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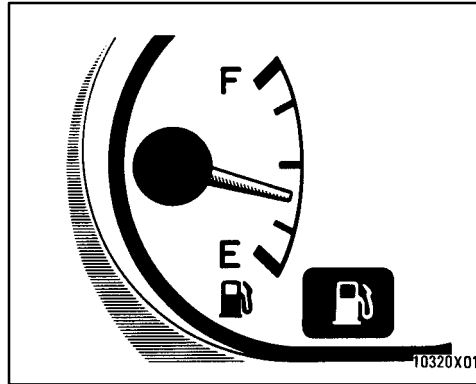
OPERATION OF INSTRUMENTS AND CONTROLS—

Chapter 1-5

Gauges, Meters and Service reminder indicators

- Fuel gauge
- Engine coolant temperature gauge
- Tachometer
- Odometer and trip meter
- Service reminder indicators and warning buzzers

Fuel gauge



The gauge works when the ignition switch is on and indicates the approximate quantity of fuel remaining in the tank.

Nearly full—Needle at “F”

Nearly empty—Needle at “E”

It is a good idea to keep the tank over 1/4 full.

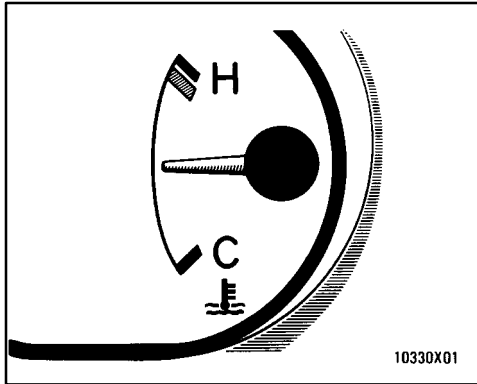
This fuel gauge has a non-return type needle which remains at the last indicated position when the ignition switch is turned off.

If the level approaches “E” or the low fuel level warning light comes on, fill the fuel tank as soon as possible.

If the fuel tank is completely empty, the malfunction indicator lamp comes on. Fill the fuel tank immediately.

The indicator lamp goes off after driving several times. If the indicator lamp does not go off, contact your Toyota dealer as soon as possible.

Engine coolant temperature gauge



The gauge indicates the engine coolant temperature when the ignition switch is on. The engine operating temperature will vary with changes in weather and engine load.

If the needle moves into the red zone, your engine is too hot. If your vehicle overheats, stop your vehicle and allow the engine to cool.

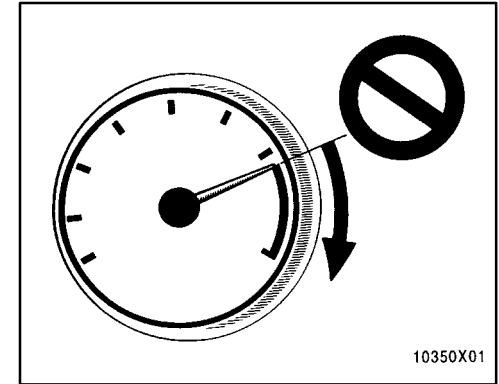
Your vehicle may overheat during severe operating conditions, such as:

- Driving up a long hill on a hot day.
- Reducing speed or stopping after high speed driving.
- Idling for a long period with the air conditioning on in stop-and-go traffic.
- Towing a trailer.

NOTICE

- ◆ *Do not remove the thermostat in the engine cooling system as this may cause the engine to overheat. The thermostat is designed to control the flow of coolant to keep the temperature of the engine within the specified operating range.*
- ◆ *Do not continue driving with an overheated engine. See "If your vehicle overheats" in Part 4.*

Tachometer



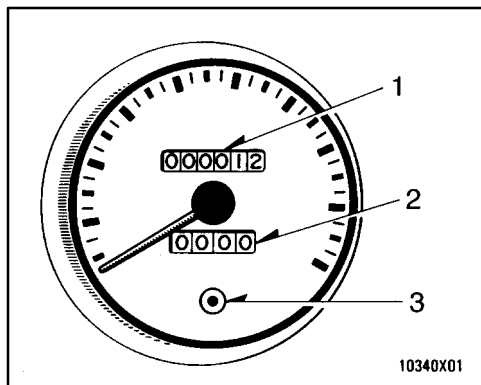
The tachometer indicates engine speed in thousands of rpm (revolutions per minute). Use it while driving to select correct shift points and to prevent engine lugging and overrevving.

Driving with the engine running too fast causes excessive engine wear and poor fuel economy. Remember, in most cases the slower the engine speed, the greater the fuel economy.

NOTICE

Do not let the indicator needle get into the red zone. This may cause severe engine damage.

Odometer and trip meter



These meters show the running distance.

- 1 Odometer—It shows the total distance the vehicle has been driven.
- 2 Trip meter—It shows the distance driven since the last time it was set to zero.
The black digits on white indicate tenths of kilometers or miles.
3. Trip meter reset knob—It resets the trip meter to zero.

To reset the trip meter, push the knob.

Service reminder indicators and warning buzzers

If the indicator or buzzer comes on...	Do this.
(a) BRAKE	If parking brake is off, stop and check.
(b) 	Fasten seat belts.
(Indicator and buzzer)	
(c) 	Stop and check.
(d) 	Stop and check.
(e) 	Take vehicle to Toyota dealer.
(f) 	Fill up tank.

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If the Indicator or buzzer comes on...	Do this.
(g) ABS	Take vehicle to Toyota dealer.
(h) 	Close all side doors and back door.
(i) A/TOIL TEMP	Stop and check.
(j) 	Take vehicle to Toyota dealer immediately.
(k) Light reminder buzzer	Turn off lights.
(l) Key reminder buzzer	Remove key.

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(a) Brake System Warning Light

This light has the following functions:

Parking brake reminder

If this light is on, make sure the parking brake is fully released. The light should go off.

Low brake fluid level warning

If this light comes on and stays on while you are driving, slow down and pull off the road. Then stop the vehicle carefully. There may be a problem somewhere in the brake system. Check the fluid level of the see-through reservoir.

To make sure the parking brake has not caused the warning light to come on, check to see that the parking brake is fully released.

If the brake fluid level is low...

At a safe place, test your brakes by starting and stopping.

- If you judge that the brakes still work adequately, drive cautiously to your nearest dealer or shop for repairs.
- If the brakes are not working, have the vehicle towed in for repairs. (For towing information, see Part 4.)



CAUTION

It is dangerous to continue driving normally when the brake fluid level is low.

If the brake fluid level is correct...

Have the warning system checked by your Toyota dealer.

(b) Seat Belt Reminder Light and Buzzer

Once the ignition key is turned to “ON” or “START”, the reminder light and buzzer come on if the driver’s seat belt is not fastened. Unless the driver fastens the belt, the light stays on and the buzzer sounds for about 4 to 8 seconds.

(c) Discharge Warning Light

This light warns that the battery is being discharged.

If it comes on while you are driving, there is a problem somewhere in the charging system.

The engine ignition will continue to operate, however, until the battery is discharged. Turn off the air conditioning, blower, radio, etc., and drive directly to the nearest Toyota dealer or repair shop.

NOTICE

Do not continue driving if the engine drive belt is broken or loose.

(d) Low Oil Pressure Warning Light

This light warns that the engine oil pressure is too low.

If it flickers or stays on while you are driving, pull off the road to a safe place and stop the engine immediately. Call a Toyota dealer or qualified repair shop for assistance.

The light may occasionally flicker when the engine is idling or it may come on briefly after a hard stop. There is no cause for concern if it then goes out when the engine is accelerated slightly.

The light may come on when the oil level is extremely low. It is not designed to indicate low oil level, and the oil level must be checked using the level dipstick.

(e) Malfunction Indicator Lamp

This lamp comes on in the following cases.

- a. The fuel tank is completely empty. (See “Fuel gauge” in Chapter 1-5 for instructions.)
- b. The fuel tank cap is not tightened securely. (See “Fuel tank cap” in Chapter 1-2 for instructions.)

c. There is a problem somewhere in your engine or automatic transmission electrical system.

If it comes on while you are driving in case c, have your vehicle checked/repaired by your Toyota dealer as soon as possible.

(f) Low Fuel Level Warning Light

This light comes on when the fuel level in the tank becomes nearly empty. Fill up the tank as soon as possible.

(g) “ABS” Warning Light

This light warns that there is a problem somewhere in your anti-lock brake system.

If the light comes on while you are driving, have your vehicle checked by your Toyota dealer as soon as possible.

The light will come on when the ignition key is turned to the “ON” position. After about 3 seconds, the light will go off.

When the “ABS” warning light is on (and the brake system warning light is off), the brake system operates conventionally but without anti-lock function.

(h) Open Door Warning Light

This light remains on until all the side doors and back door are completely closed.

(i) Automatic Transmission Fluid Temperature Warning Light (four-wheel drive models)

This light warns that the automatic transmission fluid temperature is too high.

If this light comes on while you are driving, slow down and pull off the road. Stop the vehicle at a safe place and put the selector lever in “P”. With the engine idling, wait until the light goes off. If the light goes off, you can start the vehicle again. If the light does not go off, call a Toyota dealer or qualified repair shop for assistance.

NOTICE

Continued driving with the warning light on may damage the automatic transmission.

(j) SRS Airbag Warning Light

This light will come on when the ignition key is turned to the “ACC” or “ON” position. After about 6 seconds, the light will go off. This means the airbag system is operating properly.

The warning light system monitors the airbag sensor assembly, inflators, warning light, interconnecting wiring and power sources.

If either of the following conditions occurs, this indicates a malfunction somewhere in the parts monitored by the warning light system. Contact your Toyota dealer as soon as possible to service the vehicle.

- The light does not come on when the ignition key is turned to the “ACC” or “ON” position or remains on.
- The light comes on while driving.

(k) Light Reminder Buzzer

This buzzer will sound if the driver's door is opened with the key removed from the ignition switch and the headlight switch left on.

(l) Key Reminder Buzzer

This buzzer reminds you to remove the key when you open the driver's door with the ignition key in the “ACC” or “LOCK” position.

CHECKING SERVICE REMINDER INDICATORS (except the low fuel level warning light)

1. Apply the parking brake.
2. Open one of the doors.

The open door warning light should come on.

3. Close the door.

The open door warning light should go off.

4. Turn the ignition key to “ACC”.

The SRS airbag warning light should come on. It goes off after 6 seconds.

5. Turn the ignition key to “ON”, but do not start the engine.

All the service reminder indicators except the open door warning light, SRS airbag warning light and automatic transmission fluid temperature warning light should come on. The “ABS” warning light goes off after 3 seconds.

6. Turn the ignition key to “START”. The automatic transmission fluid temperature warning light should come on.

If any service reminder indicator or warning buzzer does not function as described above, either the bulb is burned out or the circuit is in need of repair. Have it checked by your Toyota dealer as soon as possible.