

# Guidance Notes 2021

### Maintenance Department 02392 002002

### PLEASE KEEP WITH THE VEHICLE

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### Introduction

Southern Motor Contracts are privileged to have been entrusted with the management of your vehicle.

The following information is intended to assist you in the safe and efficient operation of your vehicle and should be read in conjunction with the manufacturer's handbooks and any relevant documentation supplied by your employer.

Some of the information may not apply. You should refer to your employer to ascertain the extent of the services provided.



### In the event of a breakdown please contact the below:

AUDI ALFA **BMW** CITROEN FIAT FORD HONDA HYUNDAI JAGUAR KIA LANDROVER LEXUS MAZDA **MERCEDES** NISSAN PEUGEOT RENAULT

SEAT SKODA TESLA TOYOTA VAUXHALL VOLKSWAGEN VOLVO

# In the event of a breakdown

Please ensure before you make a call to the breakdown services you have the following:



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Your name

- Location of breakdown
- Your employer's name
- 4 Nature of problem
  - Vehicle make, model and reg No. (if known), membership No.

#### Only after expiry of manufacturer roadside

assistance, please contact:

### SMC Breakdown Services

(AA) 0800 424151

**Please quote Acc. No. 72912** Please tell the operator this is a pay on use account with Southern Motor Contracts.

### Service, Maintenance & Mechanical Repairs

All work must be authorised prior to it being carried out. We are linked with all main dealers and many of the small independent garages using the 1Link System.





To book a service, maintenance work or mechanical repairs please go to the website.

www.smc4cars.com/driver-services/ book-a-service/

Alternatively, phone the garage directly and let them know it is an SMC vehicle.



www.smc4cars.com/driverservices/book-a-service

### Tyres

We have national accounts with major recognised suppliers of tyres, exhausts and batteries. Please call the general numbers below for your local branch.

### ATS & ATS Mobile

Telephone: **0800 505 505** Acc. Number: **A00945033** 

### Halfords Autocentre

Telephone: **0330 135 9778** Acc. Number: **2827** 

#### **Kwik Fit**

Telephone: **0800 425 262** Acc. Number: **N6487M** 

#### **Kwik Fit Mobile**

Telephone: 0330 123 1534 Acc. Number: As above

### National

#### Telephone: **0800 708 070** Acc. Number: **860345**

Current legislation states it is a **legal requirement** to have a minimum tread

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### depth of 1.6 mm.

This is applicable to the central 75% of the tread width in a continuous band around the tyre.

### **General Information**

Please remember that you are responsible for ensuring the vehicle is always legal and in roadworthy condition for your safety and that of any passengers. You are advised to check your oil, brake fluid levels and tyre pressures regularly and ensure the vehicle is serviced according to manufacturer's recommendations.

### DPF Regeneration

Most diesel vehicles are now fitted with Diesel Particulate Filters (DPF's) that require regeneration. Please consult the vehicle manual to find out more about this process. If a DPF becomes blocked due to it missing the regeneration process, you are liable to be recharged.

### • AD-Blue

Ad-Blue is a fuel additive that has been introduced to Euro 6 vehicles and is required to reduce the output of NOx emissions. Please ensure you top up the Ad-Blue when instructed by the vehicle's indicator. If this is not adhered to the vehicle may breakdown and not re-start. Ad-Blue can be purchased from local garages, motor factors and stores such as Halfords.

### Temporary Replacement Vehicle

In some circumstances you may be entitled to a replacement vehicle whilst your vehicle is unavailable. If you do not have access to your own vehicle then please telephone us and we will advise you of any procedures that have been agreed.

### Glass

In the first instance, please contact your company to confirm whether you have windscreen insurance.

If there is no cover in place and you would like us to arrange replacement glass, please call:

National Mobile Windscreens 0800 373171 - Acc No. 175594

All glass replacement and repairs



### • Road Fund Licence

Your vehicle has road fund licence included for the duration of the contract.

### Insurance

Your vehicle must be comprehensively insured at all times. If you have any doubts about your policy or extent of your cover, please refer to your employer before driving the vehicle.

### • Traffic and Parking Offences

We are not responsible for the payment of any fines that may arise from the use of the vehicle including fixed penalty notices. If for any reason we have to process any documentation on your behalf, we will charge your employer the costs incurred plus an administration fee.

### MOT Inspection

We will remind you or your employer that the vehicle is due for an MOT test if and when it becomes due. Please ensure the test is completed prior to its expiry, to keep you road legal.

#### Accidents and Thefts

Please refer to any guidance notes issued by your employer. All accidents or thefts must be reported to us as soon as possible and we will provide assistance in accordance with the arrangements made between us and your employer.

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You must inform the police if any persons have been injured, 3rd party property has been damaged and in all cases of theft of or from the vehicle.Do not admit liability to anyone and only make comment if necessary to the police.

#### Overseas Travel

You should notify us of your intention to take the car outside of the UK at least three weeks before departure. We will need to know the dates of departure and return.

You are strongly recommended to use the services provided by the motoring organisations since any costs etc incurred abroad will not be accepted by us. Following the UK's departure from the EU some driving regulations have changed.

Please familiarise yourself with the regulations applicable in any countries you wish to drive including the need for a GREEN CARD from your insurance company.



Taking vehicles out of the UK - UK GOV

Driving in Europe - RAC

Driving in Europe after Brexit - RAC

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### Vehicle Termination

You will be advised of the due termination date of your vehicle in advance. We will arrange collection of the vehicle at the same time.

The vehicle should:

- Be legal and roadworthy
- Be free from damage, in line with the BVRLA guide
- Have a current MOT
- Include all of the equipment that was originally supplied with it (spare tyre, tow-bar, any tools, etc.)
- Be accompanied by keys, including spare keys
- Have been serviced in line with the manufacturer's requirements
- Have its fully stamped service book and any user manuals present

#### • Be clean and emptied of any personal effects





If you have any queries, or need advice, please contact us:

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### Complaints

We always aim to meet or exceed your expectations, but sometimes things go wrong.

If you do wish to make a complaint about any service that you have received from us, please in the first place contact the Managing Director by e-mail, telephone or in writing at above contact points.

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