

# VEHICLE HIRE EXCESS INSURANCE



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## BIG BLUE VEHICLE HIRE EXCESS INSURANCE

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**You** can check the regulatory status of ROCK by visiting <http://www.fca.org.uk/register> or by telephoning 0800 111 6768.

To contact us about your policy telephone: 0343 658 0269 or email [admin@rockinsurance.com](mailto:admin@rockinsurance.com).

## INSURER

This insurance is underwritten by Acasta European Insurance Company Limited, 5/5 Crutchett's Ramp, Gibraltar, GX11 1AA (registered no. 96218) which is authorised and regulated by the Gibraltar Financial Services Commission and subject to limited regulation by the Financial Conduct Authority and Prudential Regulation Authority for the conduct of UK business. Details about the extent of our regulation by the Financial Conduct Authority and Prudential Regulation Authority are available from Acasta European Insurance Company on request.

## DATA PROTECTION

**Any information that you have given to ROCK will be used for the administration of your policy. The information that you have provided will be shared with the following parties:**

- The insurers of the policy, Acasta European Insurance Company Limited, to obtain a premium if **your** quote requires referral to them. The personal information that will be shared with the insurer at this time will be **your** name, **your** contact details and any medical history as declared to **us** by **you**.
- If **you** purchase a product with ROCK, **your** information will be shared with the insurer of the policy to underwrite **your** policy.
- In the event of a claim **your** personal information will be shared with the insurer and their appointed emergency assistance company and/or claims administrator. Details of these organisations are stated within this policy terms and conditions.
- The Financial Conduct Authority and/or other regulatory/governing bodies for the purposes of compliance monitoring and to prevent and detect fraud.

**We** reserve the right to disclose personally identifiable information in order to comply with the law, applicable regulations and government requests. **We** also reserve the right to use such information in order to protect **our** operating systems and integrity as well as other users.

Any third parties employed by **us** to process **your** data on **our** behalf are subject to contractual obligations to protect the security of **your** data.

These activities are carried out within the UK and European Economic Area (EEA), and outside the EEA. The data protection laws and/or the agreements **we** have entered into with the receiving parties in relation to the processing of data outside the EEA provide a similar level of protection to the laws and/or agreements **we** have entered into within the EEA.

**You** are entitled, on request, to a copy of the personal information ROCK holds about **you**, and **you** have other rights in relation to how **we** use **your** data (as set out in ROCK's privacy policy which can be accessed through links on **your** insurance certificate). Please let **us** know if **you** think any information held about **you** is inaccurate, so that it may be corrected.

## APPLICABLE LAW

This insurance is issued from the United Kingdom and shall be governed by the Laws of England.

## YOUR DUTY OF DISCLOSURE

It is vital that **you** answer any questions in relation to arranging or administering this insurance policy honestly and accurately. **You** must take reasonable care not to make any misrepresentation because inaccurate answers may result in a claim being declined.

## TAX

**We** will charge the amount of tax as directed by the relevant authorities in **your** country of residence.

## CORRESPONDENCE

ROCK Insurance Services Limited as the agent responsible for the sale of the policy normally corresponds via email. By purchasing this policy **you** agree to

this form of communication and agree to update ROCK immediately if there is any change to **your** email address.

## WHO CAN BUY VEHICLE HIRE INSURANCE?

Any person:

- Holding a valid full UK, EEA [European Economic Area] or Swiss driving licence.
- Permanently resident in the United Kingdom.
- Eligible to hire and drive a **hired vehicle** and able to adhere to the terms of the **hire agreement**.
- Age limits that apply:

Vehicle	Min Age	Max Age
Cars	21	84

## VEHICLES COVERED BY THIS POLICY

Any vehicle with a value up to £50,000 (excluding tax) at the time of the policy being inception and less than 20 years old at first registration.

- Cars** with up to 9 seats.

The type of vehicle covered by this policy will be shown on the certificate of insurance.

## DAILY OR ANNUAL POLICIES

This insurance can be purchased as either a daily policy insuring a single hire agreement or as an annual policy insuring unlimited hire agreements up to 31 days in length. Policies are available as follows:

Vehicle	Daily	Annual
Cars	Up to 180 days	Yes

## GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

### United Kingdom and Europe

Europe means all countries west of the Ural Mountains, British Isles, Ireland, and islands in the Mediterranean, Morocco, Tunisia, Turkey, Canary Islands, Madeira, Iceland, Israel and the Azores.

### Worldwide

Means anywhere in the world.

**Please note:** No cover is provided for **trips** where **you** have travelled to a specific country or to an area where, prior to **your** trip commencing, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office have advised against all (but essential) travel.

## CANCELLING YOUR POLICY

**We** hope **you** are happy with the cover this policy provides. However, **you** have the right to cancel this policy, should it not meet **your** needs, within 14 days from either the date of purchase or receipt of **your** certificate of insurance, whichever is later, and provided that **you** have not commenced **your** hire agreement, have not reported or are not intending to report a claim.

If **you** do decide to cancel the policy during the 14 day cooling off period then **your** premium will be refunded in full, provided no claims have been made or no incidents have occurred that may give rise to a claim. Should **you** decide to cancel after the 14 day cooling off period no refund will be given.

**We** may cancel this policy at any time if **you** have not paid **your** premium or if there is reasonable evidence that **you** misled **us** or attempted to do so. By this **we** mean, if **you** are dishonest or use fraudulent means to benefit under this policy or if **you** give any false declaration or make a deliberate misstatement when applying for this cover or when making or supporting **your** claim.

**We** will contact **you** by email and tell **you** at **your** last known email address if **we** cancel **your** policy, or by letter if **we** do not hold an email address for **you**.

## WHAT MAKES UP THIS POLICY?

This Policy and the Certificate of Insurance must be read together as they form **your** insurance contract.

## CLAIMS NOTIFICATION

If **you** need to make a claim please obtain a claim form by telephoning or writing to the claims service below within 28 days of **your** return, quoting the scheme reference number quoted at the top of this document and which section of the policy **you** are claiming under. Alternatively, **you** can register **your** claim online, download claim forms and access a comprehensive list of FAQ's to help **you** with the claims process:

Reactive Claims Ltd  
Attwood House,  
Mansfield Business Park,  
Four Marks,  
Hampshire  
GU34 5PZ  
Phone: 01420 383010  
Email : [info@reactiveclaims.com](mailto:info@reactiveclaims.com)  
Web: [www.reactiveclaims.com](http://www.reactiveclaims.com)

**You** will need to provide:

- A copy of **your hire agreement**.
- A copy of the local police report, if required by law in the country where the loss occurs.
- **Your** copy of the **hire company** accident damage report and photographic picture of the damage caused, please ensure that the date stamp on you camera is activated.
- Invoices / Receipts / other documents confirming the amount **you** have paid in respect of the damage to the **hired vehicle** for which **you** are seeking reimbursement.
- A final repair invoice from the repairing garage which details the breakdown of parts and labour.
- Copy of **your** credit/debit card statement showing payment of the damages which **you** are seeking reimbursement.
- Copy of the driving licence of the policy holder and the person named on the **hire agreement** in control of the vehicle at the time of the incident.
- Any other documentation requested by **us** in order to settle **your** claims.
- **Your** bank details:
  - UK Bank - Sort Code and Account Number.
  - Bank based outside the UK - IBAN and BIC.

## DEFINITIONS

**Additional Travel Expenses** means any additional travel costs **you** incur in connection with a loss under the relevant section of this policy.

**Auto Glass** means any glass that forms part of the **hired vehicle** and includes windscreens, windows, internal and external lights and sunroof.

**Business Use Class 3** means the insured person and any named driver(s) using the motor vehicle for business, to solicit orders or to deliver pre-purchased goods. This also includes anyone who uses the motor vehicle to travel from customer to customer on commercial business.

**Car** means a motor vehicle which is constructed for the carriage of passengers and their effects and is adapted to carry no more than nine passengers.

**Commercial Use** means the insured person and any named driver(s) using the motor vehicle as a taxi, minicab, limousine or driving school or being used for commercial use by sales representatives who have use and responsibility for their own company vehicle.

**Consequential Loss** means an indirect loss that occurs following a loss under this policy.

**Country of Residence** means the country where **you** are ordinarily permanently resident, spend more than 91 days per year, pay tax or are registered with a Medical Practitioner.

**Europe** means all countries west of the Ural Mountains, British Isles, Ireland, and islands in the Mediterranean, Morocco, Tunisia, Turkey, Canary Islands, Madeira, Iceland, Israel and the Azores.

**Excess Reimbursement** means the amount that **you** are liable for under the terms of the **hire agreement** being the excess on the Collision Damage Waiver and Theft insurance policies provided by the **hire company**.

**Hire Agreement** means the contract signed by **you** for the hire of the vehicle.

**Hire Company** means a company licensed in the territory in which it is situated to provide vehicles for hire.

**Hired Vehicle** means any vehicle rented under a **hire contract** on a daily or weekly basis from such a **hire company** or agency, which must be licensed with the regulatory authority of that country, state or local authority.

**Lead Driver** means the person whose name is listed on the **hire agreement** as contractually responsible for the **hired vehicle**.

**Loss of Use** means the period during which vehicle hired by **you** is not available for hire due to damage caused during the **hire agreement**. **Loss of use** charges are calculated at the same rate at which **you** paid when **you** hired the vehicle.

**Personal Possessions** means clothing luggage and another articles that belong to **you** (or for which **you** are legally responsible for) which are worn, used or carried by **you** but excluding **personal money**, documents of any kind and **valuables**.

**Personal Money** means bank notes, currency notes and coins in current use, travellers' and other cheques, postal or money orders, pre-paid cards, coupons or vouchers, travel tickets, event and entertainment tickets, phone cards and credit / debit or charge cards all held for private purposes.

**Public Highway** is deemed as any road made or unmade that is intended for use by the general public.

**Safari** An expedition to observe or hunt animals in their natural habitat.

**Towing** means recovery of the vehicle following an accident, theft, malicious

damage, fire or mechanical breakdown to the nearest premises owned by the **hire company** or the original pick up location whichever is closest.

**UK and United Kingdom** means England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

**Under body** means the underside of the vehicle excluding bumpers, trim, tyres and wheel rims.

**Valuables** Jewellery, articles made of gold silver or other precious metals, precious or semi-precious stones, watches, binoculars, telescopes, photographic equipment, electronic audio or video equipment and any computer equipment (including software), furs, or leather clothing (apart from footwear).

**You, your** means the person(s) named on the vehicle **hire agreement** and on the certificate of insurance as named drivers which attaches to this policy. The person signing the **hire agreement** must be the policyholder.

**We, us, our** means Acasta European Insurance Company Limited.

**Worldwide** means any country.

## GENERAL CONDITIONS IN ADDITION TO THOSE SHOWN ELSEWHERE IN THIS POLICY

1. **You** agree to abide by the terms and conditions of this policy at all times.
2. If, when **you** return **your** hire vehicle to the hire company there is no-one available to accept **your** drop-off, **you** must take date and time stamped photographs to prove that no damage has occurred to the vehicle. **You** must send these photographs to the hire company within 24 hours of **your** return.
3. **You** must advise **our** appointed claim handlers within 1 calendar month of the end of the **hire agreement** of any incident that may give rise to a claim under this policy.
4. All certificates, information and evidence required by **our** appointed claim handlers shall be provided at **your** expense.
5. Except with **our** written consent, **you** are not entitled to admit liability on **our** behalf or to give any representations or other undertakings binding upon **us**. **We** shall be entitled to the absolute conduct, control and settlement of all proceedings arising out of or in connection with claims in **your** name.
6. **We** may at **our** own expense take proceedings in **your** name to recover compensation from any third party in respect of any reimbursement made under this Insurance and any amounts recovered shall belong to **us**. **You** agree to provide reasonable assistance to **us** to recover such amounts.
7. This insurance is provided for one **hired vehicle** at any one time, which may only be driven and operated by **you**.
8. Cover commences from the time **you** take legal control of the **hired vehicle** and ends at the time the **hire company** assumes control of the **hired vehicle** whether at its business location or elsewhere.
9. This policy and any optional extras must have been purchased prior to the commencement of the **hire agreement** for which **you** wish this policy to be operative.
10. **You** may amend **your** policy prior to the start of a **hire agreement**; any additional premium that may be charged is calculated as if the change was included at the inception of the policy.
11. Where there is dual insurance, please let **us** know, so that **we** pay **our** proportion of **your** claim.
12. When purchasing a daily policy, the policy must coincide with the period shown on the **hire agreement**. No policy can be issued retroactively.
13. This insurance policy in its entirety is invalid if the dates on the **hire agreement** and the dates on the Certificate of Insurance do not match.
14. The **lead driver** indicated on the **hire agreement** must coincide with the policy holder and **lead driver's** name on the Certificate of Insurance.
15. **We** reserve the right to apply additional terms on renewal.

## GENERAL EXCLUSIONS THAT APPLY TO THE WHOLE POLICY

1. Any loss or damage to a third party including bodily injury and property.
2. Any loss that occurs where the full premium has not been paid.
3. Any loss arising from driving as **your** occupation or profession or rentals for **commercial use** or **business use class 3**.
4. Alcoholism or the use of alcohol or drugs (other than drugs taken in accordance with treatment prescribed and directed by a registered medical practitioner, but not for the treatment of any drug addiction).
5. Loss or damage directly or indirectly caused through or in consequence of war, terrorism, invasion, acts of foreign enemies, hostilities (whether war be declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, military or usurped power or confiscation or nationalisation or requisition or destruction of or damage to property by or under the order of any government or public or local authority.
6. Any fraudulent, dishonest or criminal act committed by any person(s) in connection with this policy.
7. Loss arising from operation of the **hired vehicle** in violation of the terms of the **hire agreement**.
8. Any amount recovered from the **hire company** or its insurers.
9. Any vehicles which are not hired from a **hire company**.
10. Wear, tear, mechanical or electrical breakdown, other than for **towing**.

11. Losses arising out of illegal activities.
12. Driving by any persons not authorised by the **hire company**.
13. Claims made by any person not named on the Certificate of Insurance.
14. The rental of: trailers or caravans; trucks; commercial vehicles; motorcycles; mopeds; motorbikes; off-road vehicles; or any vehicle changed from its standard factory specifications.
15. Expenses reimbursed by the insured person's employers' insurer.
16. Losses occurring from driving whilst not on a **public highway**.
17. Losses occurring from driving on **safaris** or adventure trails.
18. **Additional travel expenses** unless otherwise stated in the policy wording.
19. **Consequential losses** unless otherwise stated in the policy wording.
20. Damage to the **hired vehicle** interior unless the damage is as a result of an accidental collision fire, theft or vandalism.
21. Any claim arising whilst driving in violation of the road laws of the country of hire.
22. Any claim arising for the rental of any vehicle which has a retail value when new in excess of £50,000 and has a 0-62mph (0-100kph) time of less than 6 seconds.
23. Call out charges not related to the main claim.
24. Payment card transaction fees.
25. Courtesy cars from a repair garage or dealership.
26. **You** are not covered for any claim in respect of the excess if a third party is responsible for the damage to the rental vehicle and, as a result, the car rental company will be or have reimbursed the excess amount to **you**.

## COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

**We** always aim to provide a first class service. However, if **you** have any cause for complaint, please address these in the first instance to:

The Compliance Manager,  
ROCK Insurance Group,  
Griffin House,  
135 High Street,  
Crawley,  
West Sussex,  
RH10 1DQ

Email: [admin@rockinsurance.com](mailto:admin@rockinsurance.com)

For complaints about how a claim has been handled **you** should contact:

Reactive Claims Ltd,  
Attwood House,  
Mansfield Business Park,  
Four Marks,  
Hampshire  
GU34 5PZ

Email: [managers@reactiveclaims.com](mailto:managers@reactiveclaims.com)

If **you** are still not satisfied **you** can contact the Financial Ombudsman Service:

Financial Ombudsman Service  
Exchange Tower,  
Harbour Exchange Square,  
London, E14 9SR  
Phone: 0800 023 4567

Email: [complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk](mailto:complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk)

ROCK Insurance Group adheres to the Alternative Dispute Resolution Regulations 2015 EU Directive. **You** can access the Online Dispute Resolution Portal here: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/odr/main/?event=main.about.show>

## COMPENSATION SCHEME

The Financial Services Compensation Scheme covers Acasta European Insurance Company Limited and ROCK Insurance Services Limited in the event that either are unable to meet their obligations. **You** may be entitled to compensation from the scheme in such circumstances but this will depend on the circumstances. Insurance arranging is covered up to 90% of the claim without upper limit.

Further information is available about the compensation scheme from the FSCS website [www.fscs.org.uk](http://www.fscs.org.uk).

## AUTORENEWAL

To make sure **you** have continuous cover under **your** policy, Rock Insurance Services will aim to automatically renew (auto-renew) **your** annual policy when it runs out, unless **you** tell them not to. Each year Rock Insurance Services will contact **you** 21 days before the renewal date of **your** policy, and tell **you** about any changes to the premium or the policy terms and conditions. If **you** do not want to auto-renew **your** policy, just call them on the telephone number provided on **your** Certificate.

Otherwise they will collect the renewal premiums from **your** credit card or debit card.

**You** should also note that **your** renewed policy will only be valid when:

- **You** have told Rock Insurance Services about any changes to **your** policy details;
- and **your** credit card or debit card details have not changed.

In some cases Rock Insurance Services may not be able to automatically renew **your** policy. They will let **you** know at the time if this is the case. Rock Insurance Services is entitled to assume that **your** details have not changed and **you** have the permission of the card holder unless **you** tell them otherwise.

Rock Insurance Services does not have **your** payment details. They will tell the relevant processing bank that have **your** payment details to charge the relevant premium to **your** debit card or credit card on or before the renewal date.

**You** can tell Rock Insurance Services about any changes to **your** policy details or opt out of automatic renewal at any time by phoning them on the telephone number provided on **your** certificate of insurance.

## WHAT IS COVERED

### EXCESS REIMBURSEMENT, LOSS DAMAGE WAIVER AND TOWING

#### What you are covered for

This section covers **you** up to the amount shown in the summary of cover table for any physical loss or damage to the **hired vehicle** which **you** are responsible for under the terms of the **hire agreement** following a fire, lightning strike, explosion, accident, accidental damage, theft or attempted theft, malicious damage, storm and flood. This section includes loss or damage to **auto glass**, roof, tyres, wheel rims and the **under body** and **towing** and **loss of use**.

#### What you are not covered for

1. The excess shown in the summary of cover.
2. Damage to the **hired vehicle** interior unless the damage is as a result of an accidental collision fire, theft or vandalism.
3. Loss or damage to the contents of the **hired vehicle**.
4. Anything mentioned in the general exclusions.

### ADMINISTRATION CHARGES

**We** will pay up to the amount shown in the summary of cover in respect of unrecoverable administration charges levied by the **hire company** following loss or damage to the **hired vehicle**.

### KEY COVER

#### What you are covered for

**We** will pay **you** up to the amount shown in the summary of cover for costs incurred for replacing damaged, lost or stolen **hired vehicle** keys, including replacement locks and locksmith charges unless only the parts needed to be changed.

#### What you are not covered for

1. More than 4 claims per policy year for annual policies
2. Anything mentioned in the general exclusions

### LOCKED OUT COVER

#### What you are covered for

**We** will pay **you** up to the amount shown in the summary of cover for costs incurred to open the **hired vehicle** if **you** unintentionally lock yourself out of the **hired vehicle**. The **hire company** must approve the locksmith prior to a locksmith being called out.

#### What you are not covered for

1. Damaged caused by **you** or the locksmith in opening or attempting to open the **hired vehicle**.
2. Anything mentioned in the general exclusions.

### PERSONAL POSSESSIONS AND BAGGAGE

#### What you are covered for

**We** will pay **you** up to amount shown in the summary of cover for the value of any of **your** own **personal possessions** (not hired, loaned or entrusted to **you**) which are stolen following visible and forcible entry to the **hired vehicle**.

#### What you are not covered for

1. The excess shown in the summary of cover;
2. Wear, tear and depreciation;
3. Claims not reported to an appropriate police authority within 24 hours of discovery and an official police report obtained;
4. Claims where the evidence of forced entry have not been confirmed by the **hire company** or police authority;
5. Any theft from the unattended **hired vehicle** between the hours of 20:00 and 08:00 local time;
6. Claims arising where **your** **personal possessions** are not secured in the **hired vehicle's** locked boot or glove compartment;
7. Any other contents of the **hired vehicle** not owned by **you**;
8. Anything mentioned in the general exclusions.

### MISFUELLING

#### What you are covered for

In the event that **you** put the wrong type of fuel into the **hired vehicle** **we** will pay **you** up to amount shown in the summary of cover for costs **you** incur in respect of:

1. Flushing the engine of the incorrect fuel;
2. **Additional travel expenses;**
3. Vehicle recovery.

**What you are not covered for**

1. Repairs to the engine or associated parts;
2. Costs associated with any missed departure;
3. **Consequential losses;**
4. Anything mentioned in the general exclusions.

### CURTAILMENT

**What you are covered for**

We will pay **you** up to the amount shown in the summary of cover if the **hire agreement** is cut short on the advice of a Medical Practitioner and there is no other person authorised by the **hire company** to drive the **hired vehicle**. **You** must be confined to a bed in a hospital, in a hotel or in private accommodation during such time that the **hired vehicle** was booked and paid for.

**You** must present a medical certificate or letter from the Medical Practitioner confirming the instruction not to drive. The Vehicle Hire must be confirmed for a minimum of seven (7) days.

**What you are not covered for**

1. Anything mentioned in the general exclusions.

### DROP-OFF CHARGES

**What you are covered for**

We will pay **you** up to the amount shown in the summary of cover for charges made by the **hire company** to recover the **hired vehicle** if there is no-one authorised to return the **hired vehicle** to the agreed drop-off point following **your** accident or illness for which hospitalisation takes place. **You** must present a medical certificate or letter from a Medical Practitioner confirming the hospitalisation.

**What you are not covered for**

1. One-way Hire Agreements;
2. Anything mentioned in the general exclusions.

### ACCIDENTAL LIFE

**What you are covered for**

We will pay up to the amount shown in the summary of cover if **you** suffer an accidental **bodily injury** during the **trip**, which within 12 months is the sole and direct cause of **your** death.

**What you are NOT covered for**

1. any claims arising directly or indirectly from sickness, illness or disease;
2. any injury not caused solely by outward, visible, external means;
3. any claim arising directly or indirectly from **your** pregnancy;
4. any claims under this section not notified to **us** within 12 months of the date of the accident;
5. anything mentioned in the General Exclusions.

### OPTIONAL EXTRAS

The following Optional Extras are operative when shown on the certificate of insurance and the appropriate premium has been paid. Once included the optional extras cannot be removed or refunded unless the policy is cancelled.

Limits stated are on a per claim basis and are not cumulative across the period of insurance.

### DUAL LEAD DRIVER

The terms and conditions of this policy are amended to allow two lead drivers, persons named on the certificate, to rent vehicles independently of each other. Both persons must be permanently resident at the address shown on the Certificate of Insurance and are deemed as joint policyholders.

## SUMMARY OF COVER

Vehicle	Excess Reimbursement	Tyres, Windscreen, Underbody	Towing	Loss of Use	Excess Payable
Cars	£7,500	£7,500	£500	£500	Nil
Key cover	£500 (per claim) £2000 per year for annual policies				Nil
Locked out cover					£100
Misfuelling					£500
Admin charges					£200
Personal Possessions					£300
Single Article Limit					£150
Curtailment	£30 per day up to a maximum of £300				Nil
Drop-off charges					£300
Accidental Life					£1,000

Limits stated are on a per claim basis and are not cumulative across the period of insurance, unless otherwise stated.