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# Veteran, Vintage and Classic Vehicle Insurance

Product Disclosure Statement and Policy Booklet (PDS)





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# Veteran, Vintage and Classic (VVC) Vehicle Insurance at a glance – a quick summary

Here's a summary of the key details about your VVC Vehicle Insurance policy. In this Product Disclosure Statement and Policy Booklet (PDS), we set out the full details about your cover and any limits, exclusions and conditions that may apply.

## Who we cover

### Under your policy, we cover:

- you
- anyone who has your permission to drive your vehicle

## What we insure

### We offer insurance for:

- veteran vehicles made before 1919
- vintage vehicles made between 1919 and 1930, and
- classic vehicles that are 15 years of age or more (and recognised by us as being a collectable vehicle)

that are used for hobby or recreational purposes – see page 18 for more details

### Your vehicle

- we insure your vehicle for the agreed value shown on your current Certificate of Insurance
- your vehicle is shown on your current Certificate of Insurance and includes:
  - any standard equipment that comes with it, plus
  - any modifications, options or accessories that are attached to it that you have told us about and we have agreed to insure

### The types of vehicles we insure include:

- motor vehicles – including any standard equipment
- motorcycles – including sidecar, and
- stationary engines

which we consider to be veteran, vintage or classic vehicles

## Your insurance cover

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### Loss or damage to your vehicle

- ✓ we cover a range of incidents which may cause loss or damage to your vehicle

### Other benefits

- ✓ we provide up to 9 other benefits (excludes stationary engines)

### Liability cover

- ✓ we cover claims made against you where the use of your vehicle causes loss or damage to someone else's property

### Additional features

- ✓ we provide advice and assistance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through Traveller Care and our Helpline telephone service (excludes stationary engines)

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### If we agree to cover your claim, then we will:

- decide whether to repair your vehicle or pay you the reasonable cost of repairs or pay you the agreed value that applies under your policy
- pay for any other benefits that apply to your policy
- deduct any amounts that apply (for example, salvage value, excess, unpaid premium or any unused registration and CTP Insurance premium)

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# Key benefits and features of Veteran, Vintage and Classic (VVC) Vehicle Insurance

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# Key details about your policy

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## Words with special meaning

Some words in this PDS have special meaning – see the 'Definitions' on pages 66 and 67.

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# Our agreement with you

## Your contract

Your policy is a contract between you and us and is made up of:

- your current Certificate of Insurance
- this Product Disclosure Statement and Policy Booklet (PDS), and
- any applicable Supplementary PDS.

## More than one insured

If there's more than one insured, then anything that any insured says, does or omits applies to all of the insureds.

Also, each insured can act on behalf of all the insureds as their agent.

## Certificate of Insurance

Your current Certificate of Insurance shows what you are covered for under your policy. It also shows the period your policy covers – we only cover you for incidents that happen during that time.

## Receiving your policy documents

We are upgrading our systems so we can send policy documents electronically. Once we do that, you may choose to receive your policy documents:

- electronically – that is, by email, or
- by post.

If you tell us to send your policy documents to you electronically, then we will send them to the email address you give us rather than to your mailing address. Any policy documents we send to your email address are considered to have been received by you 24 hours from when we send them.

If you don't tell us to send your policy documents to you electronically, then we will send them by post to the mailing address you gave us.

You are responsible for making sure the email and mailing address we have for you is up to date. So, you need to tell us if you change your email or mailing address – see 'You change your contact details' on page 59.



Key details  
about your  
policy

## Limits, exclusions and conditions

Limits, exclusions and conditions may apply to your cover:

- throughout this PDS, we set out any specific exclusions and conditions with the cover they apply to
- on pages 37 - 39, we set out the general exclusions that apply to your policy
- on pages 40 - 42, we set out your responsibilities when you are insured with us.

### Special conditions

We may impose special conditions on your policy that may exclude, restrict or extend cover for a person or a particular matter. For example, we may not cover you for some incidents like a bushfire, storm or flood if they cause loss or damage during a specific period which is also known as an embargo period.

Your current Certificate of Insurance shows any special conditions that apply to your policy.

## Value that applies to your vehicle

We insure your veteran, vintage or classic vehicle for an agreed value.

The agreed value that applies to your vehicle is shown on your current Certificate of Insurance.

### Agreed value

The agreed value is the amount we agree to insure your vehicle for. It includes:

- any modifications, options or accessories that are attached to your vehicle that we have agreed to cover
- GST
- registration and any CTP Insurance
- other on-road costs.

You should take that into account when you decide on your agreed value.

## Your premium

In return for paying your premium, we provide you with cover.

Your premium is based on the likelihood of a claim being made under your policy in the future. When we work out your premium, we look at a range of factors including:

- your vehicle and where you keep it
- the age of the insureds and drivers
- the way you use your vehicle – for example, private or business use
- the type of registration on your vehicle.

For more information about how we work out your premium, the excesses that may apply to your policy and any discounts you may be eligible for, see our Premium, Excess & Discounts Guide.

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## Paying your premium

You must pay your premium on time. You can pay your premium:

- annually in one lump sum, or
- in monthly instalments by direct debit from an account or credit card you nominate (if we offer this option to you).

Your current Certificate of Insurance shows the amount you need to pay and the due date for your annual premium or for each monthly instalment.

If you pay annually, you can pay through any of these ways:



Contact your financial institution to arrange payment from your account



Call 1800 646 605 and have your credit card ready



Pay by cash, EFTPOS, cheque or credit card at any local branch or Australia Post Office



Send your cheque or credit card details to the address shown on your notice



Key details  
about your  
policy

## What happens if you don't pay on time

When you first take out insurance, you need to pay your annual premium or first monthly instalment by the due date. If you don't pay on time, then we will cancel your policy.

A monthly instalment is unpaid if it can't be deducted from your nominated account or credit card.

If an ongoing monthly instalment is unpaid for:

- 14 days or more after its due date, then we will refuse a claim for incidents that take place during that time
- one month after its due date, then we will automatically cancel your policy at the end of that one month period on the 31st day without giving you notice.

## Choosing your excess

You can reduce your premium by choosing a higher basic excess. However, if you choose a lower basic excess, you will pay an additional premium.

Your current Certificate of Insurance shows the amount and types of excesses that apply to your policy.

## 21 day cooling-off period

You can tell us to cancel your policy within 21 days from:

- the date we issue your policy when you first contact us – for example, if you call us on 3 May to set up a new policy from 10 May, then your 21 day cooling-off period starts from 3 May as that's when we issued your policy
- the start date of the policy period that applies when you renew your policy.

If you tell us to cancel your policy within those times, we'll refund the premium you paid us in full. However, we can only do that if you haven't made a claim on your policy.

## Assigning rights and appointing a representative

### Assigning your rights

You must not assign any benefits, rights or obligations under your policy unless you get our written consent first.

### Appointing someone to represent you

If you want to appoint someone to represent you, then you need to tell us and we need to agree. For example, you ask someone to manage your policy or a claim. For more details about appointing someone to manage your claim, see page 42.

## Governing law and GST

### Governing law

This contract is governed by the law of the Australian State or Territory where you keep your vehicle.

### GST

All dollar values described in your policy include GST, unless we say they don't.

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# Loss or damage to your veteran, vintage or classic (VVC) vehicle

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The table on the right summarises your cover. Full details about your cover are set out in this section.

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In this section, we outline what you're covered for under VVC Vehicle Insurance and any specific limits, exclusions and conditions that apply to your cover.

General exclusions also apply. If you don't meet your responsibilities you may put your claim or cover at risk – see Section 5.

How we settle a claim is set out in Section 6.

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# Your VVC vehicle

We cover the veteran, vintage and classic vehicles below:

- veteran vehicles made before 1919
- vintage vehicles made between 1919 and 1930, and
- classic vehicles that are 15 years of age or more (and recognised by us as being a collectable vehicle)

that are used for hobby or recreational purposes.

## Covered

We cover your vehicle when it is used for:

- hobby or recreational purposes and it is driven 10 days or less per month, or
- special occasion/wedding hire.

## Not covered

We will not cover your vehicle if it is:

- used as a primary mode of transport – for example, shopping, commuting to and from work or transporting friends and family, or
- driven more than 10 days per month.

## Conditions

We may agree to cover you if:

- your vehicle is a stationary engine
- you have told us of your intention to use your vehicle for a purpose other than a hobby or recreational purpose

and you have paid any additional premium that applies.

## Registration types we cover

We cover the following types of registration on your veteran, vintage or classic vehicle:

- full
- club/historic
- modified plate.

In some situations, we may also agree to insure your vehicle if it is unregistered.

Examples of veteran, vintage and classic motor vehicles or motorcycles include hot rods, military, commercial & ex-service vehicles, tractors, scooters and trikes. We also cover stationary engines

# Loss or damage to your vehicle

We cover your vehicle when the incidents set out in this section happen.



Loss or damage to your VVC vehicle

## Loss or damage to your vehicle

If an incident we cover happens during the policy period and causes loss or damage to your vehicle.

### Covered

- up to the agreed value that applies to your vehicle if any of these incidents cause loss or damage to it:

- |                      |                                |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| • accidental damage  | • flood                        |
| • collision or crash | • storm                        |
| • earthquake         | • theft or attempted theft     |
| • explosion          | • tsunami                      |
| • fire               | • vandalism or a malicious act |

### Conditions

- we decide whether to:
  - repair your vehicle
  - pay you the reasonable cost of repairs, or
  - pay you the agreed value that applies for it.

For more details about how we settle your claim, see Section 6.

## Other benefits

We may also provide other benefits that are set out in this section.

You can make a claim for other benefits when an incident we cover happens during the policy period and causes loss or damage to your vehicle and we agree to pay for that loss or damage.

However, you can make a claim under some benefits in other situations. For example, under 'Keys, locks and barrels', we may pay the cost to replace your car keys if someone steals your bag and your car keys are inside it.

The cover under this section does not apply to stationary engines.

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## Emergency repairs

If an incident we cover causes loss or damage to your vehicle and you arrange emergency repairs to your vehicle so you can get back on the road safely.

For example, someone crashes into the back of your car. To make your car safe to drive, you arrange for the rear brake light to be fixed straight away.

### Covered

- up to \$500 in total for emergency repairs to your vehicle which:
  - make your vehicle secure, or
  - get you back on the road safely.

Emergency repairs are repairs you arrange to make your vehicle secure or get you back on the road safely

## Keys, locks and barrels

If someone steals the keys to your vehicle during the policy period.

We pay this benefit on top of any excess that applies. For example, if your excess is \$300 and the cost to replace your locks is \$1,300, then we pay \$1,000.

### Covered

- up to \$1,000 in total to replace or recode your vehicle's keys, locks or barrels.

### Conditions

- you must report the theft of your keys to the Police.

## Personal items

If an incident we cover causes loss or damage to your vehicle and the personal items in your vehicle.

For all vehicles except motorcycles, we cover your personal items for up to \$500. If you have a motorcycle, we cover your protective clothing as your personal items for up to \$3,000.

We pay this benefit on top of your agreed value.

### Covered

- for all vehicles except motorcycles, up to \$500 in total to repair or replace your personal items
- for motorcycles, up to \$3,000 in total to repair or replace the protective clothing that is specifically designed to be worn by you or a passenger while riding your motorcycle.

If you have a motorcycle, the most we pay for any one item of protective clothing is \$1,000. Protective clothing includes:

- helmet
- jacket
- trousers
- boots
- gloves.

If you have a motorcycle, we cover your protective clothing as your personal items

### Not covered

- mobile phones
- cash
- baby capsules and child seats
- tools of trade
- standard equipment, modifications, options or accessories that are attached to your vehicle.

### Conditions

- we cover your personal items if they are stolen as part of a theft or attempted theft of your vehicle. But, if they are stolen as part of any other incident we cover, then they must be stolen at the scene of the incident when it happens.

## Storage costs

If an incident we cover causes loss or damage to your vehicle and it's taken to a storage facility or holding yard.

We pay this benefit on top of your agreed value.

### Covered

- the reasonable costs to store your vehicle from when you lodge a claim with us until we assess your vehicle.

### Conditions

- we must agree to pay the storage costs before you make any arrangements
- you need to move your vehicle if we ask you to
- we can move your vehicle if we need to.

## Temporary cover

If you sell or give away your vehicle and replace it with another veteran, vintage or classic vehicle, we will provide temporary cover under your policy for your replacement vehicle.

### Covered

- temporary cover for your replacement vehicle on the same terms that are set out in your policy except for these changes:
  - we only provide cover for 14 days from when you sold or gave away your vehicle
  - we insure your replacement vehicle for its market value.

### Conditions

- we cover your replacement vehicle permanently if:
  - you ask us to cover it within the 14 day temporary cover period
  - you give us full details for the vehicle
  - we agree to insure it, and
  - you pay us any additional premium.

## Towing

If an incident we cover causes loss or damage to your vehicle and it needs to be towed because it can't be driven or is unsafe to drive.

We pay this benefit on top of your agreed value.

### Covered

- the reasonable cost to tow your vehicle from where the incident happened to whichever place we decide is closer:
  - a repairer or other place we recommend, or
  - a safe place.

### Conditions

- we only pay for one tow. If your vehicle needs to be towed more than once, we decide which tow to pay for.

## Trailer or caravan damage

If an incident we cover causes loss or damage to your trailer or caravan while it's attached to or being towed by your vehicle.

We pay this benefit on top of your agreed value.

### Covered

- up to \$500 in total to repair or replace your trailer or caravan.

### Not covered

- any items that are in your trailer or caravan.

## Windscreen, sunroof and window glass damage

If your vehicle's windscreen, sunroof or window glass is damaged during the policy period.

### Covered

- the reasonable cost as determined by us to repair or replace a windscreen, sunroof or any window glass including anything that's part of it – for example:
  - window tinting
  - demisters
  - rain sensors.

### Conditions

- to make a claim under this benefit, the damage must only affect your windscreen, sunroof or window glass and not other parts of your vehicle
- we may use non-genuine parts to replace your windscreen, sunroof or window glass.

## Your uninsured loss recovery

If we pay your claim, then we may attempt to recover that amount from someone else who is at fault for the incident. If we do that, we may agree to recover your uninsured loss from them at the same time.

Your uninsured loss represents what you suffer in the incident which is not covered by your policy. For example, if your mobile phone gets damaged in a crash and your policy doesn't cover the cost to replace your mobile phone.

### Covered

- the steps to attempt to recover your uninsured loss.

### Not covered

- recovery of loss or damage:
  - that is covered by another insurance policy
  - for death or personal injury.

### Conditions

- we must agree to attempt to recover your uninsured loss
- you must:
  - tell us about your uninsured loss and ask us to try to recover it for you, and
  - give us any documents you have that prove your uninsured loss
- if we ask you, you must sign an agreement which outlines the terms that apply when we attempt to recover your uninsured loss on your behalf
- you may need to contribute your share of any legal or recovery agent's costs
- from any amount we recover, we will:
  - first deduct the amount we paid to settle your claim, and then
  - pay you for your uninsured loss from what's left over.

# Liability cover

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We provide liability cover as part of your VVC Vehicle Insurance.

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In this section, we describe the liability cover you have under your policy and any specific limits, exclusions and conditions that apply to your cover.

General exclusions also apply. If you don't meet your responsibilities you may put your claim or cover at risk – see Section 5.

How we settle a claim is set out in Section 6.

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# Liability cover

Liability cover protects you for claims that may be made against you where the use of your vehicle causes loss or damage to someone else's property.

## Loss or damage to someone else's property

If the use of your vehicle during the policy period causes loss or damage to someone else's property.

For example, you may be liable if you crash your vehicle into someone's front fence.

**We provide \$20 million liability cover for VVC Vehicle Insurance**

### Covered

- up to \$20 million (including legal costs) for the liability of these people arising from loss or damage to someone else's property for any one incident caused by the use of your vehicle:
  - you
  - anyone who has your permission to drive your vehicle
  - passengers in your vehicle
  - your employer or business partner when you use or are in charge of your vehicle as their employee or business partner or when another employee or business partner has your permission to use your vehicle
- if your vehicle is used to tow a trailer or caravan, then we also provide liability cover for any loss or damage caused by the trailer or caravan to someone else's property while it's being towed
- if you borrow a substitute vehicle while your vehicle is being repaired, serviced or has broken down, then we also provide liability cover for any loss or damage caused by the use of the substitute vehicle.

### Not covered

- any claim for, or related to, death or personal injury
- loss or damage to property that you or any person we cover owns or has in your or their control or possession
- loss or damage caused by the use of a hire car as a substitute vehicle
- the liability of a passenger who was under the influence of any alcohol or drug when the incident happened
- any exemplary or punitive damages, fines or penalties claimed, ordered or awarded against you or any person we cover.

## Conditions

- to be entitled to liability cover:
  - the claim must result from an incident we cover which takes place during the policy period
  - someone must make a claim against you or any person we cover for the incident, and
  - you or any person we cover must lodge a claim with us for liability cover
- we must agree to pay for any legal or other costs before they are incurred.

## What happens when you make a liability claim

When a person we cover makes a claim and are entitled to liability cover, we will:

- act for them or arrange for a lawyer to represent them
- attempt to resolve the claim
- defend the claim in a court or tribunal.

We will decide whether to defend or resolve a claim and how much to pay to resolve a claim.

For an example  
of how we settle a  
claim, see page 57

# Additional features

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Traveller Care and our Helpline telephone service are additional benefits you receive under your policy.

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In this section, we outline the benefits under Traveller Care and Helpline, any specific limits, exclusions and conditions that apply.

General exclusions also apply. If you don't meet your responsibilities you may put your claim or cover at risk – see Section 5.

You need to contact us before using any of the benefits described in this section on 132 900, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We will not cover any expenses unless we have agreed to pay for them.

The additional benefits outlined in this section do not apply to cover provided for stationary engines.

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| <b>With accidents</b> – Up to \$1,000 in total for transportation, accommodation & home assistance  | 32 |
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| <b>With illness or injuries that need hospitalisation</b> – Transport the hospitalised person to the city or town nearest to your home for ongoing medical care | 33 |
| <b>With illness or injuries that interrupt a driving trip</b> – We arrange and pay for transport and up to \$150 per night for two nights' accommodation        | 34 |
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# Traveller Care

If your vehicle is over 15 years of age and breaks down more than 100km away from home, anywhere in Australia, Traveller Care will provide up to \$3,000 in assistance over a 12 month period.

## Accommodation

### Covered

- up to \$700 in total for the accommodation room rate if the vehicle cannot be repaired within 24 hours, for you and up to four passengers while you wait for repairs to be made locally, or
- up to a maximum of \$150 for one night for the accommodation room rate, for you and up to four passengers if your vehicle can be repaired locally within 24 hours.

### Not covered

- accommodation costs if you continue on your journey.

## Hire car

### Covered

- hire car up to \$100 per day for a maximum of 7 days while you wait for repairs to be made locally
- relocation fee up to \$165 if you decide to continue your journey.

### Not Covered

- if a hire car is unavailable or the rental car company is unable or unwilling to hire you a car
- delivery, insurance, fees, stamp duty and any other extra costs of a hire car.

## Towing & transportation

### Covered

- transportation of your vehicle by land:
  - to where it will be repaired
  - your home, or
  - your intended destination – whichever you prefer
- transportation home by land (instead of a hire car) for you and up to four passengers to:
  - your home, or
  - to your trip's destination

- if you are in a remote area, we will negotiate the transport with you and make every effort to get you to the nearest main transport route
- transportation by land for one person to return and collect the repaired vehicle
- towing your vehicle to where it can be repaired if its 2 tonnes or less, stranded in mud, sand, or snow, a watercourse or bogged on a road.

These benefits also apply to any trailer you are towing at the time of the breakdown.

### Not Covered

- transportation of a damaged vehicle
- transportation, towing or recovery of vehicles:
  - over 2 tonnes
  - greater than 5.5 metres long, 2.3 metres wide or 2 metres high unless we have agreed to cover it
- the cost of towing trailers with more than four wheels.

### Conditions

If you break down in a remote area and have to pay for the tow at the time of service, we will reimburse you for the cost of the tow after you send us the receipt.

### Traveller Care exclusions

- your vehicle is not covered if it:
  - is under 15 years old at the time of the incident
  - is not a registered veteran, vintage or classic vehicle
  - is over 2 tonnes
  - is stolen, suffers malicious, fire or flood damage
  - has run out of fuel
  - has a flat or damaged tyre, and you do not have a roadworthy spare tyre
  - cannot be opened or started because the keys have been locked in the vehicle or lost
- you if you are less than 100 km from home, or outside Australia
- you if you suffer any loss of income
- any parts, labour or other costs associated with the repair of your vehicle
- benefits above a total of \$3,000 within the one policy period
- any vehicle not listed on your current Certificate of Insurance
- any costs for services which you arranged yourself, unless it is a towing or recovery cost, you are in a remote area and we accept that you had to arrange it yourself
- any expense returning from your intended destination if you continue on your journey but your vehicle is transported home

- you if your VVC Vehicle Insurance policy has expired or been cancelled
- accommodation that you have pre-booked yourself – we will only cover bookings we have specifically arranged
- transportation of a vehicle by sea, unless it is to or from Tasmania
- freight costs of vehicles for any sea crossing
- the cost of special equipment required to recover a vehicle that is stranded in mud, sand or snow, a watercourse or bogged on a road, and
- the cost for any extended time involved to provide the recovery
- repairs by an unqualified mechanic, relative or a friend.

If you sell, give away your vehicle or do not renew your policy with us, your vehicle will cease to be covered under Traveller Care.

## Helpline 132 900

Helpline is a telephone service that provides 24/7 assistance and advice to you or a family member if you are on a driving trip 100km or more away from home, anywhere in Australia.

### Whilst you are travelling

You or a family member can use our telephone service to receive assistance with:

- travel advice and directions
- booking accommodation or changing travel arrangements.

### Assistance with accidents

If your vehicle is involved in an accident.

#### Covered

- we will arrange and pay for:
  - transportation home by land for you and any family members on the trip
  - up to five nights accommodation for you and any family members on the trip, covering the room rate only up to a total of \$150 per night, or up to five days of car hire, or a combination of both for a maximum of five days in total
  - the reasonable costs of a house cleaner, child care or home help for up to two weeks after the accident if you or a family member are injured as a result of the accident.

The most we will pay in total is \$1,000.

## Not covered

- if a hire car is unavailable or the rental car company is unable or unwilling to hire you a car
- additional hire car costs
- running costs
- loss or damage to or liability arising out of the use of the hire car, or
- any insurance excess or other costs which you may be liable for under the hire agreement.

## Illness or injuries

If you or a family member suffer an illness or injury.

### Covered

- we will:
  - direct you to a local doctor or medical facility
  - communicate with relatives or friends on your behalf
  - arrange and pay for trauma counselling.

The most we will pay for trauma counselling is \$1,000 in total.

## Illness or injuries that need hospitalisation

If you or a family member suffer an illness or injury and are hospitalised for 7 days or more.

### Covered

- we will arrange and pay transportation costs for:
  - the hospitalised person to reach the city or town nearest to your home where ongoing medical care can be provided – with the treating doctor's approval
  - you or any family members who were travelling with the hospitalised person to return home
  - a relative or friend to join the hospitalised person, if they are travelling alone.

## Illness or injuries that interrupt a driving trip

If you or a family member suffer an injury or an illness and no-one is able to drive your vehicle as a result.

### Covered

- we will arrange and pay for:
  - accommodation for up to two nights for you and any family members on the trip, covering the room rate only up to a maximum of \$150 per night
  - transportation for you and any family members on the trip to your home, or to the trip's destination, whichever is closer
  - transportation of your vehicle home by land, or to the trip's destination if it is closer.

## Someone travelling with you dies

If you or a family member that is travelling with you dies.

### Covered

- we will arrange and pay for:
  - transportation of the body of the deceased to a location within Australia nominated by the deceased's next of kin
  - transportation home for you and any family members travelling with the deceased at the time of the death
  - transportation home by land of the vehicle in which you or a family member were travelling with the deceased, if no-one is able to drive the vehicle.

## Someone not travelling with you dies

If an immediate relative (who is not travelling with you) dies as a result of an accident or unexpected illness.

### Covered

- we will arrange and pay for:
  - transportation for you and any family members to return home
  - transportation home by land of the vehicle in which you or a family member were travelling, if no-one is able to drive the vehicle.

## Your vehicle is stolen

If your vehicle is stolen.

### Covered

- we will arrange and pay for:
  - transportation for you and any family members on the trip to return home or to the trip's destination, whichever is closer
  - accommodation for up to two nights for you and any family members on the trip if transportation is not immediately available. This covers the room rate only and does not exceed \$150 per night
  - transportation of your vehicle to your home by land if it is found with no damage.

The most we will pay in total is \$1,000.

### Helpline Exclusions

We don't cover you for:

- any expenses that are payable by either Medicare or any registered health benefits organisation
- any fee or charge related to medical treatment including:
  - hospital treatment
  - medical expenses
  - health benefits as they are described in the National Health Act 1953 or replacement legislation
- transportation by ambulance
- any flights not deemed necessary by a doctor
- any cancellation fees relating to any event
- accommodation, meals or incidental expenses, unless you have told us and we have agreed to cover it
- any expenses involved in the process of repairing your vehicle or moving your damaged vehicle
- costs associated with any water crossings, unless the water crossing is to or from Tasmania
- transport equipment such as coffins, any embalming costs, administrative costs, funeral costs and secondary transfer fees associated with transporting the deceased
- any expenses relating to pets.

# General exclusions and your responsibilities

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There are certain situations when we won't provide cover under your policy. This section outlines the general exclusions that apply to all cover we provide under your policy.

The general exclusions also apply to your liability cover, unless we say they don't.

This section also outlines your responsibilities. You may put your claim or cover at risk if you do not meet your responsibilities to us.

# General exclusions for all cover

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General  
exclusions  
and your  
responsibilities

The exclusions set out in this section apply to all cover under your policy.

## Other exclusions and conditions

There are specific limits, exclusions and conditions that apply to some parts of your cover. These are described throughout this PDS with the cover they relate to. The specific exclusions that apply to your liability cover are shown on page 26.

### The incident

We don't cover incidents that take place outside:

- Australia
- the policy period.

### The driver

We don't provide cover if the driver of your vehicle:

- was under the influence of any alcohol or drug
- did not hold a current licence that was valid for the vehicle
- was disqualified from driving or held a cancelled or suspended licence, or
- was a learner driver who was not accompanied by a licensed driver that held a current licence that was valid for the vehicle.

If you were not the driver, we may still cover loss or damage to your vehicle if you can satisfy us that you had no reason to suspect that any of the exclusions shown applied to the driver. However, we won't provide liability cover for the driver and may try to recover money from them.

### Vehicle use

We don't provide cover if any of these applied when the incident happened:

- the driver of your vehicle or a passenger was being wilful or reckless
- you were using your vehicle for a business purpose or for hire unless you told us and we agreed to insure you
- your vehicle or anything it was towing:
  - was in an unsafe condition
  - was being towed illegally
  - exceeded the number of passengers or load limits recommended by your vehicle's manufacturer
- your vehicle was being used:
  - for illegal purposes or in an illegal manner
  - to illegally carry or store explosives, flammable or combustible substances and liquids
  - outside of your registration conditions
  - in a race, rally, trial, test or contest, or
  - in a track day, drive day or similar organised event
- your vehicle was left with a commercial dealer so they could sell it for you.

## Intentional acts

We don't cover loss or damage caused by or arising from an intentional act by:

- you
- a driver or someone else who has your permission to use your vehicle
- a passenger
- a person acting with your express or implied consent.

## Maintaining your vehicle

We don't provide cover if these applied to your vehicle when the incident happened:

- your vehicle was not in good order and repair because it had any unrepaired damage, or
- your vehicle was not in a condition that met the registration requirements in your State or Territory

unless you have told us and we have agreed to cover your vehicle.

We don't provide cover if your vehicle had rust, mechanical or any other damage that made it unsafe to drive.

## Previous damage and faulty design or repairs

We don't cover:

- the cost to fix previous damage that has not been repaired – for example, hail damage, rust, dents or scratches
- loss or damage caused by or arising from previous damage
- the cost to fix faulty:
  - design
  - workmanship or repairs by you or someone else (except if we cover it under 'Lifetime guarantee on repairs' – see page 51)
- loss or damage caused by or arising from faulty:
  - design
  - workmanship or repairs by you or someone else.

## Securing your vehicle

We don't cover loss or damage caused by or arising from you:

- not taking reasonable care to protect your vehicle. You must:
  - keep your vehicle under cover – for example, carport, or
  - in something that can be locked up
- leaving your vehicle in an unsafe location after it:
  - broke down
  - suffered accidental damage, or
  - was stolen and then found.

## Types of loss or damage

We don't cover:

- tyre damage caused by road cuts, punctures, bursts or braking (except if there is loss or damage to other parts of your vehicle)
- loss or damage to illegal modifications on your vehicle – for example, those not permitted by law in your State or Territory
- mechanical, structural, electronic or electrical failures
- deterioration or wear and tear caused:
  - over time
  - by using your vehicle
  - by exposing your vehicle to the elements
- rust or any type of corrosion
- depreciation or loss of your vehicle's value – for example, if your vehicle is worth less after an incident
- any loss which results because you can't use your vehicle – that is, consequential financial loss – for example, loss of profits
- compensation for distress, inconvenience or other non-financial loss (except if we cover it under 'Liability cover').

## Other

We don't cover loss or damage caused by or arising from:

- your vehicle being legally seized, impounded, sold or destroyed
- any hostilities, rebellion, riot, civil commotion, war or act of terrorism
- any nuclear, radioactive, biological or chemical material
- pollutants or contaminants that discharge or escape from your vehicle
- a breach of contract.

We also don't cover the cost of a hire car after an incident.

# Your responsibilities

When you take out a policy with us or make a claim, you have certain responsibilities that are set out in this section. These responsibilities also apply to any person that is covered by your policy.

If you don't meet your responsibilities, we may refuse to pay your claim or reduce what we pay for your claim. We may also decide to cancel your policy.

## Tell us about changes that affect your vehicle.

You must tell us if you:

- change the address where you normally keep your vehicle
- change the way you use your vehicle
- use your vehicle for a driver education course
- hire out your vehicle
- use your vehicle for a motor vehicle club bash or charity event.

## Settle claims and make admissions

You must not:

- attempt to settle a claim that is made against you without our permission
- make any admissions to anyone about any incident covered by your policy
- limit by agreement our rights to recover money from someone else.

## Co-operate

You must:

- be truthful and frank in any statement you make to us
- not behave in a way that is improper, hostile, threatening, abusive or dangerous
- co-operate fully with us, even if we have already paid your claim which includes:
  - providing us with all the information, documents and help we need to deal with your claim – for example, bank statements or phone records
  - immediately sending us any communications that you receive about any incident – for example, emails, letters, notices or court documents
  - being interviewed by us or our representatives
  - attending court to give evidence
  - if there is a dispute about the repairs to your vehicle, giving us access to your vehicle and moving it if we ask you to or allowing us to move it to a repairer or other specialist we choose so they can assess your vehicle.

## Prevent further loss or damage

If an incident happens, you must do everything reasonable to prevent further loss or damage to your vehicle.

## Repairs

You must not start or approve any repairs to your vehicle, unless we allow it under 'Emergency repairs'. If you do, then we may decide not to pay for those repairs.

## Inspections and quotes

If we ask you, you must:

- let us or our representatives inspect your vehicle at any time at a place we choose
- allow us to get quotations from any repairer or supplier.

If we need to move your vehicle to do this, we will pay for it.

We won't cover the cost for:

- inspections or reports authorised by you without our consent
- dismantling fees, quoting fees or administration fees.

## Proof of loss and ownership

When you make a claim, we may ask you to provide certain documents to:

- prove that you owned the vehicle, personal items, modifications, options or accessories
- help us identify your items.

The types of documents we ask for depend on the situation and can include:

- tax invoices for items bought or services used
- valuation, model and serial numbers
- credit card or bank statements
- photos
- registration documents
- finance agreements.

We may compare information you give us with a range of other sources – for example, auction or sale websites.

## Report to the Police

You must:

- report to the Police any theft, attempted theft, vandalism or malicious act, and
- tell us any incident report number they give you.

## **Appointing others to manage your claim**

You can appoint someone to manage your claim for you like a family member or broker.

However, you can't appoint someone who has a conflict of interest – for example, someone who supplies goods or services for your claim.

### **GST**

If you are a business registered or required to be registered for GST purposes, then you must tell us:

- your Australian Business Number (ABN), and
- the percentage of any input tax credit you have claimed or are entitled to claim on the premium you paid.

# Claims and what we pay

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This section provides information about how we process your claim and what we pay when you make a claim for loss or damage to your vehicle. It also includes some examples of how we pay claims including liability claims.

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When you need to make a claim, we want to help you as much as we can. We're available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week:

 1800 634 686

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# Making a claim

Here's a summary of what happens when you make a claim for loss or damage to your vehicle and the key things we consider to work out what to pay for your claim. When you make a claim, we will:

- ask you some questions over the phone
- tell you what you need to send us to support your claim
- tell you if you need to pay any excess and how to pay it.

## Step 1

### Collecting the details

You need to collect these details if they apply to the incident:

- for all drivers:
  - full name
  - residential address, and
  - contact number
- for all vehicles that are involved:
  - make and model
  - registration number, and
  - insurance details

## Step 2

### Lodging your claim

Contact us 24 hours a day, 7 days a week:

- 1800 634 686

## Step 3

### Towing and inspections

- if needed, we can arrange towing for your vehicle after an incident
- we may need to inspect your vehicle and arrange quotations from any repairer or supplier

## Step 4

### Assessing your claim

To assess your claim, we look at the following:

- do we cover the incident that caused the loss or damage?
- what is the agreed value of your vehicle?
- is your claim affected by:
  - any specific limits, exclusions and conditions shown throughout this PDS?
  - any general exclusions?
  - not meeting your responsibilities?

## Step 5

### Settling your claim

We will choose to settle your claim through any of these ways:

1. Repair your vehicle
2. Pay you the reasonable cost to repair your vehicle
3. Pay your claim as a total loss
4. Pay for other benefits

## Step 6

### Excesses and other deductions

To settle your claim:

- you must pay any excesses that apply
- if we pay your claim as a total loss, we deduct any of these amounts that apply:
  - unpaid premiums
  - unused registration and CTP Insurance premium
  - salvage value of your vehicle

## What we pay for

If we agree to cover your claim, then we will:

- decide whether to repair your vehicle or pay you the reasonable cost of repairs or pay you the agreed value that applies for it
- pay for any other benefits that apply to your policy
- deduct any amounts that apply to your policy and claim – for example, excess, unpaid premium or unused registration and CTP Insurance premium.

## The most we pay

The most we pay is the agreed value of your vehicle shown on your current Certificate of Insurance.

# How we settle your claim

We will choose to settle your claim through any of these ways:

## 1. Repair your vehicle

We can arrange for one of our partner repairers to repair your vehicle. Or, you can choose your own repairer. See page 51 for what happens when we decide to repair your vehicle.

## 2. Pay you the reasonable cost to repair your vehicle

We can choose to pay you the reasonable cost to repair your vehicle.

We determine the reasonable cost to repair the damage by looking at a range of factors. That may include quotes from your nominated repairer and other repairers and reports from our assessors.

If you choose a repairer that is not part of our network of repairers, then we may choose to settle your claim by paying you the reasonable cost to repair your vehicle rather than authorising repairs to it.

## 3. Pay your claim as a total loss

We may do this when we consider your vehicle to be a total loss or when we choose to do so.

If we pay your claim as a total loss, then your policy ends and you don't get a refund of your premium.

For examples of  
how we settle  
various claims,  
see pages 55 - 57

## 4. Pay for other benefits

If we agree to pay you under any other benefits that apply, we will choose the method of settlement and can nominate the repairer or supplier.

We may decide to repair or replace the loss or damage or pay you the reasonable cost that applies to your claim. We only pay the cost to repair or replace the loss or damage up to the maximum amount that applies under a benefit.

## What happens to your property

### Recovered vehicles

If we settle your claim as a total loss for a stolen vehicle which is later recovered, then we usually keep your recovered vehicle. However, in some cases, we may let you keep it.

### Damaged property

If we settle your claim for a damaged item, then it becomes our property unless we let you keep it – see 'Salvage value' on page 54 for more information.

## Credit provider's rights

You must tell us if you have used all or part of your vehicle as security for a loan with a credit provider. Your credit provider may be a bank, credit union or other type of lender.

This may also apply if you lease or have a hire purchase agreement on your vehicle.

We note your credit provider on your current Certificate of Insurance.

When you have a noted credit provider:

- we treat your vehicle as being under a finance arrangement
- we treat any statement, act, omission or claim by you as a statement, act, omission or claim by the credit provider
- we may recover any payment either in your name or the credit provider's name.

### Payments to the credit provider

If we decide to pay you for a claim on your vehicle that is under a finance arrangement, we will first pay the credit provider the lower of these amounts after deducting any excess and other deductions that apply:

- the agreed value
- the cost of repairing your vehicle
- the balance owing to the credit provider under the finance arrangement.

If the credit provider is entitled to the salvage of the vehicle, then we will deduct the estimated salvage value of the vehicle from any amount that we pay.

However we will only pay the credit provider if they:

- are noted on your current Certificate of Insurance
- give us any help we ask for.

If we make a payment to a credit provider, then that payment discharges our obligation to you under your policy for the amount paid.

If we decide to settle your claim as a total loss, then before we settle your claim:

- we will check the Personal Property Securities Register to confirm whether any money is owing on your vehicle
- you must settle any finance arrangement over your vehicle and remove it from that register.

## Businesses registered for GST

Before we make a payment, we deduct an amount equal to your input tax credit entitlement. This applies to any amount we pay, including where we state that an amount will include GST.

Any payment we make to settle your claim will be considered to be made in full even if we have reduced the amount we pay as described above.

## Recovery against another party

We may recover the amount we paid to settle your claim from another party – for example, when someone else is responsible for the loss or damage to your vehicle.

If we do this:

- we will use your name in any recovery action
- we will decide how to go ahead with and settle the recovery action
- you or anyone else we cover must tell us if you want us to attempt to recover your uninsured loss – that is, any loss you suffer in the incident which is not covered by your policy
- you must give us the:
  - registration number of the other vehicle, and
  - name and residential address of the at fault driver.

# Repairing your vehicle

If we choose to settle your claim by repairing your vehicle – see Option 1 on page 47 – then we decide the best way to repair the damage.

You must get our approval before starting any repairs to your vehicle.

## Choosing a repairer

You can choose any repairer you like to fix your vehicle as long as they have the necessary licences to do the repairs.

We are not responsible for making sure the repairer can complete the repairs when it suits you. Also, we don't cover any additional costs that may result if the repairer is delayed or has problems getting parts.

## Our network of repairers

We have an extensive network of partner repairers across Australia who meet our high quality standards. If you choose a repairer that is part of our network of repairers to fix your vehicle, then we'll manage the whole repair process for you – with minimal fuss – so you don't have to worry.

## Inspections

We may need to inspect your vehicle. If so, we will:

- tell you where you need to take it, or
- arrange for it to be towed to a repairer or other place we choose.

## Lifetime guarantee on repairs

If we authorise and pay for a repairer to fix your vehicle, then we provide a lifetime guarantee for the workmanship of those repairs. That means we cover the cost to fix any fault caused by poor workmanship of repairs we authorised for the lifetime of your vehicle.

However, we won't cover:

- repairs you authorised yourself
- repairs you arrange after we pay you the reasonable cost to repair your vehicle – that is, we cash settle your claim
- loss or damage to or failure of any electrical or mechanical appliance or machine
- deterioration or wear and tear caused:
  - over time
  - by using your vehicle
  - by exposing it to the elements.

We decide on how to fix any fault caused by poor workmanship.

If we authorise and pay for a repairer to fix your vehicle, then we provide a lifetime guarantee for the workmanship of those repairs

## Parts used to repair your vehicle

If we agree to repair your vehicle:

- we will use parts consistent with the age and condition of your vehicle or
- new parts (when reasonably available).

Regardless of your vehicle's age, we may use non-genuine parts for windscreens, sunroofs, window glass, radiators and air conditioning components.

We only use quality non-mechanical reusable parts when it:

- is consistent with the age and condition of your vehicle
- does not affect the safety or the structural integrity of your vehicle
- complies with your vehicle manufacturer's specifications and applicable Australian Design Rules
- does not adversely affect the way your vehicle looks after it has been repaired
- does not void or affect the warranty provided by your vehicle's manufacturer.

## Unrepaired damage

If your vehicle had any unrepaired damage before an incident, then you may need to contribute to the repair costs. You need to do that when the unrepaired damage results in us having to repair more areas of your vehicle than:

- were affected by the incident, or
- we needed to replace.

For example, your bonnet is only partly damaged in a crash and can be repaired. The repairer notices that the bonnet has unrepaired hail damage. If there wasn't any hail damage, then we would only need to repair the damaged area of the bonnet. However because of the unrepaired hail damage, we must replace the whole bonnet. So, we will ask you to contribute to the cost of the repairs.

### **The Motor Vehicle Insurance and Repair Industry Code of Conduct**

**This Code aims to promote transparent, informed, effective and co-operative relationships between smash repairers and insurance companies based on mutual respect and open communication. We support the Code and are committed to continually reviewing our operations to make sure we comply with it.**

## Undamaged areas

We don't repair undamaged areas of your vehicle to create a uniform appearance.

For example, if the incident causes damage to the right panel, then we will only pay to respray the right panel. We won't pay the cost to respray the rest of the vehicle.

## Excesses and other deductions

When you make a claim, you must pay the excesses that apply. If we pay your claim as a total loss, we will deduct other amounts to settle your claim.

### Excesses

An excess is an amount you contribute towards the cost of your claim.

Your current Certificate of Insurance shows the amount and types of excesses that apply to your policy.

The type of excess you need to pay depends on what your claim relates to and who was driving your vehicle. Also, you may need to pay more than one excess.

Table 6.1 shows the types of excesses that may apply to your claim. In some cases, you may not need to pay any excess – see ‘When you don’t need to pay any excess’ on page 54.

**Table 6.1: Excesses that apply to your claim**

#### Type of excess

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| <b>Basic</b>   | Applies to most claims   |
| <b>Age</b>     | An age excess applies in addition to the basic excess when the driver is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• under 25 years (a higher age excess applies if the driver is not named on your policy)</li> </ul> |
| <b>Special</b> | Any special excess is outlined in your current Certificate of Insurance and applies in addition to any other excess  |

### Claims that are less than your excess

We only accept a claim if the total amount you are claiming for is more than any excesses that apply to your claim.

For example, we will accept your claim for \$1,200 damage to your vehicle when your excess is \$300. But, we won’t continue to process your claim if the damage to your vehicle is \$200.

### Paying your excess

When you make a claim, you must pay any excess that applies to:

- us, or
- the repairer or supplier.

We will tell you who to pay your excess to. You must pay any excess that applies before we settle your claim.

## When you don't need to pay any excess

You don't need to pay any excess that applies under your policy if:

- you make a claim for an incident that we agree was not in any way your fault or the fault of any other person we cover, and
- you can give us the name and residential address of the at fault driver.

If you want more details about excesses, see our Premium, Excess & Discounts Guide. To get a free copy:



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## Other deductions

If we pay your claim as a total loss, then we deduct other amounts to settle your claim.

### Unpaid premiums

If you currently pay your premium by monthly instalments, then before we pay your claim we need to deduct:

- any premiums that are due but haven't been paid
- the monthly instalments that cover the rest of your policy period.

### Unused registration and CTP Insurance

The amount you pay to register your vehicle or for any CTP Insurance forms part of your vehicle's value. So if we pay your claim, we will deduct any unused registration costs and CTP Insurance premium.

To get a refund, you need to contact your:

- relevant motor registration authority
- CTP insurer if your vehicle is registered in NSW (in NSW, CTP Insurance is also known as a Green Slip).

### Salvage value

In most cases when we pay your claim, we usually keep your vehicle. However, if your vehicle is over 35 years of age, we let you keep your damaged vehicle at no cost.

# How we pay claims – some examples



Claims and what we pay

In this section, we outline examples of how we may pay some claims.

These claims are based on certain scenarios. Any amount we pay for your claim depends on the details that apply to your situation.

## Claim 1: Repairing your vehicle

You have a crash with another vehicle. Your vehicle is towed from the scene of the accident to a repairer. The towing cost is \$350.

We decide to repair your vehicle. The cost of the repairs is \$2,250.

|              |                       |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| Policy       | VVC Vehicle Insurance |
| Agreed value | \$25,000              |
| Basic excess | \$300                 |

### How we settle your claim

We pay the towing company \$350.

You need to pay the repairer your basic excess of \$300.

We pay the repairer \$1,950 (that is, \$2,250 – \$300).

## Claim 2: Total loss

Your 22 year old son is driving your 40 year old vehicle and has a crash with another vehicle. He was named as a driver on your policy.

Your vehicle is towed from the scene of the accident to a repairer. The towing cost is \$300. We decide that your vehicle is a total loss. Also, when we assess the incident, we find that your son is at fault.

You pay your premium by monthly instalments from your bank account.

|                            |                                       |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Policy                     | VVC Vehicle Insurance                 |
| Agreed value               | \$14,200                              |
| Basic excess               | \$300                                 |
| Age excess                 | \$300                                 |
| Unpaid monthly instalments | \$55 per month x 4 unpaid instalments |

### How we settle your claim

We pay the towing company \$300.

We pay you \$13,130 as follows:

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Agreed value                                       | \$14,200        |
| Less basic excess                                  | – \$300         |
| Less age excess                                    | – \$300         |
| Less unused registration and CTP Insurance premium | – \$250         |
| Less remaining unpaid monthly instalments          | – \$220         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                       | <b>\$13,130</b> |

You arrange your registration and CTP Insurance refund of \$250.

Since your vehicle is over 35 years of age, we let you keep your damaged vehicle at no cost.

Your policy ends.

**Claim 3: Liability claim for damage to someone else's property**

You lose control of your vehicle and crash into someone's front fence and garden. A court decides that you are liable to pay \$8,000 for the claim made against you by the home owner.

|                 |                       |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Policy          | VVC Vehicle Insurance |
| Liability cover | \$20 million          |
| Basic excess    | \$300                 |

**How we settle your claim**

You need to pay us your basic excess of \$300.

We pay the home owner \$8,000.

We pay our lawyers \$1,500 to act on your behalf in the court proceedings.

**Claim 4: Excess greater than claim amount**

You reverse into your fence and cause some damage to the back of your vehicle.

We assess the damage. The cost of the repairs is \$200.

|              |                       |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| Policy       | VVC Vehicle Insurance |
| Basic excess | \$300                 |

**How we settle your claim**

As your basic excess is \$300, we stop processing your claim because your excess is more than the repair costs for the damage to your vehicle.

# Other information you need to know

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When you take out insurance with us, you need to know some other important things like the changes you can make to your policy, how we resolve a complaint and how we manage your personal information.

## Changes to your policy

This section describes the changes that you or we can make to your policy.

### Additional premium or refund less than \$15

When a change is made to your policy, you may need to pay us an additional premium or we may need to refund part of your premium.

If the additional premium we need to charge you is less than \$15, then we'll waive it – that is, you don't need to pay it. However, if the amount we need to refund is less than \$15, then we'll donate it to charity.

### Changes you can make

You may need to make a change to your policy or decide to cancel it.

To make a change to your policy or to cancel it:



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If we need to give you a refund, then we will only refund any unused premium back to the start date of your current policy period. To do that, you may need to give us any proof we ask for.

For example, 7 months ago you paid out the finance arrangement for your vehicle. However, you forgot to tell us when you renewed your policy 3 months ago. We will refund any extra premium that may have applied for the last 3 months – that is, back to the start date of your current policy period.

### You change your policy

You may want to make certain changes to your policy. This may include increasing your basic excess so that you pay a lower premium or replacing your vehicle with another one.

An additional premium may apply to the change. If you don't pay any additional premium by its due date, we may remove the change from your policy or cancel your policy. If we agree to make the change, we will:

- issue you with a current Certificate of Insurance
- refund any amount we owe you.

### You change your contact details

If you change your contact details – for example, your mailing or email address – then you must tell us straight away. If you don't, then under the law we may treat you like you received your policy documents even though you didn't.

We will continue to send your policy documents to your nominated address until you tell us to update your contact details.

## You want to cancel your policy

You may decide to cancel your policy because you sell your vehicle or you no longer want your policy.

If you tell us to cancel your policy and you:

- paid an annual premium, we will refund your unused premium after we deduct:
  - an amount that covers the period that you have been insured for, and
  - a cancellation fee of \$30 (plus GST and any other government charges that apply)
- pay your premium by monthly instalments, we will deduct:
  - any unpaid monthly instalments that are due, and
  - a cancellation fee of \$30 (plus GST and any other government charges that apply).

You authorise us to deduct those amounts by direct debit from the account or credit card you previously nominated for monthly instalment deductions. As we are only allowed to deduct the agreed amount you previously authorised, we may need to collect the total amount you owe us over a few months.

If you tell us to cancel your policy within the 21 day cooling-off period, we'll give you a full refund – see page 13.

## Changes we can make

We may need to cancel your policy or give you written notice about your policy.

## We cancel your policy

There may be cases when we need to cancel your policy.

We will only do that if the law allows it.

If we cancel your policy, we will:

- give you written notice, if required
- refund your unused premium after we deduct an amount that covers the period that you have been insured for.

However, if you're currently paying your premium by monthly instalments, then you must pay us any unpaid monthly instalments that are due.

You authorise us to deduct those amounts by direct debit from the account or credit card you previously nominated for monthly instalment deductions. As we are only allowed to deduct the agreed amount you previously authorised, we may need to collect the total amount you owe us over a few months.

If you sell or give away your vehicle and replace it with another vehicle, then we may cover the replacement vehicle under 'Temporary cover'



Other  
information  
you need  
to know

## We give you written notice

We may need to give you written notice about your policy. For example, to let you know that we won't be renewing your policy or that we're changing your policy conditions.

We will give you written notice through one or more of these ways:

- give it to you in person
- deliver it by fax or electronically (where allowed by law)
- post it to your last known address
- send you an electronic link so you can access the notice (where allowed by law).

# How to resolve a complaint or dispute

We want to resolve any complaint or dispute you may have and aim to resolve it as quickly as possible. These steps are part of our complaint and dispute resolution procedures. To get more details:

- call 1800 646 605
- visit a local branch
- visit [sgjo.com.au](http://sgjo.com.au)

## Step 1

### Talk to us first

The first thing you should do is talk to one of our consultants about your concerns. Call us on 1800 646 605. The consultant may be able to resolve the complaint for you. If not, they will refer you to a manager or you may ask to speak to one.

The consultant or manager will try to reply to your complaint as soon as possible. If they need more information they will aim to reply within 15 business days from when they received your complaint.

## Step 2

### Contact Customer Relations

If the manager can't resolve your complaint, you may ask for it to be referred to our Customer Relations area. Or, you can choose to contact them by phoning or writing to:

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Free call:</b><br>1800 045 517 | <b>Email:</b><br><a href="mailto:customer.relations@iag.com.au">customer.relations@iag.com.au</a>          |
| <b>Free fax:</b><br>1800 649 290  | <b>Mail:</b><br>Customer Relations<br>Reply Paid 62759<br>Sydney NSW 2000<br>Free post (no stamp required) |

Customer Relations will treat your complaint as a dispute and complete an independent review of the matter. Customer Relations will contact you with a decision usually within 15 business days from when they received your dispute.

## Step 3

### Seek an external review of the decision

If you are unhappy with the decision, or your complaint or dispute remains unresolved after 45 days, you may wish to seek an external review. Customer Relations will provide you with information on external review options, such as referring you to the Financial Ombudsman Service Australia (FOS). You can contact the FOS on 1800 367 287.

# Privacy of your personal information

We value the privacy of personal information we collect about you.

We collect your personal information directly from you or through others including entities listed in our Privacy Policy. They include our related entities, agents and distributors.

## How we use your personal information

We and the parties listed in our Privacy Policy will use your personal information for the purposes it was collected for. That usually includes providing you with assistance, a product or service you requested and to deal with claims.

Your personal information may also be used for other purposes that are set out in our Privacy Policy. You may choose to not give us your personal information. However, not giving us your personal information may affect our ability to provide you with a product or service, including processing a claim.

## Further information

We may disclose your personal information to:

- our related entities
- our service providers – which includes some service providers that may be based overseas, and
- other parties as set out in our Privacy Policy.

Our Privacy Policy provides more information about how we collect, from whom we collect and how we hold, use and disclose your personal information. Our Privacy Policy also provides information about how you can:

- access your personal information
- ask us to correct your personal information, and
- complain about a breach of the privacy principles set out in the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) and how we will deal with your complaint.

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## Your consent

You agree to us collecting, holding, using and disclosing your personal information as set out in our Privacy Policy when you:

- provide us with your personal information, or
- apply for, use or renew any of our products or services.

# General Insurance Code of Practice

We support and comply with the General Insurance Code of Practice.

You can get a copy of the Code from the Insurance Council of Australia by visiting [www.codeofpractice.com.au](http://www.codeofpractice.com.au).

# Financial Claims Scheme

If we become insolvent, your policy may be protected under the Federal Government's Financial Claims Scheme administered by APRA.

This means that if you are entitled to claim under your policy and meet certain eligibility criteria, you may receive payment under the scheme. For more information please see [www.apra.gov.au](http://www.apra.gov.au) or contact the APRA hotline on 1300 55 88 49.

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# Definitions

We've given special meaning to the following words:

## Accidental damage

Damage that is caused unintentionally to your vehicle. We cover accidental damage under 'Loss or damage to your vehicle'.

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## Agreed value

The agreed value is the amount we agree to insure your vehicle for. It includes:

- any modifications, options or accessories that are attached to your vehicle that we have agreed to cover
- GST
- registration and any CTP Insurance
- other on-road costs.

It does not include any allowance for dealer profit, warranty costs, any stamp duty or transfer fees.

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## Excess

The amounts you contribute towards the cost of your claim. Your current Certificate of Insurance shows the amount and types of excesses that apply to your policy.

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## Family member

Includes your spouse (legal or de facto), your children or spouse's children or any member of you or your spouse's family that normally live with you.

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## Genuine parts

Parts which were made by:

- the original manufacturer of your vehicle
  - a supplier who provides parts to the manufacturer.
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## Incident

A thing or series of things that arise out of one event.

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## Market value

If we insure your vehicle for its market value, we will assess its market value when an incident happens. To work out the market value, we look at:

- local market prices
- your vehicle's age and condition at that time, and
- any modifications, options or accessories that are attached to your vehicle.

The market value includes:

- GST
- registration and any CTP Insurance, and
- other on-road costs.

It does not include any allowance for dealer profit, warranty costs, stamp duty or transfer fees.

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|---------------------------|---|
| <b>Non-genuine parts</b>  | Parts which weren't made by the original manufacturer of your vehicle or by a supplier who provides parts to the manufacturer.  |
| <b>Policy documents</b>   | <p>Documents and other notices which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• we need to send to you by law</li> <li>• relate to your policy.</li> </ul> <p>These include your Certificate of Insurance, notices about your duty of disclosure and renewal and cancellation notices.</p>   |
| <b>Policy period</b>      | The period that is covered by your policy. Your policy period is shown on your current Certificate of Insurance.  |
| <b>Premium</b>            | <p>The total amount you pay for the cover you've chosen. It includes government taxes such as GST and any other duties or charges that apply.</p> <p>If you pay by monthly instalments, your premium is the total of the instalments you need to pay over the policy period.</p> <p>Your premium is shown on your current Certificate of Insurance.</p> |
| <b>Stationary engines</b> | An engine attached to a base which is used for driving or powering equipment such as generators and pumps and which we consider to be veteran, vintage or classic.  |
| <b>Total loss</b>         | We decide to pay you the agreed value that applies under your policy.   |
| <b>You</b>                | All the people named as the insured on your current Certificate of Insurance.   |
| <b>Your vehicle</b>       | <p>Your vehicle is shown on your current Certificate of Insurance and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• any standard equipment that comes with your vehicle, and</li> <li>• any modifications, options or accessories that are attached to it that you have told us about and we have agreed to insure.</li> </ul>                 |

# Notes



# Contact

Enquiries and new business **1800 646 605**

Claims **1800 634 686**

Helpline **132 900**

Report insurance fraud **1800 237 283**

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