Vauxhall Assistance Complimentary Roadside Assistance

Terms & Conditions

Contact information

	Telephone	In Writing	
Breakdown in the UK	0800 55 33 88		
Breakdown in Europe			
Calling from Europe	+33 4 26 73 78 99		
Calling from the Republic of	1 800 646 557		
Ireland			
Section E – European			
Breakdown		europeanclaims@rac.co.uk	
To request a claim form:		www.rac.co.uk/europeanclaimform	
From the UK	0800 107 5861		
From Europe	+44 161 332 1040		
RAC Customer Care		Vauxhall Assistance	
		Breakdown Customer Care	
Regarding the breakdown	0330 159 0339	Great Park Road	
service provided		Bradley Stoke	
		Bristol	
		BS32 4QN	
		breakdowncustomercare@rac.co.uk	
Hearing assistance (in the UK)	Telephone prefix 18001 to access Typetalk or text us on 07855 828 282		

Telephone charges

We do not cover the cost of making or receiving telephone calls. Our calls may be monitored and/or recorded.

In the UK

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

In Europe

Roaming charges may apply when making or receiving calls, please check with **your** mobile phone provider for more information. It may not always be possible for **us** to return a call to a mobile phone.

If your Vauxhall breaks down, please provide us with:

- 1. The vehicle's model and registration number
- 2. The exact location of the vehicle the road you are on or the nearest road junction
- 3. The number of the phone **you** are using
- 4. The cause of the **breakdown**, if **you** know it
- 5. A credit card in your name if you need additional services or a hire car

Some garages in **Europe** will require **your** passport and passport number before they begin any repairs.

If **you** fail to contact **us** within 24 hours of becoming aware of the **breakdown we** may refuse to provide assistance in relation to that **breakdown**.

Remember

Please let **us** know if **you** have called **us** but manage to get going before **we** arrive.

We will only provide assistance if **we** arranged help, so please do not go directly to a garage or other recovery service, or otherwise approve action taken by **you** or on **your** behalf.

Breakdown on a motorway in France or Mainland Europe

Motorways in France and many other European countries are privately managed. If **your vehicle breaks down** on a French motorway, motorway service area, or other European private motorway, **you** must use the roadside emergency telephones as **we** cannot send assistance. If the **vehicle** is recovered by the police or authorised motorway services, **you** may have to pay labour and towing charges on the spot and a standard tariff is normally applied.

We will reimburse these charges as long as the **vehicle** is towed to the recovery company's depot. This may also apply to other roads, so **we** recommend **you** use the emergency phones where available. If they will not send a breakdown recovery vehicle, **you** should contact **us**.

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Your terms and conditions

Definitions

Any words in bold appearing throughout this Vauxhall Assistance booklet have a specific meaning which **we** explain below:

"beyond economical repair" means where the total cost required to repair the vehicle, including any taxes, is greater than the market value of the vehicle. If the vehicle has broken-down, the total cost required to repair the vehicle will be based on the estimate for repair provided by the service provider in the applicable country in Europe where the breakdown has occurred;

"breakdown"/ "break down"/ "broken-down" means an event during the period of service, that stops the vehicle from being driven because of a mechanical or electrical failure including as a result of battery failure and flat tyres, but not as a result of a mis-fuel, road traffic collision, fire, flood, theft, acts of vandalism, or any driver-induced fault;

Max weight	Max length	Max width	Max height (applicable in	
(gross)			Europe only)	
3.5 tonnes	7 metres (including tow bar)	2.55 metres	3 metres	

"caravan"/ "trailer" means any caravan or trailer which complies with the following specifications:

"driver" means you or any authorised driver of the vehicle at the time of breakdown;

"driver-induced fault" means any fault caused by actions or omissions of the driver of the vehicle, for example running out of fuel (or charge in an electric vehicle), lost, stolen or broken keys, or locking your keys in your vehicle;

"Europe" means Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus (South), Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Ireland, Romania, Russian mainland (west of the Urals), San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain (excluding Ceuta and Melilla and the Canary Islands), Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey (in Europe) plus Uskudar, Ukraine, Vatican City and any offshore islands of the above, except overseas territories outside of Europe;

"European Assistance Limits Table" means the table outlining the limits that apply to Section E (European Breakdown) on page 9;

"fulfilment document" means the literature you were provided with from Vauxhall Warranty Administration upon taking out Vauxhall Assistance, including these terms and conditions;

"home" means the address in the UK where you live permanently, as shown on your fulfilment document;

"journey" means a trip to Europe lasting no longer than 90 days which begins on departure from home on or after the start date and ends on return home during the period of service;

"market value" means the market value in the UK, as reasonably determined by us in accordance with published industry data (using Glass's Guide or other appropriate trade vehicle valuation guide), of a vehicle based upon one of equivalent age, make, recorded mileage and model;

"**passengers**" means the **driver** and any passengers travelling in the **vehicle** up to the maximum number permitted as specified by the manufacturer;

"period of service" means the length of time your vehicle is eligible for Vauxhall Assistance, from the start date, as shown on your fulfilment document;

"**RAC**"/ "we"/ "us"/ "our" means RAC Motoring Services and any person employed or engaged to provide services on their behalf;

"reimburse"/ "reimbursement" means reimbursement by us under the reimbursement process on page 6;

"specialist resource" means resource or equipment that is not normally carried by us but is required to complete a repair or recovery, for example a crane, tractor or locksmith;

"start date" means the date that this Vauxhall Assistance begins, as shown on your fulfilment document;

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

"Vauxhall Warranty Administration" means Car Care Plan Limited, Jubilee House, 5 Mid Point Business Park, Thornbury, West Yorkshire BD3 7AG.

"vehicle" means the UK registered vehicle shown on your fulfilment document; and

"you"/ "your" means the customer taking out Vauxhall Assistance as named on the fulfilment document.

Important information about Vauxhall Assistance

- Vauxhall Assistance is available only as part of **your** Vauxhall Warranty and offers services relating to the breakdown of the **vehicle** shown on **your fulfilment document**.
- The **vehicle** is covered, whoever is driving.
- There are general conditions that apply to all sections. There are also specific conditions that are set out in each section. **You** must meet all of these conditions.
- All requests for service must be made directly to us.
- Vauxhall Assistance will start on the **start date** and end on the dates shown on **your fulfilment document**.

Your Vauxhall Assistance consists of:

- 1. This description of the complimentary breakdown services you receive; and
- 2. A fulfilment document detailing the type and duration of these services.

Limits of cover

1. Section E (European breakdown) includes unlimited **journeys** during the **period of service**, but each **journey** is limited to a maximum of 90 days;

- 2. In order to request service under Section C (Recovery) we must have first attended under Section A (Roadside); and
- 3. In order to request services under Section D (Onward Travel), **we** must have first attended under Section A (Roadside) or B (At Home).
- 4. There are limits on the amount that is covered under certain sections, as set out in this document.

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 <u>www.rac.co.uk/europeanclaimform</u> for reimbursements under Section E (European breakdown), or <u>www.rac.co.uk/reimbursementclaimform</u> for all other sections.

If **you** have any queries please contact RAC Customer Care (see Contact information, page 1). 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.

Hire car terms

Certain sections of Vauxhall Assistance include the supply of a hire car. Where a hire car is available as a covered benefit, the following terms apply:

- 1. If **your vehicle** has more seats than the hire car **we** provide, and **you** require more seats, **we** may need to provide two cars.
- 2. We do not provide hire cars for business use, including use for hire and reward.
- 3. If **you** are not eligible for a hire car arranged by **us** for any reason, such as **you** do not meet the hire car provider's terms (e.g. **you** have certain types of endorsements on **your** licence or **you** are under 21), and **you** choose to hire a car yourself, let **us** know and then provided **we** have agreed the cost beforehand, **we** will **reimburse you** up to the limits detailed under Sections D (Onward Travel) or E (European Breakdown).
- 4. Where **we** arrange a hire car **we** will pay the insurance and collision damage waiver (this covers the cost of damage but there may still be an excess).
- 5. We will not provide any specific car type, model or accessories, including tow bars.
- 6. We will not cover any costs of:
 - a) fuel while using the car hire; or
 - b) any insurance excess and additional costs.

Caravans and Trailers

We do not cover the **breakdown** of **caravans** and **trailers** under Vauxhall Assistance. If, however, the **vehicle** is towing a **caravan** or **trailer** at the time of **breakdown**, and **we** are unable to repair the **vehicle** at the roadside, **we** will recover the **caravan** or **trailer** along with the **vehicle**.

UK Breakdown Services

Section A: Roadside

Service provided

If your vehicle breaks down within the UK more than a ¼ mile from your home, we will:

- 1. 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 passengers to the nearest Vauxhall franchised dealer or a destination of your choice up to a maximum of 10 miles from the breakdown.

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

Service not provided

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

Section B: At home

Service provided

We will provide the same service as the "Service provided" part of Section A (Roadside) if your vehicle breaks down at, or within a ¼ mile of, your home.

Service not provided

Please see the "Service not provided" part of Section A (Roadside), which also applies here.

Section C: Recovery

Service provided

If we are unable to repair the **vehicle** under Section A (Roadside), we will recover the **vehicle** and **passengers** from the **breakdown** location to any Vauxhall franchised dealer within the **UK** for repair, or a single destination of **your** choice within the **UK**.

For long distances **we** may use more than one recovery vehicle.

<u>Please note</u>: Recovery must be arranged with **us** while **we** are at the scene.

Service not provided

- 1. Please see the "Services not provided" part of Section A (Roadside), which also applies here;
- 2. A second recovery owing to the intended original destination being closed or inaccessible.

Section D: Onward Travel

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

1. Hire car;

2. Alternative transport; or

3. Overnight accommodation.

1. Hire car

Service provided

Please see 'Hire car terms' on page 6.

We will arrange a hire car for up to 48 hours or until **your vehicle** has been fixed, if sooner. If **you** arrange **your** own hire car in line with the 'Hire car terms' on page 6, **we** will **reimburse you** up to £35 per day.

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

2. Alternative transport

Service provided

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

3. Overnight accommodation

Service provided

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

4. Assistance in a medical emergency

Service provided

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

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

Service not provided

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

Section E: European Breakdown

European Assistance Limits Table

Section	Assistance limits	
E1 – Onward travel in the UK	 Hire Car: up to 6 days, or If you are not eligible for our hire car, a reimbursement limit of up to £125 per day up to a maximum of £750, whichever is less 	
E2 – Roadside assistance in Europe	 Unlimited roadside assistance in Europe Garage Labour up to £150 if repairs can be completed on the same day 	
E3 – Onward travel in Europe (including recovering you and your passengers back to the UK)	 Hire car or alternative transport limit: Up to £125 per day, up to a maximum of £1,500, whichever is less Additional accommodation expenses (room only): Up to £50 per person per day, up to a maximum of £500, whichever is less 	
E4 – Getting your vehicle home (providing your vehicle is not beyond economic repair)	 Costs up to the market value of your vehicle, or £500, whichever is greater Hire Car – up to £40 per day for up to 3 consecutive days 	
E5 – Vehicle break-in emergency repairs	• Up to £180	

Section E1: Onward travel in the UK

Service provided

If **we** attend a **breakdown** under Section A (Roadside) and **we** cannot fix **your vehicle** by **your** planned departure date and:

- 1. you are within 48 hours of your planned departure date; and
- 2. limited to the maximum amount set out in your European Assistance Limits Table

we will arrange a hire car for the continuation of **your journey** or until **your vehicle** has been fixed if sooner, and **we** will transport one person to **our** nearest hire car supplier to collect the vehicle. Please see 'Hire car terms' on page 6.

Section E2: Roadside assistance in Europe

We will provide assistance up to the limit shown in the European Assistance Limits Table.

Service provided

If your vehicle breaks down in Europe during a journey, we will send help to either:

- 1. Repair the vehicle at the roadside. This could be a permanent or temporary repair; or
- 2. If we are unable to repair the vehicle at the roadside, we will:
 - a. recover the vehicle and passengers to a local garage for fault diagnosis on the vehicle;
 - b. pay for the initial fault diagnosis to find the next course of action;
 - c. contribute towards the garage labour charges up to the amount in the **European Assistance** Limits Table;
 - d. help **you** purchase replacement parts if they cannot be found locally, and pay for them to be delivered; and
 - e. we will also relay any urgent messages from you to a contact of your choice.

Service not provided

- 1. Repair costs if the **vehicle** repair costs will be more than its **market value**.
- 2. The costs of any parts.

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

Section E3: Onward travel in Europe

We will assist you up to the limit shown in the European Assistance Limits Table.

Service provided

If **your vehicle** has a **breakdown** during a **journey** in **Europe**, and **we** establish that the repairs cannot be completed within 6 hours, **we** will help **you** by making arrangements for the **passengers** to continue the **journey**. **You** can choose one of the following options, based on **your** circumstances and subject to availability:

- 1. Hire car;
- 2. Alternative transport; or
- 3. Additional accommodation expenses.

Service not provided

The cost of transporting **you** and **your passengers** to collect **your** hire car, getting to a station or travel to **your** hotel.

1. Hire car

Service provided

A hire car as a replacement until **your vehicle** has been fixed, up to the limits in the **European Assistance Limits Table**. Please see 'Hire car terms' on page 6.

2. Alternative transport

Service provided

A standard class ticket up to the limits in the **European Assistance Limits Table** for travel by air, rail, taxi or public transport.

3. Additional accommodation expenses

Service provided

We will arrange and pay for additional accommodation expenses if **you** are unable to use **your** prearranged accommodation.

Service not provided

Accommodation where **you** have suitable alternative accommodation **you** can use. Benefit under this section will stop once:

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

Once **you** are notified of cover ending, if **you** have a hire car, **you** must return it to the place agreed with **us** within 24 hours. **You** can keep the hire car for longer if **you** agree this with **us** first and pay for it.

Getting your passengers home

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

- 1. Your vehicle is brought back home under Section E4; or
- 2. Once we establish that the repair costs to your vehicle exceed its market value under Section E4.

Section E4: Getting your vehicle home

We will assist you up to the limit shown in the European Assistance Limits Table.

Service provided

If **we** attend a **breakdown** in **Europe** under Section E2 and the **vehicle** cannot be repaired before **your** planned return to the **UK**, **we** will arrange and **pay** for:

- 1. Recovery of the vehicle to a single destination of your choice within the UK; and
- 2. Storage charges for the vehicle whilst awaiting the vehicle to be returned to the UK; or
- 3. If **your vehicle** is repaired in **Europe**, the cost of one person to travel to collect the **vehicle** by standard class rail, air fare or public transport, and a contribution towards room only accommodation up to £50 per day;
- If the cost of repairing the vehicle is greater than its market value as a result of a breakdown and it has to be disposed of abroad under Customs supervision, we will pay the cost of the import duty;
- Reimbursement for a hire car in the UK once we have brought passengers home under Section E3, until your vehicle is brought back to the UK, up to the amount set out in in the European Assistance Limits Table.

We will take the passengers in the vehicle home under Section E3.

It is our decision whether to get your broken-down vehicle home or have it repaired locally.

Service not provided

- 1. Any costs:
 - a. if your vehicle is beyond economical repair
 - b. covered under your motor insurance;
 - c. relating to storage once **you** have been notified that **your vehicle** is ready to collect; and
 - d. relating to any costs incurred as a result of actions or omissions of your motor insurers;
- 2. We will not take the vehicle back home if:
 - a. the vehicle is roadworthy; or

b. a customs officer or other official finds any contents in **your vehicle** that are not legal in that country;

- 3. Any import duties not relating to the **vehicle**, for example relating to items carried in the **vehicle**;
- 4. We will not cover the costs of fuel, insurance or meals;
- 5. We will only cover costs under this section to the amount set out in the European Assistance Limits Table, so if you want us to bring the vehicle home and the costs of bringing the vehicle home exceed this, you will need to pay any additional costs before we make arrangements.

Important:

- Following **our** authorisation, it can take up to 14 working days for the **vehicle** to be delivered back to the **UK**. At busy times and from some countries it may take longer.
- If we do not bring your vehicle back to the UK, you will have 10 weeks in which to advise us of how you wish to recover or dispose of it. If you do not contact us within 10 weeks we will dispose of it at your cost.

Section E5: Vehicle break-in emergency repairs

You must report the break-in to the police within 24 hours in order to obtain a written report before contacting **us** under this section.

Service provided

If the **vehicle** suffers damage to windows, windscreens or locks caused by forcible entry or attempted forcible entry, although this is not a **breakdown**, **we** will **reimburse you** up to the amount shown in the **European Assistance Limits Table**, for:

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

Service not provided

- 1. The cost of any parts.
- 2. Any benefits under any other section of Vauxhall Assistance.

Section E6: Replacement driver

Service provided

Although this is not covered as a **breakdown**, if **you** suddenly or unexpectedly fall ill or **you** are injured during **your journey** in **Europe**, meaning **you** are unable to drive, **we** will provide a replacement driver to allow **you** to continue **your journey** or return **home**.

We will require written confirmation from the treating hospital or medical expert that **you** are unable to drive.

Service not provided

- 1. If there is another qualified driver who is a **passenger** and who is fit and legally able to drive the **vehicle**.
- 2. Any benefits under any other section of Vauxhall Assistance.

General conditions

The following conditions apply to all sections. If **you** do not comply **we** can refuse service.

- 1. You must request services directly from us, as we will only provide services if we make arrangements to help you.
- 2. 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 **your vehicle** to a place of repair and **we** will not cover this.
- 3. We will not provide service where the vehicle is already at a garage or other place of repair.
- 4. 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 service.
- 5. A driver must be with the vehicle when we attend.
- 6. You are responsible at all times for the care of your personal belongings, valuables, luggage and goods in or on a **vehicle**. We will not be responsible for any loss of or damage to them.
- 7. Where we recover passengers under the age of 16, they must be accompanied by an adult.
- 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.

- 9. 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 if required.
- 10. 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 the **driver's** responsibility.
- 11. We will not be responsible for any losses that may incur following a **breakdown** that are not expressly covered under Vauxhall Assistance. For example, we will not pay for any loss of earnings or missed appointments.
- 12. We do not guarantee that recovery to any garage, including a Vauxhall franchised dealer, 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.
- 13. During extreme weather, riots, war, civil unrest, industrial disputes, **our** services can be interrupted. **We** will resume **our** service to **you** as soon as **we** can in these circumstances.
- 14. The cost of the following is not covered:
 - a. specialist resource;
 - b. tolls, ferries or congestion charges for your vehicle or our vehicle;
 - c. any damage to glass even if the damage means the **vehicle** cannot be legally or safely driven. **We** will arrange transport to a local garage so **you** can arrange to get the **vehicle** fixed but **you** will have to pay for this; or
 - d. recovery by someone other than **us**. If the emergency services, local authority or any government agency are handling the **breakdown**, **we** will only attend and provide recovery once instructed to do so by them.
- 15. In handling any request for service there may be more than one option available to **you**. 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 **you**, and act reasonably at all times.
- 16. Vauxhall Assistance does not cover:
 - a. routine servicing, maintenance or assembly of your vehicle;
 - b. caravans or trailers;
 - c. **breakdowns** that occur during activities or events that are not subject to the normal rules of the road, for example, **breakdowns** on a track day. **We** will not attend **breakdowns** on race tracks or where **you** have been immediately recovered from a race track;
 - d. **breakdowns** that occur, or recovery of **vehicles** to a destination, that is off the public highway to which **you** or **we** have no legal access;
 - e. **your vehicle** if it is not legally taxed, insured and holding a valid MOT which is required by law or is not being used in line with the manufacturer's guidelines;
 - f. **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;
 - g. any request for service that is or may be affected by the influence of alcohol or drugs;
 - h. any breakdown that is caused by or as a result of vehicle theft or fire; or
 - i. any request for service where the **breakdown** was not first reported to **us** under Vauxhall Assistance.
- 17. If **you** are asked to review and approve a document, including an electronic form, recording the condition of **your vehicle**, it is **your** responsibility to ensure that the record is accurate and complete, and **we** will not be responsible for any errors or omissions.
- 18. Where **we** arrange a hire car, taxi, hotel or similar benefit, **we** will always try to find a suitable option that is available at the time, however:

- a. **we** are not responsible for the quality or service of each individual hotel, train or taxi booked; and
- for hire cars, whilst we use reputable companies, we are unable to and cannot be responsible for checking the condition of each vehicle or the quality of service provided by each company;

Conditions specific to travel in Europe

- 19. Requests for service made more than 24 hours after the **breakdown** may be declined in part or completely;
- 20. We do not cover:
 - a. vehicle storage charges, other than under Section E4 (Getting your vehicle home);
 - b. the hire of minibuses, motorhomes, motorcycles, caravans, trailers or vans;
 - c. overloading of a **vehicle** under the laws in any country in which the **vehicle** is travelling;
 - d. **Breakdowns** in **Europe** caused by running out of oil or water, frost damage or rust or corrosion.
- 21. We will not cover any repairs which are not essential in order to continue the **journey**.
- 22. You must make sure the **vehicle** meets all relevant laws of the countries **you** visit during a **journey**;
- 23. How **we** calculate the exchange rate:
 - a. Any costs incurred directly by **us** in a currency other than GBP will be converted to GBP at the exchange rate used by **us** at the time;
 - b. Costs incurred by **you** in a currency other than GBP which are recoverable from **us** will be converted to GBP either:
 - i. at the exchange rate used by your credit or debit card provider; or
 - ii. at the exchange rate used by **us** when **we** receive **your** claim form if **you** paid in cash
- 24. If **your vehicle** needs to be repaired following a **breakdown**, **you** must not delay or refuse repairs whilst **you** are in **Europe**. If **you** do, and in **our** reasonable opinion that would lead to additional costs being incurred, **we** reserve the right to refuse to provide service under section E3 (Onward travel in Europe) or section E4 (Getting your vehicle home).

Additional benefits

The following are provided at no additional charge:

1. Service in the Republic of Ireland

<u>Please note</u>: This service is only provided if **your home** address is in Northern Ireland and as an alternative option to **your** European Breakdown under Section E.

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 **we** are unable to repair **your vehicle** at the roadside, **we** will recover the **vehicle** to **your home**, or to another destination in Northern Ireland if the distance is less.

2. Urgent Message Relay

If **your vehicle** has **broken-down** and **you** need to get in touch with friends and family urgently, **we** will get a message to them for **you**.

3. UK Replacement Driver

If **you** suddenly or unexpectedly fall ill or are injured, during a journey in the **UK** and no one within **your** party can drive the **vehicle**, **we** may be able to provide **you** with a replacement driver. This

service is discretionary, and **we** will decide whether or not to provide this service. **We** will require written confirmation form the treating hospital or medical expert that **you** are unable to drive.

Additional services

We can provide additional services that are not included in Vauxhall Assistance but we will charge you for these, for example to:

- Purchase the parts you need to get on your way;
- Pay for **specialist resource** to complete the recovery or repairs;
- Extend the hire time for a replacement car;
- Attend a driver-induced fault; or
- Arrange a second or extended recovery.

We will agree these costs up front and will need full payment before we can help. If you are named on the **fulfilment document**, you will be responsible for any additional charges, so if we help someone under Vauxhall Assistance and they cannot pay, we will invoice you.

Misuse of service

You must not:

- 1. Behave inappropriately towards **us**, including acting in a threatening or abusive manner, whether verbally or physically;
- 2. 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;
- 5. 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 in the future;
- 2. Restrict the payment methods available to you;
- 3. Refuse to provide any services to you under Vauxhall Assistance with immediate effect;
- 4. Immediately cancel this cover; and
- 5. Refuse to sell any policies or services to **you** in the future.

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 Vauxhall Assistance, such as services at or following a breakdown, or the additional benefits, please contact us as follows:

	Phone	In writing
Breakdown Complaints	0330 159 0339	Vauxhall Assistance
		Breakdown Customer Care
		RAC Motoring Services
		Great Park Road
		Bradley Stoke
		Bristol
		BS32 4QN
		breakdowncustomercare@rac.co.uk