go out after 5 seconds? Yes: Continue driving. No: Please contact roadside assistance.

**Front Assist**

Front Assist has detected a risk of collision. Brake immediately or take evasive action. The warning light will deactivate when the collision risk has passed. If the light does not deactivate, please contact your nearest authorised mechanic for assistance.

**Power Assisted Steering**

1. Remove the ignition key for 30 seconds and then start the engine. Does the light go out? Yes: The problem is rectified. No: Go to step 2.

2. Can you drive to an authorised repairer safely? Yes: If you can drive safely, please take caution while driving. No: If you cannot drive safely, please contact roadside assistance.

**Steering Lock**

What colour is the warning lamp? Red: Do not drive the vehicle. Please contact an authorised mechanic. Yellow: There is a malfunction in the electronic steering lock. Drive without delay to an authorised mechanic to have the system examined.

**Airbag & Seat Belt System**

If this lamp lights up or flashes, there is a fault in the airbag or seatbelt system. Drive carefully to an authorised mechanic without delay and have the fault rectified. Have the fault in the airbag examined; otherwise, the system may fail to trigger an accident.

**Bonnet**

Check that the bonnet is closed properly. Has the warning light gone out? Yes: No further action required. No: Please contact an authorised mechanic.

**Boot Lid**

Check that the boot lid is closed properly. Has the warning light gone out? Yes:No further action required. No: Please contact an authorised mechanic.

**Doors**

Check that all doors are closed properly. Has the warning light gone out? Yes: No further action required. No: Please contact an authorised mechanic.

**Seat Belt Buckles**

This lamp appears if the driver or front passenger has not got their seat belts fastened, make sure they have been fastened.

1. Has the driver fastened his or her seat belt properly? Yes: Seatbelts are fastened properly: Go to question 2. No: Seatbelts are not fastened properly. Fasten seatbelts properly. Go to question 2.

2. Has the warning light gone out? Yes: No further action required. No: Please contact an authorised mechanic.

**Engine Cooling System**

Switch off the engine immediately and do not drive any further. Check the coolant level (see manual)

1. Is the coolant level, ok?  
Yes: The overheating may be caused by a malfunction of the cooling system. Please contact roadside assistance. No: Add more coolant. Restart the engine. Go to step 2.

2. Has the warning light gone out?  
Yes: Continue driving. No: The overheating may be caused by a malfunction of the cooling system. Please contact roadside assistance.

**Ignition Switch**

Red: Do not switch off the ignition as you might not be able to switch it on again. Drive without delay to an authorised mechanic to have the system examined.

Yellow: There is a malfunction in the ignition switch. Drive without delay to an authorised mechanic to have the system examined.

**Amber Faults**

**Adaptive Light System**

The headlights will not dip automatically. The dipped headlights will still operate manually. Safe to Drive: Yes. They will only work manually so it is best to get them checked out by a mechanic.

**Airbag & Seat Belt System**

If this lamp lights up or flashes, there is a fault in the airbag or seatbelt system. Drive carefully to an authorised repairer without delay and have the fault rectified. Have the fault in the airbag and seat belt system examined without delay; otherwise, the system may fail to trigger in an accident.

**Anti-lock Brake System**

There is an Anti-lock brake system fault. The vehicle can still be braked in the normal way, but the ABS and ESP may not function. Drive carefully to an authorised mechanic to have the ABS system examined.

**Automatic Gearbox**

There is a Gearbox malfunction. If this light appears it may be accompanied with a message in the driver information system, such as:

1. "Please press brake pedal and select gear again" -> Is the brake still on? Yes: The hand brake is on. Please contact an authorised mechanic. No: The hand brake is not on. Continue driving.

2. "Please adapt driving style" -> If so, please continue driving as normal.

3. "You can continue driving", 4. "reverse gear not available" & 5. "Please stop the vehicle and select P" -> Please contact a mechanic as soon as possible.

**Bulb Monitoring**

Check the operation of all exterior bulbs. Have the defective bulb replaced without delay.

**Diesel Particulate Filter**

1) How many warning lights are on? One: Go to step 2.

2. Is the fuel low warning light on? Yes: The light is on. Refuel the vehicle. No: The light is not on. Go to step 3.

3. Drive at least 60Km/hr @ engine speed between 1800-2500rpm, at least 15 minutes until light goes out. Did the light go out? Yes: The light did go out. Filter successfully regenerated. No: Go to step 4.

4. Can you take the vehicle to your closest authorised mechanic? Yes: If you can take your vehicle, drive safely.

**Brake Lights**

This warning lamp appears when an exterior brake light bulb is defective. Check the operation of all the exterior brake light bulbs. Have the defective bulb replaced without delay.

**Electronic Stability Programme**

1. Is the ESP light on constantly or does it flash on sometimes while driving? Flash sometimes: If the ESP light flashes while the vehicle is in motion, the ESP or traction control system is intervening. This is a normal feature. On constantly: The ESP light may be constantly lit if the "ESP off" button was pressed. The ESP can be reactivated by switching off the ignition and then on again. If the ESP light goes off, the system is fully functional. Go to step 2.

2. Is the ESP light still on? Yes: The ESP light is still on. The vehicle can still be braked in the normal way. No: The ESP light is not on. The customer does not need to take any further action and can continue driving.

If the ESP light is on continuously, you should contact your mechanic to have the system checked.

**Engine Management Warning Light**

1. Does the lamp flash or light permanently? Permanently: Remove the key for 30 seconds then refit and start the engine. Go to step 2. Flash: Go to step 2.  
2. Is the vehicle vibrating and down on power? Yes: Contact roadside assistance. No: Go to step 3.  
3. Can you take it to an authorised repairer safely? Yes: Take caution while driving to an authorised mechanic

**Engine Oil Level**

A yellow engine oil level light means you should stop the car as soon as it's safe to.

Is the lamp lit continuously or is it flashing?  
Lit continuously: Top up the engine oil as soon as possible (refer to the owner’s manual for instructions or contact an authorised mechanic)  
Flashing:The sensor for checking the oil level may be faulty. Check the oil level and top up if necessary (refer to the owner’s manual for instructions or contact an authorised mechanic).

**Tank Cap Yellow Warning**

The fuel tank cap has not been properly closed.  When safe to do so, pull over and securely close the cap. If the warning remains on once the cap is securely closed, please contact your nearest authorised mechanic.

**Headlight Range Control**

There is a fault in the headlight range control system. Please contact an authorised mechanic.

**Lane Assist**

This indicator light comes on when the lane assist system is switched on and road markings cannot be detected. If this indicator light comes on accompanied with the message "system fault", contact your local mechanic.

**Low Fuel Level**

The fuel in the fuel tank has reached the reserve level. Drive to a filling station without delay and put fuel into the fuel tank. A red arrow by the warning means reserve fuel is being used. Refill your tank as soon as possible. If the warning stays on after the car has been refilled, please contact your nearest authorised mechanic.

**Power Steering System**

1. Has the battery been disconnected, discharged or vehicle jump started? Yes: Turn the steering wheel fully left, then fully right, and drive for a short distance at 15-20 km/h. The lamp should go out. Go to step 2. No: Go to step 3.

2. Has the lamp gone out? Yes: The problem is rectified. Visit your nearest authorised mechanic at your convenience to have the system checked. No: Go to step 3.

3. Can you drive to an authorised mechanic safely? Yes: If can drive, drive safely. No: If you can't drive, please contact roadside assistance.

**Rain & Light Sensor**

The wipers and lights will not function automatically but will still function manually. Please contact an authorised mechanic.

**Rear Fog Lights**

This warning lamp signifies that the rear fog lamp is switched on. Only operate the rear fog lamp in foggy conditions to avoid dazzling the traffic behind you.

**Rear Spoiler**

There is a fault in the rear spoiler system. Please contact an authorised mechanic. Do not exceed 120 km/h.

**Windscreen Washer Fluid Level**

The windscreen washer fluid reservoir is nearly empty. Top up the fluid for the windscreen washer (refer to the owner’s manual).

**Tyre Pressure Monitoring**

1. Check and if necessary, adjust the tyre pressure on all wheels. Store the tyre pressures using the menu display or by pressing the "set" button.  Has the light gone out? Yes: Continue driving and remember to check the tyre pressures frequently. No: Go to step 2.

2. Check all the tyre pressures again. Are they all, ok? Yes: Store the tyre pressures again using the menu display or by pressing the "Set" button. Go to step 3. No: Have the tyre repaired or replaced.

3. Has the light gone out? Yes: Continue driving and remember to check the tyre pressures frequently. No: Drive carefully to an authorised mechanic to have the tyre pressure monitoring system examined.

**Green Faults**

**Adaptive Cruise Control**

The Adaptive cruise control (ACC), and speed limiter are active. If the warning starts flashing, you have exceeded your maximum speed set on the limiter. Reduce your speed. If the warning continues to flash after you have reduced your speed, please contact an authorised mechanic.

**Cruise control**

The cruise control light comes on when the cruise control system is activated. This is a normal operating feature of the system. Refer to the owner's manual or contact your nearest authorised repairer for an explanation of the operation of the system. It is safe to drive.

**Electronic Parking Brake**

The car is being held by the Auto Hold function; you can disable this manually if necessary. For further details on what Auto Hold means and how to disable it manually, please consult your owner’s manual or contact an authorised mechanic.

**Lane Assist**

This indicator lamp comes on when the lane assist system is switched on and road markings can be detected.

**Press Brake Pedal**

This lamp only applies to vehicles that are fitted with an automatic transmission. The brake pedal needs to be pressed and held while the gear lever is moved out of the park position.

**Blue Faults**

**High or Low Beam on Indicators**

The light is active only when the high beams are active (turned on) and has been a standard in vehicles for decades. It is one of only a select few presented in a blue colour and features what is supposed to be the image of an old-style headlamp with lines coming out from it. Low Beam On indicator shows the lines pointing out from the headlamp pointing down. These are not faults but it is good to check regularly for blown blues in your headlamps.

**Automatic Headlight Dimmer**

The system is also known as the High Beam Assistant. The symbols indicates that the high beams are on, and that the system will automatically (AUTO or A) switch between the low and high headlight beams on the automobile depending on whether or not sensors detect oncoming vehicle head lights in the distance. These are not faults but it is good to check regularly for blown blues in your headlamps.