

# Your Breakdown Cover

Provided by the RAC

A vehicle breakdown service for cars and small vans



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# Contact Us . . .

Breakdown 0330 159 0260

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Breakdown in Europe, calling from:

Europe 00 33 472 43 52 55\*

French landline 0800 290 112 (freephone)

Republic of Ireland 1 800 535 005 (freephone)

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Bringing your vehicle back to the UK after a breakdown 0330 1590 342

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Claim Form Requests from:

UK 0330 1590 334 or [europeanclaims@rac.co.uk](mailto:europeanclaims@rac.co.uk)

Europe 0044 161 332 1040\* or [www.rac.co.uk/europeanclaimform](http://www.rac.co.uk/europeanclaimform)

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Customer Services Please contact your broker as shown on your schedule

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Hearing Assistance Telephone prefix 18001 to access Typetalk or text the RAC on 07855 828282

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*\*Please replace the 00 at the beginning with 810 when in Belarus or Russia*

## Telephone charges

Please note that the **RAC** do not cover the cost of making or receiving telephone calls. Calls to the **RAC** 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 the **RAC** 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.

# Welcome to Your Breakdown Cover from Covéa Insurance

**Your Breakdown Cover** consists of:

1. A **Breakdown** Policy – one or more contracts of insurance between **you** and the insurers – depending on the type of cover:
  - (a) RAC Motoring Services provides insurance for Sections A, B and C; and
  - (b) RAC Insurance Limited provides insurance for Section D.

A price is payable for contracts of insurance which will be made clear to **you** in advance of purchase.

A **schedule** – detailing the type of cover **you** have, the level of cover chosen, and the cost of cover. **Your schedule** will detail the price and any other charges payable. These will be made clear in advance of purchase, and provided to **you** by **your broker** following purchase.

Please read this policy and **your schedule** to ensure the cover meets **your** needs. If **you** have any queries please contact **your broker**.

# In the event of a breakdown

If your vehicle breaks down, please provide the RAC with

1. **Your** name
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
6. The cause of the **breakdown**, if **you** know it
7. **Your** credit card if **you** need additional services

If **you** fail to contact the **RAC** within 24 hours of becoming aware of a **breakdown**, **Breakdown Cover** may be refused.

## Remember

Please let the **RAC** know if **you** have called the **RAC** but manage to get going before the **RAC** arrive. Cover will only be provided if the **RAC** arranged help, so please do not go directly to a garage or other recovery service, or otherwise approve action taken by **you** or on **your** behalf.

## If you have broken down or are involved in a 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 involved 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 the **RAC** 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.

These charges will be paid back to **you** as long as the **vehicle** is towed to the recovery company's depot. This may also apply to other roads, so the **RAC** recommend **you** use the emergency phones where available. If they will not send a breakdown recovery vehicle, **you** should contact the **RAC**.

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# Definition of words

We don't hide behind jargon. To help you understand everything we say, here are the explanations of the key words we have used.

Any words in bold appearing throughout this Breakdown Cover have a specific meaning which are explained below.

## Beyond economical repair

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** or been involved in a **road traffic collision** 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** or **road traffic collision** has occurred.

## Breakdown/break down/ broken down

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, running out of fuel, 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 other than keys locked in **your vehicle**.

## Breakdown Cover

**Your breakdown Cover** that is subject to the terms and conditions together with **your schedule**.

## Broker

The insurance agent/broker who **you** purchased this **Breakdown Cover** from and whose details are shown within **your** documentation pack with the associated motor insurance policy.

## Call-out/claim

Each separate request for service or benefit for cover under any section of this **Breakdown Cover**.

## Caravan/trailer

Any caravan or trailer that is less than (a) 3.5 tonnes; (b) 7.0m (23ft) long including a tow bar; (c) 2.55 metres wide; and (d) 3 metres high.

## Covéa Insurance

Covéa Insurance plc of 2 Norman Place, Reading, Berkshire RG1 8DA.

## Driver/their/they

**You** or any driver as shown on **your schedule** of a **vehicle** at the time a breakdown occurs who is authorised to be driving the **vehicle** and is permanently resident in the territory.

# Definition of words

## Driver induced fault

Any fault caused by actions or omissions of the **driver** of the **vehicle**, except running out of fuel and battery failure.

## Effective date

The date that **your Breakdown Cover** begins, or renews, as shown on **your schedule**.

## End date

The date that **your Breakdown Cover** expires as shown on **your schedule**.

## Europe

Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus (South), Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Ireland, Romania, Russian mainland (west of Urals), San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain (excluding Ceuta and Melilla), Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey (in Europe) plus Uskudar, Ukraine, Vatican City and any offshore islands of the above, except overseas territories outside of Europe.

## Home

The address in the **UK** where **you** live permanently, as shown on **your schedule**.

## Journey

A trip to **Europe** which begins and ends on return from home during the **policy period**.

## Market value

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

## Modified vehicle

Any vehicle that has been modified from the manufacturer's specifications.

## Passengers

The driver and up to 7 people travelling in the **vehicle**.

## Planned departure date

The date when **you** intend to begin **your journey**. The **RAC** may ask for proof of this.

## Policy period

The length of time for which **your Breakdown Cover** is in force as shown on **your schedule**.

## Policy year

The **policy period**, from the **effective date**.

# Definition of words

## RAC

1. For Sections A, B and C means RAC Motoring Services;
2. For Section D means RAC Insurance Limited;
3. For Additional Services means RAC Motoring Services; and
4. In each case any person employed or engaged to provide certain services on their behalf.

## Road traffic collision

1. for the purpose of Section D only, a traffic collision in **Europe** that immobilises the **vehicle**; and
2. for all other sections, means a traffic collision involving a **vehicle** within the **UK**.

## Schedule

The document entitled “**schedule**” containing important details about **your Breakdown Cover** and levels of cover.

## Specialist equipment

Equipment that is not normally required by **RAC** to complete repairs and recoveries, for example winching and specialist lifting equipment.

## UK

England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, and for the purpose of **your Breakdown Cover** includes Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man if **you** are a resident there;

## Vehicle

The **UK** registered vehicle as shown on **your schedule** and that complies with the following specifications:

1. it is either a car, light van or motorhome that is less than (a) 3.5 tonnes; (b) 5.5m (18ft) long including a tow bar; and (c) 2.55 metres wide; or
2. for Section D it is either a car, light van or motorhome that is less than (a) 3.5 tonnes; (b) 7m (23ft) long including a tow bar; and (c) 2.55 metres wide;
3. It is not a motorcycle over 121cc or a mobility scooter;

## You/your

The person taking out the **Breakdown Cover** as named on **your schedule**.



## Your Breakdown Cover

# Important information about your policy

**Your Breakdown Cover** is intended to offer services relating to the **breakdown** of **your vehicles**. It meets the demands and needs of those who wish to ensure the risk of the **breakdown** of **vehicles** is met now and in the future, and where additional cover is chosen, that certain additional risks relating to the **breakdown** of **vehicles** are met.

There are four sections of **Breakdown Cover**, these are:

- A. Roadside
- B. Recovery
- C. At Home
- D. European Motoring Assistance

Please refer to **your schedule** which sets out what level of **breakdown cover** you have chosen. The following terms and conditions apply dependent on the cover shown on **your schedule**. Please make sure this is correct.

There are general conditions that apply to all sections. There are also specific conditions that are set out in each section that apply to each section. **You** must meet all of these conditions.

All requests for service must be made directly to **RAC**.

## Policy type

**Your Breakdown Cover** covers the vehicle shown on **your schedule** and if registered at **your home** address. The **vehicle** is covered whoever is driving.

## Policy Period

**Your Breakdown Cover** will start on the **effective date** and end on the end date as shown on **your schedule**.

## Limits of Cover

Cover under **your Breakdown Cover** is subject to limits on:

1. When a **claim** can be made:
  - (a) no **claim** is permitted under section A if the **breakdown** occurred prior to purchasing **your Breakdown Cover**;
  - (b) no **claim** is permitted under sections B to D within 24 hours of the initial **effective date** of the **Breakdown Cover**, nor within 24 hours of any upgrade to an upgraded section; and
  - (c) in order to make a **claim** under Section B (Recovery) the **RAC** must have first attended under Section A (Roadside).
2. The number of **claims** that can be made per **policy year** whether under a particular section, or as a whole, one claim means one request for service or benefit for cover under any section of **your Breakdown Cover**, regardless of who makes the **claim**;
3. The amount that is covered:
  - (a) for certain types of **claim** or for certain sections, as set out in **your Breakdown Cover**.

# Important information about your policy

## Reimbursement

Under some sections, **you** may need to pay for the service up front and **claim** this back from the **RAC**. To do so, please visit [www.rac.co.uk/reimbursementclaimform](http://www.rac.co.uk/reimbursementclaimform).

If **you** have any queries please contact **Breakdown** Customer care on 0330 159 0342. Please send **your** completed claim form with proof of payment (such as a receipt) to Customer Services. The **RAC** may ask **you** to supply original documents.

## Hire Car Terms

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

### What is Covered

1. The **RAC** will try to find a hire car close in size to **your vehicle**, but cannot guarantee this and the **RAC** may offer more than one hire car;
2. If **you** are not eligible for a hire car arranged by the **RAC** for any reason, such as **you** do not meet the hire car provider's terms (e.g. **you** have points on **your** licence), and **you** choose to hire a car yourself, let the **RAC** know before **you** hire a car, and then provided the **RAC** have agreed the cost, the **RAC** will pay **you** back up to £35 per day;

3. Where the **RAC** arrange a hire car the **RAC** will pay the insurance and collision damage waiver (this covers the cost of damage but **you** would still need to pay the excess).

### What is not Covered

1. The **RAC** will not provide any specific car type, model or accessories, including tow bars.
2. Any cost of:
  - (a) delivery and collection of the hire car and any fuel used; or
  - (b) fuel while using the hire car; or
  - (c) any insurance excess and additional costs.

## Included Benefits

As well as the cover the **RAC** provide under Sections A to D, the **RAC** offer the following benefits provided by **RAC** Motoring Services at no additional charge to **you** and include:

- Urgent Message Relay; and
- Replacement Driver.

## Additional Services

**RAC** Motoring Services can also offer additional services following a **breakdown** for an additional charge which will be agreed with **you** before service is provided.

# Your Cover



## Section A. Roadside

Your Breakdown Cover includes cover for Roadside.

What is covered	What is not covered
<p>If the <b>vehicle breaks down</b> within the <b>UK</b> more than a 1/4 of a mile from <b>your home</b>, the <b>RAC</b> will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Send help to repair the <b>vehicle</b> at the roadside. This could be a permanent or temporary repair; or</li> <li>2. If the <b>RAC</b> are unable to repair the <b>vehicle</b> at the roadside, the <b>RAC</b> will recover the <b>vehicle</b> and passengers to a destination chosen by the <b>driver</b> up to a maximum of 10 miles from the <b>breakdown</b>;</li> </ol> <p>If the <b>RAC</b> recover the vehicle to a garage, the <b>RAC</b> will pay <b>you</b> back for taxi costs for <b>passengers</b> to continue the journey to a single destination within 20 miles.</p> <p><b>Caravans or Trailers</b></p> <p>If a <b>caravan</b> or <b>trailer breaks down</b> within the <b>UK</b> more than 1/4 mile from <b>your home</b>, the <b>RAC</b> will send help to repair the <b>caravan</b> or <b>trailer</b> at the roadside. This could be a permanent or temporary repair.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The cost of any parts;</li> <li>2. The fitting of parts, including batteries, supplied by anyone other than the <b>RAC</b>;</li> <li>3. Any <b>breakdown</b> resulting from a fault that the <b>RAC</b> have previously attended and:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the original fault has not been properly repaired; or</li> <li>(b) the advice given to <b>you</b> after a temporary repair has not been followed;</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Recovery for <b>caravans</b> or <b>trailers</b> if the <b>caravan</b> or <b>trailer breaks down</b>.</li> </ol>

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## Section B. Recovery

Please refer to **your schedule** which sets out whether **your Breakdown Cover** includes cover for Recovery.

What is covered	What is not covered
<p>If the <b>RAC</b> are unable to repair the <b>vehicle</b> under Section A (Roadside), the <b>RAC</b> will recover the <b>vehicle</b> from the <b>breakdown</b> location to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. A local garage; or</li><li>2. A single destination chosen by the <b>driver</b> within the <b>UK</b>. For long distances the <b>RAC</b> may use more than one recovery vehicle.</li></ol> <p><i>Please note: recovery must be arranged with the <b>RAC</b> while they are at the scene.</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Please see the “What is not Covered” part of Section A (Roadside), which also applies here;</li><li>2. Tyre faults where the <b>vehicle</b> is not carrying a serviceable spare tyre, the tyre repair equipment provided by the <b>vehicle’s</b> manufacturer or a locking wheel nut;</li><li>3. A second recovery owing to the intended original destination being closed or inaccessible.</li></ol>

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## Section C. At Home

Please refer to **your schedule** which sets out whether **your Breakdown Cover** includes cover for At Home.

What is covered	What is not covered
<p>The <b>RAC</b> will provide the same cover as the “What is Covered” part of Section A (Roadside) and if <b>your vehicle</b> breaks down at, or within a 1/4 of a mile of, <b>your home</b>.</p>	<p>Please see the “What is not Covered” part of Section A (Roadside), which also applies here.</p> <p>Please refer to <b>your schedule</b> which sets out whether <b>your Breakdown Cover</b> includes cover for At Home.</p>

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## Section D. European Motoring Assistance

Please refer to **your schedule** which sets out whether **your Breakdown Cover** includes cover for European Motoring Assistance.

### Limits of cover

The cover under Section D is subject to an aggregate overall limit of £2500 per call out and is subject to the further limits of cover in respect of each type of cover.

What is covered	What is not covered
<p><b>Section D1: Onward travel in the UK</b></p> <p>If the <b>RAC</b> attend a <b>breakdown</b> under Section A (or C) and cannot fix the <b>vehicle</b> by <b>your</b> planned departure date and <b>you</b> are within 24 hours of <b>your</b> planned departure date the <b>RAC</b> will arrange a hire car for the continuation of <b>your</b> journey up to 14 consecutive days or until the <b>vehicle</b> has been fixed if sooner and one person will be transported to their nearest hire car supplier to collect the vehicle.</p>	<p>Requests following a road traffic collision.</p>
<p><b>Section D2: Roadside assistance in Europe</b></p> <p>If the <b>vehicle breaks down</b> or is involved in a <b>road traffic</b> collision in <b>Europe</b> during a <b>journey</b>, the <b>RAC</b> will send assistance to either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Repair the <b>vehicle</b> at the roadside. This could be a permanent or temporary repair; or</li><li>2. If the <b>RAC</b> are unable to repair the <b>vehicle</b> at the roadside, they will:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) recover the <b>vehicle</b> and <b>passengers</b> to a local garage for fault diagnosis on the <b>vehicle</b>;</li><li>(b) pay for the initial fault diagnosis to find the next course of action;</li><li>(c) contribute towards the garage labour charges up to £150;</li><li>(d) help <b>you</b> purchase replacement parts if they cannot be found locally, and pay for them to be delivered; and</li><li>(e) relay any urgent messages from the <b>driver</b> to a contact of <b>their</b> choice.</li></ol></li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Repair costs, including garage labour charges:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) if the <b>vehicle</b> was in a <b>road traffic collision</b>; or</li><li>(b) if the <b>vehicle</b> repair costs will be more than its <b>market value</b>.</li></ol></li><li>2. The costs of any parts.</li></ol> <p><i>Note: By <b>claiming</b> under this section <b>you</b> are authorising the <b>RAC</b> and the garage to undertake fault diagnosis.</i></p>

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## Section D.

### European Motoring Assistance

What is covered	What is not covered
<p><b>Section D3: Onward travel in Europe</b></p> <p>If the <b>vehicle</b> has a <b>breakdown</b> or <b>you</b> are involved in a <b>road traffic collision</b> during a <b>journey</b> in <b>Europe</b> and the <b>RAC</b> establish that the repairs cannot be completed within 12 hours, the <b>RAC</b> will help the <b>driver</b> by making arrangements for the <b>passengers</b> to continue the <b>journey</b>. The <b>driver</b> can choose either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Alternative transport; or</li> <li>2. Additional accommodation expenses.</li> </ol> <p><b>1. Alternative transport</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A hire car as a replacement until the <b>vehicle</b> has been fixed, up to £125 per day and £1,500 in total; or</li> <li>2. A standard class ticket up to £125 per person per day and £1500 in total for travel by air, rail, taxi or public transport.</li> </ol> <p><b>2. Additional accommodation expenses</b></p> <p>The <b>RAC</b> will arrange and pay for additional accommodation expenses if <b>you</b> are unable to use <b>your</b> pre-arranged accommodation up to £30 per person per day up to a maximum of £500 for all <b>passengers</b>.</p>	<p>Accommodation where the <b>driver</b> has suitable alternative accommodation that can be used. Cover under this section will stop once:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The <b>vehicle</b> has been repaired to a roadworthy condition; or</li> <li>2. The decision to bring the vehicle home is made by the <b>RAC</b> or <b>your</b> motor insurer; or</li> <li>3. Once the <b>RAC</b> establish that the repair costs to the <b>vehicle</b> exceed its <b>market value</b>.</li> </ol> <p>Once the <b>driver</b> is notified of cover ending, if <b>they</b> have a hire car, it must be returned to the place agreed with the <b>RAC</b> within 24 hours. The <b>driver</b> can keep the hire car for longer if <b>you</b> agree this with the <b>RAC</b> first and pay for it.</p> <p><b>Getting your passengers home</b></p> <p>The <b>RAC</b> will provide alternative transport as above to get the passengers back home if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The <b>vehicle</b> is brought back home under Section D4; or</li> <li>2. Once the <b>RAC</b> establish that the repair costs to the <b>vehicle</b> exceed its <b>market value</b> under Section D4.</li> </ol>

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## Section D.

### European Motoring Assistance

What is covered	What is not covered
<p><b>Section D4: Getting your vehicle home</b></p> <p>If the <b>RAC</b> attend a <b>breakdown</b> or a <b>road traffic collision</b> in <b>Europe</b> under Section D2 and the <b>vehicle</b> cannot be repaired before the <b>drivers</b> planned return to the <b>UK</b>, the <b>RAC</b> will arrange and pay for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Recovery of the <b>vehicle</b> to a single destination of the <b>drivers</b> choice within the <b>UK</b>; and</li><li>2. Storage charges for the <b>vehicle</b> whilst awaiting the <b>vehicle</b> to be returned to the <b>UK</b>; or</li><li>3. If the <b>vehicle</b> is repaired in <b>Europe</b>, the cost of one person to travel to collect the <b>vehicle</b> by standard class rail or air fare and public transport and a contribution towards room only accommodation up to £30 per day;</li><li>4. If the cost of repairing the <b>vehicle</b> is greater than its <b>market value</b> as a result of a <b>breakdown</b> and it has to be disposed of abroad under Customs supervision, the <b>RAC</b> will pay the cost of the import duty;</li><li>5. <b>Reimbursement</b> for a hire car in the <b>UK</b> once the <b>RAC</b> have brought <b>passengers home</b> under Section D3 until the <b>vehicle</b> is brought back to the <b>UK</b>, up to £40 per day and up to £120 in total;</li></ol> <p>The <b>RAC</b> will take the <b>passengers</b> in the <b>vehicle</b> home under Section D3 (Onward Travel in Europe).</p> <p>It is the <b>RAC's</b> decision whether to get the <b>broken down vehicle home</b> or have it repaired locally. The <b>RAC</b> will follow <b>your</b> motor insurer's decision whether to get the <b>vehicle home</b> or have it repaired locally following a <b>road traffic collision</b> covered by <b>your</b> motor insurance.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Any costs:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) if the <b>vehicle</b> is <b>beyond economical repair</b>;</li><li>(b) covered under <b>your</b> motor insurance;</li><li>(c) relating to storage once <b>you</b> have been notified that the <b>vehicle</b> is ready to collect; and</li><li>(d) relating to any costs incurred as a result of actions or omissions of <b>your</b> motor insurers;</li></ol></li><li>2. The <b>RAC</b> will not take the <b>vehicle</b> back <b>home</b> if:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) the <b>vehicle</b> is roadworthy; or</li><li>(b) a customs officer or other official finds any contents in <b>your vehicle</b> that are not legal in that country;</li></ol></li><li>3. Any import duties not relating to the <b>vehicle</b>, for example relating to items carried in the <b>vehicle</b>;</li><li>4. The <b>RAC</b> will not cover the costs of fuel, insurance or meals;</li><li>5. The <b>RAC</b> will only cover costs under this section up to the <b>market value</b>, so if <b>you</b> want the <b>RAC</b> to bring the <b>vehicle home</b> and the costs of bringing the <b>vehicle home</b> exceed this amount <b>you</b> will need to pay any costs above this amount before the <b>RAC</b> make arrangements.</li></ol> <p><b>Important</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Following authorisation by the <b>RAC</b>, it can take up to 14 working days for the <b>vehicle</b> to be delivered back to the <b>UK</b>. At busy times and from some countries it may take longer.</li></ul> <p>If the <b>RAC</b> do not bring the <b>vehicle</b> back to the <b>UK</b>, you will have 10 weeks in which to advise the <b>RAC</b> of how <b>you</b> wish to recover or dispose of it. If <b>you</b> do not contact the <b>RAC</b> within 10 weeks the <b>RAC</b> will dispose of it as they choose.</p>



# Your Cover

## Section D.

### European Motoring Assistance

What is covered	What is not covered
<p><b>Section D5: Vehicle break-in emergency repairs</b></p> <p>Before <b>claiming</b> under this section the break-in must be reported to the police within 24 hours in order to obtain a written report.</p> <p>If the <b>vehicle</b> suffers damage to windows, windscreens or locks caused by forcible entry or attempted forcible entry, although this is not a <b>breakdown</b> the <b>RAC</b> will pay <b>you</b> back, up to £175 for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. immediate emergency costs incurred in order to continue the <b>journey</b>: or</li> <li>2. the costs of recovering the <b>vehicle</b> to a local repairer to ensure the <b>vehicle</b> is secure and roadworthy.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The cost of any parts; or</li> <li>2. Any benefits under any other section of <b>your Breakdown Cover</b>.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Section D6: Replacement Driver</b></p> <p>If the <b>driver</b> suddenly or unexpectedly falls ill during the <b>journey</b> in <b>Europe</b>, meaning <b>they</b> are unable to drive, the <b>RAC</b> will provide a replacement driver to allow the <b>journey</b> to continue or return <b>home</b>. The <b>RAC</b> will require written confirmation from the treating hospital or medical expert that the <b>driver</b> is unable to drive.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If there is another qualified <b>driver</b> who is a passenger and who is fit and legally able to drive the <b>vehicle</b>.</li> <li>2. Any benefits under any other section of <b>your Breakdown Cover</b>.</li> </ol>

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1. The **RAC** will not cover any **call-out** for any repairs to a **vehicle** which are not essential in order to continue the **journey**;
2. Any **claim** which the **driver** could make under any other insurance policy. If the value of the **call-out** is more than the amount which can be recovered under another policy the **RAC** may pay the difference, subject to the limits as set out in **your Breakdown Cover**;
3. **You** must make sure the **vehicle** meets all relevant laws of the countries visited during a **journey**;
4. How the exchange rate is calculated:
  - (a) Any costs incurred directly by the **RAC** in a currency other than GBP will be converted to GBP at the exchange rate used by them at the time;
  - (b) Costs incurred by **you** in a currency other than GBP which are recoverable 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 the **RAC** when **your** claim form is received if **you** paid in cash;
5. The **RAC** will not take responsibility for repairs carried out at any garage, and the contract for such repairs will be between **you** and the garage / repairer.
6. When a hire car, taxi, hotel or similar benefit is arranged under **your Breakdown Cover**, the **RAC** will always try to find a suitable option that is available at the time, however:
  - (a) the **RAC** are not responsible for the quality or service of each individual hotel, train or taxi booked; and
  - (b) for hire cars, whilst reputable companies are used, the **RAC** are unable to and cannot be responsible for checking the condition of each vehicle or the quality of service provided by each company;
7. If, following a **breakdown**, the **vehicle** needs to be repaired, **you** must not delay or refuse repairs whilst **you** are in **Europe**. If **you** do, and in the reasonable opinion of the **RAC** that would lead to additional costs being incurred, the **RAC** reserve the right to refuse to provide cover under Section D3 (Onward travel in Europe) or Section D4 (Getting your vehicle home);
8. If **you** **breakdown** or the **road traffic collision** is caused by flooding brought about by adverse weather the **RAC** 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 the **vehicle's** motor insurer;

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9. In handling **breakdown call-outs** there may be more than one option available to **you** under **your Breakdown Cover**. The **RAC** will decide which is the most appropriate option based on the expertise of the **RAC** in **breakdown** situations. In doing so the **RAC** will act in consultation with **you**, and act reasonably at all times;
10. **Your Breakdown Cover** does not cover:
- (a) **vehicle** storage charges, other than under Section D4;
  - (b) **call-outs** if **you** are not carrying a serviceable spare tyre provided by the manufacturer;
  - (c) the hire of minibuses, motorhomes, motorcycles, **caravans**, **trailers** or vans;
  - (d) overloading of a **vehicle** under the laws in any country in which the **vehicle** is travelling;
  - (e) **breakdowns** or **road traffic collisions** caused by running out of oil or water, frost damage or rust or corrosion.

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The following conditions apply to all sections of **your Breakdown Cover**. If **you** do not comply the **RAC** can refuse cover and/or cancel **your Breakdown Cover**.

1. **You** must pay the full price of **your breakdown** policy.
2. **You** must request services directly from the **RAC** as cover will only be provided when they make arrangements to help **you**.
3. 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**. If it does not, **you** will need to take **your vehicle** to a place of repair and **your Breakdown Cover** will not cover this.
4. The **RAC** will not cover any **claim** where the **vehicle** is already at a garage or other place of repair.
5. Where the **RAC** deem, acting reasonably, that **you** requested service to avoid the cost of repairing the **vehicle**, or to correct an attempted repair by someone else, the **RAC** will not provide cover.
6. A **driver** must be with the **vehicle** when the **RAC** attend.
7. **You** are responsible at all times for the care of **your** personal belongings, valuables, luggage and goods in or on a **vehicle**. The **RAC** will not be responsible for any loss of or damage to them.
8. Where the **RAC** recover **passengers** under the age of 16, they must be accompanied by an adult.
9. The **RAC** will not allow animals in their **vehicles**, except guide dogs. Any animals can remain in the **vehicle** at the **driver's** own risk. The **RAC** will not be liable for any injury to animals, or damage caused by them. The **RAC** will not transport any livestock. The **RAC** will not be responsible for any costs relating to animals.
10. 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.
11. Where the **RAC** provide a repair to the **vehicle**, whilst the **RAC** are responsible for that repair, this does not mean that the **RAC** are confirming the legal and roadworthy condition of the **vehicle**. This remains **your** responsibility.
12. The **RAC** will not be responsible for any losses that may incur following a **breakdown** that are not expressly covered by **your Breakdown Cover**. For example, the **RAC** will not pay for any loss of earnings or missed appointments.

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13. The **RAC** do not guarantee that recovery to any garage will be during opening hours, or that repairs can start immediately. Whilst the **RAC** will try to check that the garage will undertake the type of repairs required, the **RAC** cannot guarantee this. The **RAC** will not take responsibility for repairs carried out at any garage and the contract for such repairs will be between you and the garage / repairer.
14. During extreme weather, riots, war, civil unrest, industrial disputes, the **RAC's** services can be interrupted. They will resume their service to **you** as soon as they can in these circumstances.
15. The cost of the following is not covered by **your Breakdown Cover**:
- (a) **specialist equipment**;
  - (b) tolls, ferries or congestion charges for the **vehicle** and the **RAC's vehicle**;
  - (c) any damage to glass even if the damage means the **vehicle** cannot be legally or safely driven. The **RAC** will arrange transport to a local garage so **you** can arrange to get the **vehicle** fixed but **you** will have to pay for this;
  - (d) spare tyres and wheels and repairing or sourcing them; or
  - (e) recovery by someone other than the **RAC** even if this is requested by the emergency services.
  - (f) the **RAC** will only provide recovery once instructed to do so by the emergency services.
16. In handling any **claim** there may be more than one option available to the **driver** under **your Breakdown Cover**. The **RAC** will decide which is the most appropriate option based on the expertise of the **RAC** in **breakdown** situations. In doing so they will act in consultation with the **driver**, and act reasonably at all times.
17. The **vehicle** must be privately owned and only used for any business use other than hire and reward and/or courier services.
18. **Your Breakdown Cover** does not cover:
- (a) routine servicing, maintenance or assembly of the **vehicle**;
  - (b) **caravan** or **trailers**, except as described under Section A;
  - (c) use of **your vehicle** for business, including for example demonstrating, carrying trade plates, commercial travelling and use for hire and reward;
  - (d) **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;
  - (e) **breakdowns** that occur off the public highway to which the **driver** or the **RAC** have no legal access;

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- (f) the **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 the manufacturer's guidelines;
- (g) **vehicles** that are not in a roadworthy condition. If the **RAC** consider, acting reasonably, that the **vehicle** is not in a legal or roadworthy condition, they can refuse to provide service.
- (h) if **you** can demonstrate that the **vehicle** is roadworthy the **RAC** will provide service;
- (i) any **claim** that is or may be affected by the influence of alcohol or drugs;
- (j) any **breakdown** that is caused by or as a result of **vehicle** theft or fire; or
- (k) any **claim** under **your Breakdown Cover** where the **breakdown** was first reported to the **RAC** under a different policy.

**19.** If the **driver** is asked to review and approve a document recording the condition of the **vehicle**, including an electronic form, it is **their** responsibility to make sure that the record is accurate and complete, and the **RAC** will not be responsible for any errors or omissions.

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## Additional Benefits

The following are provided at no additional charge:

### Service in the Republic of Ireland

If the **vehicle** has **broken down** in the Republic of Ireland, the **RAC** will provide a Roadside attendance service only, as described under Section A (Roadside). If **your home** address is in Northern Ireland and **you** have purchased Section C (Recovery), the **RAC** will recover the **vehicle** to **your home**, or to another destination in Northern Ireland if the distance is less.

### Urgent message relay

If the **vehicle** has **broken down** and the **driver** needs to get in touch with friends and family urgently, the **RAC** will get a message to them.

### Replacement driver

If the **driver** becomes ill during a journey in the **UK** and no one within the party can drive the **vehicle**, the **RAC** may be able to provide a replacement driver. This service is discretionary, and the **RAC** will decide whether or not to provide this service.

### Additional services

The **RAC** can provide additional services that are not included in **your Breakdown Cover** but they will charge **you** for these, for example to:

1. Purchase the parts **you** need to get on **your way**;

2. Pay for **specialist equipment** to complete the repairs;
3. Extend the hire time for a replacement car;
4. Arrange a second or extended recovery; or
5. Attend a mis-fuel event.

If **you** need extra help, the **RAC** will agree the costs up front and will need full payment before they can help. If **you** took out the **Breakdown Cover**, **you** will be responsible for any additional charges so if the **RAC** help someone under **your Breakdown Cover** and they cannot pay, the **RAC** will invoice **you**. This is why the **RAC** request proof of identity at the **breakdown**.

## Cancellation of your Breakdown Cover

### Your right to cancel

**You** can cancel **your Breakdown Cover** within the cooling off period, being 14 days from the later of:

1. the **effective date**; or
2. the date **you** receive **your Breakdown Cover** documents.

If **you** do this, **Covéa Insurance** will cancel **your Breakdown Cover** with immediate effect from the day **you** request it and will refund the price **you** paid in full unless a **claim** has been made within this cooling off period.

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At any time after the 14 day cooling off period referred to above, **you** may cancel **your Breakdown Cover**. Cancellations must be made by contacting **your broker**. **Breakdown Cover** will be cancelled with immediate effect. **You** will receive a pro-rata refund of the price **you** paid if no **claims** have been made. If any **claims** have been made then no refund will be given.

## Our right to cancel

1. If the price of **your Breakdown Cover** is not paid, **Covéa Insurance** will notify **you** and **your Breakdown Cover** may be cancelled; and
2. **Covéa Insurance** may cancel the **Breakdown Cover** in the event of misuse of **your Breakdown Cover** and there will be no refund.

Where the **RAC** cancel **your breakdown cover** **you** will not receive a refund.

## Misuse of Breakdown Cover

Each **driver** must not:

1. Behave inappropriately towards the **RAC**, including acting in a threatening or abusive manner, whether verbally or physically;
2. Persuade or attempt to persuade the **RAC** into a dishonest or illegal act;
3. Omit to tell the **RAC** important facts about a **breakdown** in order to obtain a service;

4. Provide false information in order to obtain a service;
5. Knowingly allow someone that is not covered by **your Breakdown Cover** to try and obtain a service under **your Breakdown Cover**;
6. 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, the **RAC** may:

1. Restrict the cover available to **you** at the next renewal;
2. Refuse to provide any services to **you** under **your Breakdown Cover** with immediate effect;
3. Immediately cancel **your Breakdown Cover**; and
4. Refuse to sell any **Breakdown Cover** or services to **you** in the future.

The **RAC** may also take any of the additional steps as set out above if any **claim** is found to be fraudulent in any way. **Your Breakdown Cover** will be cancelled with effect from the date of the fraudulent act, and the fraudulent claim forfeited, **you** will not receive any refund. The **RAC** will notify **you** in writing if they decide to take any of the above steps.



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## Renewal of Breakdown Cover

A new **Breakdown Cover** may be issued when **you** renew **your** existing associated motor insurance policy.

## Changes to your details

**You** must let **your broker** know immediately if **you** need to change anything on **your Breakdown Cover**.

**Your broker** can be contacted as shown on **your schedule**.

If **you** change **your vehicle** **you** must call **your broker** to update **your** details. If **you** do not, **you** may not be covered.

The **RAC** will not change **your Breakdown Cover** into someone else's name. If **you** cancel **your Breakdown Cover** for any reason, the whole **Breakdown Cover** will be cancelled and the **vehicle** on **your Breakdown Cover** will no longer be covered.

All communications from **your broker** or the **RAC** shall be deemed duly received if sent to **your** last known address.

## Complaints

The **RAC** are committed to providing excellent service. However, the **RAC** realise that there are occasions when **you** feel **you** did not receive the service **you** expected. If **you** are unhappy with the services relating to **your Breakdown Cover** such as services at or following a **breakdown**, or the included benefits please contact the **RAC** as follows:

## Breakdown related Complaints

Phone: 0330 159 0342

In writing:

Breakdown Customer Care  
RAC Financial Services Limited  
Great Park Road  
Bradley Stoke  
Bristol BS32 4QN

Email: [breakdowncustomercare@rac.co.uk](mailto:breakdowncustomercare@rac.co.uk)

## Sales and administration Complaints

Please refer to **your broker** as shown on **your schedule**.

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. Please note: 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 the **RAC** 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:

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Phone: 0800 023 4567 or 0300 123 9123

In writing:

The Financial Ombudsman Service  
Exchange Tower  
London E14 9SR

Email:

complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk

Website: [www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk](http://www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk)

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

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](http://www.fscs.org.uk), or by writing to:

Financial Services Compensation Scheme  
10th Floor,  
Beaufort House,  
15 St Botolph Street,  
London EC3A 7QU

The cover provided by RAC Motoring Services under **your Breakdown Cover** is not covered by the FSCS.

## Law

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

## Your Data

### Data protection statement

For the purposes of the UK Data Protection Laws that apply from time to time, the data controller in relation to the personal data **you** and/or **your broker** supplies to the **RAC** is RAC Motoring Services (RACMS). This enables **your broker** to provide **you** with a quotation, for **you** and the **RAC** to enter into a contract for **RAC Breakdown Cover**, in making a request for service or benefit, and for administering the **RAC Breakdown Cover**.

RACMS (Registered No: 01424399)

Registered Office is RAC House, Brockhurst Crescent, Walsall, WS5 4AW. **You** can contact the Data Protection Officer for RACMS by emailing [dpo@rac.co.uk](mailto:dpo@rac.co.uk) or writing to the Data Protection Officer, RAC House, Great Park Road, Bradley Stoke, Bristol BS32 4QN.

RACMS obtains **your** personal data from **your broker** when **your broker** provides RACMS for the purposes set out below. RACMS also obtains **your** personal data when **you** contact the **RAC** directly in relation to **your RAC**

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**Breakdown Cover.** Please be aware that the **RAC** may record telephone calls for staff training and evidential purposes.

The categories of **your** personal data that the **RAC** obtain about **you** are:

- name;
- policy number;
- **vehicle** registration number;
- **vehicle** manufacturer;
- **vehicle** model;
- DVLA date of **vehicle** first registration;
- contact details;
- **vehicle** location data; and
- in very limited circumstances, certain sensitive personal data, including information on health and wellbeing, that **you** provide the **RAC** from time to time.

RACMS processes **your** personal data for the following purposes and its other legitimate interests in order to:

- provide **you** with a quote for cover;
- provide **you** with a contract for cover;
- fulfil **your** contract for cover;
- administer **your RAC Breakdown Cover**; and
- contact **you** to provide **you** with the services that form part of **your RAC Breakdown Cover**

In most cases, processing the above information is necessary for the performance of a contract to which **you** are party or in order to produce a quotation at **your** request prior to entering into a contract. The **RAC** may also process information to comply with a legal obligation, or where the processing is necessary for the purposes of the **RAC**'s legitimate interests, for example to reduce the risk of payment default and fraudulent abuse or to undertake research and statistical analysis.

RACMS may use **your** personal data to make automated decisions to calculate, evaluate or predict the performance of **your RAC Breakdown Cover**. If **you** have any concerns regarding the outcome of these checks, please let RACMS know.

Please note that, if **you** do not provide **your** personal data, the **RAC** will be unable to provide **you** with the **RAC Breakdown Cover** **you** are requesting, as well as services related to administering **your RAC Breakdown Cover**.

RACMS will share the personal data **you** provide with its group companies†. **RAC** group companies (RACGC) will use this for administration and customer services. RACGC may disclose **your** personal data to the **RAC**'s service providers and agents for these purposes.

RACGC retains **your** personal data for so long as is necessary for the **RAC** to process **your** personal data for the purposes and legitimate interests set out above.

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RACGC may transfer **your** personal data outside of the European Economic Area, for example to Asia. RACGC will only do this where it is necessary for the conclusion or performance of a contract between **you** and the **RAC**, or that RACGC enter into at **your** request, in **your** interest. In the event that RACGC transfers **your** personal data outside of the European Economic Area for any other reason, it shall ensure that appropriate and approved data transfer clauses or certification mechanisms are in place with the relevant recipient of **your** personal data.

When **you** give the **RAC** personal information about another person, **you** confirm that they have authorised **you** to act for them, that **you** have **their** consent to act on their behalf (for example, under a power of attorney) and use of **their** personal data in the manner described in this notice and to receive on **their** behalf any data protection notice.

RACGC or our agents may undertake checks against publicly available information (such as electoral roll, county court judgments, bankruptcy orders or repossessions). Similar checks may be made in assessing any claims made. RACGC may monitor and record any communications with **you** including telephone conversations and emails for quality assurance and compliance reasons.

**You** have a number of rights in relation to **your** personal information that **you** can choose to exercise at any time. This includes **your** right to:

- access information the **RAC** process about **you** to obtain a copy of the data as well as receive supplementary information;
- object to the **RAC** using particular information or using it in a particular way. **You** can let the **RAC** know that **you** object to it and the **RAC** will consider whether **your** request can be granted;
- rectify inaccurate information, which in most cases **you** can do this simply by getting in touch with **your** broker;
- erase **your** data if the **RAC** no longer have a legitimate basis for processing it;
- port data to another data controller or to **you** in a structured, commonly used and machine readable format.

The **RAC** have provided a basic overview of those rights above, but if **you** would like to find out more or exercise any of these rights **you** can contact the **RAC** Data Protection Officer on the contact details shown at the top of this privacy notice.

In addition to the rights set out above **you** have the right to raise a privacy complaint with the Information Commissioner's Officer (ICO). The ICO will usually require **you** to have approached RACMS first to try to resolve the matter.

† If **you** would like a list of all **RAC** group companies, please write to or email the Data Protection Officer.

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