



# UK MOTOR BREAKDOWN

## Option 1

Europ Assistance Holdings Limited will provide the services and benefits described in this Policy:

- during the Period of Insurance
- for the Insured Vehicle
- within the Geographical Limits
- following payment of the premium

on the basis of the details You have supplied and subject to the following terms, conditions and exclusions, together with any applicable endorsements, all of which We recommend You read carefully, to ensure this policy This policy is underwritten by Europ Assistance Holding Irish Branch Limited, 79 Merrion Square, Dublin 2, Ireland.

This insurance is effected in England and is subject to the Laws of England and Wales.

To ensure We are consistent in providing Our customers with quality service, We may record Your telephone call.

Europ Assistance Holdings Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority.

- in good roadworthy condition; maintained and operated in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations and holds a current valid MOT certificate if applicable;
- each not exceeding (including any load carried) the following gross vehicle weight and dimensions: 3500 kg, length 7m, height 3m, width 2.25m;
- carrying not more than the number of persons recommended by the manufacturer and for whom seats are available, with a maximum of 8 persons, including the driver.

**GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITS:** comprising Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands. Excluding Territorial and International waters.

**HIRE OR REWARD:** Any public or private hire which includes any payment in cash or kind by (or on behalf of) passengers which gives them a right to be carried, excluding car sharing schemes.

**INSURED INCIDENT:** Mechanical breakdown, accidental damage, vandalism, fire, theft or attempted theft, flat battery, or accidental damage to tyres, occurring during the Period of Insurance, within the Geographical Limits, and at least one mile from Your home address.

In the case of key breakage, keys locked within Your Insured Vehicle, lack of fuel, the use of incorrect fuel, flat tyre, or puncture, We would pay for the roadside assistance and local recovery if appropriate. However, You will be responsible for paying any incremental costs such as lock replacement, new keys, drainage of tank, disposal of wrong fuel, any replacement fuel, and any replacement or repair of tyres.

We do not cover undamaged tyres which have been allowed to run flat or those which are below the legal tread limit and we do not cover punctures where no serviceable spare is available.

Please note: If We are called six times in any one 12 month Period of Insurance, any subsequent incident(s) shall not be insured, and assistance shall be provided on the basis laid down in Section 4.

**INSURED PERSON(S):** The Policyholder whilst an occupant of the Insured Vehicle, and/or any other authorised occupant of the Insured Vehicle (other than a hitch hiker).

**INSURED VEHICLE:** The Eligible Vehicle, details of which have been supplied to Us, normally kept at the Policyholder's address shown on the confirmation letter.

**PERIOD OF INSURANCE:** The 12 month period starting from the commencement date shown on the confirmation letter, which shall be **at least 24 hours** following the date the Policyholder applies for cover.

**POLICYHOLDER or YOU/YOUR:** The applicant who has applied for cover, and whose details have been supplied to Us.

**REPLACEMENT PARTS:** Those mechanical or electrical components that are essential to return the insured vehicle to a roadworthy condition.

### IMPORTANT VEHICLE HEALTH CHECK

The insurance operates on the basis that You will have had Your vehicle properly serviced and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications, especially when preparing it for a journey.

**Will a routine service fall due before the end of your intended journey? Or,**

**Are there any parts on your vehicle that you are aware may need replacing before the end of your journey?**

If so, you should have your vehicle regularly serviced to allow sufficient time to carry out any repairs necessary.

**Keep proof of regular servicing in Your vehicle, with Your handbook or travel documents.**

If You call Us for assistance, and Our mechanic reports to Us that it is evident You have not properly maintained Your vehicle, You will have to pay all the costs arising from Our intervention.

### MEANING OF WORDS

Wherever the following words and phrases appear in this Policy they will always have these meanings:

**ELIGIBLE VEHICLES:** Vehicles under 15 years old at the date of inception, owned by or the responsibility of the Policyholder or his / her immediate family:-

- being cars; motorised caravans; motorcycles; light vans; estate cars; 4x4 sport utility vehicles; towed caravans or trailers of proprietary make;
- not used by You for Hire or Reward or Self Drive Hire;
- registered in the Geographical Limits;

**SELF DRIVE HIRE:** Any Insured Vehicle that is being hired or rented to or by someone other than the Policyholder.

**WE, OUR or US:** Europ Assistance Holdings Limited, Sussex House, Perrymount Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH16 1DN.

#### REQUESTING ASSISTANCE

IN THE EVENT OF AN INSURED INCIDENT, FIRST CHECK THE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE COVERED BY THIS POLICY. HAVING DONE THIS TELEPHONE EUROP ASSISTANCE STATING YOUR NAME AND POLICY DETAILS.

Remember, to comply with the policy terms and conditions You must contact Us before incurring any expenses in order to obtain Our prior authorisation.

#### TELEPHONE EUROP ASSISTANCE

**CALL: 0844 338 5775**

#### SECTION 1 - ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE

If the Insured Vehicle is immobilised or rendered unroadworthy as the result of an Insured Incident, We will arrange and pay for:

- 1.1 callout and up to one hour's labour for assistance at the roadside;  
AND, if necessary
- 1.2 the transportation of the Insured Person(s) and the Insured Vehicle to the nearest repairer, up to a maximum of 10 miles from the location of the Insured Incident.

The choice of repairer shall be at Our discretion. You will be responsible for paying any costs which are not covered, directly to the repairer, the toll authority or the sea transit Carrier as appropriate.

#### **What is not covered:**

- a) attendance at, or within one mile from, Your home address.
- b) roadside labour charges in excess of one hour.
- c) any labour charges incurred at the repairer's premises.
- d) the cost of Replacement Parts or other materials used in the repair.
- e) toll and sea transit charges for the Insured Vehicle.
- f) any winching costs or the use of specialist off-highway-recovery equipment.
- g) more than **six** call-outs during each Period of Insurance.
- h) anything mentioned in the general exclusions.

#### SECTION 2 - MESSAGE RELAY

If We have been contacted in connection with an Insured Incident, We will relay up to two telephone messages to Your family members, friends or business associates to advise of unforeseen travel delays.

#### SECTION 3 - MEDICAL TRANSFER & GENERAL ASSISTANCE

You may telephone Our 24-hour emergency centre in connection with the following:

- 3.1 Emergency medical transfer of the Insured Person hospitalised away from home, in the course of a journey within the Geographical Limits in the Insured Vehicle.  
We will organise medical transfer as appropriate, but You will be responsible for paying any costs and expenses incurred in such transfer.
- 3.2 Any motoring-related problem which is **not an Insured Incident** covered under Section 1. We will organise callout of a repairer to render assistance, but the Policyholder will be responsible for paying, directly to the repairer:

- all callout and labour costs, which will be based on Our nationally negotiated scale of charges;
- the cost of Replacement Parts or other materials used in the repair.

#### **UK ANNUAL MOTORING ASSISTANCE**

On motorways use the nearest Emergency telephone and provide the Police with Our Vehicle Assistance emergency number and Your Policy details. The Police may arrange for Your recovery from the motorway. In this case contact Us when You reach an ordinary phone or use a mobile. If the local Police call for a recovery vehicle to tow You from the motorway, and You are asked to pay on the spot for this service, You should send Us the original receipt.

**Remember, to comply with the policy terms and conditions You must contact Us before incurring substantial expenses in order to obtain Our prior authorisation.**

**Call 0844 338 5775**

#### SECTION 4 - GENERAL EXCLUSIONS

**What is not covered:**

- 4.1 Vehicles which have not been maintained and operated in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations; a previous inadequate repair; unsuccessful d.i.y. dismantling and/or reassembly; and kit cars.
- 4.2 Any recurring claim due to the same cause within the last 28 days, where a permanent repair has not been undertaken to correct the fault.
- 4.3 Assistance following a breakdown or accident attended by the police or other emergency services until they have authorised the vehicles removal.
- 4.4 Vehicles being used for Hire or Reward; or for motor racing, rallies, speed or duration tests or practising for such events.
- 4.5 The provision of service to vehicles temporarily immobilised by floods, snow-affected roads, sand or mud, situated in areas to which Our agents have no right of access, or on Motor Traders' premises.
- 4.6 Vehicles not in a roadworthy condition at the time cover is effected.
- 4.7 Any deliberately careless or deliberately negligent act or omission by You.
- 4.8 Claims arising from loss of or damage to contents of the Insured Vehicle.
- 4.9 Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary within this insurance, or any endorsement thereto, it is agreed that this insurance excludes any loss or expense of whatsoever nature directly or indirectly caused by, resulting from, or in connection with any of the following regardless of any other cause or event contributing concurrently or in any other sequence to the loss: War, hostilities or warlike operations (whether war be declared or not); invasion; act of an enemy foreign to the nationality of the Insured Person or the country in, or over, which the act occurs; civil war; riot; rebellion; insurrection; revolution; overthrow of the legally constituted government; civil commotion assuming the proportions of, or amounting to, an uprising; military or usurped power; explosions of war weapons; release of weapons of mass destruction that do not involve an explosive sequence; murder or assault subsequently proved beyond reasonable doubt to have been the act of agents of a state foreign to the nationality of the Insured Person whether war be declared with that state or not; terrorist activity. For the purpose of this exclusion terrorist activity means an act, or acts, of any person, or group(s) of

- persons, committed for political, religious, ideological or similar purposes with the intention to influence any government and/or to put the public, or any section of the public, in fear. Terrorist activity can include, but not be limited to, the use of force or violence and/or the threat thereof. Furthermore, the perpetrators of terrorist activity can either be acting alone, or on behalf of, or in connection with any organisation(s) or government(s). Also excluded hereon is any loss or expense of whatsoever nature directly or indirectly caused by, resulting from or in connection with any action taken in controlling, preventing, or suppressing any, or all, of the above incidents. In the event any portion of this exclusion is found to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder shall remain in full force and effect.
- 4.10 Loss or destruction or damage, or any loss or expense whatsoever resulting from:
- ionising radiations or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear waste from the combustion of nuclear fuel.
  - the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous properties of any explosive nuclear assembly or nuclear component thereof.
- 4.11 Any expense which at the time of the incurring of such expense is insured by or would but for the existence of this Policy be insured by any other existing policy or policies or under any motoring organisation's service or other service.
- 4.12 Immobilisation of, or damage to, the Insured Vehicle or any component, or travel delay or any subsequent loss, directly or indirectly caused by the actual or potential inability of any computer, data processing equipment or media, microchip, integrated circuit or similar device or any computer software or stored programme to correctly recognise any date as its true calendar date or to continue to function correctly in respect of or beyond that date.
- 4.13 The cost of telephone calls when contacting Us. Whenever possible We will call You back as soon as possible.
- 4.14 Any direct or indirect loss of any kind arising from the provision of, or delay in providing, the services to which this Policy relates, unless negligence on Our part can be demonstrated. An example of this would be the loss of wages as a result of an Insured Incident.
- 4.15 Any tolls, fines, parking charges or congestion charges arising under this Policy.
- 4.16 Any winching costs or specialist off-highway-recovery equipment. Any vehicle or equipment used other than a standard recovery vehicle which is required to move a vehicle which has left the highway or is overturned or without wheels, would be considered as specialist. Once the vehicle has been recovered to a suitable location, normal service will be provided.
- 4.17 The cost of draining or removing contaminated fuel or other fluids. We will arrange local recovery, but it will be Your responsibility to pay for any work carried out.
- 4.18 Any costs incurred as a result of not carrying a serviceable spare tyre and wheel for Your vehicle, caravan or trailer, except for those Eligible Vehicles that have not been designed and built by the manufacturer to support the carriage of a serviceable spare tyre. This applies equally to full size and/or space saver, alternatives.
- 4.19 Any costs for locksmiths, glass replacement or tyre specialists are Your responsibility.
- 5.1 You must take all ordinary and reasonable precautions to prevent or minimise any loss, damage or breakdown covered under this Policy. You must take all steps necessary to expedite the completion of repairs, and You shall not abandon the Insured Vehicle or any of its parts to Us without Our authorisation.
- 5.2 We will not accept liability for expenses incurred without Our prior knowledge or consent and the Emergency Centre must be contacted when an incident arises that may be the subject of a claim.
- 5.3 We cannot accept responsibility for the transportation of pet animals or livestock carried within the Insured Vehicle at the time of an Insured Incident. Any extra costs involved in the transportation of pets or alternative transportation requirements in the event of a breakdown, would not be covered by this policy.
- 5.4 You must comply in full with all the terms and conditions of this Policy before a claim will be paid. You must make no admission, offer, promise or payment without Our prior consent. In order to benefit from the cover, an Insured Person or member other than the Policyholder must agree to abide by all the relevant terms, conditions and exclusions of this Policy.
- 5.5 We may at Our own expense take proceedings in Your name to recover compensation or secure an indemnity from any third party in respect of any expenses paid under this Policy and any amount so recovered or secured shall belong to Us.
- 5.6 If any dispute arises as to Policy interpretation, or as to any rights or obligations under the Policy, We offer You the option of resolving this by using the Arbitration procedure We have arranged. Please see the details shown in the Complaints Procedure. Using this Service will not affect Your legal rights.
- 5.7 If any fraudulent claim is made or if any fraudulent means or devices are used to obtain any benefit under the insurance, this Policy shall become void and the premium paid shall be forfeited. Any benefits so claimed and received must be repaid to Us.
- 5.8 You will be required to reimburse to Us, within seven days of Our request to You, any costs or expenses We have paid out on Your behalf which are not covered under the terms of the insurance.
- 5.9 At the time of a claim, at Our request You must provide evidence of proper servicing of Your vehicle.
- 5.10 A garage or specialist undertaking repair work on Your instructions and which is not specifically covered under this insurance will be acting as Your agent for such repair work.
- 5.11 This contract of insurance is effected in England and unless otherwise agreed between the Policyholder and Us is subject to the Laws of England and Wales, the Courts of which countries alone shall have jurisdiction in any disputes.
- 5.12 Service will be provided only to the Insured Vehicle, details of which have been supplied Us, or to a vehicle that has been notified to Us as being a permanent substitute for the original Insured Vehicle.
- 5.13 If You have a road traffic accident, you must supply your motor vehicle insurance details to Us when We ask for this information. The incident must be reported to the insurer.

## **SECTION 5 - GENERAL CONDITIONS**

## **SECTION 6 - COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE**

We aim to provide a first class service at all times. However, if You have any complaint regarding the standard of service You have received under Your Policy, the following procedure is available to You to resolve the situation:

- 6.1 In the first instance please contact the Quality Department of Europ Assistance Holdings Limited at Sussex House, Perrymount Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 1DN. Alternatively You can telephone Us on 0844 338 5799 or e-mail Us on: [quality@europ-assistance.co.uk](mailto:quality@europ-assistance.co.uk)  
If We cannot give You a final decision by four weeks from the day We receive Your complaint We will explain why and tell You when We hope to reach a decision.
- 6.2 Our decision is final and based on the evidence presented. If You feel that there is any new evidence or information that may change Our decision You have the right to make an appeal.
- 6.3 In any event, should You remain dissatisfied or fail to receive a final answer within eight weeks\* of Us receiving Your complaint, You have the right, in addition to Your contractual rights under the insurance, to refer the matter to the Financial Ombudsman Service at :

South Quay Plaza,  
183 Marsh Wall,  
London,  
E14 9SR.  
Telephone : 0845 080 1800

\* N.B. The time scales given above are dependent on You responding immediately to any correspondence We send You.

#### **SECTION 7 - CANCELLATION PROVISIONS**

**Right to return the insurance document:** You have the right to cancel any policy of insurance within 14 days of the date of issue or receipt of the terms and conditions, whichever is the later. We will refund to You any premium You have paid and We will recover from You any payments We have made.

**Cancellation by the Policyholder:** If You subsequently give notice in writing or by telephone to Us to cancel this policy, such cancellation shall take effect on the date the notice is received or on the date specified in the notice, whichever is the later. No return of premium will be made.

**Cancellation by Us:** We may give 14 days notice of cancellation of this policy by recorded delivery letter to You at Your last known address.

**Premium position upon cancellation by Us:** If premium has been paid for any period beyond the date of cancellation of this insurance, the relevant pro-rata portion of this premium will be refunded to You. If however, an incident has arisen during the Period of Insurance which has or will give rise to a claim, then no refund will be made.

**Effective time of cancellation:** This policy shall cease at 00.01 hours Greenwich Mean Time on the day following the last day of the Period of Insurance for which premium has been paid.

#### **SECTION 8 - DATA PROTECTION ACT 1998 NOTICE**

We collect and maintain personal information in order to underwrite and administer the policies of insurance that We issue. All personal information is treated with the utmost confidentiality and with appropriate levels of security. We will not keep Your information longer than is necessary.

Your information will be protected from accidental or unauthorised disclosure. We will only reveal Your information if it is allowed by law, authorised by You, to prevent fraud or in order that We can liaise with Our agents in the administration of this policy.

Under the terms of the Act You have the right to ask for a copy of any information We hold on You upon payment of an administrative fee and to require a correction of any incorrect

information held. Any inaccurate or misleading data will be corrected as soon as possible.

The above principles apply whether We hold Your information on paper or in electronic form.

Enquiries in relation to data held by Us should be directed to the Customer Contact Centre Manager, Europ Assistance Holdings Limited, Sussex House, Perrymount Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH16 1DN.

#### **STANDARD OF WORKMANSHIP**

Europ Assistance will monitor the progress of Your assistance but cannot be responsible for the repair work provided by a garage, dealer or tradesman.