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# **Private car policy summary**

This policy summary contains important information. It does not contain the full terms and conditions of your **1**<sup>ST</sup> **CENTRAL** policy, which you can find in the policy wording that follows.

The policy is arranged by First Central Insurance Management Ltd on behalf of the insurer (or insurers) named on your Certificate of Insurance. (However, the Key Assist benefit which is included in the policy is insured by Evolution Insurance Company Ltd.) This is a yearly policy, which we may automatically renew at the end of each policy year unless you tell us otherwise. To make a claim, call **0333 043 2011**.

#### Contracts

This insurance policy document is a legally binding contract. It explains the products on offer, the terms and conditions, and any fees which apply. This does not affect the rights you normally have by law. We will hold all money as an agent of the insurer. We will not pay interest to you from the account used. You can find more details in the policy wording that follows.

# Conditions relating to your insurance

- All the information that you provided is shown in the Statement of Fact and must be true and complete as
  it forms the basis of the insurance contract.
- You must do all you can to protect your car from loss or damage and make sure it is legally roadworthy.
- You must make sure that you check your Schedule for any other endorsements which may restrict cover beyond the exclusions shown below.
- If you fail to keep to any conditions, the insurers may reject your claim. If you fail to pay any instalments when due, we may cancel the policy.

#### Cancellation within 14 days

From the start of your policy, you have a 14-day period to change your mind. Your insurer will return any premium paid (including your deposit), less:

- a charge for the number of days for which the insurers have provided cover; and
- any fees which may apply as shown in the Important customer information section.

Your insurer will not refund any credit-finance charges. Your insurer will not refund any premium if you have made a claim or have been involved in an incident which might give rise to a claim under the policy. For details of cancelling the policy after the 14 days has passed, please see the General conditions section.



# Features, benefits and exclusions

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Applies

X Does not apply

Comp: Comprehensive

TPFT: Third party, fire and theft

	Features and benefits (what is covered)	Significant or unusual exclusions or limits
Section 1 – Accidental damage ✓ Comp X TPFT	<ul> <li>Replacement or repair if your car, spare parts or accessories are lost, stolen or damaged.</li> <li>New car replacement if, within 12 months of buying it from new, your car is considered by the insurers as a total loss.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Loss of value after repair, and loss through deception or fraud (page 13).</li> <li>Loss if ignition keys are left in or on the car while unattended or the car is not secured (page 13).</li> <li>New car replacement will only be if the car is not leased or on contract hire (page 12)</li> <li>Loss or damage caused by a member of the family or</li> </ul>
Section 2 – Fire and theft Comp TPFT	<ul> <li>Replacement or repair if your car, spare parts or accessories suffer loss or damage by fire, lightning, explosion, theft or attempted theft.</li> <li>New car replacement if, within 12 months of buying it from new, your car is stolen and not recovered.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>household of a permitted driver taking the car without your permission (page 13).</li> <li>New car replacement depends on a suitable replacement car being available in the UK (page 13).</li> <li>The excess shown on your Schedule.</li> <li>Loss of or damage to the car if it is not covered by a valid Department of Transport test certificate (MOT), if one is needed by law.</li> </ul>
Section 3 – Windscreen  Comp  TPFT	<ul> <li>Replacement or repair of windscreens and windows (including scratching of paintwork caused by broken glass).</li> <li>No effect on your no-claims discount.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Windscreens or windows not made of glass (page 14).</li> <li>Any hood if your car is a cabriolet or convertible (page 14).</li> <li>Any amount over £150 unless the insurers' approved glass supplier is used (page 14).</li> <li>The excess shown on your Schedule if your windscreen needs repairing or replacing (page 14).</li> <li>Claims for multiple breakages of glass will be limited to one piece of glass only under this section of cover (page 14).</li> </ul>
Section 4 – Liability to others ✓ Comp ✓ TPFT	<ul> <li>Cover for amounts you are legally responsible for if someone else is injured or killed, or their property damaged, resulting from an accident in your car. However, the following limits will apply.         <ul> <li>Death or injury – unlimited</li> <li>Property damage – up to £20,000,000</li> <li>Legal fees and expenses (with insurer's written permission) – up to £5,000,000</li> </ul> </li> <li>Driving other cars (DOC) cover for the policyholder (comprehensive policies only)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Driving other cars (DOC) cover only applies for comprehensive policies if it is shown on the Certificate of Motor Insurance, and is restricted to the policyholder who must be 25 or over at the start or renewal of the policy. This cover also applies as long as the private motor car is registered, driven and insured elsewhere within the UK. This cover is limited to third party liability only (page 16).</li> <li>If you or anyone named on the Certificate of Motor Insurance is convicted of driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, the most the insurer will pay will be the cover required under the Road Traffic Act. The insurer may recover from you any amount that they have to pay (page 16).</li> </ul>
Section 5 – No-claims discount ✓ Comp ✓ TPFT	<ul> <li>No-claims discount can be earned for each year of driving without making a claim under the policy.</li> <li>No-claims discount protection is available. This will keep your no-claims discount intact no matter how many claims you make under the policy.</li> </ul>	The no-claims discount protection will not prevent your premium from increasing at renewal. However, the premium calculation will include the no-claims discount you are entitled to (page 17).
Section 6 – Travelling abroad ✓ Comp ✓ TPFT	<ul> <li>Cover is extended for 90 days in any one period of insurance within any member country of the European Union and Croatia, Iceland, Norway, Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Andorra.</li> <li>You can also buy cover for longer than the 90 days.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Contact us on 0333 043 2066 if you would like to upgrade from minimum cover (page 18).</li> <li>If you do not tell us about any period beyond 90 days in a row, cover is reduced to the minimum cover in law.</li> </ul>
Section 7 – Extra	<ul> <li>Personal accident – up to £5,000 if an accident in your car results in your death, permanent loss of sight, or total loss of one or more limbs.</li> </ul>	Personal accident – cover not provided if you are over the age of 80 at the time of the accident (page 19).



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benefits  Comp TPFT	<ul> <li>Personal belongings in or on your car – up to £250 cover for loss or damage caused by accident, fire or theft.</li> <li>Medical expenses – up to £100 for each person injured in your car if it is involved in an accident.</li> <li>Courtesy car – if your vehicle is being repaired by one of the insurers' approved repairers.</li> <li>Up to £100 for any necessary overnight accommodation if you cannot continue your journey after an accident or loss.</li> <li>Personal belongings, medical expenses and hotel expenses – cover is provided only if there is no cover in force under any other policy (page 19).</li> <li>Courtesy car – this is not guaranteed to be the same size or model as your own car and depends on what is available (page 20).</li> </ul>		
Section 8 – Key Assist  ✓ Comp  ✓ TPFT	<ul> <li>Up to £1,500 cover each year.</li> <li>No effect on your no-claims discount.</li> <li>Replacement locks, keys and locksmiths charges covered.</li> <li>No excess to pay.</li> <li>Up to 3 days' car hire when stranded due to loss or theft of keys.</li> <li>Any amount over the cover limit in the same period of insurance (page 21).</li> <li>An insured event not reported to us within 30 days (page 21).</li> <li>Vehicle hire charges if the hired vehicle has an engine size over 1600cc engine size and charges over £40 per day (page 21).</li> <li>Any claim made within the first 14 days of the start of the policy (page 21).</li> </ul>		
Section 9 – General exceptions  Comp TPFT	shown in the manufacturer's latest price guide plus an amount for fitting. The insurers will not pay extra costs as a result of parts or replacements not being available in the UK (page 12).  All excesses as shown in your Schedule (page 13).  Track days and off-road events (page 24).		
Section 10 – General conditions  Comp TPFT  If you or anyone acting for you deliberately misrepresents or fails to reveal facts asked on behalf of the insurer that would affect either the terms and conditions or the decision to provide insurance, we may make your policy void (treat it as if it never existed). We may also make any other policies you have with us void. We will aim to recover any costs we have paid or have an obligation to pay, including claims costs, and will not return any premium you have already paid (page 28).  If you or anyone acting for you misrepresents or carelessly fails to reveal facts asked on behalf of the insurer that would affect either the terms and conditions or the decision to provide insurance, we may charge you an extra premium or cancel your policy. We may also aim to recover any costs we have had to pay, including claims costs (page 28).  The insurer will not pay a claim that is any way fraudulent, false, or exaggerated or if you or anyone acting for you makes a claim in a fraudulent or false way. In these cases, we may cancel your policy or declare it void and any other 1 <sup>ST</sup> CENTRAL policies that you may have. We may also recover any costs we have had to pay, including claims costs and will not return any premium you have already paid (page 28).			

# **Complaints**

If you want to make a complaint, you can contact us:

by email customerrelations@1stcentral.co.uk

in writing First Central Insurance Management Ltd, Central House, 25-27 Perrymount Road,

Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 3TP.

by phone 0333 043 2077.

If we cannot settle your complaint, you may be able to refer it to the Financial Ombudsman Service.

# **Compensation scheme**

Your insurers are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. You may be entitled to compensation from the scheme if they cannot pay what they owe under the policy. You can find out more about the Financial Services Compensation Scheme by visiting <a href="https://www.fscs.org.uk">www.fscs.org.uk</a>.





#### Your car insurance contract

Thank you for choosing 1<sup>ST</sup> CENTRAL for your car insurance. We are delighted to welcome you as a valued customer.

This is your policy wording. Please read it together with your Schedule, Certificate of Motor Insurance, Statement of Fact and endorsements, as together these documents form the contract between you and the insurer. This contract is based on the information you provided when you applied for this insurance, which is shown on the Statement of Fact that you have declared to be correct. Please take time to check the information shown. If any of this information is incorrect, please call the Customer Services team immediately on 0333 043 2066. You can also call this number if you have any questions about your policy.

You will also find information about changes which may affect your policy and how you must tell us straight away about any changes you make (page 11) as well as how to tell us about any claim (page 8).

If your policy does not meet your needs, please return all documents, including the Certificate of Motor Insurance, within 14 days, to First Central Insurance Management Ltd at Central House, 25-27 Perrymount Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 3TP. As long as you have not made a claim and you have not been involved in an incident that might give rise to a claim under the policy, your insurer will refund the premium paid less a charge for the number of days covered by the policy. We can take off set-up and cancellation fees as shown in the important customer information section.

This is a legally-binding contract of insurance between you (the policyholder) and the insurer (as shown on your current Certificate of Motor Insurance). The parties to this contract are you and the insurer. Your insurer has agreed to provide cover for you (under the terms, conditions, limits and exclusions in this document and within the geographical limits (defined in section 6)) against your liability (legal responsibility) for loss, destruction, accidental injury, or damage that may happen during any period of insurance in connection with your car.

Nothing in this contract will create any rights to anyone else under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 and no change to this contract, nor any extra agreement, will create these rights unless we say so in the policy. This does not affect any right or remedy of someone else that they may have aside from this act. If there is more than one insurer providing this insurance, they are each acting alone and not jointly. If one of the insurers does not for any reason meet all or part of their responsibilities under the policy, the other insurers will have no responsibility for those obligations.

So that this document may be signed and issued as evidence of the contract of insurance, the insurer has entered into an agreement with us to allow our Chief Executive Officer the right to sign and issue this document.

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Andy James, CEO

**First Central Insurance Management Ltd**, Central House, 25-27 Perrymount Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 3TP.

Registered in England and Wales (number: 6489797). Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (firm reference number: 483296).

The insurance contract will be governed by English Law unless you have agreed otherwise with your insurer. The insurance contract is written in English and any associated communications will be in English.





# **Definition of terms**

The following words or phrases have the same meaning wherever they appear in this policy.

#### 1ST CENTRAL

Brand name used by First Central Insurance Management Ltd.

#### **Certificate of Motor Insurance**

The **Certificate of Motor Insurance** provides evidence that **you** have taken out the insurance that **you** must have by law. It shows who may drive **your car** and what it may be used for.

#### **Endorsement**

An **endorsement** is a clause that alters **your** cover. Any **endorsement** that applies is shown on **your Schedule.** 

#### **Excess**

The amount of any **claim you** will have to pay if **your car** is lost, stolen or damaged. When **you** set up your **policy** you may also choose to add a voluntary **excess**, and this amount is set by you. All **excesses** that apply are shown on **your Schedule**. If you need to make a claim, you are responsible for paying all **excesses** applying to the **policy**, even if the incident is not **your** fault.

#### Fire

Fire, self-ignition, lightning and explosion.

#### Insurer

For all parts of this **policy**, apart from Section 8 Key Assist, the **insurer** is defined as the insurance company (or companies) which cover **you** and whose name is shown on your **Certificate of Motor Insurance**. Under section 8 Key Assist, another definition applies (as shown in section 8).

#### Key

Any key, device or code used to secure, gain access to, and allow your car to be started or driven.

#### Malicious damage

Damage that is a result of a deliberate act with the purpose of causing harm or damage (including vandalism).

#### Market value

The cost of replacing **your car** with one of a similar make, model, age, mileage and condition based on market prices at the time of the accident or loss. This may not be the same price **you** originally paid for **your car** or the value **you** declared on the **Statement of Fact**.

#### **Partner**

**Your** husband, wife, civil partner or someone you are living with at the same address as if you were married to them.

#### Period of insurance

The length of time covered by this **policy**. This is usually a one-year period from either the start of **your** insurance **policy** or the date we renew it.

#### **Policy**

This document, the Schedule, Statement of Fact and Certificate of Motor Insurance and endorsements.



#### Private motor car

A **private motor car** made to carry up to eight passengers which is designed only for private use and has not been built or adapted to carry goods or loads. This also includes motor cars that have been professionally adapted or converted to carry a disabled driver or disabled passengers.

#### **Schedule**

The document that confirms details of **you**, **your car** and the insurance protection provided by the **insurer** to **you** or anyone covered by this **policy** to drive **your car**.

#### SORN

Statutory Off Road Notification. Notice given to the DVLA or DVLNI that **you** don't use or keep **your car** on a public road (for example, you keep it in a garage, on a drive or on private land and do not drive it).

#### Statement of Fact

The document containing the statements made by **you**, the information provided by **you** and declared as correct when **you** applied for, renewed or adjusted your cover.

#### **Terms**

All terms, exceptions, conditions and limits which apply to the policy.

#### **Terrorism**

Using or threatening force or violence to try to influence the government or any organisation, or to intimidate the public, or section of the public for a political, religious, racial or ideological reason. It can involve:

- serious violence against a person or people;
- serious damage to any form of property;
- a threat to a person's life;
- a serious risk to the health and safety of the public; or serious interference with or disruption to an electronic system; and
- using firearms, explosives, biological, chemical, nuclear or other weapons or actions designed to cause mass destruction or damage.

#### Theft

Any **theft** or attempted **theft** that **you** have reported to the police and which you have a crime reference number for.

#### **Total loss**

When the **insurer** considers the car to be beyond economic repair.

#### **Unpaid premium**

Any part of **your** premium that **you** have not paid to **us** including any unpaid instalments.

## We, our, us

For all parts of this **policy**, this is **First Central Insurance Management Ltd** acting on behalf of the **insurer** named in the **Certificate of Motor Insurance**. Under Section 8 Key Assist, there is a separate definition of **insurer** which applies.

### You, your

For all parts of this **policy** apart from Section 8 Key Assist, **you and your** is defined as the person named as the policyholder in the **Schedule**. Under Section 8 Key Assist, another definition applies (as shown in section 8).



#### Your car

Any private motor car stated on your current Certificate of Motor Insurance and Schedule, including a courtesy car provided by one of the approved repairers under this insurance.



# What to do if you have an accident

24-hour claims helpline number: 0333 043 2011 (or +44 (0) 333 043 2011 from oversea



If you, or your car, are involved in any type of accident or loss, you must tell us within 48 hours of the incident by phoning the number above. You must do this whether or not you are at fault and even if you do not plan to claim. Our team will help you to arrange fast and efficient repairs (if your cover is appropriate) through the insurer's extensive approved repairer network. Using the insurers' approved repairer network has several benefits.

- You will not need to get estimates.
- You will be given a courtesy car, free of charge, while your car is repaired. (This depends on what is available, and the insurer cannot guarantee that this will be the same size or model as your car.)
- The bill will be settled directly with them. You only need to pay the excess and any other amount that you will have been told about.
- You can arrange for your car to be collected from your home or place of work and they will also deliver it back.
- The **insurer's** approved repairer's work is guaranteed for five years.
- Your car will be washed and cleaned before being returned to you.

If you choose not to use the insurer's approved repairer network, this may lead to delays in arranging repairs to your vehicle. You will also have to pay an extra excess as well as any other excesses under this policy. We will not guarantee the repairs and **we** will not provide a courtesy car.

The insurer may move your car to safe and free storage. You should remove any personal possessions from the car as soon as you are able.

Strict timescales have been set for dealing with claims, in particular those involving bodily injury. A delay may affect your insurer's ability to provide the best defence on your behalf. This kind of delay can result in high costs for your insurer which may go against your driving record or, in extreme cases, may result in your cover being refused.

#### Please remember

- When reporting a claim, please have your policy number ready (it is shown on your Schedule and Certificate of Motor Insurance).
- We may monitor or record calls, emails, text messages or other communications in line with UK law (for example, but not limited to, for business purposes such as quality control and training).

As long as they are named on the policy, we will deal with your husband, wife or partner who may call us on your behalf. If you would like someone else to deal with your policy on your behalf on a regular basis, please let us know. In some exceptional cases we may also deal with other people who call on your behalf, with your permission. If at any time you would prefer us to deal only with you, please let us know.

#### Windscreen claims

24-hour windscreen claims helpline number: 0333 043 2012



Call the windscreen helpline within 48 hours of discovering the damage to organise a repair or to replace your windscreen or other windows in your car.



# **Key Assist claims**

24-hour Key Assist claims helpline number: 0333 043 2011



# Important customer information

#### **Demands and needs**

This product meets the demands and needs of those who want to make sure that, if they are involved in a motor accident, claims against them by anyone else for personal injury or damage to property during the **period of insurance** will be met. Cover may be extended to include **fire**, **theft** and accidental damage to the insured vehicle.

# Products offered by 1<sup>ST</sup> CENTRAL

Products are only offered to you from:

- the insurer named on your **certificate of insurance** (you can ask **us** for the name of your insurer);
- Evolution Insurance Company Ltd for motor legal expenses insurance and key assist cover;
- Call Assist Ltd on behalf of AmTrust International Underwriters Ltd for breakdown insurance;
- Ultimate Insurance Company Ltd for personal-accident cover and hire-car cover; and
- AmTrust International Underwriters Limited for excess protection cover.

#### **Fees**

Arrangement fees

To set up your policy (non-refundable)	£50	
To renew your policy (non-refundable)	£50	

#### **Cancellation fees**

Cancellation before the policy start date	No Fee	
For failure to provide the documents when asked, for example, proof of a declared no-claims discount or driving licence	£75	
For not giving us relevant information (non-disclosure) or misrepresentation	£75	
For any other reason	Within 14 days of the policy start date: £0	More than 14 days after the policy start date: £50

#### **Amendment fees**

Resulting from accepting an incorrect no-claims discount	£50	
Resulting from accepting incorrect information or not receiving	£50	
relevant information		
For any other reason	If done by calling	If done online using
	our contact	the customer portal:
	centre: £30	£15

#### Other fees

Payment fees – for payments made by credit card	2% of the total amount due
Direct debit amendments and failed payments	£30
Changing your Direct Debit preferred payment date	£10

# What service does 1<sup>ST</sup> CENTRAL provide?

**You** will not receive advice or a recommendation from 1<sup>ST</sup> CENTRAL for car insurance and optional extras. Some questions may be asked to narrow down the selection of products. **You** will then need to make **your** own choice about how to go ahead.



#### **Automatic renewal**

We may automatically renew your insurance contract at the end of your 12-month period of insurance by using the personal and payment details you originally supplied or have since updated. We will contact you before your renewal date to give you information about the insurance contract so that you can make an informed decision about your policy and let us know if you do not want to renew. Whether or not you receive a renewal reminder, it is still your responsibility to make sure your insurance is valid and in force. If you pay by instalments and have received a default notice in your policy term, we may not be able to offer the monthly payment option when you are due to renew. If we cannot collect your first monthly payment when your policy has renewed, we will assume you'd prefer to not continue your insurance and we will cancel your policy from your renewal date.

# **Supporting documents**

**We** may ask to see a copy of **your** driving licence and proof of your no-claims discount. If you fail to provide these when **we** ask, **we** may cancel **your policy**.

#### **Electronic documents**

Your policy documents and Certificate of Motor Insurance are available online, and only in limited circumstances will we write to you by post. Because of this, you must give us a valid email address.

# Giving us all the facts

When asked, if **you** do not reveal all relevant facts **your** insurance may not be valid and will not protect you if you need to make a claim. In particular, **you** should tell **us** about any incidents (whether **your** fault or not, and whether **you** claimed or not). It is an offence to make false statements or withhold information to get motor insurance. The **insurers** may charge the correct premium, cancel **your policy** or make it void from the start date (inception) if **you** misrepresent or deliberately fail to reveal facts that would affect either the terms and conditions of the **policy** or the decision to provide insurance. In this case, the insurer may aim to recover any costs they have had to pay and may not return any premium **you** have paid.

#### **Motor Insurance Database**

Information relating to **your** insurance **policy** will be added to the Motor Insurance Database (MID) managed by the Motor Insurers' Bureau (MIB). MID and the data stored on it may be used by certain government and other organisations including the police, the DVLA, the DVLNI, the Insurance Fraud Bureau and other organisations allowed by law for purposes including:

- electronic licensing
- II. continuous insurance enforcement
- III. law enforcement (prevention, detection and catching or prosecuting offenders)
- IV. providing government services or other services aimed at reducing the level and incidence of uninsured driving.

If **you** are involved in a road-traffic accident (either in the UK, the European Economic Area or certain other territories), the **insurer**, the MIB or someone making a claim (including their appointed representatives) may search the MID to get relevant information.

It is vital that the MID holds **your** correct registration number. If it is incorrectly shown on the MID, **you** are at risk of having **your** vehicle seized by the police. **You** may check your correct registration number details are shown on the MID at www.askmid.com. Insurers have up to seven days to give the MID your details. Please contact **us** immediately if **you** find your registration number does not appear correctly.



# Who can drive your car?

Only the individuals listed on the **Certificate of Motor Insurance** may drive **your car**. If **you** would like to add, change or remove any drivers, please contact **us** on **0333 043 2066**.

# Increasing your policy cover



0333 043 2066

We offer a range of options which allow you to extend your cover. Please contact us if you would like details of the cover available.

# Keeping your policy up to date



0333 043 2066

# Changes which may affect your cover

As some changes will affect **your** cover, **you** should tell **us** immediately about any change to the details **you** have previously declared on **your Statement of Fact**, for example:

- a change of car;
- if you sell or get rid of your car;
- what you use your car for;
- where your car is kept;
- if you are taking your car abroad;
- a modification to **your car** which improves its performance, handling or value or increases the chances of it being stolen or someone breaking into it to steal what is inside;
- if you or anyone covered by this policy change jobs, move or change your name;
- if you or anyone covered by this policy no longer live in the UK.
- if **you** or anyone covered by this policy has been disqualified from driving or has had their licence revoked or the status of the driving licence has changed, for example, if **you** or any driver has passed their driving test; or
- if **you** or anyone covered by this **policy** has an accident or claims under another motor insurance policy.

If the insurer accepts a change to your policy, you may have to pay an administration fee and an extra premium. Or, you may be due a refund of your premium. You can find details of fees in the important customer information section of this document.

For us to make any changes to the policy all payments must be up-to-date and you must not owe us any money under any part of the policy.





# Section 1 – Accidental damage

# What is covered

If shown on **your Schedule**, the **insurer** will cover **you** under this section for accidental damage or **malicious damage** to **your car**, its accessories and spare parts while in or on **your car**.

The **insurer** will also cover **your** navigational equipment, radio and any other audio and visual equipment which is permanently fitted to **your car**, up to £1,000 or 15% of the value of **your car**, whichever is less.

The **insurer** will cover loss or damage to the car while it is with a member of the motor trade for servicing or repair.



# Section 2 - Fire and theft

### What is covered

The insurer will cover you under this section for loss or damage to your car, its accessories and spare parts while in or on your car caused by fire, lightning or explosion, theft or attempted theft.

The insurer will also cover loss or damage caused by fire, lightning or explosion, theft or attempted theft to your navigational equipment, radio and any other audio and visual equipment which is permanently fitted to your car, up to £1,000 or 15% of the value of your car, whichever is less.

The **insurer** will cover loss or damage to the car caused by **fire**, lightning or explosion, **theft** or attempted **theft** while it is with a member of the motor trade for servicing or repair.

# Settling your claim – sections 1 and 2

The insurer will do one of the following.

- If your car is damaged, the insurer will repair the damage
- Replace your car if it is a total loss
- Settle your claim by paying you money if your car is a total loss

The **insurer** will not pay more than the **market value** of **your car** at the time of the loss or damage, less the total **excesses** and any **unpaid premium**. If **your car** is considered to be a **total loss** and is under a hire-purchase or leasing agreement, the **insurer** will pay the claim money direct to the hire-purchase or leasing company. The balance, if any, will be paid to **you**.

The **insurer** may use parts which are not made by the manufacturer of your vehicle, but are of equivalent type and quality to the parts replaced. This may include recycled parts or parts made from recycled materials. If any parts that need replacing are no longer available in the UK, the most the **insurer** will pay is the cost shown in the manufacturer's latest price guide plus an amount for fitting. The **insurer** will not pay extra costs as a result of parts or replacements not being available in the UK.

#### **New car replacement**

If your car is less than one year old, the insurer will replace it with a new car of the same make and model if:

- you or your partner have been the first and only owner and registered keeper; and
- it is not leased or on contract hire; and
- it has suffered damage covered by this section; and
- the cost of repairing it will be more than 59% of the last UK list price (including taxes).



The **insurer** will only do this if a replacement car is available in the UK and anyone else who has an interest in **your car** agrees. If a suitable replacement car is not available, the **insurer** will settle the claim using one of the methods shown above.

# What is not covered under Sections 1 and 2

- The excesses shown on the Schedule for each section. All excesses (including voluntary excesses)
  are cumulative.
- The extra excess shown on your Schedule for claims if you do not use the insurer's approved repairer.
   All excesses are added together.
- Loss through deception or fraud.
- Loss of or damage to the car if it is not covered by a valid Department of Transport test certificate (MOT), if one is needed by law.
- Any damage to your car caused by it being driven after an accident.
- Any damage to the car caused deliberately by you or any person driving it with your permission.
- Any damage to your car as a result of racing formally or informally against another motorist, 'road rage'
  or any other deliberate act caused by you or any driver insured to drive your car.
- Loss of use of the car including hire costs or any other loss you suffer as a direct or indirect result of being unable to use the car, for example loss of earnings.
- Wear and tear, loss in value, electronic, electrical, mechanical or computer breakdowns, breakages or failures.
- Damage to tyres caused by punctures, bursts, cuts, braking or normal use.
- Any reduction in value following repairs.
- Loss of or damage to the car caused by a member of your immediate family, or a person living in your home taking your car without permission unless you report the person to the Police for taking your car without your permission and assist the Police in prosecution. This includes, your partner, your boyfriend, girlfriend, your children (including step and foster children), and domestic staff in your employment or anyone who normally lives with you.
- Any government, public or local authority legally taking or destroying your car.
- Loss or damage caused by theft or attempted theft if the keys, keyless device or any other vehicle locking devices are left in or on your car while unattended, or left unattended with the engine running.
- Loss or damage caused by theft or attempted theft if the car is unattended without being properly secured, including windows, roof openings, removable roof panels or hood.
- Loss or damage in section 2 if any security device fitted and declared in the **Statement of Fact** is not set and in full working order or the network subscription or maintenance contract is not current.
- Replacing any audio or visual equipment if your insurer has paid you a cash amount to replace your car.
- Claims arising as a result of your failure to take reasonable steps to protect your keys.
- Any payment over £1,000 or 15% of the value of your car (whichever is less) for loss or damage to your car phone, navigational equipment, radio and any other audio or visual equipment permanently fitted to your car.
- Loss or damage to navigational equipment, radio, and any other audio or visual equipment not permanently fitted to your car.
- Any modifications unless they are standard fittings or manufacturer's optional extras.



If, following an accident, you or anyone named in the Certificate of Motor Insurance is convicted of
driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, the insurer will not pay more than the cover
needed under the Road Traffic Act and they can ask you to repay them this amount.



# Section 3 - Windscreen cover



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### What is covered

If shown on your **Schedule**, the **insurer** will repair the damage to restore the broken or damaged glass in **your car's** windscreen and windows and any scratching to the paintwork caused by the broken glass, as long as there has been no other loss or damage.

To make a claim, contact the insurer's windscreen helpline on 0333 043 2012.

#### What is not covered

- The excess shown in your Schedule
- Electrical or mechanical items associated with the window mechanisms.
- Repairing or replacing any windscreens or windows which are not made of glass.
- Damage to any hood if your car is a cabriolet or convertible.
- Any amount over £150, unless you use the approved glass supplier.
- Claims for damage to sunroofs, roof panels, lights or reflectors even if they are made of glass.
- We limit claims for multiple breakages of glass to one piece of glass only under this section of cover.





# Section 4 – Liability to others

## a) Your liability to others

# What is covered

**4.1** The **insurer** will cover **you** if there is an accident involving **your car**, for all amounts **you** legally have to pay if someone else is injured or killed or their property is damaged.

Cover also applies to any accident involving injury or damage caused by a trailer, vehicle or caravan towed by **your car**.

- **4.2** If it is shown on **your Certificate of Motor Insurance**, and while you are driving any other car, the **insurer** will cover you for any accident involving that car, for all amounts **you** are legally responsible for if someone else is injured or killed or their property is damaged. You must meet the following conditions for this cover to apply.
  - You have permission from the owner of the car before using it.
  - You still have your car, and it is not a total loss nor stolen.
  - The other car is not owned by **you** and is covered by another insurance policy (and is not a rental car, or hired to you under a hire-purchase or leasing agreement).
  - You are not named as a driver of the other car on any Certificate of Motor Insurance
  - You are not using this cover to remove the car if it has been seized by, or on behalf of, any government or public authority.
  - No greater level of cover is in force to cover you to drive the car under any other policy.

Cover also applies to any accident involving injury or damage caused by a trailer, vehicle or caravan towed by this **car**.

# b) Liability cover for other people

### What is covered

The insurer will also provide cover under 4.1 above for:

- drivers named in the Certificate of Motor Insurance as insured to drive if your car has been involved
  in an accident as long as they have your permission, hold a valid driving licence, are driving in line with
  the terms and conditions of that licence and are not disqualified from driving;
- anyone getting into or out of your car;
- anyone you allow to use (but not drive) your car for social, domestic or pleasure purposes;
- the legal personal representative of anyone covered under this section if that person dies; or
- your or your partner's employer or business partner while your car is being used for business purposes, as long as your Certificate of Motor Insurance allows this use.

# c) Legal costs

#### What is covered

If the **insurer** agrees in writing beforehand, cover is provided for the following legal costs if they arise as a result of an incident covered by this **policy**.

The reasonable legal fees of solicitors the insurer has approved to represent anyone insured under this
policy at a coroner's inquest or fatal accident enquiry.



The reasonable fees for legal services, which the insurer will arrange, for defending a charge of
manslaughter or causing death by dangerous, careless or reckless driving if the prospect of success is
more than 50 percent.

# d) Emergency medical treatment

#### What is covered

The **insurer** will pay for emergency treatment fees in line with the Road Traffic Act resulting from an accident covered by this **policy**.

If anyone insured by this section dies, the **insurer** will extend the cover they were entitled to so that it covers their personal representative.

#### What is not covered

- Amounts over £20,000,000 for any claim or series of claims for loss of or damage to property including
  any indirect loss or damage caused by one event, plus any amount over £5,000,000 for all costs and
  expenses.
- Loss of or damage to any trailer, caravan, vehicle (or goods or items in them) towed by your car.
- Anyone who has other insurance covering the same liability.
- Death or injury to anyone while they are working with or for the driver of the car except as set out in the Road Traffic Act.
- Damage to any property owned by any driver insured by this policy, or for which they are responsible, if caused by any driver named in the Certificate of Motor Insurance
- Legal costs or expenses relating to charges connected with speeding, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or for parking offences.
- If, following an accident, you or anyone named in the Certificate of Motor Insurance are convicted of
  driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, the insurer can recover any amount from you that
  they have to pay.
- Anyone who is not driving, but who makes a claim, if they knew the driver did not hold a valid driving licence.





# Section 5 - No-claims discount

If you make a claim or one arises under this **policy, we will reduce your** no-claims discount at renewal in line with **our** scale shown here.

# The effect of claims on your no-claims discount (NCD)

	NCD at next renewal without protection		NCD at next renewal with protection
Number of years' NCD when you renew	One claim where you are at fault in the next 12 months	Two or more fault claims in the next 12 months	One or more fault claims in the next 12 months
1 year	0	0	1 year
2 years	0	0	2 years
3 years	1 year	0	3 years
4 years	2 years	0	4 years
5 to 7 years	3 years	0	5 to 7 years
8 or more years	4 years		8 or more years (see below)

This is equal to the amount of NCD you have at the beginning of your policy.

- If you make two or more claims in any period of insurance, we will reduce your no-claims discount to zero years.
- The following will not reduce your no-claims discount.
  - I. Any payment made under section 3 Windscreen cover.
  - II. Any payment for emergency treatment fees under section 4d Emergency medical treatment.
  - III. Claims where **you** are not at fault, as long as the **insurer** has recovered all the money they have paid from those who are responsible.
  - IV. Any payment made under section 8 Key Assist

#### Protected no-claims discount

If you have bought our protected no-claims discount:

- the insurer will not reduce your no-claims discount if you make a claim or claims under the policy;
- the insurer will not cancel your policy as a result of the number of claims made under the policy; and
- your no-claims discount protection may end if we are told about a change in your circumstances that makes you ineligible or if the policy ends or is cancelled under General condition 10.7a or 10.7b.

**Your** no-claims discount protection does not protect **your** premium from increasing when you renew your policy. However, the **insurer's** calculation of your premium will include the no-claims discount **you** are entitled to.

#### **Important**



- If you make a claim during any period of insurance, you will not earn any no-claims discount entitlement for that insurance period.
- If you make a claim and we have already worked out your renewal premium, we can change or remove your no-claims discount entitlement and change your renewal premium.

# Uninsured driver promise

If you have an accident with an uninsured driver and it was not your fault, we will not reduce your no-claims discount. However, you may temporarily lose your no-claims discount until we are satisfied that the accident was not your fault and the other driver was uninsured. We will then reinstate your no-claims discount depending on the following conditions.

- You give us the vehicle make and model and registration number of the other car that caused the damage.
- The name and address of the other driver.

# Section 6 – Geographical limits and travelling abroad

# **Geographical limits**

**Your policy** provides the cover, described in **your** current **Schedule** in Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man, Channel Islands and the Republic of Ireland and during travel between these places. For Key Assist, these geographical limits are extended to include any country in the European Union.

# **Driving abroad**

Your policy provides you with the minimum cover you need by law to use your car in:

- any country which is a member of the European Union; and
- any country which the Commission of the Economic Community approves as meeting the requirements of Article 8(1) of the EC Directive 2009/103/EC, or as amended.

# **Countries include:**

Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland (including Liechtenstein).

#### Extending full cover driving abroad

The geographical limits shown are automatically extended for a maximum of 90 days free of charge in any one **period of insurance.** During these times, **your policy** will provide the same level of cover as within Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man, Channel Islands and the Republic of Ireland within the following countries, including the journey between those countries by a recognised carrier

Please call **us** if **you** think **you** may exceed this limit. **We** may be able to arrange additional cover subject to our Underwriting criteria and a charge. Should **you** exceed the 90 days **we** will not provide cover under this policy and **we** will recover any costs **we** may incur from **you** or the person who is liable.

#### Countries

Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland (including Liechtenstein)

# Conditions which apply to this extension



- If you are going to use **your car** for periods of more than 90 days, you must tell us beforehand and **your insurer** may decide to allow this if you pay an extra premium.
- You must live in the UK and the visit abroad must be temporary.
- Cover will apply to social, domestic and pleasure use only.
- You must tell us beforehand about visits to any country not listed above. If your insurer accepts, they
  will send you a green card and may charge an extra premium.

If you do not keep to these conditions, we may refuse your claim or the insurance may not be valid.

# **Customs duty**

If you pay customs duty on your car in any of the countries listed above because of repairs covered under the policy, the insurer will meet these costs.

# Section 7 - Extra benefits

The insurer will cover you under this section if shown on your Schedule.

#### 7.1 Personal accident

### What is covered

The **insurer** will pay **you** or **your** legal representatives up to £5000 in one **period of insurance** if **you** are involved in an accident in **your car** and suffer injuries which within 90 days result in:

- your death;
- totally losing one or more limbs; or
- you permanently losing the sight in one or both eyes.

# What is not covered

- Any of the above benefits if you are over the age of 80 at the time of the accident.
- Any injury or death caused by suicide or attempted suicide.
- Any deliberate injury caused by you or any driver insured to drive your car.
- Any injury suffered while driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

# 7.2 Personal belongings

### What is covered

The **insurer** will pay for loss of, or damage to, personal belongings in or on **your car** caused by accidental damage, **fire** or **theft**. The most the **insurer** will pay is £250 for any one incident.

Christmas cover – the limit is increased to £500 for a **theft** that happens between 1 December and 5 January.

#### What is not covered

Money, credit or debit cards, stamps, premium bonds, documents, share certificates and other securities, tickets, and vouchers.



- Goods, tools or samples carried in connection with any business.
- Any items stolen from a convertible car unless they are secured in a locked luggage or glove compartment.
- Property insured under any other policy.
- Theft of property from the car if at any time:
  - the keys or other access locking devices are left in or on your car while it is unattended; or
  - > the car is unattended without being properly secured, including windows, roof openings, removable roof panels or hood.

# 7.3 Medical expenses

The **insurer** will pay medical expenses up to £100 for each person injured in **your car** if it is involved in an accident, as long as there is no other cover in force under any other policy.

# 7.4 Courtesy car

# ✓ What is covered

If following an accident or after sustaining **fire or theft** damage **your car** is being repaired by an approved repairer, we will provide you with an alternative car for the duration of repair. If the alternative car supplied is a courtesy car, it will be insured under this **policy** on the same terms and conditions as **your car**. A courtesy car is typically a small vehicle.

#### What is not covered

- A courtesy car will not be provided if your car has been stolen, is a total loss, falls under our new-car replacement scheme or if you choose a repairer not on the insurer's approval panel.
- The **insurer** cannot guarantee a courtesy car if you own a car originally produced for sale outside the European Union.
- The insurer cannot guarantee a courtesy car adapted for someone with special needs or a disability.

# 7.5 Child car-seat cover

If **your car** is involved in an accident, damaged by fire, theft, or stolen and not recovered, the **insurer** will also cover the cost of replacing children's car seats and booster seats up to £150 per seat (even if there is no apparent damage), as long as **you** can provide reasonable proof of buying the seat.

### 7.6 Hotel expenses

The **insurer** will pay hotel expenses up to £200 for any necessary overnight accommodation if you cannot continue your journey after an accident or loss covered by this policy. The most we will pay for any one event is £200.



Key Assist is included with **your car** insurance **policy** to give **you** extra protection against expensive costs if **your** keys are lost or stolen. It provides **you** with up to £1,500 cover that can be used for locksmith charges, the cost of new locks or car-hire charges.

If you need to claim under your Key Assist cover, please call our Claims Department to register your claim. It



will not affect your no-claims discount.



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# **Definition of terms for Key Assist**

Key Assist is an insurance contract between you and the insurer under the terms, conditions, claims procedure, cover limit and exclusions contained in section 8, for an insured event which takes place within the geographical limits and during the period of insurance, for which you have paid or agreed to pay the premium.

Certain words have specific meanings in this section of your policy and they have been printed in bold to help you identify them. Where a word appears in bold and does not have a definition in this section, you can find the definition on pages 7 and 8 of the main policy. You can see the information on data protection in the main policy.

#### **Call-out limit**

There is no limit to the number of separate claims that you can make within the period of insurance, as long as the total amount paid in each period of insurance is not more than the cover limit.

The most the insurer will pay in each **period of insurance** is £1,500.

#### Insurer

Evolution Insurance Company Ltd is the insurance company that covers you under this section of the policy and is registered in Gibraltar, company number 99263, registered office 5/5 Crutchett's Ramp, Gibraltar, GX11 1AA. Evolution Insurance Company Ltd is authorised by the Gibraltar Financial Services Commission and is subject to limited regulation by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and the Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA), firm reference number 227649. You can ask us for details about how the insurer is regulated by the FCA and PRA.

#### Insured event

The loss or theft of any insured key, or any insured key locked inside your home or vehicle during the period of insurance.

## Insured key

Any keys that relate to the named vehicle (or vehicles) insured under the car insurance policy or which relate to the home of you or an immediate member of your family who normally lives there or any other key on the same key ring as the insured vehicle key.

#### Period of insurance

The Key Assist policy runs for the same period as the main policy. It does not last for more than a 12-month period.

# You, your

The policyholder and any immediate member of your family living at the same address as the policyholder during the period of insurance.

### What is covered

If during the period of insurance and within the geographical limits an insured key is lost, stolen or locked inside your home or vehicle, we will:

- pay up to the cover limit, for locksmith charges, new locks (if a security risk has arisen), replacement keys (including any immobiliser, infra-red handset or alarm which is part of any insured key if it cannot be reprogrammed) and car hire; and
- provide an emergency helpline 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to help you make your claim.

Claims: 0333 043 2011



#### What is not covered

- Any amount over the total cover limit in one period of insurance.
- For **insured keys** that are lost, we will not pay for the first 24 hours after the loss was reported to **us** (unless **we** are satisfied that a delay would cause undue hardship or significant expense).
- Any claim made within the first 14 days after taking out this policy.
- **Insured keys** that are lost or stolen from someone other than **you** or locked inside someone else's vehicle or home.
- Any associated costs (other than the cost of replacing the insured key) if duplicate keys are available.
- The cost of more than three replacement keys per lock.
- Any insured event not reported to us within 30 days.
- Wear and tear of, general maintenance of, or damage to locks and keys.
- Replacement locks or keys of a higher standard or specification than those replaced.
- Vehicle hire charges where the hired vehicle has an engine capacity above 1600cc.
- Vehicle hire charges above £40 a day.
- Vehicle hire charges after the third day of hire.
- Charges or costs paid or agreed if we arrange for a locksmith or other tradesperson, agent or representative to come to a particular location and you fail to meet them there.
- Charges or costs paid or agreed if **you** make other arrangements with someone else once **we** have arranged for a locksmith or other tradesperson, agent or representative to go to a particular location.
- Onward transport, continuation of journey, accommodation or costs connected with the journey or accommodation.
- Loss of any property other than an **insured key** and its associated lock or ignition system, and any immobiliser, infra-red handset or alarm (or both) attached to the **insured key**.
- Loss caused by radiation, radioactive contamination or the dangerous properties of any explosive, corrosive, invasive or toxic substance or material.
- Loss caused by war, riot, revolution or any similar event or the actions of any government, or public or local authority.
- Any loss of earnings, profits or resulting loss which you suffer as a result of the loss or theft of an insured key.
- Claims arising from any deliberate or criminal act (or failure to act) by you.
- Loss or theft of an insured key which happens outside the period of insurance.
- Claims arising as a result of your failure to take reasonable steps to protect an insured key.
- Any loss of market value as a result of loss or theft of the insured keys.

#### Claims procedure and conditions

To make a claim, please call 0333 043 2011. You must report any claim to **us** as soon as reasonably possible and within 30 days of the **insured event**. You agree to supply all the relevant information or documents we need in preparing any claim under this **policy**. You must pay any costs involved in doing this.

If an **insured key** has been stolen, you must report it to the police immediately.



If any claim is in any way fraudulent, or if any fraudulent methods are used to gain a benefit by **you** or anybody acting on **your** behalf (including exaggerating the claim or sending us forged or falsified documents), **you** will not be entitled to any benefit under this **policy** and criminal proceedings may be taken against you.

When **you** make a claim, we will need evidence that you own the vehicle or premises to which the stolen or lost keys relate.

#### **General conditions**

The Key Assist cover described in this section will only apply if **you** have kept to all the terms and conditions, and have taken all reasonable steps to protect the **insured key** and have reduced the cost of any claim as far as possible.

Key Assist is automatically included within **your** private car insurance **policy** and can only be cancelled if the main **policy** is cancelled at the same time.

# **Complaints procedure**

We realise there may be times when we do not meet your expectations and we want you to let us know immediately if you are unhappy with the service you have received. Please see page 30 for more information on our complaints procedure. We will pass your complaint to Evolution Insurance Company. If you are not satisfied with the way we have handled your complaint, you may refer your concerns direct to Evolution Insurance Company at 5/5 Crutchett's Ramp, Gibraltar, GX11 1AA.



# **Section 9 – General exceptions**

# 9.1 Who uses your car

The insurer will not cover any injury, loss or damage caused while your car is:

- being driven by a person who is not shown on the Certificate of Motor Insurance as entitled to drive;
- being driven by anyone named in the Certificate of Motor Insurance, including you, who is convicted
  of driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs as a result of the accident being claimed for;
- being used for a purpose not allowed by the Certificate of Motor Insurance; or
- being driven by a person who does not hold a valid driving licence or is not driving in line with the conditions of the licence.

#### This exception does not apply if your car is:

- with a member of the motor trade for repair or maintenance;
- stolen or taken without your permission; or
- being parked by an employee of a hotel, restaurant or car-parking service.

### 9.2 Contracts

The **insurer** will not cover any claim resulting from an agreement or contract unless the claim would have been covered if the agreement or contract did not exist.

#### 9.3 Radioactivity or ionising radiation

The **insurer** will not cover any loss, damage, injury or legal liability caused directly or indirectly by:



- radioactive, toxic, explosive or other dangerous properties of any nuclear material or equipment or any part of it; or
- ionising radiation or radioactive contamination from any nuclear fuel or any nuclear waste from burning nuclear fuel.

#### 9.4 War

The **insurer** will not cover any loss or damage caused as a result of war, revolution or any similar event, terrorism (as defined in the Terrorism Act 2000), or confiscation or public-authority action. unless we have to provide cover under the Road Traffic Act.

## 9.5 Riot

The **insurer** will not cover any loss or damage caused by riot or civil commotion outside Great Britain, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands. This exception does not apply to Section 4 – Liability to others.

# 9.6 Earthquake

The insurer will not cover any loss or damage caused by earthquake or the results of earthquake.

#### 9.7 Pollution

The **insurer** will not cover any accident, injury, loss, damage or liability caused by pollution or contamination unless caused by a sudden, identifiable event which was unexpected and not deliberate and happened at a specific time and place.

#### 9.8 Pressure waves

The **insurer** will not cover any loss or damage caused by pressure waves from aircraft or other flying objects.

## 9.9 Use on airfields

The **insurer** will not cover any accident, injury, loss, damage or liability when **your car** is in an area or airport premises where aircraft are usually to be found taking off, landing, maneuvering or parked or to which the public does not have free access for vehicles.

#### 9.10 Track days and off-road events

The **insurer** will not cover any liability, loss or damage arising out of using **your car** at any event during which it may be driven on a motor racing track, airfield, Nürburgring Nordschleife or any other off-road area or for racing, pace-making, rallying, track days, trials or speed tests.

## 9.11 Dangerous locations

The **insurer** will not cover any liability, loss or damage caused at any of the following.

- Ministry of Defence premises or military bases other than areas specifically restricted to access or parking by the general public.
- Power stations or nuclear installations or establishments.
- Refineries, bulk-storage or production premises in the oil, gas or chemical, explosive, ammunition or pyrotechnic industries.

# 9.12 Dangerous goods



The **insurer** will not cover any liability, loss or damage arising out of carrying dangerous goods. These are goods or substances referred to in the European Agreement to do with the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR), for example explosive substances, gases, solids or liquids which catch fire easily, self-reactive substances and solid desensitized explosives, substances which give off gases that can catch fire when in contact with water, substances which can catch fire when in contact with water, organic peroxides, oxidizing, toxic or infectious substances, radioactive material and corrosive substances.

# 9.13 Seized, clamped or recovered vehicles

The **insurer** will not cover any loss or damage due to any government, public or local authority legally taking, keeping or destroying **your car**.





# Section 10 - General conditions

# 10.1 Your duty

The insurer will only provide you with the cover set out in this policy if:

- you and anyone else claiming cover under this policy has kept to all the terms and conditions of the policy; and
- the information you gave on your Statement of Fact or claims report is true and complete.

If the **insurer** discovers that **you** or someone acting for **you** had knowingly provided false information, the **insurer** will make the **policy** void and treat it as though it had never existed and not refund any premium or pay **your** claim. If **you** were not aware that the information **you** had provided was false, depending on the nature of the information, **your insurer** may cancel **your policy** or **you** may be asked to pay an extra premium. They could also charge a cancellation or amendment fee.

**You** must co-operate with your **insurer**, respond to reasonable requests for information or documents, and where necessary be available to speak to **your insurer** or an agent acting on behalf of the **insurer**. This includes if you are using someone else to represent **your** interests, whether or not a claim has been made on the **policy**.

If you do not keep to reasonable requests for information, the **insurer** will cancel your **policy** and **your** claim will not be paid.

# 10.2 Telling us all information

**Your** premium is based on the information **you** supplied when **you** started, amended or renewed **your** insurance. If **you** have failed to give **us** complete and accurate information, this could lead to **your** claim being denied, you having to pay any costs or the insurance not being valid.

## 10.3 Telling us about loss or damage

If you or your car is involved in any type of accident or loss, you must tell us within 48 hours of discovering the loss by phoning the 24-hour helpline on 0333 043 2011. You must do this whether or not you are at fault and even if you do not plan to claim. (If you want to claim for glass damage to your vehicle only, you must call the 24-hour windscreen helpline on 0333 043 2012 within 48 hours of discovering the damage.)

#### You must:

- provide all the information about the claim that the insurer needs;
- tell us at once if you receive any notice of prosecution, inquest or fatal enquiry; and
- send us any writ, summons or letters received in connection with any claim, accident or loss as soon as vou receive them.

If you fail to report any accident or loss within 48 hours of discovering it, whether you were at fault and whether or not **you** plan to claim, the **insurer** may refuse to provide cover.

#### You must not:

- admit that the accident was your fault; or
- attempt to settle the claim unless the insurer has given you permission in writing.

#### Your insurer is entitled to:

- defend or settle any claim on your behalf;
- take legal action over any claim in your name or the name of any person insured on the policy for their own benefit;



- admit negligence for any accident or claim on your behalf;
- share information with others involved with the accident or claim; and
- take from the claim settlement amount any amount you owe under the related credit agreement with us (if this applies).

### 10.4 Taking care of your car

### You or any other person covered by this insurance must:

- protect your car from loss or damage;
- make sure your car is legally roadworthy;
- allow us, your insurer or any representative acting on behalf of the insurer to inspect your car at any
  reasonable time if you are asked; and
- make sure whenever your car is unattended that it is secured, locked and the keys (or keyless entry system) are removed. Also make sure that any immobiliser or alarm system is turned on.

You should take as many precautions as you can to protect your car.

If an accident happens and the condition of the vehicle caused or contributed to the accident, cover will be restricted to the **insurer's** liability under the Road Traffic Act. The **insurer** can recover these costs from you, the driver or any other person who may have been responsible for the condition of the vehicle.

# 10.5 Car registration

Your car must be registered in the UK with the DVLA or DVLNI.

# 10.6 Car sharing

The **insurer** may not cover **you** for any loss while **your car** is being used to carry passengers for hire or reward. However, **you** may accept money for fuel if **you** carry passengers for social or similar purposes as part of a car-sharing arrangement as long as:

- your car is not made or adapted to carry more than eight passengers;
- you are not carrying the passengers as customers of a passenger-carrying business; and
- you do not make a profit from carrying the passengers.

# 10.7 Cancelling your policy

If your policy is cancelled, we will return any premium, including the deposit, paid for this policy less:

- a charge for the number of days the insurer has provided cover for;
- any fees as shown in the Important customer information section;
- any other credit card or credit finance charges;
- any amount you may owe us under any other insurance contract you may have with us

If any of the following apply, **you** may not receive any refund and **you** may still have to pay us the balance of the full yearly premium. This applies in all circumstances no matter what payment method you use.

- You have made a claim in the policy year or a claim has been made against your policy.
- You have been involved in an incident which might give rise to a claim under the policy.



- The instalment payments are not up to date. You may be charged a proportionate amount to bring your payments up to date, together with our administration fee.
- Fraud, deception or not telling us information as referred to in 10.2 above and 10.11 below.

#### Please note

- If **you** have bought any extra cover to run with your **policy**, **you** should see the **policy** wording for any refund due when you cancel.
- Any refund or payment due to you will be credited to the last card used or we may pay it towards another card if you ask and we agree.
- Cancelling any Direct Debit Instruction with your bank does not cancel your policy, unless it is your first payment due for your renewal. You must tell us you want to cancel.
- The **Certificate of Motor Insurance** will be our property and you must give it back to us within seven days of the cancellation date.

Under the Road Traffic Act, it is an offence:

- to drive or allow others to drive your vehicle or to own a vehicle (unless a SORN has been provided to the DVLA) if you do not have valid insurance; and
- not to give back the Certificate of Motor Insurance within seven days of the cancellation date.

### 10.7a If you cancel your policy

**You** have the right to cancel **your policy** at any time, just call the number below.

0333 043 2066



### 10.7b If we cancel your policy

There are some circumstances where the **insurer** may authorise **us** to cancel **your** insurance on their behalf. These include:

- if you fail to keep payments on any instalment plan up to date
- if you make a change to your policy which would mean that the insurer is no longer able to insure you
- if you fail to respond to reasonable requests for information by your insurer or an agent acting on behalf of the insurer;
- if you fail to comply with the policy terms and conditions
- if you do not tell us information as outlined in section 10.2, or

if you have threatened or been abusive towards us.

In these circumstances **we** will send **you** seven days' written notice. This applies in all circumstances, no matter how **you** have paid. For details on cancellation for fraud and misrepresentation see paragraph 10.11. All notices will be sent to either the email or postal address last known to **us**.



#### 10.8 Total loss

If your car is considered a **total loss**, it will become the **insurer**'s property. The **insurer** may give **you** the option to insure another vehicle under **your** existing **policy**. There may be an extra premium to pay and there will be an administration fee as shown in the important customer information section. If the **insurer** cannot agree with **you** terms for another vehicle, or **you** do not want to insure another vehicle, all cover under the **policy** will end as soon as the car is declared a **total loss**. We will take any **unpaid premium** owing to the **insurer** from the settlement amount paid to **you**.

If **your car** is under a hire-purchase or leasing agreement, the **insurer** will pay the agreed settlement sum direct to the hire-purchase or leasing company to clear all or part of the amount owing. The balance, if any, will be paid to **you**.

# 10.9 If you do not pay the premium

If you have not paid your entire premium, the **insurer** may take off any **unpaid premiums** from any claim settlement they pay you. If you are paying by instalments and do not keep up to date with your payments, they may not pay your claim and may cancel your policy.

If there is a change to the policy, you miss an instalment, owe anything after cancelling the policy, or you have to pay any fees or charges, **you** will allow us (or have the authority of the cardholder to give us) continuous authority to charge the card originally used, or the last card for which **we** hold a record to process any related payments. If **you** are paying by instalments, **you** grant us the right to change your remaining payment plan to reflect any changes. If **you** have no remaining premium, **you** grant **us** the right to charge the card originally used, or the last card for which **we** hold a record, to process any fees or charges applied.

**You** are responsible for keeping up the payments, and if you fail to do so, your policy may be at risk. If **we** need to appoint a debt-recovery agent to collect any outstanding premiums, fees or charges, **you** will be legally responsible for paying all collection fees and commission.

# 10.10 Suspending your policy

You cannot suspend this insurance.

### **10.11 Fraud**

If you or anyone acting for you deliberately or recklessly misrepresents information or fails to reveal facts asked on behalf of the insurer when taking out the policy, making changes to it, or at renewal and this affects the terms and conditions or the decision to offer cover, your policy and any other policies you have with us will be cancelled or voided immediately without further notice. We may recover any costs we have incurred including claims costs, and will not return any premium you have already paid.

If **you** or anyone acting for **you** carelessly misrepresents or fails to reveal facts asked on behalf of the **insurer** at the time when taking out the **policy**, making changes to it, or at renewal and this affects the **terms** and conditions or the decision to offer cover this may result in an extra premium being charged or **your policy** being cancelled. **We** may recover any costs **we** have incurred including claims costs.

The **insurer** will not pay a claim which is in any way fraudulent, false or exaggerated or if **you** or anyone acting for **you** makes a claim which is false or fraudulent. In these circumstances **we** may cancel or void your policy immediately without further notice, and any other policies that **you** may have with **us** will be treated in the same way. **We** may recover any costs **we** have incurred including claims costs, and will not return any premium **you** have already paid.



# 10.12 Insurers' right of recovery

If we need to pay a claim under the law of any country in which this policy operates (including settling a claim on a reasonable basis if we believe we will have legal responsibility for it), which we would not otherwise be legally responsible to pay had the law not existed, we can recover those payments (including the legal costs of reasonably defending the claim) from you. This will apply if you or any other insured person or any person using the vehicle with your permission:

- caused the loss directly or indirectly;
- caused, or allowed, the vehicle to be driven by an uninsured driver; or
- through an act or failure to act, caused this insurance to be invalid.

#### 10.13 Other insurance

If **you** have other insurance policies which cover the same risks, the **insurer** will not pay more than their share of any claim. This does not mean the **insurer** has to accept any legal responsibility, under section 4 of this policy, that they would otherwise have been entitled to exclude under the Exceptions in section 4.

# 10.14 Drink and drugs

If, following an accident, **you** or anyone named in the **Certificate of Motor Insurance** is convicted of driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or has a blood or urine alcohol content over the legal limit, or refuses to supply a breath, blood or urine sample when asked to do so, the **insurer** will pay no more than they have to under the Road Traffic Act and can then make you repay them that amount.

# 10.15 Residency

To qualify for cover under this **policy you** and any drivers named on the **Certificate of Motor Insurance** must have permanently lived in the UK for at least three years.



These will apply if they are shown on your Schedule

# **Endorsement 1 – Additional own damage, fire and theft excess**

You are responsible for the first amount of each claim under section 1 Accidental damage and section 2 Fire and theft in relation to loss of or damage to your car. This amount is increased from the standard excess listed on your Schedule by one of the amounts below. The additional excess is shown by having Endorsement 1 printed on the Schedule. This excess will apply as well as any standard excess (or excesses) which applies to the policy section under which the claim is being made.

- A £50 additional accidental damage fire and theft excess
- C £100 additional accidental damage fire and theft excess
- **E** £150 additional accidental damage fire and theft excess
- **G** £200 additional accidental damage fire and theft excess
- E400 additional accidental damage fire and theft excess

# **Endorsement 2 – Keeping in a garage**



If you do not keep your car in a locked private garage between 10pm and 6am when your car is parked at or near your home, you will be responsible for an extra £250 of each claim under Section 2 Fire and theft in relation to loss or damage to your car arising from theft or attempted theft. This amount applies as well as any other excess (or excesses) shown on the Schedule.

# **Endorsement 3 - Security**

The **insurer** will only be legally responsible for claims arising under section 2 **Fire** and **theft** when a Thatcham category 1 or 2 immobilising device or tracker device has been fitted to **your car** in line with the manufacturer's instructions and is operating at all times **your car** is left unattended.

We will need proof the device is fitted to **your car** before **your insurer** will consider any claim under section 2 **Fire** and **theft**.



# **Complaints procedure**

We are committed to providing you with the best possible service. However, we realise there may be times when we do not meet your expectations. We want you to let us know immediately if you are unhappy with the service you have received and we will always do our best to sort out any complaint fairly.

If you have a complaint, please contact:

The Chief Executive Officer
First Central Insurance Management Ltd
Central House
25-27 Perrymount Road
Haywards Heath
West Sussex
RH16 3TP

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Phone: 0333 043 2077

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Email: customerrelations@1stcentral.co.uk

# What if you are still not satisfied?

If we have given you a final response and you are still unhappy, or more than eight weeks have passed since we received your original complaint, you may refer your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS). Their details are as follows.

The Financial Ombudsman Service Exchange Tower Harbour Exchange Square London E14 9SR

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Phone: 0800 023 4567



Email: complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk

Website: www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

**You** must contact the Financial Ombudsman Service within six months of the final response to **your** complaint. **We** will remind **you** of this time limit in our final response.

**Your** rights as a customer to take legal action will not be affected if you use this complaints procedure. However, the Financial Ombudsman Service will not decide on any cases where legal action has begun.





# Data protection and your personal information

**Your** personal information is made up of all the details **we** hold about **you** and includes information we gather from other organisations. We will use this information for the specific purposes for which **you** gave it to **us** and to provide the services described in this policy. Any information you provide to the **insurer** or to **us** may be shared with others when needed.

By providing your personal information to us, you agree to us processing it in line with this statement.

**We** are bound by the UK Data Protection Act 1998, Gibraltar Data Protection Act 2004 and other data-protection laws which apply.

#### Sensitive information

Some of the personal information **we** ask **you** for may be sensitive personal information, as defined by the Data Protection Act. This includes information about your health and criminal convictions. **We** will not use this sensitive personal information about **you** or others except for the specific purposes for which **you** provided it to **us** and to provide the services described in **this policy**. **We** will have asked **you** to agree to this when **you** took out **your policy** but please make sure that **you** only give **us** sensitive information about other people if they agree to this.

We and any insurer shown on your Certificate of Motor Insurance will use your personal information to:

- manage your insurance policy (this includes releasing your personal information in electronic or written
  form to other insurers or to other First Central Group companies) underwriters, reinsurers, claims
  handling firms, and other firms who may need certain information about your policy (without providing
  copies to you) in case of a claim, for example, the insurer's windscreen provider
- assess financial and insurance risks, recover debt, and prevent and detect crime
- understand our customers' needs, and develop and test our products;
- renew your policy (this includes releasing your personal information to a panel of insurers to get the best price from them and deal with your renewed policy); and
- keep you informed about promotions and new developments by email, phone or post (this includes marketing car insurance or other vehicle-related or financial products, from us or other companies, which we believe may interest you) or for other marketing purposes. If you do not want your personal information to be used in this way, email marketing@1stcentral.co.uk or write to the Marketing Department, First Central Insurance Management Limited, Central House, 25-27 Perrymount Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 3TP. We will then make sure that your information is not used for these purposes.

#### We will share your information:

- if we have your permission;
- if we have to or are allowed to do so by law;
- with credit-reference and fraud-prevention agencies and other companies who provide a service to us or
   vou:
- if we are reorganised or are sold to another organisation, in which case you agree that any personal information we hold about you may be transferred to that organisation;
- if we transfer rights and responsibilities under this agreement;
- when we ask other organisations to carry out our activities;



- with organisations who provide credit facilities to pay premiums; and
- with organisations to help carry out our marketing activities.

If shared information is processed by other organisations, it will be carried out under **our** instructions.

# Recording calls

We may record calls to:

- provide a record of the instructions received from you;
- help monitor quality standards and help us with staff training; and
- meet legal and regulatory requirements.

# Transferring information to other countries

**We** may transfer **your** information to countries outside of the UK and EEA on the basis that anyone to whom **we** pass it provides an adequate level of protection. However, this information may be accessed by lawenforcement agencies and other authorities to prevent and detect crime and keep to legal obligations.

# Credit-reference agencies and fraud

### **Credit-reference agencies**

When **we** provided **you** with a quote and assessed the payment options most appropriate for **you**, **we** searched the electoral roll and other information using a credit-reference agency. A record of the check will be held by the credit-reference agency who may place a footprint of 'insurance search' on **your** credit file. This footprint will not alter **your** credit score. **We** may continue to gather information through credit-reference agencies to check **your** credit status and suitability for other products **we** may offer, including changes to **your** existing **policy** and renewal.

Information held about you by these agencies may be linked to records relating to other people living at the same address with whom you are financially linked. We may also take these records into account in credit checks.

If you are paying by Direct Debit, we may give details of your accounts and how you manage them to credit-reference agencies, including records of outstanding debt. This information may be supplied to other organisations to carry out similar checks and to trace your whereabouts and recover debts that you owe. Records will stay on file for six years after they are closed, whether you paid off the debt or not.

#### **Preventing fraud**

If you have provided false or inaccurate information and fraud is identified or suspected, we may pass details to fraud-prevention agencies. Law-enforcement agencies may access and use this information.

**We** and other organisations may also access and use information to prevent fraud and money laundering, for example when:

- checking applications for, and managing, credit and other facilities;
- recovering debt;
- checking insurance proposals and claims; and
- checking details of job applicants and employees.

**We**, and other organisations that may access and use information recorded by fraud-prevention agencies may do so from other countries.



If **you** would like a copy of the information held about **you** by the credit-reference or fraud-prevention agencies **we** use, please contact the Data Protection Officer at First Central Insurance Management Ltd (address below) for their names and addresses. While **we** do not charge a fee to provide the names and addresses of these agencies, they may charge a fee to provide the information they hold about **you**.

# **Industry databases**

Insurers pass information to the Claims and Underwriting Exchange Register, run by the Motor Insurance Bureau (MIB) and the Motor Insurance Anti-Fraud and Theft Register, run by the Association of British Insurers (ABI). We also may pass information to or exchange information with Syndicated Intelligence for Risk Avoidance (SIRA) and Credit Industry Fraud Avoidance System (CIFAS) databases. When we deal with your request for insurance, if there is an incident or claim, or when you renew, we may search these databases to help us check information provided and also to prevent fraudulent claims. Under the conditions of your policy, you must tell us about any incident (such as accident or theft) which may or may not give rise to a claim. When you tell us about an incident, we will pass information relating to it to the registers.

It is a condition of **your** policy that you agree to the information on your application form and any incidents that you tell **us** about being passed to MIB. It is also a condition of **your** policy that you agree that the MIB may pass **us** information they have received from other insurers about other incidents **you** or **your partner** have been involved in.

# **Motor Insurance Database (MID)**

Please see page 10 for how your information is shared with MID and how it is used by the authorities.

#### Your electronic information

If **you** contact **us** electronically (computer, tablet or smart phone), **we** may collect **your** electronic identifier for example, internet protocol (IP) address or phone number supplied by **your** service provider.

# Access to your personal information

The data controller (the company responsible for looking after your information in relation to this insurance) in the UK is First Central Insurance Management Ltd. If **you** would like a copy of the personal information **we** hold about **you**, please write to: **The Data Protection Officer**, **First Central Insurance Management Ltd**, **Central House**, **25-27 Perrymount Road**, **Haywards Heath**, **West Sussex**, **RH16 3TP**.

Please provide **your** name address and **policy** number and tell **us** what information **you** would like. In line with the Data Protection Act 1998, **we** are entitled to charge £10 to cover the administration costs. Please make cheques payable to 'First Central Insurance Management Ltd'.

# Changes to this policy

**We** can change this data protection statement at any time and in response to changes in law. From time to time **we** may change the way **we** use **your** information. If **we** believe **you** may not reasonably expect a change, **we** will write to **you**. If **you** do not object to the change within 60 days, **you** are agreeing to that change





# Who are First Central Insurance Management (FCIM)?

**FCIM** is the intermediary offering products and services from various insurers to meet your needs. **FCIM** is registered in England and Wales, Company number 6489797, with registered office Central House, 25-27 Perrymount Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 3TP. FCIM is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (firm reference number: 483296). You can ask us about the extent of **our** regulation by the Financial Conduct Authority.

You can also ask us for regulatory information relating to **your insurer**, by writing to the Head of Compliance at the above address.

Regulatory information is available on the relevant regulatory registers at:

Financial Conduct Authority http://www.fca.org.uk/register or by contacting the FCA on 0845 606 1234

# Who we are owned by

First Central Insurance Management Ltd and Skyfire Insurance Company Ltd are wholly owned subsidiaries of First Central Group Ltd which is registered in Guernsey, company number 48743.

# The Financial Services Compensation Scheme

While we are not covered by the FSCS all the insurers whose products **we** offer are covered by the FSCS. **You** may be entitled to compensation from the scheme if these insurers cannot pay what they owe. Insurance business is covered for 90% of the claim, without any upper limit. For compulsory classes of insurance for example, third party motor insurance, cover is for 100% of the claim without any upper limit. You can get more information about compensation scheme arrangements from the FSCS. Visit http://www.fscs.org.uk.





Changes to your policy
You can make some changes on our website https://www.1stcentralinsurance.com
0333 043 2066

Had an accident **0333 043 2011** 

Had an accident and calling from abroad +44 (0) 333 043 2011

Renewals **0333 043 2055** 

Windscreen helpline 0333 043 2012

Key Assist **0333 043 2011** 

Or, you can visit our website for more information at: www.1stcentralinsurance.com

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Legal expenses cover
Hire car cover
Personal accident cover
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