



Diagnosis Brief
what this complaint usually turns out to be

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Tire Pressure Light On — What It Usually Means

How real visits for a TPMS light ended at independent shops across the US — the part actually replaced, how often, and what it cost when it was the only fix.

TPMS sensor

The single most common outcome — about a third of these visits when combined with the runner-up

TPMS sensor **\$125 – \$764**

typical cost when it was the only fix
(parts + labor)

THE FIX INVOLVED	SHARE OF THESE VISITS*	TYPICAL COST†	MEDIAN
TPMS sensor	35.5%	\$125 – \$764	\$300
Other, rarer causes	smaller shares — sensor batteries, valve stems, slow leaks, the spare tire's sensor	varies	—

*Share of visits whose repair involved this part; combined repairs count toward each part, so shares overlap and don't add to 100%.

†Middle half of real invoices when this was the only fix — parts + labor, all vehicle types.

WHICH ONE IS YOURS? LISTEN FIRST

- **Light in cold weather** — Pressure drops about 1 psi per 10°F — the first cold morning of fall lights up dashboards everywhere.
- **One tire keeps dropping** — A tire that needs air weekly has a slow leak — usually a nail or a corroding wheel bead.
- **Flashing light** — A TPMS light that flashes at startup is reporting a sensor fault, not pressure.

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE SHOP

A light that stays on after inflating the tires is a sensor problem, usually a dead sensor battery — expect the shop to scan which one. One sensor is cheap; four is a set. If the light flashes at startup, it's the system itself, not a tire. A relearn procedure finishes the job.

ABOUT THIS DATA · HOW TO USE THIS BRIEF

Vehicles **all makes and models, US fleet**

Data confidence **High** — *large sample, stable shares*

Records through **July 2026**, refreshed continuously

Source **paid invoices from independent US repair shops**

Take it to the shop. It tells you what the likely answers are and what each one should cost — so when the diagnosis comes back, you already know whether the number fits. Vehicle-specific price reports for the common fixes are on fixdozer.com.

NOT A DIAGNOSIS

This brief describes how other owners' visits for a TPMS light ended. Your vehicle, its history and the shop's testing decide yours. FixDozer does not perform repairs and receives nothing from shops.

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