



Know your dashboard lights

If the human body came with the equivalent of a car's dashboard and a warning light lit up, you'd more than likely scurry off to the doctor, right?

Well, the truth is that many motorists often do not know what their car's warning lights mean, and still opt to ignore them rather than face the problem.

Motor Industry Workshop Association chairman, Dewald Ranft highlights that modern day cars are complex, all made up of sensors and components performing particular functions. Knowing your warning lights will enable you to avoid a more costly break-down.

Engine management light: Typically, this means that a sensor has alerted the engine control unit that something is wrong. Although it is advised to rather call for assistance if this light comes on, your vehicle is considered safe to drive until the light

flashes.

Battery warning light: Do not drive your car if this light remains on. Stop the car, contact a towing service. There may be a problem with wiring, the alternator or alternator drive belt.

Oil level warning light: Again, immediately stop driving as there is no oil pressure in the engine. Top up oil as soon as possible. If the light remains on there could be a problem with oil supply.

Brake warning light: There is a good chance your hydraulic brake circuits have failed, especially if you need to press the brake further than usual. Stop immediately and contact a towing service.

Anti-locking braking (ABS) light: If there is no noise coming from the wheels, it should be safe to drive. However, it is advisable to head to an accredited agent to have it checked out as soon as possible.