

European Breakdown Cover Policy Booklet

Terms and conditions

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Telephone charges

We do not cover the cost of making or receiving telephone calls. Our calls may be monitored and/or recorded.

In Europe: Roaming charges may apply when making or receiving calls, please check with your mobile phone provider for more information. It may not always be possible for us to return a call to a mobile phone.

In the UK: Call charges may apply. Please check with your telephone provider. 03 numbers are charged at national call rates and usually included in inclusive minute plans. Text messages will be charged at your standard network rate.

If your vehicle breaks down, please provide us with

- Your name and RAC membership number or policy number
- 2. Identification such as a bank card or driving licence
- 3. The vehicle's make, model and registration number
- 4. The exact location of the **vehicle** the road **you** are on or the nearest road junction
- 5. The number of the phone you are using

cover in relation to the breakdown

- 6. The cause of the breakdown, if you know it
- 7. Your credit card if you need additional services Some garages in Europe will require your passport and passport number before they begin any repairs. If you fail to contact us within 24 hours of becoming aware of the breakdown we may refuse to provide

Remember

- Please let us know if you have called us but manage to get going before we arrive.
- We will only provide cover if we arrange help, or otherwise approve action taken by you or on your behalf.
- To repatriate your vehicle back to the UK after a breakdown in Europe we will require your V5C (also known as a log book) Please bring it with you.

Breakdown or road traffic collision on a motorway in France or Mainland Europe

Motorways in France and many other European countries are privately managed. If your vehicle breaks down or is in a road traffic collision on a French motorway, motorway service area, or other European private motorway, you must use the roadside emergency telephones as we cannot send assistance. If the vehicle is recovered by the police or authorised motorway services, you may have to pay labour and towing charges on the spot and a standard tariff is normally applied.

We will reimburse these charges as long as the vehicle is towed to the recovery company's depot. This may also apply to other roads, so we recommend you use the emergency phones where available. If they will not send a breakdown recovery vehicle, you should contact us.

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European Breakdown Cover

This consists of:

- A Breakdown Policy a contract of insurance between you and the insurer - RAC Insurance Limited provides insurance for all sections of this booklet.
- An arrangement and administration contract

 a contract for services between you and RAC
 Financial Services Limited (RACFS) as arranger and administrator, set out in Part 2 of this booklet.
 Fees are payable for the services of RACFS and will be made clear to you in advance of purchase.
- A Schedule detailing the level of cover chosen, and the cost. The schedule will detail the premium, the fees, and any other charges payable, and will be made clear in advance of purchase, and will be provided to you by RACFS following purchase.

Definition of Words

These definitions apply, independently, to both contracts in this European Breakdown Cover booklet:

- Part 1 Breakdown Policy;
- Part 2 Arrangement and Administration Contract; and
- Your Data

Any words in bold appearing throughout this policy booklet have a specific meaning which we explain below.

"accident" means a specific or sudden incident for which you were not at fault and another party was at fault that causes you bodily injury;

"approved garage" means a garage in the UK that has been approved by us:

"beyond economical repair" means where the total cost required to repair the vehicle, including any taxes, is greater than the market value of the vehicle. If the vehicle has broken down in Europe, the total cost required to repair the vehicle will be based on the estimate for repair provided by the service provider in the applicable country in Europe where the breakdown has occurred;

"breakdown"/"break down"/"broken down" means an event during the policy period, that stops the vehicle from being driven because of a mechanical or electrical failure including as a result of battery failure but not as a result of a mis-fuel, road traffic collision, fire, flood, theft, acts of vandalism, any driver induced fault, flat tyres or any key related issue;

"caravan"/"trailer" means any caravan or trailer that is less than (a) 3.5 tonnes; (b) 7.0 metres long including a tow bar; (c) 2.55 metres wide; and (d) 3 metres high;

"claim"

- For Section 9 European Legal Care, means an incident which we accept as falling within the terms of European Legal Care and which in our reasonable opinion is the first incident that could lead to a claim being made; or
- For all other sections of this policy means each separate request for service or benefit under any section of this policy;

"driver induced fault" means any fault caused by actions or omissions of the driver of the vehicle, except battery failure;

"Europe" means the countries within the territorial zone that applies to your cover, please see the territorial zones table on page 6;

"home" means the address in the UK where you live permanently, as shown on your schedule:

"journey" means a trip to Europe which begins on departure from home on or after the start date and ends on return home during the policy period;

"legal costs" means:

- the reasonable, proportionate and properly incurred fees, expenses, costs and disbursements incurred by you and agreed by us in pursuing or defending a claim; and/or
- the reasonable costs of a third party for which you are ordered to pay by the court or are agreed by us and which are incurred in connection with legal proceedings:

"legal proceedings" means the pursuit of a claim for uninsured losses or damages either by negotiation or by civil, tribunal or arbitration proceedings within a court in the UK or Europe, or the defence of a motoring prosecution within a court of criminal jurisdiction in the UK or Europe;

"legal representative" means the solicitors or other qualified experts appointed by us to act for you provided that they agree:

- 1. to try to recover all legal costs from the other party;
- not to submit any claim for legal costs until the end of the case: and
- 3. to keep us informed, in writing, of the progress of legal proceedings;

"market value" means the market value in the UK, as reasonably determined by us in accordance with published industry data (using Glass's Guide or other appropriate trade vehicle valuation guide), of a vehicle based upon one of equivalent age, make, recorded mileage and model;

"passengers" means the driver and up to 8 people travelling with you for the whole duration of your journey, or if you have paid a supplement means the driver and up to 16 people travelling with you for the whole duration of your journey;

"planned departure date" means the date when you intend to begin your journey. We may ask for proof of this:

"policy" means the breakdown policy that is subject to the terms and conditions in Part 1 of this Policy booklet together with the **schedule**;

"policy period" means the length of time for which your policy is in force as shown on your schedule;

"RAC"/"we"/"us"/"our"

- For the breakdown policy under Part 1 Sections 1 to 9 means RAC Insurance Limited;
- For Your Data, means RAC Motoring Services, RAC Insurance Limited and RAC Financial Services Limited;
- 3. For Additional Services means RAC Motoring Services and RAC Insurance Limited; and

4. In each case any person employed or engaged to provide certain services on their behalf;

"RACFS" means RAC Financial Services Limited;

"reimburse"/"reimbursement" means reimbursement by RAC under the reimbursement process as set out on page 5;

"road traffic collision"

- For Section 9 European Legal Care, means a traffic collision involving a vehicle and at least one other motor vehicle on a public highway, private road or a car park to which the public has an uninterrupted right of access for which you were not at fault and another party was at fault; and
- In all other cases means a traffic collision involving a vehicle within the UK and Europe that immobilises the vehicle:

"schedule" means the document entitled "Schedule" containing important details about the **policy** types and levels of cover:

"specialist resource" means resource or equipment that is not normally carried by our patrols, but is required to complete a repair or recovery, for example a crane, tractor or locksmith;

"start date" means the date that this policy begins, or renews, as shown on your schedule;

"UK" means England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, and for the purpose of this **policy** includes Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man;

"uninsured losses" means your losses directly arising out of a road traffic collision or bodily injury due to an accident, that are not covered by insurance;

"vehicle" means a **UK** registered vehicle that complies with the following specifications:

- 1. It is either a car, light van, motorhome, or minibus that is less than
 - 3.5 tonnes;
 - 7.0 metres long including a tow bar;
 - 2.55 metres wide;
 - 3 metres high; or
- 2. It is a motorcycle over 121cc and is not a mobility scooter.

"you"/"your" means the person taking out the policy and any additional members as named on the schedule.

Part 1 - Breakdown Policy

Important information about your policy

- This policy is intended to offer services in the event your vehicle breaks down or is in a road traffic collision whist you are using the vehicle on a journey from the UK to Europe. It meets the demands and needs of those who wish to ensure these risks are met now and in the future.
- There are three levels of cover. The one you have chosen is listed on your schedule. Please make sure this is correct.
- There are general conditions set out on page 10 that apply to all sections. There are also specific conditions that are set out in each section. You must meet all of these conditions.

Policy Types

We have two types of cover

- 1. Personal Based
 - This covers you as a driver or a passenger in any vehicle. This is only available if you have personal based UK breakdown cover with us. The only cover level available is Comprehensive.
- 2. Vehicle Based

This covers the **vehicle/s** shown on **your schedule** if registered at **your home** address. The **vehicle** is covered whoever is driving. This is available for all cover levels.

Policy Period

You can choose from:

- Single Trip the policy period is set out on the schedule and covers one journey; or
- 2. Annual the **policy period** is annual from the date set out on the **schedule** and covers multiple **journeys**.

Levels of Cover

We have 3 levels of cover available under this policy

- 1. Standard;
- 2. Comprehensive; and
- 3. Comprehensive Plus.

Limits of Cover

Cover under this **policy** is subject to certain limits:

- The maximum number of claims that you can make under each section depends on the level of cover you have chosen. Please see your schedule;
- 2. Annual trip cover has a limit on the maximum number of **claims** that can be made:
 - a. during the policy period; and
 - b. in one iournev:
- Annual trip cover includes unlimited journeys during the policy period, but each journey is limited to a maximum of 90 days;
- 4. Single trip cover is limited to one journey during the policy period;
- Each request for service will be counted as a claim, but requests for service relating to the same breakdown or road traffic collision will count as one claim. Once claim limits are reached we will not provide any further service under the relevant section of this policy.

Reimbursement

Under some sections, we may agree to you paying for the service up front and claiming this back from us. To do so, please visit www.rac.co.uk/europeanclaimform. If you have any queries please contact us on 0333 202 1877. Please send your completed claim form within 90 days of your planned return date with proof of payment (such as a receipt) to us using the contact details on the form. We may ask you to supply original documents.

<u>Please note:</u> any costs that are not arranged through **us** or agreed by **us** will not be reimbursed.

Caravans and Trailers

If you are towing a caravan or trailer and we have agreed to cover this, as set out on your schedule, we will provide the benefits available to the vehicle under the policy in respect of the caravan or trailer. We cannot arrange a replacement caravan or trailer, nor can we usually hire vehicles with tow bars so you may need to leave the caravan or trailer with the vehicle while it is being repaired. It may become necessary to bring the caravan or trailer back to the UK together with the vehicle, if the vehicle cannot be repaired abroad by the planned return date.

Important

Please note that caravans and trailers are only covered when attached to your vehicle when the breakdown occurs. Please also note that trailers, where covered, do not include anything being carried on the trailer, and the benefits under this policy do not extend to them.

Hire Car Terms

Certain sections of this **policy** include the supply of a hire car. Where a hire car is available as a covered benefit, the following terms apply:

Covered

- We will arrange for the hire of a small hatchback car. We will try to find a hire car close in size to your vehicle, but cannot guarantee this. If your vehicle has more seats than the hire car we provide, and you require more seats, we may need to provide two cars;
- 2. If you are not eligible for a hire car arranged by us for any reason, such as you do not meet the hire car provider's terms (e.g. you have certain types of endorsement on your licence or you are under 21), or we are unable to provide you with a hire car that enables you to continue your journey, and you choose to hire a car yourself, let us know, and then provided we have agreed the cost beforehand, we will reimburse you up to the amount set out in your schedule;
- 3. Where we arrange a hire car we will pay the insurance and collision damage waiver (this covers the cost of damage but there may still be an excess). If you leave the hire car at a different location to the one arranged by us, you will need to pay the hire car company any additional costs.

Important

In order to arrange a hire car the provider will require both a valid, full UK driving licence and a credit card in the drivers' name.

Not Covered

- We will not provide any specific car type, model or accessories, including tow bars;
- Crossing a border from one country to another, unless agreed with us and permitted by the hire car provider. You may need to change vehicles;
- We will not provide breakdown cover for the hire car; and
- 4. Any cost of:
 - a. delivery and collection of the hire car and any fuel used;
 - b. fuel while using the hire car; or
 - c. any insurance excess and additional costs.

Territorial Zones

Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
All cover levels		Comprehensive & Comprehensive Plus
Andorra	Austria	Albania
Belgium	Denmark	Armenia
France	Finland	Azerbaijan
Germany	Gibraltar	Belarus
Luxembourg	Italy	Bosnia Herzegovina
Monaco	Liechtenstein	Bulgaria
Netherlands	Norway	Croatia
Republic of Ireland	Portugal	Cyprus (South)
	San Marino	Czech Republic
	Spain (excluding Ceuta, Melilla) and the Canary Islands	Estonia
	Sweden	Georgia
	Switzerland	Greece
	Vatican City	Hungary
		Kosovo
		Latvia
		Lithuania
		Malta
		Moldova
		Montenegro
		Republic of North Macedonia
		Poland
		Romania
		Russian Mainland (west of the Urals)
		Serbia
		Slovakia
		Slovenia
		Turkey in Europe plus Uskudar
		Ukraine

Your Cover

Section 1: Roadside assistance in the UK

Please see your schedule to check whether your policy includes cover under this section.

Covered

If your vehicle breaks down within the UK more than $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from your home and prior to the planned departure date or on your journey we will send help to either.

- Repair the vehicle at the roadside. This could be a permanent or temporary repair; or
- If we are unable to repair the vehicle at the roadside, we will recover the vehicle and the passengers:
 - a. to an approved garage; or
 - b. to another local garage; or
 - c. back to your home.

We will also relay any urgent messages from **you** to a contact of **your** choice.

Not Covered

- 1. The cost of any parts;
- 2. The fitting of parts, including batteries, supplied by anyone other than **us**;
- Any breakdown resulting from a fault that we have previously attended, and:
 - a. the original fault has not been properly repaired; or
 - b. you have not followed our advice after a temporary repair;
- Cover under this section if you have a UK breakdown policy with us, as cover will be provided under that policy.

Section 2: Onward travel in the UK

Please see your schedule to check whether your policy includes cover under this section.

Covered

If we attend a breakdown under Section 1 or under your UK breakdown cover and we cannot fix your vehicle by your planned departure date and:

- you are within the time scale set out in your schedule; and
- 2. limited to the maximum amount set out in your schedule

we will arrange a hire car for the continuation of your journey or until your vehicle has been fixed if sooner, and we will transport one person to our nearest hire car supplier to collect the vehicle.

Section 3: Roadside assistance in Europe

We will cover you up to the limit shown on your schedule.

Covered

If your vehicle breaks down in Europe during a journey, we will send help to either:

- Repair the vehicle at the roadside. This could be a permanent or temporary repair; or
- If we are unable to repair the vehicle at the roadside, we will:
 - a. recover the vehicle and passengers to a local garage for fault diagnosis on the vehicle;
 - b. pay for the initial fault diagnosis to find the next course of action:
 - c. contribute towards the garage labour charges up to the amount on your schedule;
 - d. help you purchase replacement parts if they cannot be found locally, and pay for them to be delivered; and
 - e. we will also relay any urgent messages from you to a contact of your choice.

Not Covered

- Repair costs if the vehicle repair costs will be more than its market value;
- 2. The cost of any parts.

Please note:

- By claiming under this section you are authorising us and the garage to undertake fault diagnosis.
- On rare occasions we may not be able to attempt to repair the vehicle at the roadside. Instead we will recover the vehicle and passengers to a local garage to enable us to provide cover under this section.

Section 4: Missed connection

Please see **your schedule** to check whether **your policy** includes cover under this section.

Covered

If we attend a breakdown under Sections 1 or 3 and you miss your pre-booked connection, we will reimburse you for the costs of a replacement standard class ticket to allow the passengers to continue the journey.

Not Covered

- 1. The cost of:
 - a. connections where you are not travelling in the vehicle;
 - transport to a destination outside of the territorial zone covered by your policy as set out in your schedule; or
 - c. the original travel ticket.

Section 5: Onward travel in Europe

We will cover you up to the limit shown on your schedule.

Covered

If your vehicle has a breakdown during a journey in Europe and we establish that the repairs cannot be completed within 6 hours, we will help you by making arrangements for the passengers to continue the journey. You can choose one of the following options, based on your circumstances and subject to availability:

- 1. Hire car; or
- 2. Alternative transport; or
- 3. Additional accommodation expenses.

If you have comprehensive plus cover you are entitled to additional accommodation expenses, in addition to either a hire car or alternative transport.

Not Covered

The cost of transporting you and your passengers to collect your hire car, getting to a station or travel to your hotel.

Cover under this section will stop once:

- The vehicle has been repaired to a roadworthy condition; or
- The decision to bring your vehicle home is made by us; or
- 3. Once we establish that the repair costs to your vehicle exceed its market value.

Once you are notified of cover ending, if you have a hire car, you must return it to the place agreed with us within 24 hours. You can keep the hire car for longer if you agree this with us first and pay for it.

1. Hire car

Covered

A hire car as a replacement until your vehicle has been fixed, up to the limits in this policy and schedule. Please see hire car terms on page 6.

2. Alternative transport

Covered

A standard class ticket up to the limits in this **policy** and **schedule** for travel by air, rail, taxi or public transport.

3. Additional accommodation expenses Covered

We will arrange and pay for additional accommodation expenses if you are unable to use your pre-arranged accommodation, up to the limits in this policy and schedule.

Not Covered

Accommodation where **you** have suitable alternative accommodation **you** can use.

Getting your passengers home

We will provide alternative transport as above to get the passengers back home if:

- Your vehicle is brought back home under Section 6: or
- 2. Once we establish that the repair costs to your vehicle exceed its market value under Section 6.

Section 6: Getting your vehicle home

We will cover you up to the limit shown on your schedule.

Covered

If we attend a breakdown in Europe under Section 3 and the vehicle cannot be repaired before your planned return to the UK, we will arrange and pay for:

 Recovery of the vehicle to a single destination of your choice within the UK; and

- 2. Storage charges for the **vehicle** whilst awaiting the **vehicle** to be returned to the **UK**; or
- If your vehicle is repaired in Europe, the cost of one person to travel to collect the vehicle by standard class rail, air fare or public transport and a contribution towards room only accommodation up to £50 per day;
- If the cost of repairing the vehicle is greater than its market value as a result of a breakdown and it has to be disposed of abroad under Customs supervision, we will pay the cost of the import duty;
- Reimbursement for a hire car in the UK once we have brought passengers home under Section 5 until your vehicle is brought back to the UK, up to the amount set out in your schedule.

We will take the passengers in the vehicle home under Section 5 (Onward Travel in Europe).

It is **our** decision whether to get **your broken down vehicle home** or have it repaired locally, unless **you** have comprehensive plus and repair costs exceed £500 in which case **you** can choose.

Not Covered

- 1. Any costs:
 - a. if your vehicle is beyond economical repair
 - b. covered under your motor insurance;
 - c. relating to storage once you have been notified that your vehicle is ready to collect; and
 - d. incurred as a result of actions or omissions of your motor insurers;
- 2. We will not take the vehicle back home if:
 - a. the vehicle is roadworthy; or
 - a customs officer or other official finds any contents in your vehicle that are not legal in that country:
- Any import duties not relating to the vehicle, for example relating to items carried in the vehicle;
- We will not cover the costs of fuel, insurance or meals;
- 5. We will only cover costs under this section to the amount set out on your schedule, so if you want us to bring the vehicle home and the costs of bringing the vehicle home exceed your level of cover you will need to pay any costs above your level of cover before we make arrangements.

<u>Important</u>

- Following our authorisation, it can take up to 14
 working days for the vehicle to be delivered back
 to the UK. At busy times and from some countries
 it may take longer.
- If we do not bring your vehicle back to the UK, you
 will have 10 weeks in which to advise us of how you
 wish to recover or dispose of it. If you do not contact
 us within 10 weeks we will dispose of it at your cost.

Section 7: Vehicle break-in emergency repairs

Please see **your schedule** to check whether **your policy** includes cover under this section.

Before claiming under this section **you** must report the break-in to the police within 24 hours in order to obtain a written report.

Covered

If the vehicle suffers damage to windows, windscreens or locks caused by forcible entry or attempted forcible entry, although this is not a breakdown we will reimburse you, up to the amount on your schedule, for:

- immediate emergency costs incurred in order to continue your journey: or
- the costs of recovering the vehicle to a local repairer to ensure your vehicle is secure and roadworthy.

Not Covered

- 1. The cost of any parts.
- 2. Any benefits under any other section of this policy.

Section 8: Replacement driver

Please see your schedule to check whether your policy includes cover under this section.

Covered

Although this is not covered as a **breakdown** under **this policy**, if **you** suddenly or unexpectedly fall ill or **you** are injured during **your journey** in **Europe**, meaning **you** are unable to drive, **we** will provide a replacement driver to allow **you** to continue **your journey** or return **home**.

We will require written confirmation from the treating hospital or medical expert that you are unable to drive.

Not Covered

- If there is another qualified driver who is a passenger and who is fit and legally able to drive the vehicle.
- 2. Any benefits under any other section of this policy.

Section 9: European Legal Care

Please let us know as soon as possible if you think you may need to claim. If you do not, this may prejudice your claim and may mean we are unable to cover you. Just call us on 0333 202 2981 first for help and advice.

Uninsured Loss Recovery

Covered

If you are involved in an accident or road traffic collision in the UK or Europe during a journey for which you are not at fault, and you have uninsured losses, for example your motor insurance excess, that you need to recover, we will:

- Provide you with help and advice. You must call our helpline straight away, as we will not be able to cover legal costs that have not been agreed by us first;
- 2. Put you in touch with our legal representative, who will assess your claim; and
- 3. If our legal representative, in their reasonable opinion, agrees your claim has a 51% or greater

chance of succeeding, we will cover you for legal costs, up to a maximum of £100,000 per claim.

Not covered

 We do not cover legal costs if your uninsured losses include a claim for personal injury compensation and our legal representative assesses, in their reasonable opinion that your case would fall under the Small Claims Track of the County Court, or equivalent outside of England and Wales.

Legal Defence

Covered

If you have received a summons to attend a magistrates' court (or equivalent court outside of England and Wales) for an alleged motoring offence involving your vehicle and occurring in the UK or Europe during a journey, and you wish to defend this allegation, we will:

- Provide you with help and advice. You must call our helpline straight away, as we will not be able to cover legal costs that have not been agreed by us first;
- 2. Put you in touch with our legal representative, who will assess your case; and
- If in their reasonable opinion, our legal representative agrees you have a 51% or greater chance of successfully defending the alleged offence, we will appoint and pay for a barrister or suitable representative to defend you, up to a maximum of £25,000 per claim.

Not Covered

We cannot provide help if your summons relates to an alcohol, drugs or parking related offence.

Travel Costs

Covered

If you are required to travel to Europe for a medical examination or to attend court, we will reimburse you up to £1000 per claim, providing:

- The road traffic collision, accident or traffic offence, occurred in Europe;
- It is for a claim we have accepted under the Uninsured Loss Recovery or Legal Defence sections: and
- 3. Your costs are reasonable, for example you do not purchase first class tickets where standard class is available

Please contact **us** as soon as **you** are aware **you** may need to travel. **We** must agree to the travel costs before they are incurred.

Conditions for European Legal Care

- Legal claims can be complex and technical. You
 must follow our advice to continue to receive
 funding from us. If you do not (for example, you
 go against our advice, fail to co-operate with
 our reasonable requests, delay the claim, do not
 submit legal costs to us straight away or take any
 other action that may harm your case) we may
 withdraw cover:
- 2. We will not provide cover for appeals;

- 3. We will not cover legal costs:
 - a. that have not been agreed by **us** or were incurred prior to **us** accepting the **claim**;
 - b. for claims arising from:
 - faults in in the vehicle or faulty, incomplete or incorrect service, maintenance or repair of the vehicle; or
 - ii. a road traffic collision occurring during a race, rally or competition;
- 4. We may withdraw cover if at any point your claim has less than a 51% chance of succeeding;
- 5. You must always keep any losses you incur to a minimum; ensure you take steps to prevent any loss in the first place and do not do anything that could unnecessarily increase your losses or prejudice your claim. If you do not, we may not cover you and it may affect your ability to claim. Please speak to us if in doubt;
- We will need to be able to speak directly to any legal representative appointed, or agreed by us, even if this is one you have chosen;
- 7. Whilst we must appoint the legal representative, you may choose your own if it becomes necessary to start court proceedings, or if there is a conflict of interest. If you wish to do this, please tell us their name and address so we can consider your request. If for any reason we cannot agree to your suggested legal representative, we will ask the Law Society of England and Wales (or similar body) to name one;
- 8. If you have a dispute with us or complaint about the service provided by us or a legal representative we appoint, please let us know using our complaints procedure. Please note however, this policy will not cover your legal costs in connection with this; and
- We may decide not to issue legal proceedings, but instead pay you directly for your claim, for example, where the legal costs of your claim are greater than the value of your claim.

Additional Services

In the UK

If you have a road traffic collision in the UK, we will send help to the vehicle but you will be liable for this cost. We will try to recover this from your own insurer or the other party's insurer where possible so you don't have to pay.

If your vehicle cannot be driven for a reason other than a breakdown or road traffic collision, for example if you have a driver induced fault, we will send help to the vehicle. If we cannot get you going again, we will recover the vehicle and passengers up to 10 miles. Any equipment or specialist resource required by us to repair or arrange the recovery of the vehicle will be chargeable.

In Europe

If your vehicle cannot be driven due to the following reasons, we will attend and recover your vehicle and passengers to a local garage:

- 1. a road traffic collision;
- 2. if you have put the wrong fuel in the vehicle;
- 3. if your vehicle has run out of fuel (or charge in an electric vehicle); or
- if your vehicle has a flat tyre. If you have Comprehensive Plus and the local garage is closed or does not have a tyre for your vehicle in stock, requiring it to be ordered, we will provide Additional Accommodation Expenses under Section 5.

If your keys are locked in the vehicle, we will get them out if possible, but we are not liable if damage is caused to the vehicle in doing so.

UK & Europe

We may provide additional services that are not included in your policy but we will charge you for these, for example to:

- Pay for specialist resource to complete the repairs;
- 2. Extend the hire time for a replacement car; or
- 3. Arrange a second or extended recovery.

We will agree the costs up front and will need full payment before we can help. If you are shown as the Lead Member on the schedule, you will be responsible for any additional charges. If there is any problem with payment, we reserve the right to invoice you. This is why we request proof of identity at the scene. You are not entitled to benefits under any other section of this policy.

General Conditions

The following conditions apply to all sections of this **policy**, if **you** do not comply **we** can **refuse** cover and/ or cancel your **policy**.

- 1. You must pay your premium;
- You must request services directly from us, or agree them with us as we will only provide cover if we make arrangements to help you, or if you make arrangements where we have agreed them in advance;
- You must be a permanent resident in the UK during the period of cover;
- Claims made more than 24 hours after the breakdown may be declined in part or completely;
- 5. Where the breakdown is caused by a component failure this must stop the vehicle from working, so for example an air-conditioning failure in itself does not constitute a breakdown, and the illumination of a warning light does not always constitute a breakdown:
- Where we deem, acting reasonably, that you requested service to avoid the cost of repairing the vehicle, we will not provide cover;
- If your policy is personal based you must be with the vehicle at the time of breakdown and when we attend. For both personal and vehicle based policies there must be a driver with the vehicle when we attend;
- 8. You are responsible at all times for the care of your personal belongings, valuables, luggage,

- goods, vehicles, and boats in or on a **vehicle**. **We** will not be responsible for any loss of or damage to them:
- 9. Anyone under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a legal and qualified driver who is 17 or over;
- 10. We will not allow animals in our vehicles. Any animals can remain in your vehicle at your own risk. We will not be liable for any injury to animals, or damage caused by them. We will not transport livestock. We will not be responsible for any costs relating to animals;
- 11. The vehicle must not carry more passengers than the number stated in the vehicle's Registration Document. Each passenger must have a separate fixed seat fitted to the manufacturer's specification and any child must occupy a properly fitted child seat;
- 12. Where we provide service under this policy, this does not mean that we are confirming the legal and roadworthy condition of the vehicle. This remains your responsibility;
- 13. We will not be responsible for any losses that you incur following a breakdown that are not expressly covered by this policy. For example, we will not pay for any loss of earnings or missed appointments;
- 14. We will not cover any claim for any repairs to a vehicle which are not essential in order to continue the journey;
- 15. Any claim which you could make under any other insurance policy. If the value of your claim is more than you can recover under another policy we may pay the difference, subject to the limits as set out in this policy and the schedule:
- 16. You must make sure the vehicle meets all relevant laws of the countries you visit during a journey;
- 17. How we calculate the exchange rate:
 - Any costs incurred directly by us in a currency other than GBP will be converted to GBP at the exchange rate used by us at the time;
 - Costs incurred by you in a currency other than GBP which are recoverable from us will be converted to GBP either:
 - i. at the exchange rate used by **your** credit or debit provider; or
 - ii. at the exchange rate used by us when we receive your claim form if you paid in cash;
- 18. We do not guarantee that recovery to any garage will be during opening hours, or that repairs can start immediately. Whilst we will try to check that the garage will undertake the type of repairs required, we cannot quarantee this.
- 19. The contract for repairs will be between you and the garage/repairer. We will not take responsibility for any acts or omissions of the garage/repairer.
- 20. Where we arrange a hire car, taxi, hotel or similar benefit under this policy, we will always try to find a suitable option that is available at the time. however:
 - we are not responsible for the quality or service of each individual hotel, train or taxi booked; and

- for hire cars, whilst we use reputable companies, we are unable to and cannot be responsible for checking the condition of each vehicle or the quality of service provided by each company;
- 21. If, following a breakdown, your vehicle needs to be repaired, you must not delay or refuse repairs whilst you are in Europe. If you do, and in our reasonable opinion that would lead to additional costs being incurred, we reserve the right to refuse to provide cover under section 5 (Onward Travel) or section 6 (Getting your vehicle home);
- 22. If the breakdown is caused by flooding brought about by adverse weather we will only arrange for the vehicle to be taken to a local repairer. All further service will be an additional cost paid by you, or must be referred to your vehicle's motor insurer:
- 23. During extreme weather, riots, war, civil unrest, industrial disputes, or circumstances which may lead to a breach of our Health and Safety duties our services can be interrupted. We will resume our service to you as soon as we can in these circumstances;
- 24. The cost of the following is not covered by this **policy**:
 - a. specialist resource;
 - tolls, ferries or congestion charges for your vehicle and our vehicle;
 - c. any damage to glass even if the damage means you cannot legally or safely drive. We will arrange transport to a local garage so you can arrange to get your vehicle fixed but you will have to pay for this;
 - d. spare tyres and wheels and repairing or sourcing them;
 - recovery by someone other than RAC. If
 the emergency services, local authority or
 any government agency are handling the
 breakdown, we will only attend and provide
 recovery once instructed to do so by them.
- 25. In handling breakdown claims there may be more than one option available to you under this policy. We will decide which is the most appropriate option based on our expertise in breakdown situations. In doing so we will act in consultation with you, and act reasonably at all times;
- 26. Your vehicle must be privately owned and only used for private use, including use for social, domestic and pleasure purposes and commuting to and from a permanent place of work;
- 27. This policy does not cover:
 - a. routine servicing, maintenance or assembly of your vehicle;
 - b. vehicle storage charges, other than under Section 6;
 - c. caravan or trailers, except as described on page 6;
 - d. your vehicle if it is used for business even if you are using it for personal use at the time of breakdown;
 - e. the hire of minibuses, motorhomes, motorcycles, caravans, trailers or vans;

- f. breakdowns resulting from activities that are not subject to the normal rules of the road for example rallies, stock car racing, use of the Nürburgring or other formal or informal race events:
- g. breakdowns that occur off the public highway to which you or we have no legal access;
- h. overloading of a **vehicle** under the laws in any country in which the **vehicle** is travelling;
- your vehicle if it is not legally taxed, insured and holding a valid MOT which is required by law or is not being used in line with manufacturer's guidelines;
- j. vehicles that are not in a roadworthy condition. If we consider, acting reasonably, that the vehicle is not in a legal or roadworthy condition, we can refuse to provide service. If you can demonstrate that the vehicle is roadworthy we will provide service;
- breakdowns or road traffic collisions caused by running out of oil or water, frost damage or rust or corrosion; or
- any claim that is or may be affected by the influence of alcohol or drugs;
- 28. If you are asked to review and approve a document recording the condition of your vehicle, including an electronic form, it is your responsibility to ensure that the record is accurate and complete, and we will not be responsible for any errors or omissions.

Cancellation of your policy

Your right to cancel

- 1. If your policy period is less than 30 days, you can cancel your policy prior to the start date however no refund will be given.
- 2. If your policy period is 30 days or more, you can cancel your policy within the cooling off period, which is either 14 days from the start date or the date you receive your policy documents, whichever is later. We will only cancel your policy when authorised by the Lead Member as shown on your schedule.

If you do this, we will cancel the policy with immediate effect from the day you request it and we will refund your premium in full, unless you have made a claim.

If you cancel after the cooling off period, we will refund your premium, less an amount to reflect the time you have already been covered. However:

- You will not receive any refund if you have made a claim during the policy period; and
- b. **We** will not refund any arrangement and administration fee **you** have paid.

The amount of the arrangement and administration fee will be shown on **your schedule**.

Cancelling a Direct Debit will not always cancel **your policy**, so in order to cancel **you** must contact Customer Services.

Our right to cancel

- If any premium for the policy is not paid by the relevant date as stated on your schedule, we will notify you. All payments must be paid within 28 days of the relevant date. If not we may cancel your policy;
- We may cancel the policy at any time and refund your premium, less an amount for the time you have been covered. In the event of misuse of the policy, however, we will not refund any premium: and
- 3. We may cancel a continuous policy by writing to you 3 months before the date when we intend to end the policy.

Misuse of your policy

You must not:

- Behave inappropriately towards us, including acting in a threatening or abusive manner, whether verbally or physically;
- Persuade or attempt to persuade us into a dishonest or illegal act;
- 3. Omit to tell **us** important facts about a **breakdown** in order to obtain a service;
- 4. Provide false information in order to obtain a service;
- Knowingly allow someone that is not covered by your policy to try and obtain a service under this policy; or
- Pay for additional services or goods in the knowledge that the payment has or will fail, with no intention of providing alternative payment.

If these conditions are not complied with, we may:

- Restrict the cover available to you at the next renewal;
- 2. Restrict the payment methods available to you;
- Refuse to provide any services to you under this policy with immediate effect;
- 4. Immediately cancel this policy; and
- 5. Refuse to sell any policy or services to **you** in the future.

We may also take any of the additional steps as set out above if any claim is found to be fraudulent in any way, and the policy will be cancelled with effect from the date of the fraudulent act, and the fraudulent claim forfeited. We will not refund any premium. We will notify you in writing if we decide to take any of the above steps.

Renewing your policy

Renewal of an annual policy

Before the end of your policy period we will write to you to confirm whether your policy may be renewed with us along with any changes to the premium or terms and conditions for the next policy period.

Renewal of a single trip policy

We will not offer renewal on single trip policies.

Auto Renewal

If you have authorised us to hold onto your account details, we will automatically renew your policy and collect the premium that is due. If you do not wish us to do this please contact us as soon as possible and before the renewal date.

If your card details have changed, we will look to update your card details from your card provider to let us renew your policy.

If you have informed us you do not want to automatically renew your policy and you have not authorised us to keep your account details, we will not renew your policy and it will expire at the end of the policy period.

Changes to your details

You must let us know immediately if you need to change anything on your policy. We will only make the changes when authorised by the Lead Member as shown on your schedule. You will be sent a revised schedule. Changes that you can make include:

- 1. Change to vehicle;
- 2. Change to another territorial zone; or
- 3. Increase the number of people covered under this **policy**.

Please see our Contact Information.

We will not change your policy into someone else's name. If you cancel your policy for any reason, the whole policy will be cancelled and others on your policy will no longer be covered by us. We will be able to set up a new policy for the others if required.

All communications from **us** shall be deemed duly received if sent to the most recent address provided to **us** by **you**.

Complaints

We are committed to providing excellent service. However, **we** realise that there are occasions when **you** feel **you** did not receive the service **you** expected.

If you are unhappy with our services relating to Part 1 of this policy booklet such as services at or following a breakdown, please contact us as follows:

	Telephone	In Writing
Breakdown related Complaints	0333 202 1877	Breakdown Customer care RAC Financial Services Limited Great Park Road Bradley Stoke Bristol BS32 4QN breakdowncustomercare @rac.co.uk
European Legal Care related Complaints	0330 159 0610	Legal Customer Care (Address as above) legalcustomercare@ rac.co.uk

If you are unhappy with our services relating to Part 2 of this policy booklet such as sales, arrangement and administration of your policy, please see page 13.

A dispute relating to goods or services sold online can also be submitted to the European Commission Online Dispute Resolution Service ("ODR") via their website: http://ec.europa.eu/consumers/odr/. The ODR is a platform which helps customers who have purchased goods or services online in the EU if a dispute arises. The ODR platform will send your complaint to a certified Alternative Dispute Resolution Provider who works with the parties to solve the problem.

<u>Please note:</u> for qualifying financial services products purchased in the UK this will be the UK's Financial Ombudsman Service.

Financial Ombudsman Service

In the event that we cannot resolve your complaint to your satisfaction under the complaints process set out above, you may in certain circumstances be entitled to refer your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service at the following address:

The Financial Ombudsman Service Exchange Tower London E14 9SR

0800 023 4567 / 0300 123 9123

complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

The Financial Ombudsman Service will only consider your complaint once you have tried to resolve it with us.

Using this complaints procedure will not affect **your** legal rights.

Financial Services Compensation Scheme

RAC Insurance Limited is covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). If it is unable to meet its obligations under the relevant Sections of cover, **you** may be entitled to compensation from the FSCS.

Further information about FSCS arrangements is available from the FSCS website www.fscs.org.uk.

Law

The parties are free to choose the law applicable to this **policy**. Unless specifically agreed to the contrary, these contracts will be subject to the laws of England and Wales. Unless otherwise agreed, the contractual terms and conditions (including this policy booklet and the **schedule**) and other information relating to this contract will be in English.

Part 2 – Arrangement and Administration Contract

RAC Arrangement and Administration Contract

This is the contract between RAC Financial Services Limited (Registered No: 05171817) Registered Office: RAC House, Brockhurst Crescent, Walsall, WS5 4AW and you under which we will arrange and administer the RAC breakdown policy on your behalf (the "arrangement and administration contract").

1. When does this arrangement and administration contract start and end?

This arrangement and administration contract relates to our services in arranging and administering your RAC breakdown policy. Our services will start at the same time as your RAC breakdown policy and will continue for the same period of time. This is set out in your schedule. If your RAC breakdown policy is terminated or is cancelled for any reason, then no further services can be delivered under this arrangement and administration contract, which will be terminated or cancelled automatically at the same time. This arrangement and administration contract cannot be terminated or cancelled independently of the RAC breakdown policy.

2. Who owns and regulates RACFS?

RACFS is owned by RAC Group Limited (Registered No 00229121). Registered in England; Registered Offices: RAC House, Brockhurst Crescent, Walsall, WS5 4AW.

RACFS is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA). Our FCA registration number is 313989. The FCA is an independent body that regulates the financial services industry in the UK. RACFS's permitted business is that of an insurance intermediary that arranges and administers contracts of general insurance. You can check this information on the Financial Services Register by visiting the website https://register.fca.org.uk/ or by contacting 0800 111 6768.

3. Which companies does RACFS deal with?

RACFS deals with RAC Insurance Limited (RACIL) which provides European breakdown insurance as set out in the breakdown policy. RACFS acts as an agent of RACIL when selling and renewing the policy. This is the only provider of European breakdown assistance available through RACFS.

4. What services does RACFS provide?

RACFS provides the following services to you:

Arranging breakdown cover:

RACFS will provide you with information on the breakdown cover available from RACIL under the policy and will ask you some questions to help

narrow down the level and type of that breakdown cover of interest to you. Where you purchase the policy through one of our contact centres, you will not receive advice or recommendation on the level or type of breakdown cover to buy. Instead you will need to make your own choice on which level and type of breakdown cover you require.

Once you decide what cover you require, RACFS will arrange this for you with RACIL. These services will include:

- Letting you know the total cost of cover for your policy;
- 2. Arranging payment of the total cost of cover for your policy; and
- 3. Issuing **policy** documentation and membership card(s) to **you**.

Renewal

For annual policies, prior to the end of your policy period RACFS will write to you to explain whether RACIL is renewing your policy and to notify you of any changes that it proposes to make to the cost of cover and the terms and conditions applicable to the policy for the next policy period. RACFS will then arrange the renewal of your policy with RACIL.

For single trip policies, RACFS will contact you after the policy period has expired.

Administering breakdown cover:

After arranging breakdown cover **RACFS** will administer it on **your** behalf, including:

- Supplying replacement policy documentation or membership card(s);
- 2. Notifying RACIL of any changes to **your policy** and keeping **your** records up to date:
- 3. Dealing with enquiries relating to your policy;
- 4. Changing payment methods;
- 5. Managing any cancellation of your policy;
- 6. Collecting premium and other charges and fees due;
- 7. Making changes to the cover you hold. If you wish to change the type or level of cover, RACFS will provide you with information to help you make a decision and will arrange any changes to the policy with RACIL, including arranging any additional payments for the change in cover and issuing any relevant policy documentation and card(s).
- 8. Notifying **you** of any changes made by RACIL to the **policy** terms and conditions; and
- Retaining records as to your cover together with a copy of the policy booklet and schedule that was issued to you.

5. How can you contact RACFS?

If you need to contact RACFS in relation to any of the services set out in Part 2 of this policy booklet and for general enquiries about your policy, please contact us as follows:

Purpose of contact	Phone	In writing
General Enquiry	0330 159 0360	Membership RAC Financial Services Limited Great Park Road Bradley Stoke Bristol BS32 4QN membership@rac.co.uk
Complaints	0330 159 0360	Membership Customer Care Address as above membershipcustomercare @rac.co.uk

If you are unhappy with the services relating to Part 1 of this policy booklet such as services at or following a breakdown, please see page 13.

Call charges apply. Please check with your telephone provider. 03 numbers are charged at national call rates and usually included in inclusive minute plans.

We do not cover the cost of making or receiving telephone calls. Our calls are monitored and/or recorded.

6. What will you have to pay for services provided by RACFS?

As part of the total cost of cover, RACFS may charge you a fixed arrangement and administration fee for providing certain services under this arrangement and administration contract for each policy period. Other services may be provided at no additional charge. This will be made clear to you in advance of entering into the arrangement and administration contract, and any renewal. RACFS will collect the administration fee at the same time that it collects the cost of cover for your RAC policy and using the same payment method. Please see your schedule for more details. The arrangement and administration fee will be identified separately on the schedule.

If this arrangement and administration contract is cancelled or terminated by you as a result of you cancelling your cover during the cooling off period being the 14 day period following the later of:

- a. the start date: or
- b. the date **you** received the RAC **policy** documentation; then

RACFS will refund your arrangement and administration fee in full unless you have made a claim under the policy within this cooling off period. If a claim has been made during this cooling off period no refund will be given. If this administration contract is cancelled or terminated at any other time, no refund will be given.

If your policy period is less than 30 days, RACFS will not refund your arrangement and administration fee.

7. Risk of Insolvency

All money received by RACFS in respect of your breakdown policy is held on behalf of RACIL so that you have no risk in the event of RACFS's insolvency. However, this means that, in the event of RACIL's insolvency, any sums RACFS holds for RACIL are deemed to have been paid to it and will not be returnable to you.

8. Matters outside RACFS's reasonable control

RACFS will not provide any service under this arrangement and administration contract if it is prevented from doing so in circumstances beyond its reasonable control including, without limitation, an act of terrorism, severe weather conditions, the activities of civil or government authorities, third party industrial disputes or internal industrial disputes. In these circumstances RACFS will take steps to prevent or minimise the effects of such circumstances on its services.

9. Exclusion of RACFS' liability

To the extent permitted by law, **RACFS** shall not have any responsibility for:

- 1. Any increased costs or expenses; or
- 2. Any loss of profit; business; contracts; revenue; anticipated savings; or
- For any losses that, in view of your particular circumstances, RACFS could not have anticipated may arise as a result of or in connection with any service provided by us, whether these losses arise in negligence, breach of contract or otherwise.

For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this clause or this arrangement and administration contract shall exclude or restrict the RACFS's liability for negligence resulting in death or personal injury.

10. What to do if you have a complaint

If you are dissatisfied with any aspect of the administration services provided by RACFS under this administration contract, please contact us.

In the event that RACFS cannot resolve your complaint to your satisfaction under the complaints process set out above, you may in certain circumstances be entitled to refer your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service at the following address:

The Financial Ombudsman Service Exchange Tower London E14 9SR

0800 023 4567 / 0300 123 9123

complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

The Financial Ombudsman Service will only consider your complaint once you have tried to resolve it with us.

Using this complaints procedure will not affect **your** legal rights.

11. Is RACFS covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)?

RACFS's activities in arranging and administering your RAC policy are covered by the FSCS. If RACFS cannot meet its obligations you may be entitled to compensation from the FSCS.

Further information about FSCS arrangements is available from the FSCS website www.fscs.org.uk.

12. Use of English law and language

Communication by RACFS to you concerning this administration contract or the policy will be in English. The parties are free to choose the law applicable to this policy. Unless specifically agreed to the contrary, this contract will be subject to the laws of England and Wales.

Your Data

This section provides a short summary of how we collect and use your data and who we share it with. Please refer to our website at rac.co.uk/privacy-policy for full details of how we use your data. Alternatively, you can obtain a copy of our Privacy Policy by using the contact details below.

These terms apply to both contracts in this Policy Booklet: Part 1 - Breakdown Policy and Part 2 - Arrangement and Administration Contract.

What is your data?

There are three types of data we will hold about you:

- Personal data is information we hold on our records which identifies you. This includes your name, address, email address and telephone number;
- We will also hold data about you that is not personal, for example, information about your vehicle: and
- A small number of our products and services require us to collect and store special categories of personal data. We will only ask for this data when it is absolutely necessary and in accordance with data protection laws.

How we obtain and collect your data

Your data may be collected in a number of different ways. For example, when you apply for RAC Membership through our website or over the phone, contact us through social media or make a claim under your policy. We will always need to collect, store and use information about you to be able to provide you with your policy.

Please note, if **you** do not provide **your** data **we** will be unable to provide **you** with cover, as well as services related to administering **your policy**.

How we will use your data

We will use your data for the administration of your policy, for example, helping you if you make a claim. We may disclose your personal data to our service providers who provide help under your policy.

We carry out checks against publicly available information (such as the electoral roll, county court judgments, bankruptcy orders or repossessions). We also monitor and record any communications with you including telephone conversations and emails for quality and compliance reasons.

Your rights

You have a number of rights relating to your personal data. For further information regarding any of these rights please visit rac.co.uk/privacy-policy or contact the Data Protection Officer:

- 1. Call **our** Customer Service Team: 0330 159 0360; or
- Email us: breakdowncustomercare@rac.co.uk; or
- 3. Write to us:
 Freepost RTLA-HZHB-CESE
 RAC Financial Services Limited
 Customer Services Team
 PO Box 586
 Bristol
 BS34 9GB