

Group Policy

Breakdown Policy for British Transport Police Federation

Terms and conditions

Please read and keep for your records.



Contact information

	Telephone	In Writing
Breakdown in the UK Please quote TG078	0330 159 1320	
Breakdown in Europe Calling from Europe Calling from a French landline (freephone) Calling from the Republic of Ireland (freephone)	00 33 472 43 52 55* 0800 290 112 1800 535 005	
Bringing the vehicle back to the UK after a breakdown	0330 159 0342	
Claim Form Requests From the UK From Europe	0330 159 0337 0044 161 332 1040*	europeanclaims@rac.co.uk www.rac.co.uk/europeanclaimform
Customer Services	0345 266 8985	Officer Insurance Cover 2 Minster Court, Mincing Lane, London, United Kingdom, EC3R 7PD Email: enquires@officerinsurancecover.co.uk
Hearing assistance	Telephone prefix 18001 to access Typetalk or text us on 07855 828282	

Telephone charges

Please note that **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 the vehicle breaks down, please provide us with

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

If **you** fail to make contact within 24 hours of becoming aware of the **breakdown** cover may be refused in relation to the **breakdown**.

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** 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.

Breakdown or 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 the **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 **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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Your terms and conditions

Definition of words

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

"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** or had 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"/"breaks 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, running out of fuel, flat tyres, mis-fuel, but not as a result of a **road traffic collision**, fire, flood, theft, acts of vandalism, any fault caused by actions or omissions of the **driver** of the vehicle, except running out of fuel, mis-fuel and battery failure, or any key related issue other than keys locked in the vehicle;

"claim" means each separate request for service or benefit for cover under any section of this **group policy**;

"caravan"/"trailer" means 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;

"driver"/"their"/"they" means the **member** of a vehicle at the time a **breakdown** occurs who is authorised to be driving the vehicle and is permanently resident in the **UK**;

"Europe" means the mainland countries of Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus (South), Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, 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 in the Mediterranean Sea;

"expiry date" means the date that this **group policy** expires;

"group policy"/"policy" means the breakdown policy as set out in this document;

"home" means the address in the **UK** where **you** live permanently;

"journey" means a trip to **Europe** which begins and ends on return from **home** during the **policy period**;

"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(s)), of a vehicle based upon a vehicle of the equivalent age, make, recorded mileage and model as the vehicle;

"member"/"you"/"your" means a member of the Federation or nominated partner of the member who is entitled to the benefits under this **group policy**;

"Officer Insurance Cover" a trading name of Advisory Insurance Broker Limited of 2 Minster Court, Mincing Lane, London, EC3R 7PD who act on behalf of the **RAC** in respect of the sales and administration of the **group policy**;

"passengers" means the **driver** and up to the number of passengers allowed as shown in the Vehicle Registration Document travelling in the vehicle;

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

"policy period" means the length of time for which your **group policy** is in force;

"policy year" means the **policy period**, from the **start date**;

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

1. For Sections A, B and C means RAC Motoring Services;
2. For Sections D, E and F 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;

"reimburse"/"reimbursement" means reimbursement by **RAC** under the reimbursement process;

"road traffic collision" means

1. for the purpose of Section F 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**;

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

"start date" means the date **you** join the group insurance scheme;

"UK" means England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, and for the purpose of this **group policy** includes the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man if **you** are a resident there;

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

1. it is either a car, light van, minibus or motorhome that is less than (a) 3.5 tonnes; (b) 6.4m (21ft) long including a tow bar; and (c) 2.55 metres wide; or
2. for Section F it is either a car, light van, minibus 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 a motorcycle over 49cc and is not a mobility scooter

"welcome letter" means the document entitled "welcome letter" containing important details about this **group policy**;

Important information about your group policy

- This **group policy** is intended to offer services relating to the **breakdown of vehicles**. Based on the information provided this **group policy** 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.
- This **policy** is the contract of insurance between **you** and the **RAC**.
- 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 **us**.

Your **group policy** consists of:

1. A Breakdown Policy – one or more contracts of insurance between **you** and the insurers:
 - a) RAC Motoring Services provides insurance for Sections A, B and C; and
 - b) RAC Insurance Limited provides insurance for all other Sections.

A premium is payable for contracts of insurance which is included in your monthly group insurance subscription.

2. A policy wording will be made available to **you** on joining the group insurance scheme.

Policy type

This **group policy** covers **you** as a **driver** or a **passenger** in any vehicle.

Policy Period

The **group policy** will start on the 1st May 2024 and end after the 30th April 2027.

Limits of Cover

Cover under this **group policy** 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 this **group policy**;
 - b) in order to make a **claim** under Section C (Recovery) we must have first attended under Section A (Roadside) or Section B (At Home); and
 - c) in order to make a **claim** under Section D, we must have first attended under Section A (Roadside) or B (At Home).
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 this **group policy**, regardless of who makes the **claim**;
3. The amount that is covered for certain types of **claim** or for certain sections, as set out in this **group policy**.

Reimbursement

Under some sections, **you** may need to pay for the service up front and **claim** this back from **us**. To do so, please visit

www.rac.co.uk/reimbursementclaimform. If **you** have any queries please contact Breakdown Customer care on 0330 159 0337. Please send your completed claim form with proof of payment (such as a receipt) to Customer Services. We may ask **you** to supply original documents.

Hire Car Terms

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

Covered

1. In the **UK**, we will arrange and pay for the hire cost of a replacement car for up to 2 consecutive days or until the **vehicle** has been repaired, if sooner. Any replacement vehicle will be limited to a small hatchback;
2. In **Europe**, we will arrange and pay for the hire cost of a replacement car for up to 14 consecutive days or until the vehicle has been repaired if sooner. Any replacement vehicle will be limited to a small hatchback;
3. 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 points on **your** licence), and **you** choose to hire a car yourself, let **us** know before **you** hire a car, and then provided **we** have agreed the cost, **we** will **reimburse you** up to £35 per day;
4. Where **we** arrange a hire car **we** will pay the insurance and collision damage waiver (this covers the cost of damage but **you** would still need to pay the excess).

Not Covered

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

Your Cover

Section A. Roadside

This **group policy** includes cover for Roadside.

Covered

If the **vehicle breaks down** within the **UK** more than a quarter of a mile from the **member's home**, we will:

1. Send help to repair the **vehicle** at the roadside. This could be a permanent or temporary repair; or
2. If **we** are unable to repair the **vehicle** at the roadside, **we** will recover the **vehicle** and **passengers** to, along with any **caravan** or **trailer** attached to it, will be recovered to a destination chosen by the **member** up to a maximum of 10 miles from the **breakdown**;

If **we** recover the **vehicle** to a garage, **we** will **reimburse** the **member** for taxi costs for **passengers** to continue the journey to a single destination within 20 miles.

Not Covered

1. The cost of any parts;
2. The fitting of parts, including batteries, supplied by anyone other than **us**;
3. Any **breakdown** resulting from a fault that **we** have previously attended and:
 - a) the original fault has not been properly repaired; or
 - b) **our** advice after a temporary repair has not been followed;
4. Recovery for **caravans** or **trailers** if the **caravan** or **trailer breaks down**.

Section B. At Home

This **group policy** includes cover for At Home.

Covered

We will provide the same cover as the "Covered" part of Section A (Roadside) if the **vehicle breaks down** at, or within a quarter of a mile of, the **member's home**.

Not Covered

Please see the "Not Covered" part of Section A (Roadside), which also applies here.

Section C. Recovery

This **group policy** includes cover for Recovery.

Covered

If **we** are unable to repair the **vehicle** under Section A (Roadside), or Section B (At Home), **we** will recover the **vehicle** and **your passengers**, along with any **caravan** or **trailer** attached to it, from the **breakdown** location to a single destination chosen by the **driver** within the **UK**. For long distances **we** may use more than one recovery vehicle.

Please note: recovery must be arranged with **us** while **we** are at the scene.

Not Covered

1. Please see the "Not Covered" part of Section A (Roadside), which also applies here;
2. Tyre faults where the **vehicle** is not carrying a serviceable spare tyre, the tyre repair equipment provided by the **vehicle's** manufacturer or a locking wheel nut;
3. A second recovery owing to the intended original destination being closed or inaccessible.

Section D. Onward Travel

This **group policy** includes cover for Onward Travel.

If **we** attend a **breakdown** under Sections A (Roadside) or B (At Home), and cannot fix the **vehicle** on the same day, **we** will help the **member** by making arrangements to allow the continuation of the journey. The **member** can choose one of the following options, subject to availability:

1. Hire Car;
2. Alternative transport; or
3. Overnight accommodation.

1. Hire Car

Covered

Up to 2 consecutive days or until the **vehicle** has been fixed if sooner.

Please see Hire Car terms.

Hire Cars must be arranged with **us** within 24 hours of the time of **breakdown**.

2. Alternative transport

Covered

If the **member** would prefer to continue the journey by air, rail, taxi or public transport, **we** will **reimburse** the **member** for a standard class ticket up to £150 per person or £500 for the whole party, whichever is less.

3. Overnight accommodation

Covered

The **member** may decide that waiting for the **vehicle** to be fixed is best. **We** will arrange one night's bed and breakfast accommodation, up to a value of £150 per person or £500 for the whole party, whichever is less.

4. Assistance in a medical emergency

Covered

We will also help if the **member** or one of the **passengers** suddenly or unexpectedly falls ill and needs medical help before the end of the journey. **We** will help to:

1. book one night's bed and breakfast accommodation for the **member** and **passengers** if the hospital is more than 20 miles from **home**. **We** will **reimburse** the **member** up to £150 per person or £500 for the whole party; and
2. arrange to get the patient home or to a local hospital as soon as they are fit to travel.

Not Covered

We will not assist the **member** where **they** or one of the **passengers** is taken ill during a journey to or from a doctor's surgery or hospital, including planned doctor or hospital appointments or emergencies.

Section E. Mis-fuel Rescue

This **group policy** includes cover for Mis-fuel Rescue.

Covered

If the **vehicle** has **broken down** in the **UK** due to the incorrect fuel being put into the fuel tank, **we** will:

1. Drain, flush and clean out the fuel system;
2. fill the **vehicle** with up to 10 litres of fuel to get the **vehicle** mobile and allow the **driver** to drive to the nearest fuel station; and
3. arrange the safe disposal of the contaminated fuel;

if **we** are unable to repair the **vehicle** due to mechanical damage caused by the mis-fuelling **we** will recover the **vehicle** and **passengers** to a destination chosen by the **driver** up to a maximum of 10 miles from the **breakdown**.

Not Covered

1. Damage due to:
 - a) AdBlue or similar diesel exhaust fluid being put in the fuel tank;

- b) gradual loss of the ability of a part to work exactly as it was designed to by the manufacturer, caused by time and/or the **vehicle's** mileage; or
 - c) malicious actions, pre-existing faults or defects;
2. Any damage not caused by mis-fuelling.

Section F. European Motoring Assistance

This **group policy** includes cover for European Motoring Assistance.

Limits of cover

The cover under Section F is subject to an aggregate overall limit of £2,500 per **call out** and 3 **call-outs** per **policy year**, limited to 1 **call-out** per **journey** and is subject to the further limits of cover in respect of each type of cover. Each **journey** is limited to a maximum of 90 days.

Section F1: Onward travel in the UK

Covered

If **we** attend a **breakdown** under Section A (or C) and cannot fix the **vehicle** by the **planned departure date** and **you** are within 24 hours of **your planned departure date** **we** will arrange a hire car for the continuation of the **journey** up to 14 consecutive days or until the **vehicle** has been fixed if sooner and one person will be transported to their nearest hire car supplier to collect the vehicle.

Not Covered

Requests following a **road traffic collision**.

Section F2: Roadside assistance in Europe

Covered

If the **vehicle breaks down** or is involved in a **road traffic collision** in **Europe** during a **journey**, **we** will send help to either:

1. Repair the **vehicle** at the roadside. This could be a permanent or temporary repair; or
2. 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 £150 when the **vehicle** can be repaired on the same day;
 - 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 the **member** to a contact of **their** choice.

Not Covered

1. Repair costs, including garage labour charges:
 - a) If the **breakdown** was due to mis-fuelling or a flat tyre. **You** are also not covered for any benefits under any other section of this **RAC Breakdown Cover**;
 - b) if the **vehicle** was in a **road traffic collision**;
 - c) any liability if damage is caused to the **vehicle** whilst attempting to get keys, which have been locked in the **vehicle**, out. **You** are also not covered for any benefits under any other section of this **RAC Breakdown Cover**; or
 - d) if the **vehicle** repair costs will be more than its **market value**.
2. The costs of any parts.

Note: By claiming under this section **you** are authorising **us** and the garage to undertake fault diagnosis.

Section F3: Onward travel in Europe

Covered

If the **vehicle** has a **breakdown** or is involved in a **road traffic collision** during a **journey** in **Europe** and **we** establish that the repairs cannot be completed within 12 hours, **we** will help the **member** by making arrangements for the **passengers** to continue the **journey**. The **member** can choose either:

1. Alternative transport; or
2. Additional accommodation expenses.

1. Alternative transport

Covered

1. A hire car as a replacement until the **vehicle** has been fixed, up to 14 consecutive days; or
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.

2. 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 £30 per person per day up to a maximum of £500 for all **passengers**.

Not Covered

Accommodation where the **member** has suitable alternative accommodation that can be used. Cover under this section will stop once:

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

Once the **member** is notified of cover ending, if **they** have a hire car, it must be returned to the place agreed with **us** within 24 hours. The **member** can keep the hire car for longer if **you** agree this with **us** first and pay for it.

Getting your passengers home

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

1. The **vehicle** is brought back home under Section F4; or
2. Once **we** establish that the repair costs to the **vehicle** exceed its **market value** under Section F4.

Section F4: Getting the vehicle home

Covered

If **we** attend a **breakdown** or **road traffic collision** in **Europe** under Section F2 and the **vehicle** cannot be repaired before the **member's** planned return to the **UK**, **we** will arrange and pay for:

1. Recovery of the **vehicle** to a single destination of the **member's** choice within the **UK**; and
2. Storage charges for the **vehicle** whilst awaiting the **vehicle** to be returned to the **UK**; or
3. If the **vehicle** is repaired in **Europe**, the cost of one person to travel to collect the **vehicle** by standard class rail or air fare and public transport up to £600 and a contribution towards room only accommodation up to £50 per day;
4. 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;
5. **Reimbursement** for a hire car in the **UK** once **we** have brought **passengers** home under Section F3 until the **vehicle** is brought back to the **UK**, up to 2 consecutive days;

We will take the **passengers** in the **vehicle home** under Section F3 (Onward Travel in Europe).

It is **our** decision whether to get the **broken down vehicle home** or have it repaired locally. **We** will follow **your** motor insurer's decision whether to get the **vehicle home** or have it repaired locally following a **road traffic collision** covered by **your** motor insurance.

Not Covered

1. Any costs:
 - a) if the **vehicle** is **beyond economical repair**;
 - b) covered under **your** motor insurance;
 - c) relating to storage once **you** have been notified that the **vehicle** is ready to collect; and
 - d) relating to any costs 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
 - b) a customs officer or other official finds any contents in the **vehicle** that are not legal in that country;
3. Any import duties not relating to the **vehicle**, for example relating to items carried in the **vehicle**;
4. **We** will not cover the costs of fuel, insurance or meals;
5. **We** will only cover costs under this section up to the **market value**, so if **you** want **us** to bring the **vehicle home** and the costs of bringing the **vehicle home** exceed this amount **you** will need to pay any costs above this amount before **we** make arrangements.

Important

- 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 the 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 F5: Vehicle break-in emergency repairs

Before claiming under this section the break-in must be reported 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 the member, up to £175 for:

1. immediate emergency costs incurred in order to continue the journey; or
2. the costs of recovering the vehicle to a local repairer to ensure the vehicle is secure and roadworthy.

Not Covered

1. The cost of any parts; or
2. Any benefits under any other section of this group policy.

Section F6: Replacement Driver

Covered

Although this is not covered as a breakdown under this group policy, if the member suddenly or unexpectedly falls ill during the journey in Europe, meaning they are unable to drive, we will provide a replacement driver to allow the journey to continue or return home. We will require written confirmation from the treating hospital or medical expert that the member is unable to drive.

Not Covered

1. 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 group policy.

General conditions for Section F

1. We 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 member 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 we may pay the difference, subject to the limits as set out in this group policy;
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 us 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 us when your claim form is received if you paid in cash;
5. When a hire car, taxi, hotel or similar benefit is arranged under this group policy, we will always try to find a suitable option that is available at the time, however:
 - a) we 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, we are unable to and cannot be responsible for checking the condition of each vehicle or the quality of service provided by each company;
6. 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 our reasonable opinion that would lead to additional costs being incurred, we reserve the right to refuse to provide cover under Section F3 (Onward travel in Europe) or Section F4 (Getting the vehicle home);
7. If the breakdown or road traffic collision 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 the vehicle's motor insurer;
8. This group policy does not cover:
 - a) vehicle storage charges, other than under Section F4;

- 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.

General Conditions

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

1. You must pay your premium.
2. You must request services directly from us, as we will only provide cover if we 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 the vehicle to a place of repair and this group policy will not cover this.
4. We will not cover any claim where the vehicle is already at a garage or other place of repair.
5. Where we deem, acting reasonably, that you requested service to avoid the cost of repairing the vehicle, or to correct an attempted repair by someone else, we will not provide cover.
6. A member must be with the vehicle when we attend.
7. You are responsible at all times for the care of your personal belongings, valuables, luggage and goods in or on a vehicle. We will not be responsible for any loss of or damage to them.
8. Where we recover passengers under the age of 16, they must be accompanied by an adult.
9. We will not allow animals in our vehicles, except guide dogs. Any animals can remain in the vehicle at the member's own risk. We will not be liable for any injury to animals, or damage caused by them. We will not transport any livestock. We 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 we provide a repair to the vehicle, whilst we are responsible for that repair, this does not mean that we are confirming the legal and roadworthy condition of the vehicle. This remains your responsibility.
12. We will not be responsible for any losses that may incur following a breakdown that are not expressly covered by this group policy. For example, we will not pay for any loss of earnings or missed appointments.
13. 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 guarantee this. We 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 or any other event, our services can be interrupted. We will resume our service to you as soon as we can in these circumstances.
15. The cost of the following is not covered by this group policy:
 - a) specialist equipment;
 - b) ferry charges for the vehicle and our vehicle;
 - c) recovery by someone other than us even if this is requested by the emergency services. We 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 member under this group 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 the member, and act reasonably at all times.
17. The vehicle must be privately owned and only used for private use, or any business use other than hire and reward and/or courier services.
18. This group policy does not cover:
 - a) routine servicing, maintenance or assembly of the vehicle;
 - b) caravan or trailers;
 - c) use of the vehicle for business, including for example demonstrating, carrying trade plates;
 - 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 **member** or **we** have no legal access;
 - 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 **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;
 - h) any **claim** that is or may be affected by the influence of alcohol or drugs;
 - i) any **breakdown** that is caused by or as a result of **vehicle** theft or fire;
 - j) **vehicle** storage charges. If the **vehicle** is being stored, **you** will be contacted at **your** last known address with details of how to arrange collection and any fees which may be payable. In extreme instances, where the **vehicle** has not been collected and fees not paid, the **vehicle** may be disposed of and any outstanding fees will be deducted. **You** will be notified, in accordance with legislation, prior to this happening; or
 - k) any **claim** under this **group policy** where the **breakdown** was first reported to **us** under a different policy.
19. If the **member** is asked to review and approve a document recording the condition of the **vehicle**, including an electronic form, it is **their** responsibility to ensure that the record is accurate and complete, and **we** will not be responsible for any errors or omissions.

Additional Benefits

The following are provided at no additional charge:

Driver-induced faults

If the **vehicle** cannot be driven for any reason other than a **breakdown**, for example if the **vehicle** has broken or cracked glass, the **vehicle** keys are broken or lost or there has been a **driver** induced fault, **we** will send help to the **vehicle**. If **we** cannot get the **vehicle** going again, **we** will recover the **vehicle** and **passengers** up to 10 miles. Any **specialist equipment** required by **us** to repair or arrange recovery of the **vehicle** will be chargeable.

Caravan and trailers

If a **caravan** or **trailer** breaks down within the **UK**, **we** will send help to repair the **caravan** or **trailer** at the roadside. This could be a permanent or temporary repair. **We** will not provide any other cover under this **RAC Breakdown Cover** if a **caravan** or **trailer** breaks down. However, if a vehicle breaks down and there is a **caravan** or **trailer** attached to it **we** will recover the **caravan** or **trailer** as well.

Service in the Republic of Ireland

If the **vehicle** has **broken down** in the Republic of Ireland, **we** 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), **we** 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 **member** needs to get in touch with friends and family urgently, **we** will get a message to them.

Replacement driver

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

Additional services

We can provide additional services that are not included in **your group policy** but **we** 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; or
4. Arrange a second or extended recovery.

If **you** need extra help, **we** will agree the costs up front and will need full payment before **we** can help. **You** will be responsible for any additional charges so if **we** help **you** under this **group policy** and cannot pay, **we** will invoice **you**. This is why **we** request proof of identity at the **breakdown**.

Cancellation of your policy

In the event that **you** need to cancel this **policy** please contact the Federation.

Misuse of this policy

Each **member** must not behave inappropriately towards **us**, including acting in a threatening or abusive manner, whether verbally or physically.

If this condition is not complied with, **we** will contact the **member** to discuss **our** concerns and if the concerns are not dealt with within a reasonable period of time or cannot be dealt with **we** reserve the right to refuse cover under this **group policy** with immediate effect.

We will notify the **member** in writing in the event that **we** decide to take any action.

Complaints and Financial Ombudsman Service

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 this **group policy** such as services at or following a **breakdown**, or the included benefits please contact **us** as follows:

Phone	In writing
0330 159 0337	Breakdown Customer Care RAC Motoring Services Great Park Road Bradley Stoke Bristol BS32 4QN Breakdowncustomercare@rac.co.uk

In the event **we** cannot resolve a complaint raised in respect of Onward Travel or European Motoring Assistance, complaints can be brought to the Financial Ombudsman Service by, or on behalf of customers, who are private individuals or small businesses.

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:	Phone	In writing
	0800 023 4567 or 0300 123 9123	The Financial Ombudsman Service Exchange Tower London E14 9SR 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, or by writing to:

Financial Services Compensation Scheme
PO Box 300
Mitcheldean,
Gloucestershire, GL17 1DY
The cover provided by RAC Motoring Services under this **group policy** is not covered by the FSCS.

Law

The parties are free to choose the law applicable to this **group policy**. 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 this **group policy** and the **welcome letter** and other information relating to this contract will be in English.

Your Data

Data Protection Statement

This section provides a short summary of how **we** collect and use **your** data. Please refer to **our** website at rac.co.uk/pdfs/businessroadside/breakdown/privacypolicy for full details of how **we** use **your** data. Alternatively, **you** can obtain a copy of the Privacy Policy by using the contact details below.

What is your data?

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

1. Personal data is information **we** hold on record which identifies **you**. This may include **your** name, address, email address and telephone number;
2. **We** will may also hold data about **you** that is not personal, for example, information about **your** vehicle; and
3. A small number of **our** services require the collection and storing of 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** purchase this **group policy**, contact **us** through social media or make a **claim** under **your** **group policy**. **We** will always need to collect, store and use information about **you** to be able to provide **you** with **your** **group 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** **group policy**.

How we will use your data

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

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/pdfs/businessroadside/breakdown/privacypolicy or contact the Data Protection Officer:

1. Call **our** Customer Service Team: 0330 159 0337; or
2. Email **us**: membershipcustomer@rac.co.uk; or
3. Write to **us**:
RAC Motoring Services
Great Park Road
Bradley Stoke
Bristol
BS32 4QN