

Modal Verbs (Possibility - Certainty)

Diagnosing a problem

Complete the rephrased sentences about the diagnoses for the warning lights on the dashboard using “Modal Verbs”. Pay attention to the adverbs and adjectives that appear in the sentences (*possibly/ probable/ definitely/ perhaps, etc*)

(Completar las oraciones reformuladas sobre los diagnósticos dados a probables problemas de las luces de advertencia del tablero usando los verbos modales y prestando atención a los adjetivos/adverbios que indican probabilidad o certeza. Fijarse si se está hablando en presente o pasado).

may/could/might be → (present possibility)

must be → (present certainty)

may/could/might have → (past possibility)

must have → (past certainty)

1. Oil pressure

If the light comes on during a journey, it's **possible** that the oil level is too low.

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If the light comes on during a journey, **the oil level might be too low**.

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(VERBO MODAL)

2. Coolant temperature

If the light comes on during a journey, it's possible that the coolant temperature is too high or the coolant level is too low. If the coolant level is satisfactory, the radiator fan has probably failed.

If the light switches on during a journey, the coolant temperature _____ too high; the coolant level _____ too low. If the coolant level is satisfactory, the radiator fan _____ failed.

3. Battery charge

If the light comes on during a journey, there is definitely a fault with the charging system. Perhaps the battery terminals are slack, or the alternator drive belt is loose or broken. It's also possible that the alternator has failed.

If the light comes on during a journey, there _____ a fault with the charging system. The battery terminals _____ slack, or the alternator drive belt _____ loose or broken. The alternator _____ failed.

4. Brake system

If the light stays on after releasing the handbrake, the brake fluid level is probably too low.

If the light stays on after releasing the handbrake, the brake fluid level _____ too low.

5. Brake wear monitor

If the brake wear monitor lights come on, the front brake pads have **definitely** reached their maximum wear level. It's **possible** that the rear brake pads have also reached their maximum wear level.

If the brake wear monitor lights come on, the front brake pads _____ reached their maximum wear level. The rear brake pads _____ also _____ reached their maximum wear level.

6. ABS (anti-locking brake system)

If the warning light comes on when driving, there is **possibly** a malfunction with the system. If the ABS warning light comes on together with the brake system warning light, it's **certain** that both systems are defective.

If the warning light stays on when driving, there _____ a malfunction with the system. If the ABS warning light comes on together with the brake system warning light, both systems _____ defective.