

# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

This is your Motor Assistance Gold policy – it includes everything you need to know about your cover. We suggest you keep this document in a safe place as you will need to refer to it in the event of a breakdown or accident.

- 24 hour helpline service
- Roadside assistance
- Roadside repairs
- Recovery service
- Get-you-to-your-destination service
- Message relay
- Home start

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## **WELCOME TO MOTOR ASSISTANCE GOLD**

Thank you for taking out a DAS Motor Assistance Gold policy.

To make sure **you** get the most from **your** DAS cover, please take time to read this policy. It explains the contract between **you** and **us**. If **you** have any questions or would like more information, please contact **your** insurance adviser.

### **HOW WE CAN HELP**

We are here to help you 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. In the event of a **breakdown**, call **our** Motor Assistance helpline on **0800 055 6472** and provide the following information:

- Policyholder's name.
- Registration number of the vehicle.
- Make, model and colour of the vehicle.
- Nature of the breakdown and location of the vehicle.

A Motor Assistance operator will arrange for one of **our** approved agents to come to **your** assistance as quickly as possible.

It is important that **you** contact **our** Motor Assistance centre as soon as possible after the **breakdown**. **We** will not cover any call-out charges and labour costs unless **we** have given **our** agreement.

If your vehicle cannot be repaired within an hour at the scene of the **breakdown**, we can arrange for the **vehicle** and **insured person(s)** to be taken to a suitable repairer or, provided it is nearer, **your** home address. If the **vehicle** cannot be repaired the same day as the **breakdown**, we will pay for one of the following:

- transporting you and your vehicle to a destination within the countries covered; or
- the hire of a vehicle so **you** can continue **your** journey; or
- reimburse the cost of overnight accommodation.

All telephone calls to **us** are monitored and recorded as part of **our** training and quality assurance programmes.

### WHEN WE CANNOT HELP

Our approved agents cannot work on your vehicle if it is unattended.

Please do not arrange assistance before we have agreed. If you do, we will not pay the costs involved.

### THE MEANING OF WORDS IN THIS POLICY

We, us, our DAS Legal Expenses Insurance Company Limited.

**You**, **your** The person who has taken out this policy.

Insured person(s) You, and any passenger or driver who is in the vehicle with your permission at

the time of the breakdown.

Vehicle The vehicle declared to us. Cover extends to include any caravan or trailer

attached to the vehicle at the time of the breakdown.

The **vehicle**, excluding any caravan or trailer, must not weigh more than 3.5 tonnes gross vehicle mass or be over 5.5 metres (18 feet) in length,

or over 2.3 metres (7 feet 6 inches) wide.

Any caravan or trailer attached to the **vehicle** must not exceed 7.6 metres

(25 feet) in length.

**Countries covered** The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man

and the Channel Islands.

Breakdown (a) Mechanical or electrical failure; or

(b) accidental damage, or damage caused by vandalism, fire, theft or

attempted theft;

which stops your vehicle moving.

Period of cover The period for which we have agreed to cover you.

## **COVER**

You are covered for the assistance services in this policy for a maximum of six breakdowns during the period of cover if you have paid your premium. We agree to provide the assistance services in this policy keeping to the terms, conditions and exclusions as long as the breakdown happens during the period of cover and within the countries covered.

After we have dealt with your sixth breakdown, your policy becomes void. In such circumstances or if the service you require is not provided for under the terms of this policy, we will try if you wish to arrange it at your expense. The terms of any such assistance are a matter for you and your supplier.

### ASSISTANCE SERVICES UNDER THIS POLICY

#### 1 EMERGENCY ROADSIDE REPAIRS AND HOME BREAKDOWN

We will pay the call-out charge and up to one hour's labour costs for one of our approved agents to attend the scene of the **breakdown**, and where possible, carry out emergency repairs.

#### 2 VEHICLE RECOVERY

If your vehicle cannot be repaired within one hour at the scene of the breakdown, we will pay for the cost of transporting your vehicle and insured person(s) to a single destination, being either:

- (a) a suitable repairer; or
- (b) if the insured person wishes, their home address, provided it is nearer.

#### **3 GETTING YOU TO YOUR DESTINATION**

If your vehicle cannot be repaired on the same day as the breakdown, we will either:

- (a) pay the cost of transporting your vehicle or insured person(s) or both to a destination(s) within the countries covered provided that the insured person(s) are transported to the same destination; or
- (b) arrange and pay the cost of hiring a category A vehicle to allow the insured person(s) to continue their journey to a destination within the countries covered; or
- (c) arrange transport for insured person(s) to travel to a hotel. You will have to pay for the cost of this, and the hotel costs; but we will reimburse you up to £50 per person per night for accommodation. The most we will pay for transport to the hotel and the cost of hotel accommodation is £300 for any one breakdown. You must pay the hotel bill, but we will pay you back on receipt of the relevant bill(s) subject to the £300 limit for any one breakdown.

#### **Conditions**

- (i) We will only pay a maximum of £300 for any one breakdown.
- (ii) You must send us all the relevant invoice(s) before we will reimburse you.

At all times **we** decide on the best way of providing help.

#### **4 EMERGENCY MESSAGE SERVICE**

When you claim for any of the services detailed in 1, 2 and 3 above we will forward a message to a member of your family, friend or work colleague if you would like this.

### WHAT IS NOT COVERED BY THIS POLICY

#### 1 The breakdown of your vehicle:

- within the first 48 hours from the date of your application if cover is taken out separately from any other agreement; or
- if it has knowingly been driven in an unsafe or unroadworthy condition; or
- which has resulted from lack of oil, fuel or water; or
- which occurs while your vehicle is being used for motor racing, trials or rallying or for hire or reward.

#### 2 The cost of:

- storage charges, you will be responsible for any vehicle storage charges incurred when you are using our services; or
- spare or replacement parts, fluids or fuel or any other materials used in repairing your vehicle; or
- any other repairs except those at the scene of the **breakdown**; or
- replacing a wheel if your vehicle does not have a serviceable spare wheel; or
- replacing broken windows or keys or finding missing keys; or
- ferry crossings, parking charges, fines or toll charges.
- 3 Any charges arising from an insured person's failure to comply with our instructions or our approved agents' instructions in respect of the assistance being provided.
- 4 Any costs incurred before you have notified us of the breakdown.
- 5 Any **vehicle** which cannot be recovered by a standard trailer or transporter.
- 6 The recovery of a caravan or trailer on tow which exceeds 7.6 metres (25 feet) in length.
- 7 **Breakdowns** caused by, contributed to by or arising from:
  - ionising radiation or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste from burning nuclear fuel; or
  - the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous properties of any explosive nuclear assembly or nuclear part of it; or
  - war, invasion, act of foreign enemy, hostilities (whether war is declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, military force or coup, or any other act of terrorism or alleged act of terrorism as defined in the Terrorism Act 2000; or
  - pressure waves caused by aircraft or any other airborne devices travelling at sonic or supersonic speeds.

### **CONDITIONS**

- 1 An insured person must keep to the terms and conditions of this policy.
- 2 At all times during the period of cover, the vehicle must be maintained in a roadworthy condition and regularly serviced.
- We will always cancel this policy after we have dealt with your sixth claim in the period of cover. We can also cancel this policy at any time as long as we tell you at least 14 days beforehand. If the policy is cancelled because we have covered you for six breakdowns in the period of cover, we will not refund any premium you have paid.

**You** can cancel this policy by telling **us** within 14 days of taking it out or at any time afterwards as long as **you** tell **us** at least 14 days beforehand.

- 4 An **insured person** must be present with the **vehicle** when the approved agent arrives.
- We will make every effort to provide the service at all times, but we will not be responsible for any liability arising from breakdown of the service.
- 6 The transportation of any animal or livestock is undertaken solely at **our** discretion and **we** accept no liability for the safety or welfare of any animal or livestock during its transportation.
- 7 We will not pay for any loss that is not directly covered by the terms and conditions of this policy. For example we will not pay for your travel costs for collecting your vehicle from a repairer, loss of income from taking time off work because of a breakdown, or loss from cancelled or missed appointments.
- 8 We will not pay any claim covered under any other policy, or any claim that would have been covered by any other policy if this policy did not exist.
- **9** This policy will be governed by English law.

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**Chief Executive Officer, DAS Group** 

## **DATA PROTECTION**

To provide and administer this assistance insurance we must process your personal data (including sensitive personal data) that we collect from you in accordance with our Privacy Policy.

To do so, **we** may need to send **your** information to other parties, such as service providers, engineers, insurance intermediaries, insurance companies or members of the DAS UK Group.

In doing this, **we** will comply with the Data Protection Act 1998. Unless required by law or by a professional body, **we** will not disclose **your** personal data to any other person or organisation without **your** written consent.

For any questions or comments, or requests to see a copy of the information **we** hold about **you**, please write to the Group Data Protection Controller at **our** Head Office address – please see below.

### **HOW TO MAKE A COMPLAINT**

We always aim to give you a high quality service. If you think we have let you down, please write to our Customer Relations Department at our DAS Head Office address below.

Or you can phone us on 0344 893 9013 or email us at customerrelations@das.co.uk
Details of our internal complaint-handling procedures are available on request.

If you are still not satisfied, you can contact the Insurance Division of the Financial Ombudsman Service at: Exchange Tower | London | E14 9SR

You can also contact them on: 0800 023 4567 (free from a landline), 0300 123 9123 (free from some mobile phones) or email them at complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk Website: www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

Using this service does not affect your right to take legal action.

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