



THE STRUCTURE OF MODERN AUTOMOTIVE
LEXICAL TERMS

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Abstract. *The rapid evolution of automotive technology has not only transformed vehicle design and functionality but has also driven significant changes in the lexical landscape of the industry. This thesis examines the structure of modern automotive lexical terms by analyzing their morphological, semantic, and syntactic characteristics. By exploring processes such as compounding, affixation, and borrowing, we reveal how linguistic innovation meets technological advancement. Two tables are provided to illustrate the morphological classification and the functional distribution of these terms.*

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INTRODUCTION

The automotive industry is at the forefront of technological innovation. With advancements ranging from electric drivetrains to autonomous driving systems, the language used to describe these phenomena has evolved dramatically. Modern automotive lexical terms—whether coined from existing words, borrowed from other languages, or created through blending and compounding—reflect this dynamism. Analyzing these terms provides insight into both linguistic creativity and the influence of technological progress on language.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Modern automotive vocabulary is characterized by several morphological processes:

Compounding: Many terms are formed by combining two or more roots (e.g., electro + vehicle = electrovehicle) [1].

Affixation: Prefixes and suffixes are attached to base forms to denote technological functions or attributes (e.g., auto + nomous = autonomous).

Blending and Clipping: New words emerge by merging parts of existing words or shortening them (e.g., infotainment from “information” and “entertainment”).

These processes illustrate how language adapts to meet the need for precision in describing novel technologies.

Table 1: Morphological Classification of Modern Automotive Lexical Terms

Lexical Term	Morphological Structure	Description
Electric Vehicle	Compound (electric + vehicle)	Denotes vehicles powered by electricity rather than fossil fuels.



Autonomous	Affixation (auto + nomous)	Describes vehicles capable of self-driving without human intervention.
Infotainment	Blend (information + entertainment)	Refers to integrated systems that provide both data and entertainment.
Telematics	Neologism via borrowing	Combines telecommunications and informatics, applied in vehicle tracking and communication systems.
Hybrid	Clipping/Compound	Describes vehicles utilizing multiple power sources (typically gasoline and electric).

Table 1 illustrates common morphological processes involved in forming modern automotive lexical terms.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Semantic and Syntactic Features

Semantic Analysis

The semantic fields of modern automotive terms can be broadly grouped into several categories:

Technological Innovation: Terms like autonomous and infotainment highlight the integration of cutting-edge technologies.

Environmental Considerations: Lexical items such as electric and hybrid emphasize the shift toward sustainable mobility.

Performance and Efficiency: Words reflecting improvements in vehicle dynamics and energy use are common in marketing and technical literature.

Syntactic Characteristics

Syntactically, these terms often function as adjectives or compound nouns within technical and promotional texts. Their placement in sentences tends to modify or specify key elements of vehicle design or functionality. For example, in phrases like “autonomous driving system” or “electric vehicle market,” the lexical term plays a crucial role in conveying precise meaning and technological context.

Modern automotive terms can also be classified according to their role in the industry. This categorization highlights the practical applications of these terms in marketing, technical documentation, and consumer discourse [2].

Table 2: Functional Categories of Modern Automotive Lexical Terms

Category	Example Terms	Function/Usage
Technological	Autonomous, Telematics, Infotainment	Describe technological features and innovations in vehicles.
Environmental	Electric, Hybrid, Eco-friendly	Emphasize sustainability and green technology in automotive design.
Performance	Turbocharged, High-	Highlight improvements in speed,



e	efficiency, Sport-tuned	power, and efficiency.
Design/Style	Sleek, Aerodynamic, Modular	Used to market vehicles based on aesthetics and functional design.

Table 2 categorizes automotive lexical terms by their functional role in the industry, providing a clear overview of how language supports various aspects of automotive technology and marketing.

The analysis presented above demonstrates that modern automotive lexical terms are not created arbitrarily. They evolve in response to technological needs and consumer demands, incorporating both traditional morphological processes and innovative lexical borrowings. As the industry continues to innovate, new terms will likely emerge, further enriching the automotive lexicon. This dynamic process is also a reflection of globalization, as languages borrow and adapt terms to suit local and international markets [3].

The dual tables provided help encapsulate the complex interplay between form and function in automotive terminology. While Table 1 focuses on the structural formation of these words, Table 2 contextualizes their usage in real-world scenarios. Together, they underscore the importance of both linguistic structure and pragmatic function in understanding modern automotive vocabulary.

CONCLUSION

The structure of modern automotive lexical terms is a mirror reflecting the rapid technological evolution within the automotive industry. Through morphological innovation, semantic expansion, and syntactic adaptation, these terms communicate complex ideas about technology, sustainability, and performance. As automotive technology continues to evolve, the corresponding lexical field will expand, demanding ongoing research into how language adapts to technological change. This analysis provides a foundation for further study, inviting linguists and industry experts alike to explore the rich interplay between language and technology.

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