Warning and indicator lights

■ Checking bulbs

Several of the warning and indicator lights come on momentarily and then go out when the ignition switch is initially turned to the "ON" position. This permits checking the operation of the bulbs.
Apply the parking brake and turn the ignition switch to the "ON" position. The following lights come on:

Seat belt warning light
SRS AIRBAG warning light
Charge warning light
Oil pressure warning light
Brake system warning light
CHECK ENGINE warning light
ABS warning light (if equipped)
TCS indicator light (if equipped)
TCS warning light (if equipped)
AT OIL TEMP warning light (automatic transmission vehicles)

If any lights fail to come on, it indicates a burned-out bulb or a malfunction of the corresponding system.
Consult your authorized SUBARU dealer for repair.

■ Seat belt warning light and chime

When the ignition switch is turned to the "ON" position, the seat belt warning light will come on and the reminder chime will sound to remind driver to fasten the seat belt.
The seat belt warning light will remain on for about six seconds and turn off automatically after six seconds.
The seat belt reminder chime will turn off by buckling the driver's side seat belt or turn off automatically after about six seconds.

■ SRS AIRBAG warning light

AIRBAG

When the ignition switch is turned to the "ON" position, the SRS AIRBAG warning light will come on for about seven seconds and go out. This shows the SRS AIRBAG is in normal operation.

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If this light comes on while driving or does not go out after the engine starts, it may indicate that the SRS AIRBAG system is not working properly. Contact your nearest SUBARU dealer immediately.

■ Charge warning light

If this light comes on when the engine is running, it may indicate that the charging system is not working properly.

If the light comes on while driving or does not go out after the engine starts, stop the engine at the first safe opportunity and check the alternator belt. If the belt is loose, broken or if the belt is in good condition but the light remains on, contact your nearest SUBARU dealer immediately.

■ Oil pressure warning light

⚠ CAUTION

Do not operate the engine with the oil pressure warning light on. This may cause engine damage.

If this light comes on when the engine is running, it may indicate that the engine oil pressure is low and the lubricating system is not working properly.

If the light comes on while driving or does not go out after the engine starts, stop the engine at the first safe opportunity and check the engine oil level. If the oil level is low, add oil immediately. If the engine oil is at the proper level but the light remains on, contact your nearest SUBARU dealer immediately.

■ Brake system warning light

BRAKE (U.S.)
(!) (Canada)

⚠ WARNING

- **Driving with the brake system warning light on is dangerous. This indicates your brake system may not be working properly. If the light remains on, have the brakes inspected by a SUBARU dealer immediately.**

• If at all in doubt about whether the brakes are operating properly, do not drive the vehicle. Have your vehicle towed to the nearest SUBARU dealer for repair.

This light has the following two functions:

▼ Parking brake warning

The light comes on with the parking brake applied while the ignition switch is in the "ON" position. It goes out when the parking brake is fully released.

▼ Brake fluid level warning

This light comes on when the brake fluid level has dropped to near the "MIN" level of the brake fluid reservoir with the ignition switch in the "ON" position and with the parking brake fully released.

If the brake system warning light should come on while driving (with the parking brake fully released and with the ignition switch positioned in "ON"), it could be an indication of leaking of brake fluid or worn brake pads. Have your vehicle checked by a SUBARU dealer immediately.

■ CHECK ENGINE warning light/ Malfunction indicator lamp

CHECK ENGINE

If this light comes on when the engine is running, it may indicate that the engine control system is not working properly.

If the light comes on while driving or does not go out after the engine starts, contact your nearest SUBARU dealer immediately.

■ ABS warning light (for vehicles with ABS)

ABS (U.S.)
(ABS) (Canada)

▼ AWD vehicles

The ABS warning light comes on when the ignition switch is turned to the "ON" position and goes out after about two seconds or goes out when the vehicle speed reaches about 8 miles (12 km/h) for the first time. If this light comes on while driving or does not go out when the vehicle speed reaches about 8 miles (12 km/h), it may indicate that the ABS system is not working properly.
Contact your nearest SUBARU dealer for service immediately.

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▼ **FWD vehicles**

The ABS warning light comes on when the ignition switch is turned to the "ON" position and goes out when the engine starts or goes out when the vehicle speed reaches about 8 miles (12 km/h) for the first time. If this light comes on while driving or does not go out when the vehicle speed reaches about 8 miles (12 km/h), it may indicate that the ABS system is not working properly.

Contact your nearest SUBARU dealer for service immediately.

NOTE

When the ABS warning light is on, the ABS function shuts down; however, the conventional brake system continues to operate normally.

■ TCS indicator light (if equipped)

TCS

The TCS indicator light comes on when the ignition switch is turned to the "ON" position and goes out after about a second. If this light activates when driving, it indicates that the TCS is in operation.

If the light does not go out after the engine starts, it may indicate that the TCS is not working properly. Contact your nearest SUBARU dealer immediately.

■ TCS warning light (if equipped)

TCS

The TCS warning light comes on when the ignition switch is turned to the "ON" position and goes out after the engine starts.

If this light comes on when the engine is running, it may indicate that the TCS is not working properly. Contact your nearest SUBARU dealer immediately.

■ TCS OFF indicator light (Built in the TCS OFF switch, if equipped)

TCS OFF

This indicator light comes on when the ignition switch is turned to the "ON" position and goes out within a few seconds after the engine starts.

If the light does not come on when the ignition switch is turned "ON" and does not go out within a minute after the engine starts, it may indicate that TCS is not working properly. Contact your nearest SUBARU dealer immediately.

■ AT OIL TEMPerature warning light (for AT vehicles) AT OIL TEMP

If this light comes on when the engine is running, it may indicate that the automatic transmission fluid temperature is too hot.

If the light comes on while driving, it is unnecessary to stop the vehicle, but avoid driving up steep grades or in stop and go traffic.

▼ Automatic transmission control system warning

If the light flashes after the engine starts, it may indicate that the automatic transmission control system is not working properly. Contact your nearest SUBARU dealer for service immediately.

■ Door open warning lights

The specific door open warning light comes on if any door or rear gate is not fully closed.

Always make sure this light is out before you start to drive.

■ Front-wheel drive warning light (for AWD AT vehicles) FWD

This light comes on when All Wheel Drive is disengaged and the drive mechanism is switched to Front Wheel Drive for maintenance or similar purposes.

■ Low fuel warning light

The low fuel warning light comes on when the tank is nearly empty (about 2.3 U.S. gal., 9.0 liters, or 1.9 Imp. gal.). It only operates when the ignition switch is in the "ON" position.

■ Turn signal indicator lights

These lights show the operation of the turn signal or lane change signal. If the indicator lights do not blink or blink rapidly, the turn signal bulb may be burned out. Replace the bulb as soon as possible. Refer to Replacing Bulbs section in Chapter 10.

■ High beam indicator

This light shows that the headlights are in the high beam mode.
This indicator light also comes on when operating headlight flasher.