



Traction Control or ABS Light — What It Usually Is

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

Sensor or wheel bearing / hub

Nearly half of all these visits end in one of these two

Sensor **\$180 – \$433**

Wheel bearing / hub **\$321 – \$623**

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

THE FIX INVOLVED	SHARE OF THESE VISITS*	TYPICAL COST†	MEDIAN
Sensor	29.1%	\$180 – \$433	\$287
Wheel bearing / hub	24.9%	\$321 – \$623	\$445
Brake fluid	4.8%	\$106 – \$366	\$203
Module / actuator	4.6%	\$254 – \$696	\$413
CV axle / driveshaft	3.3%	\$211 – \$612	\$355
Other, rarer causes	smaller shares — wheel-speed sensors, hub bearings with built-in sensors, steering-angle sensors	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 on, car drives normally** — A wheel-speed sensor or its tone ring reading wrong is the usual story.
- **Light flickers on rough roads** — Intermittent faults over bumps are wiring — the sensor harness flexes with the suspension and eventually cracks.
- **Comes on with a brake job due** — Heavily worn brakes and wheel-bearing play can trigger the light too — the sensor is reading real wobble.

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE SHOP

Traction and ABS lights usually share a cause — most often a wheel-speed sensor or a hub bearing with the sensor built in. Expect a scan that names the wheel. A single sensor is a modest repair; the module is the rare expensive tail.

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 traction/ABS light ended. Your vehicle, its history and the shop's testing decide yours. FixDozer does not perform repairs and receives nothing from shops.