RAC Breakdown Cover Policy Booklet Private Car Mark Richard Insurance

Terms and conditions



Contact information

	Telephone	In Writing
Breakdown	0330 159 0257	
Customer Services	0117 9231330	Mark Richard Insurance 282 St Johns Lane, Bedminster, Bristol BS3 5AY info@markrichard.co.uk
Hearing assistance	Telephone prefix 18001 to access Typetalk or text us on 07855 828282	

Telephone charges

Please note that we do not cover the cost of making or receiving telephone calls. Our calls may be monitored and/or recorded.

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

If the vehicle breaks down, please provide us with

- 1. Your name or policy number
- The vehicle's make, model and registration number
 The exact location of the vehicle the road you are on or the nearest road junction
- 4. The number of the phone you are using5. The cause of the breakdown, if you know it
- 6. Identification such as a bank card or driving licence
- 7. Your credit or debit card if you need additional services

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

Remember

Please let us know if you have called us but manage to get going before we arrive. We will only provide cover if we arranged help, so please do not go directly to a garage or other recovery service, or otherwise approve action taken by you or on your behalf.

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Your terms and conditions

Definitions

Any words in bold appearing throughout this RAC Breakdown Cover have a specific meaning which we explain below. "breakdown"/"breaks down"/"broken-down" means an event during the policy period, that stops the vehicle from being driven because of a mechanical or electrical failure including as a result of battery failure, running out of fuel, flat tyres, but not as a result of a mis-fuel, road traffic collision, fire, flood, theft, acts of vandalism, any fault caused by actions or omissions of the driver, or any key related issue other than keys locked in the vehicle;

"caravan"/"trailer" means any caravan or trailer that is less than (a) 3.5 tonnes; (b) 7 metres long including the tow bar; (c) 2.55 metres wide; and (d) 3 metres high;

"certificate of insurance" means the document entitled "certificate of insurance" containing important details about this RAC Breakdown Cover and levels of cover;

"claim" means each separate request for service or benefit for cover under any section of this RAC Breakdown Cover; "commencement date" means the date that this RAC Breakdown Cover begins, or renews, as shown on your certificate of insurance;

"driver"/"their"/"they" means you or any driver of the vehicle at the time a breakdown occurs who is authorised to be driving the vehicle and is permanently resident in the UK; "home" means, in respect of an individual, the address you reside at in the UK and, in respect of a business the registered/trading address in the UK, as shown on your certificate of insurance:

"Mark Richard Insurance" means Mark Richard Insurance of 282 St Johns Lane, Bedminster, Bristol BS3 5AY who arrange and administer this RAC Breakdown Cover;

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

"policy period" means the length of time for which your RAC Breakdown Cover is in force as shown on your certificate of insurance;

"policy year" means the policy period, from the commencement date;

"RAC"/"we"/"us"/"our" means RAC Motoring Services;
"RAC Breakdown Cover" means this RAC Breakdown policy
that is subject to the terms and conditions together with the
certificate of insurance:

"reimburse"/"reimbursement" means reimbursement by us under the reimbursement process;

"renewal date" means the date that this RAC Breakdown Cover expires as shown on your certificate of insurance;

"road traffic collision" means a traffic collision that immobilises the vehicle;

"specialist equipment" means resource or equipment that is not normally required by us to complete a repair or recovery, for example a crane, tractor or winching and specialist lifting equipment.

"UK" means England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, and for the purpose of this RAC Breakdown Cover includes the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man;

"vehicle" means the UK registered vehicle as shown on your certificate of insurance, which is owned, contract hired or leased by you and that complies with the following specifications:

- it is either a car, light van or motorhome that is less than (a) 3.5 tonnes; (b) 6.4 metres long including a tow bar; and (c) 2.55 metres wide; or
- 2. it is a motorcycle over 49cc and is not a mobility scooter "you"/"your" means the person, as shown on your certificate of insurance taking out the RAC Breakdown Cover and that in respect of an individual resident in the UK or, in respect of a business, has its registered office/trading address in the

Important information about your RAC Breakdown Cover

- This RAC Breakdown Cover is intended to offer services relating to the breakdown of vehicles. Based on the information provided this RAC Breakdown Cover meets the demands and needs of those who wish to ensure the risk of the breakdown of vehicles is met now and in the future, and where additional cover is chosen, that certain additional risks relating to the breakdown of vehicles are met.
- Some sections of cover are optional. The ones you have chosen are listed on your certificate of insurance. Please make sure this is correct.
- There are general conditions that apply to all sections. There are also specific conditions that are set out in each section that apply to each section. You must meet all of these conditions.
- All requests for service must be made directly to us.

Your RAC Breakdown Cover consists of:

- A Breakdown Policy one or more contracts depending on the type of cover:
 - a) RAC Motoring Services provides cover under Sections A, B and C;

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

 A certificate of insurance- detailing the type of cover you have, the level of cover chosen, and the cost of cover. The certificate of insurance will detail the premium and any other charges payable. These will be made clear in advance of purchase, and provided to you by Mark Richard Insurance following purchase.

Policy type

This RAC Breakdown Cover covers the vehicle shown on your certificate of insurance and if registered at your home address. The vehicle is covered whoever is driving.

Policy year

The RAC Breakdown Cover will start on the commencement date and end after the renewal date as shown on your certificate of insurance.

Limits of cover

Cover under this ${\bf RAC}$ ${\bf Breakdown}$ ${\bf Cover}$ is subject to limits on:

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

Reimbursement

Under some sections, you may need to pay for the service up front and claim this back from us. To do so, please visit www.rac.co.uk/reimbursementclaimform. If you have any queries please contact Breakdown Customer care on 0330 159 0337. Please send your completed claim form with proof of payment (such as a receipt) to Customer Services. We may ask you to supply original documents.

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

Your cover Section A. Roadside

RAC Breakdown Cover includes cover for Roadside.

Covered

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

- Send help to repair the vehicle at the roadside. This could be a permanent or temporary repair; or
- If we are unable to repair the vehicle at the roadside, we will recover the vehicle and your passengers, along with any caravan or trailer attached to it, to a destination chosen by the driver up to a maximum of 10 miles from the breakdown;
- 3. If we recover the vehicle to a garage, we will reimburse you for taxi costs for passengers to continue the journey to a single destination within 20 miles.

Not covered

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

Section B. At Home

Please refer to **your certificate of insurance** which sets out whether this **RAC Breakdown Cover** includes cover for At Home.

Covered

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

Not covered

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

Section C. Recovery

Please refer to **your certificate of insurance** which sets out whether this **RAC Breakdown Cover** includes cover for Recovery.

Covered

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

Not covered

- Please see the "Not covered" part of Section A (Roadside), which also applies here;
- Anv claims due to:
 - a) tyre faults where the vehicle is not carrying a serviceable spare tyre, the tyre repair equipment provided by the vehicle's manufacturer or a locking wheel nut key; or
 - b) any key related claim; or
- A second recovery owing to the intended original destination being closed or inaccessible.

General conditions

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

- 1. You must pay your premium.
- You must request services directly from us, as we will only provide cover if we make arrangements to help you.
- 3. Where the breakdown is caused by a component failure this must stop the vehicle from working, so for example an air-conditioning failure in itself does not constitute a breakdown, and the illumination of a warning light does not always constitute a breakdown. If it does not, you will need to take the vehicle to a place of repair and your RAC Breakdown Cover will not cover this.
- We will not cover any claim where the vehicle is already at a garage or other place of repair.
- Where we deem, acting reasonably, that you requested service to avoid the cost of repairing the vehicle, or to correct an attempted repair by someone else, we will not provide cover.
- 6. A driver must be with the vehicle when we attend.
- 7. **We** will not be responsible for any loss of or damage to the contents of the **vehicle**.
- 8. Where we recover passengers under the age of 16, they must be accompanied by an adult.
- 9. We will not allow animals in our vehicles, except guide dogs. Any animals can remain in the vehicle at the driver's own risk. We will not be liable for any injury to animals, or damage caused by them. We will not transport any livestock. We will not be responsible for any costs relating to animals.
- 10. The vehicle must not carry more passengers than the number stated in the vehicle's registration document. Each passenger must have a separate fixed seat fitted to the manufacturer's specification and any child must occupy a properly fitted child seat, where required.
- 11. Where we provide a repair to the vehicle, whilst we are responsible for that repair, this does not mean that we are confirming the legal and roadworthy condition of the vehicle. This remains your responsibility.
- 12. We will not be responsible for any losses that may incur following a breakdown that are not expressly covered by this RAC Breakdown Cover. For example, we will not pay for any loss of earnings or missed appointments.
- 13. We do not guarantee that recovery to any garage will be during opening hours, or that repairs can start immediately. Whilst we will try to check that the garage will undertake the type of repairs required, we cannot guarantee this. We will not take responsibility for repairs carried out at any garage and the contract for such repairs will be between you and the garage / repairer.
- 14. During extreme weather, riots, war, civil unrest, industrial disputes or any other event, our services can be interrupted. We will resume our service to you as soon as we can in these circumstances.
- 15. The cost of the following is not covered by this RAC Breakdown Cover:
 - a) ferry charges for the vehicle and our vehicle;
 - spare tyres and wheels and repairing or sourcing them; or

- recovery by someone other than us even if this is requested by the emergency services. We will only provide recovery once instructed to do so by the emergency services.
- 16. In handling any claim there may be more than one option available to the driver under this RAC Breakdown Cover. We will decide which is the most appropriate option based on our expertise in breakdown situations. In doing so we will act in consultation with the driver, and act reasonably at all times.
- 17. This RAC Breakdown Cover does not cover:
 - a) routine servicing, maintenance or assembly of the vehicle;
 - b) caravan or trailers;
 - c) use of the vehicle for public or private hire, the carriage of goods for hire and reward, demonstration purposes or carrying trade plates;
 - d) breakdowns resulting from activities that are not subject to the normal rules of the road for example rallies, stock car racing, use of the Nürburgring or other formal or informal race events;
 - e) **breakdowns** that occur, or recovery of the **vehicle** to a destination that is, off the public highway to which the **driver** or **we** have no legal access;
 - f) the vehicle if it is not legally taxed, insured and holding a valid MOT which is required by law or is not being used in line with the manufacturer's quidelines;
 - g) vehicles that are not in a roadworthy condition. If we consider, acting reasonably, that the vehicle is not in a legal or roadworthy condition, we can refuse to provide service. If you can demonstrate that the vehicle is roadworthy we will provide service;
 - h) any claim that is or may be affected by the influence of alcohol or drugs;
 - any breakdown that is caused by or as a result of vehicle theft or fire;
 - j) vehicle storage charges. If the vehicle is being stored, you will be contacted at your last known address with details of how to arrange collection and any fees which may be payable. In extreme instances, where the vehicle has not been collected and fees not paid, the vehicle may be disposed or and any outstanding fees will be deducted. You will be notified, in accordance with legislation, prior to this happening: or
 - any claim under this RAC Breakdown Cover where the breakdown was first reported to us under a different policy.
- 18. If the driver is asked to review and approve a document recording the condition of the vehicle, including an electronic form, it is their responsibility to ensure that the record is accurate and complete, and we will not be responsible for any errors or omissions.

Additional benefits

The following are provided at no additional charge:

Driver-induced faults

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

Caravan and trailers

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

Service in the Republic of Ireland

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

Urgent message relay

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

Replacement driver

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

Additional services

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

- 1. Purchase the parts you need to get on your way;
- 2. Pay for specialist equipment to complete the repairs;
- 3. Extend the hire time for a replacement car; or
- 4. Arrange a second or extended recovery.

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

Cancellation of your RAC Breakdown Cover

Your right to cancel

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

- 1. the commencement date; or
- the date you receive your RAC Breakdown Cover documents.

If you do this, we will cancel the RAC Breakdown Cover with immediate effect from the day you request it and we will refund your premium in full unless a claim has been made within this cooling off period. If you downgrade your RAC Breakdown Cover after this cooling off period we will not refund premium to you:

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

Your RAC Breakdown Cover will automatically cancel if your associated motor insurance policy is cancelled.

Our right to cancel

- If any premium for the RAC Breakdown Cover is not paid by a relevant date as stated on your certificate of insurance, Mark Richard Insurance will notify you. All payments must be paid within 28 days of the relevant date, if not your RAC Breakdown Cover may be cancelled; and
- We may cancel the RAC Breakdown Cover in the event of misuse of this RAC Breakdown Cover and there will be no refund any premium;

Misuse of RAC Breakdown Cover

Each driver must not:

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

If these conditions are not complied with, we may:

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

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

Renewal of RAC Breakdown Cover

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

Changes to your details

You must let Mark Richard Insurance know immediately if you need to change anything on your RAC Breakdown Cover.

Mark Richard Insurance can be contacted by phone, post, or email. Please see Contact Information.

If you change the vehicle you must contact Mark Richard Insurance to update your details. If you do not, you may not be covered.

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

All communications from Mark Richard Insurance or us shall be deemed duly received if sent to your last known address.

Complaints

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

	Phone	In writing
Breakdown related Complaints	0330 159 0337	Breakdown Customer Care RAC Motoring Services Great Park Road Bradley Stoke Bristol BS32 4QN
		Breakdowncustomercare@rac.co.uk
Sales and administration Complaints	0117 9231330	Mark Richard Insurance 282 St Johns Lane, Bedminster, Bristol BS3 5AY info@markrichard.co.uk

Financial Ombudsman Service

In the event that	Phone	In writing
we cannot	0800 023 4567	The Financial Ombudsman Service
resolve your	or	Exchange Tower
complaint to	0300 123 9123	Harbour Exchange
your satisfaction		London
under the		E14 9SR
complaints		
process set out		complaint.info@financial-
above, you may		ombudsman.org.uk
in certain		
circumstances		www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk
be entitled to		
refer your		
complaint to the		
Financial		
Ombudsman		
Service at the		
following		
address:		

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

Using this complaints procedure will not affect your legal rights

Financial Services Compensation Scheme

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

Further information about FSCS arrangements is available from the FSCS website www.fscs.org.uk, or by writing to:

Financial Services Compensation Scheme PO Box 300 Mitcheldean GL17 1DY

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

Law

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

Your data

Data protection statement

This section provides a summary of how **we** use **your** information. For full details about **our** use of **your** data, please visit

rac.co.uk//pdfs/businessroadside/breakdown/privacypolicy.

You can contact our Data Protection Officer by emailing dpo@rac.co.uk or writing to Data Protection Officer, RAC Great Park Road, Bradley Stoke, Bristol BS32 4QN.

What data will we use?

There are three types of information about you which we will use to provide your RAC Breakdown Cover:

- Personal data: Information which potentially identifies
 you. This includes your name, address, email address,
 telephone number and date of hirth
- 2. Non-personal data: information about you that is not personal such as information about the vehicle.

3. Special category data: In very limited circumstances, we will collect special category data such as information relating to your health. We will only ask for this information when necessary and in accordance with data protection laws.

How we collect your data

We obtain your data from you when you contact us directly. We also obtain your data from Mark Richard Insurance when you purchase this RAC Breakdown Cover and/or if you report a new claim to Mark Richard Insurance in relation to this RAC Breakdown Cover.

How we use your data

We will use your data for the administration of your RAC Breakdown Cover such as when you require assistance. We also monitor and record any communications with you including telephone conversations and emails for quality and compliance reasons.

We may disclosure **your** personal data to third parties involved in providing products and services or to service providers who perform services on **our** behalf.

Your rights

You have a number of rights relating to your personal data. For information about your rights you can visit rac.co.uk//pdfs/businessroadside/breakdown/privacypolicy, contact our Data Protection Officer or contact our Customer Service Team by:

- 1. **Telephone**: 0330 159 0337
- 1. Email: membershipcustomercare@rac.co.uk
- Post: RAC Motoring Services, Great Park Road, Bradley Stoke, Bristol BS32 4QN

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