Dashboard Warning Lights

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Light	What it means	What to do
Check Engine CHECK ENGINE	The engine computer found a problem.	Get the code read soon; if it flashes, stop driving and get help.
Oil Pressure Oil can	Oil pressure is too low to protect the engine.	Stop the engine as soon as it is safe. Check the oil level.
Battery / Charging Battery	The charging system is not charging the battery.	Drive to a shop soon; turn off A/C and radio to save power.
ABS ABS	The anti-lock brake system has a fault.	Normal brakes still work. Have the ABS checked soon.
Tire Pressure (!)	One or more tires are low on air.	Check and inflate all tires to the pressure on the door sticker.
Brake BRAKE / (!)	Parking brake is on, or brake fluid is low.	Release the parking brake; if the light stays on, check brake fluid.
Coolant Temperature Thermometer	The engine is running too hot.	Pull over safely, turn the engine off, and let it cool.
Airbag SRS / Airbag	The airbag system has a fault and may not deploy.	Have it checked by a technician as soon as possible.
Traction Control Car with wavy lines	Traction control is off or has a fault.	If the road is slippery, slow down. Have it checked soon.
Fuel Fuel pump	Fuel is low.	Fill up soon — running dry can damage the fuel pump.
Washer Fluid Windshield + spray	Windshield washer fluid is low.	Top up the washer fluid reservoir when convenient.
Maintenance Required MAINT REQ'D	Routine service is due (oil, filters, inspection).	Book the service your owner's manual calls for.

Red light? A red warning light means stop as soon as it is safe and get help. **Yellow / amber light?** It means get it checked soon — you can usually keep driving carefully to a shop.