Indicator and warning lamps



Indicator and warning lamps can light up in a variety of combinations and colors. See the table for information on causes and how to react. Note whether a lamp comes on alone or in combination with another. Some lamps can light up in different colors. Corresponding distinctions are made in the text.

1	2	Cause	What to do
* *		Turn signals	
≣D		High beams/headlamp flasher switched on	
ŧD		Fog lamps switched on	
	*	Fasten safety belts	Fasten your safety belt, refer also to page 43.
BRAKE	PARK	Indication in US models	
	(P)	Parking brake applied	Release the parking brake.
(!)	PARK	Indication in Canadian models	
	(P)	Parking brake applied	Release the parking brake.
		Outside temperature warning	Drive cautiously, refer also to page 71.
		Lights up briefly:	
	/ 📕 /	Approx. 2.1 US gallons/8 liters of fuel remain in the tank	
		Remains on: Remaining operating range is no more than 30 miles/50 km, refer to page 72	
	START	Engine refuses to start	Depress the brake or clutch in order to start the engine, refer to page 51.
	/!	Ignition switched on and driver's door open	Switch off the ignition, refer to page 50, or close the driver's door.
	SDOE	Parking lamps still on	Switch off the parking lamps, refer to page 91.
	∕P€∖	Roadside parking lamps still on	Switch off the roadside parking lamps, refer to page 93.

1	2	Cause	What to do
	-0	Door open	
		Engine compartment lid open	
	(m)	Lights up in red:	
	<u> </u>	Backrest of driver's seat or front passenger seat not locked	Lock the backrest; otherwise, the safety belt will not provide protection in the event of an accident.
		Lights up in yellow:	
		Seat backrest monitor malfunctioning	Engage the seat backrest. Have it checked by your nearest BMW center.
		Lights up in red:	
	/4	Roof activation system failure	Roof cannot be moved. If the retract- able hardtop does not lock, contact your nearest BMW center.
		Roof activation system malfunctioning	Roof movement incomplete. Please check if the roof is blocked, then press or pull the switch again.
		Lights up in yellow:	
		Roof drive overheated	Roof activation temporarily limited to closing only.
		Cargo area partition not in lowermost position	Press down the cargo area partition until it engages on both sides.
		Vehicle not level, roof activation not possible	Move the vehicle to a level surface.
	/ !	Rollover protection system malfunctioning	Have the rollover protection system checked by your nearest BMW center.
	~	Trunk lid open	
	∕≩≁∖	Gas cap is open	Make sure that the gas cap is correctly positioned and close it until it audibly clicks. Do not jam the strap between the gas cap and the vehicle.
		Windshield washer fluid level too low	Add washer fluid as soon as possible, refer to page 62.

1	2	Cause	What to do
	Δ	Lights up in red: Service due	Arrange a service appointment. Check service requirements, refer to page 76.
		Lights up in yellow: The engine will start the next time the start/stop button is touched, possibly without the brake or clutch being depressed	
	1	Remote control malfunctioning or, in cars with Comfort Access, not detected	The engine cannot be started. Have the remote control checked, if necessary.
	∕₽●	Battery in remote control discharged	Use the remote control for a longer jour- ney or, in cars with Comfort Access, replace the battery.
泛齐	!	Belt tensioners and/or airbag system failed	Have the system checked immediately.
⊕ !	()	Active steering defective	You can continue your journey. Steering characteristics are modified and steering wheel could be off-center. Steer carefully. Have the system checked as soon as possible.
⊕ !	• !	Steering assistance failed	Markedly different steering response. You can continue your journey, but moderate your speed and exercise due caution. Have the system checked as soon as possible.
	\$	Lights up: Emergency Request system has failed or is malfunctioning	Have the system checked as soon as possible.
		Lights up in red: Engine malfunction	Stop the car and switch off the engine. You cannot continue your journey. Contact your BMW center.
		Lights up in yellow: Full engine power is no longer available	You can continue your journey, but moderate your speed and exercise due caution. Have the engine checked as soon as possible.

1	2	Cause	What to do
SERVICE ENGINE SOON		Indication in US models:	
SOON		Warning lamp flashes:	
		Engine malfunction under high load. High engine load will result in damage to the catalytic converter	You can continue your journey, but moderate your speed and exercise due caution. Have the vehicle checked with- out delay.
		Warning lamp comes on:	
		Engine malfunction with adverse effect on emissions	Have the car checked as soon as possible.
~		Indication in Canadian models:	
\sim		Warning lamp flashes:	
		Engine malfunction under high load. High engine load will result in damage to the catalytic converter	You can continue your journey, but moderate your speed and exercise due caution. Have the vehicle checked with- out delay.
		Warning lamp comes on:	
		Engine malfunction with adverse effect on emissions	Have the car checked as soon as possible.
	/ E \	Lights up in red:	
	/ ** * \	Engine overheating	Carefully bring the car to a stop, switch off the engine and allow it to cool down. Do not open the hood; otherwise, there is a risk of injury from scalding. Contact your BMW center.
		Lights up in yellow:	
		Engine too hot	Continue driving at more moderate speed so that the engine can cool down. Have the engine checked with- out delay if the situation reoccurs.
	(جم)	Lights up in red:	
	/ = 1 \	Battery is no longer being charged. Alternator malfunction	Switch off all unnecessary electrical consumers. Have the power supply system checked without delay.
		Lights up in yellow:	
		Battery charge level very low, battery aged or not securely connected	Have the battery checked as soon as possible.
		Indication in US models	
BRAKE			
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	In	Indication in US models	
	()	Lights up in red:	
		Brake fluid level too low	Reduced braking effect, stop the car carefully. Contact your BMW center.
		Lights up in yellow:	
		Drive-off assistant has failed. The car will not be held in place after the brake is released	Have the system checked as soon as possible.
(!)		Indication in Canadian models	
		Lights up in red:	
		Brake fluid level too low	Reduced braking effect, stop the car carefully. Contact your BMW center.
		Lights up in yellow:	
		Drive-off assistant has failed. The car will not be held in place after the brake is released	Have the system checked as soon as possible.
BRAKE		Indication in US models	
	/ II \	Brake pads worn	Have the condition of the brake pads checked without delay.
(!)		Indication in Canadian models	
2.4.2		Brake pads worn	Have the condition of the brake pads checked without delay.
		Lights up in red:	Have the system in question checked without delay.
		Starter failed or	The engine cannot be restarted.
		Ignition malfunctioning. Engine restart only possible when brake is depressed or	Depress the brake to restart the engine.
		Lighting system failed. Low beams/ tail lamps and brake lamps still operational. All other lamps failed	
		Lights up in yellow:	
		 Control of the brake lamps failed or 	You can continue your journey, but
		fuel supply malfunctioning	moderate your speed and exercise due caution. Have the system in question checked without delay.
Ø		Flashing: Dynamic Stability Control DSC or Dynamic Traction Control DTC is controlling drive and braking forces, refer also to page 81	

1	2	Cause	What to do
DTC	DTC	Dynamic Traction Control DTC activated, refer also to page 81	
(\triangle)	$\langle A \rangle$	Dynamic Stability Control DSC and Dynamic Traction Control DTC deactivated, refer also to page 81	Driving stability limited during acceleration and cornering. Driving style must be readjusted.
	(@!)	Suspension control system failed, refer also to page 80	Driving stability limited during acceleration and cornering. You can continue your journey, but moderate your speed and exercise due caution. Have the system checked as soon as possible.
	4x4!	xDrive has failed, refer also to page 82	You can continue your journey. Drive cautiously and think well ahead. Avoid driving on rough tracks, full-throttle operation and use of the transmission's kickdown mode. Have the system checked immediately.
	(A) 4x4	xDrive and DSC have failed, refer also to page 82	You can continue your journey. Drive cautiously and think well ahead. Avoid driving on rough tracks, full-throttle operation and use of the transmission's kickdown mode. Have the system checked immediately.
ABS	(ABS)	Indication in US models	
BRAKE		The driving stability control systems, including ABS and the Tire Pressure Monitor, have failed, refer also to page 80	You can continue your journey. Reduced braking and driving stability. Drive at moderate speed, avoid sudden braking if possible. Have the system checked as soon as possible.
(ABS)		Indication* in Canadian models	
		The driving stability control systems, including ABS and the Flat Tire Monitor or Tire Pressure Monitor*, have failed, refer also to page 80	You can continue your journey. Reduced braking and driving stability. Drive at moderate speed, avoid sudden braking if possible. Have the system checked as soon as possible.
ABS		Indication* in Canadian models	
		The driving stability control systems, including ABS and the Flat Tire Monitor or Tire Pressure Monitor*, have failed, refer also to page 80	You can continue your journey. Reduced braking and driving stability. Drive at moderate speed, avoid sudden braking if possible. Have the system checked as soon as possible.
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1	2	Cause	What to do
ABS BRAKE (1)		Indication in US models The driving stability control systems, including ABS, xDrive and the Flat Tire Monitor, have failed	You can continue your journey. Reduced braking and driving stability. Drive at moderate speed, avoid sudden braking if possible. Avoid driving on rough tracks, full-throttle operation and use of the transmission's kickdown mode. Have the system checked immediately.
() () ()		Indication* in Canadian models The driving stability control systems, including ABS, xDrive and the Flat Tire Monitor, have failed	You can continue your journey. Reduced braking and driving stability. Drive at moderate speed, avoid sudden braking if possible. Avoid driving on rough tracks, full-throttle operation and use of the transmission's kickdown mode. Have the system checked immediately.
ABS	4x4	Indication* in Canadian models The driving stability control systems, including ABS, xDrive and the Flat Tire Monitor, have failed	You can continue your journey. Reduced braking and driving stability. Drive at moderate speed, avoid sudden braking if possible. Avoid driving on rough tracks, full-throttle operation and use of the transmission's kickdown mode. Have the system checked immediately.
		Indication in US models Vehicle electronics failed	You cannot continue your journey. Contact your BMW center.
) () ()		Indication* in Canadian models Vehicle electronics failed	You cannot continue your journey. Contact your BMW center.
ABS (1) (A)	P	Indication* in Canadian models Vehicle electronics failed	You cannot continue your journey. Contact your BMW center.

12	Cause	What to do
(!) //1)	Vehicles with Flat Tire Monitor*	
	Light up in yellow and red:	
	Tire is deflated	Carefully bring the car to a stop. Comply with the additional information starting on page 83.
	Flat Tire Monitor not initialized	Initialize Flat Tire Monitor, refer to page 83.
	Light up in yellow:	
	Flat Tire Monitor failed. Punctures are not indicated	Have the system checked.
(!) /U\	Vehicles with Tire Pressure Monitor*	
LOW	Light up in yellow and red:	
	There is a flat tire or substantial loss of tire pressure	Carefully bring the car to a stop. Comply with the additional information starting on page 84.
(1) /(1)	Vehicles with Tire Pressure Monitor*	
	Light up in yellow:	
	Tire Pressure Monitor not initialized	Check the inflation pressure and reset the system, refer to page 85
	The small lamp flashes in yellow and then lights up continuously; the larger lamp comes on in yellow:	
	 Tire Pressure Monitor has failed. Punctures are not indicated 	Have the system checked.
	A wheel without TPM electronics has been mounted	Have the system checked.
	Interference from systems or devices that use the same radio fre- quency. The system automatically reactivates once it is outside of the	

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/ ኁኍና \		Transmission limp-home program active with restricted range of gears, possibly with reduced accel- eration.	You can continue your journey, but moderate your speed and exercise due caution. Have the system checked without delay.
		Gears can be engaged without depressing the brake	Always depress the brake to engage a gear.
	Lig	ghts up in yellow:	
		Transmission limp-home program active with restricted range of gears	You can continue your journey, but moderate your speed and exercise due caution. Have the system checked without delay.
		Automatic selector lever locked: Selector lever locked in position P with engine running or ignition switched on and brake depressed	Overriding selector lever lock, refer to page 55.
		Transmission position P malfunc- tioning: Selector lever locked in position P with engine running or ignition switched on and brake depressed	Release parking lock, refer to page 58. Have the system checked as soon as possible.
		Brake signal malfunctioning: gear can be engaged without depress- ing the brake	To engage a gear while the vehicle is at a standstill, always step on the brake. Before leaving the vehicle, engage P and switch off the engine.
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1	Lights up in red:				
	Transmission overheating	Bring the car to a stop and engage P. Allow the transmission to cool down. You can continue your journey, but moderate your speed and exercise due caution. Have the system checked if the situation reoccurs.			
	Lights up in yellow:				
	Transmission too hot	Avoid high engine loads. You can con- tinue your journey, but moderate your speed and exercise due caution.			
1	P is not engaged. Vehicle not pre- vented from rolling				
	Selector lever position P not engaged. Ignition cannot be switched off	Engage selector lever position P when you wish to switch off the ignition, refer to page 50.			

1	2	Cause	What to do
	(9 !\	Selector lever malfunctioning	You can continue your journey. Shift again if necessary. Have the system checked if the situation reoccurs.
	~~~	Brake signal malfunctioning: gear can be engaged without depressing the brake	To engage a gear while the vehicle is at a standstill, always step on the brake. Switch off the engine before leaving the vehicle. Have the system checked as soon as possible.
		Pinch protection system of the power windows malfunctioning	Have the system checked.
	<u>/!</u> _\	Pinch protection system of the electric glass roof malfunctioning	Have the system checked.
	ର୍ଜ୍	<ul> <li>Cruise control deactivated:</li> <li>Driving stability control systems are active or</li> <li>parking brake is applied or</li> <li>the vehicle has not achieved a speed of 20 mph or 30 km/h or</li> <li>engaged gear not suitable for the speed being driven</li> </ul>	
	in.	Cruise control system failed	You can continue your journey. Have the system checked.
		<ul> <li>Active cruise control deactivated:</li> <li>Driving stability control systems are active or</li> <li>parking brake is applied or</li> <li>the vehicle has not achieved a speed of 20 mph or 30 km/h or</li> <li>engaged gear not suitable for the speed being driven or</li> </ul>	Keep a safe distance.
		Radar sensor dirty	Clean the radar sensor, refer to page 68.
	<b>!</b>	Active cruise control failed	Keep a safe distance. Have the system checked.
	/P#	Park Distance Control failed	Have the system checked.

1 2	Cause	What to do
	High-beam assistant inactive	Clean the sensor field on the front of the interior rearview mirror, refer to page 94.
	High-beam assistant malfunction- ing	Have the system checked by your near- est BMW center.
	Sensitivity of the high-beam assis- tant has been changed	There is a risk that oncoming traffic may be blinded. Have the system checked by your nearest BMW center.
<u>, .</u> ∰.	Bulb of exterior lighting system failed	Have the exterior lighting checked as soon as possible.
	Low-beam headlamp or fog lamp failed	Have the low beams checked as soon as possible.
	High-beam headlamp failed	Have the high-beam headlamps checked.
	Adaptive light control failed	
	Coolant level too low	Add coolant immediately, refer to page 147.
\ <u>8</u>	Engine oil pressure too low	Stop immediately and switch off the engine. You cannot continue your jour- ney. Contact your BMW center.
	Engine oil level too low	Add engine oil immediately; refer to page 145 for more information.
	Lights up in red:	
	Service appointment overdue	Arrange a service appointment. Check service requirements, refer to page 76.
	Lights up in yellow:	
	Service due	Arrange a service appointment. Check service requirements, refer to page 76.
	No service due	Check service requirements, refer to page <b>76</b> .
00.00	Time and date no longer correct	Set the time and date, refer to page 77.