



**ESSENTIAL COVER**

MECHANICAL  
BREAKDOWN  
INSURANCE



*“Providing confidence for the road ahead  
for over 25 years”*

[www.autosure.co.nz](http://www.autosure.co.nz)

**WELCOME**

Congratulations on your vehicle purchase and on your foresight in purchasing Autosure Mechanical Breakdown Insurance so that you can enjoy worry free motoring.

Please take time to familiarise yourself with this material. You need to know and understand this information.

Your insurance contract consists of this booklet and your Policy Certificate. Together these documents set out the terms and conditions of your policy. Please note that the Policy Certificate must accompany the booklet and the premium must be remitted to Autosure to ensure the validity of the policy. It is your responsibility to ensure the Policy Certificate is attached and all the details contained in your Policy Certificate are correct.

In particular, you should note that this insurance policy might not cover you if you do not follow the vehicle servicing requirements set out on page 10.

Advice regarding the correct fuel for your vehicle is contained in the manufacturer’s operating instructions. Using the correct fuel will ensure that your vehicle operates in a safe, economical and environmentally friendly condition.



## IMPORTANT NOTICES

Vero Insurance New Zealand Limited is the insurer under this contract and is referred to as “we”, “our” or “us”.

“you” or “your” means the insured person or persons named on your Policy Certificate.

**Authorised Repair Facility:** Repairs must be undertaken by an Autosure approved repairer. Please refer to the section headed “What To Do If You Have A Claim” on page 9.

**Cancellation:** We may cancel this policy at any time by sending a letter to this effect to you at your last known postal address. The cancellation will take effect at 4:00pm on the 7th day after the letter has been sent. We will refund the unused part of your paid premium

**GST:** All claim limits; other benefits and excess include GST.

**Vehicle Details:** Your vehicle details are shown on your Policy Certificate. If your vehicle details are incorrect in any way with regard to make, model, year or odometer reading, then you may not qualify for the extent of cover you have selected.

It is important that you check this and advise us immediately if any details are incorrect.

## EXCLUDED VEHICLES

There is no cover for any of the following vehicles:

- GVM over 3500KG;
- Used as taxis, rentals, courier vehicles, shuttles, any fare paying passenger vehicle or goods delivery vehicle.

## FAIR INSURANCE CODE

As members of the Insurance Council of New Zealand, we are committed to complying with the Council’s Fair Insurance Code.

This includes requirements for us to:

1. Provide insurance contracts, setting out in plain English what is insured, what is not and what your obligations are;
2. Settle all valid claims fairly and promptly;
3. Where a claim is declined, clearly explain the reasons for this;
4. Fully investigate complaints, advise you of the outcome, and when necessary, tell you about the Insurance & Savings Ombudsman Scheme.

## INSURER FINANCIAL STRENGTH RATING

The Insurance (Prudential Supervision) Act 2010 requires all licensed insurers to have a current financial strength rating that is given by an approved rating agency.

Vero Insurance New Zealand Limited has been given an **A+** Insurer Financial Strength Rating by Standard and Poor’s. The rating outlook is **stable**. The rating scale is:

<b>AAA</b>	Extremely Strong	<b>BB</b>	Marginal	<b>SD</b>	Selective Default
<b>AA</b>	Very Strong	<b>B</b>	Weak	<b>D</b>	Default
<b>A</b>	Strong	<b>CCC</b>	Very Weak	<b>R</b>	Regulatory Supervision
<b>BBB</b>	Good	<b>CC</b>	Extremely Weak	<b>NR</b>	Not Rated

Ratings from ‘AA’ to ‘CCC’ may be modified by the addition of a plus (+) or minus (-) sign to show relative standing within the major rating categories.

The rating scale above is in summary form. The full version of this rating scale can be obtained from [www.vero.co.nz](http://www.vero.co.nz)

## PRIVACY ACT 1993

Your Certificate contains personal information necessary to evaluate your proposal for insurance in order to decide whether to issue insurance cover and if so on what terms. The information collected will be held by Vero Insurance New Zealand Limited, Vero Building, 12-14 Northcroft Street, Takapuna 0622, the dealer and these entities’ agents.

Failure to provide any relevant information may result in cover being declined or the policy being avoided. Individuals have a right to request access to and correction of their personal information subject to the Privacy Act 1993.

## INTRODUCTION

This cover applies to your vehicle if your policy certificate shows Essential Cover.

## WE COVER

The reasonable cost to repair the actual failure of mechanical or electrical parts as a result of a sudden and unforeseen breakdown that occurs during normal use in New Zealand unless otherwise excluded.

## WE WILL PAY

In addition to Other Benefits outlined on page 6 our claim limit for any one breakdown is shown on your policy certificate.

**NOTE:** Notwithstanding the claim limit shown on your Policy Certificate:

1. The maximum amount we will pay for any one claim is the current market value of the vehicle at the time of the claim;
2. There is no limit to the number of claims that can be made during the policy period;
3. The odometer reading limit is as at the date of commencement of cover.

## EXCESS

You must contribute the amount shown as the excess as the first amount of each unrelated claim. You must pay the excess to the repairer before you collect your vehicle. The excess is shown on your Policy Certificate.



## WE DO NOT COVER

We will not pay for:

- A. Repairs that are covered by the manufacturers warranty or repairs that are the subject of a manufacturers recall or any component design fault or any damage arising from the design fault;
- B. Any fault existing at the commencement of cover and any resulting damage;
- C. Chassis, panel, paintwork, glass, upholstery and any other cosmetic item;
- D. Batteries, exhaust systems, shock absorbers, air bags and componentry, sunroofs, catalytic converters, tyres, seat belts, audio and entertainment systems, global positioning systems, seats, lights, communication systems, fuel tanks, air bag suspension, keys and remotes;
- E. Brake pads and shoes;
- F. Manual clutch and flywheels;
- G. Spark plugs, glow plugs, drive belts, lubricants, gas, filters, injector servicing and fluids;
- H. Any costs relating to servicing, maintenance, adjustment or tuning;
- I. Costs arising from the failure of the cambelt and/or any resulting damage when the cambelt is not replaced in accordance with the manufacturers recommendation;
- J. Repairs necessitated by external causes, contamination, perishing, corrosion, rust, consequential loss or damage, accident damage, fire damage, water damage, theft, wilful damage, misuse, neglect, faulty repair and/or defective workmanship;
- K. Repairs necessitated by the failure of any plastic components due to gradual deterioration and any resulting damage;
- L. Repairs resulting from incorrect use of fuel, oil, lubricant, coolant or any other fluid. This includes using the wrong octane fuel grade and the use of any bio fuel outside of the manufacturer's recommendations;
- M. Any repairs commenced or carried out without our approval.

## OTHER BENEFITS (APPLICABLE WITH A VALID CLAIM)

### ACCOMMODATION, VEHICLE RENTAL AND REPATRIATION COSTS

If your vehicle takes more than 24 hours to repair and you are more than 100kms away from your home you may choose from the following, subject to a maximum claim limit of \$500. We will reimburse you for:

- Up to 5 days accommodation; or
- Up to 5 days rental car hire costs; or
- Repatriation costs for your vehicle to your home address or another convenient location; whichever is closer, up to \$250.



## AA ROADSERVICE COVER

### ESSENTIAL COVER PROVIDES YOU WITH FREE AA ROADSERVICE

24 Hours a Day, 7 Days a Week, 365 Days a Year AA Roadservice will be there to help.



For assistance phone AA Roadservice direct on

**0800 581 581**

You will need to quote your policy number and vehicle registration number.

1. **Mechanical Breakdown** – Call the AA any time of the day or night and help will soon be on the way.
2. **Towing** – If your vehicle has mechanical problems and cannot be mobilised at the time of the breakdown, the AA will arrange to tow the vehicle free of charge to the nearest Authorised Repair Facility. If you want the vehicle to be towed to another repairer then you may be required to pay the towing charges.
3. **Flat Battery** – If the vehicle battery is flat and your vehicle will not start, the AA will attempt to restart it for you. If a new battery is required this can be supplied at your cost.
4. **Lockout Service** – Locking the keys in the car is something that can happen to anyone. The AA will arrange to have someone come to you so you can be on your way again.
5. **Lost Keys** – The AA will arrange a locksmith to help get you back into your vehicle. Any replacement keys will be at your cost.
6. **Change of Flat Tyres** – In the event of a flat tyre the AA will change the tyre for you. If there is no spare, the AA will arrange towing to the nearest facility at your cost.
7. **Out of Fuel** – If you are unfortunate enough to have run out of fuel the AA will deliver free of charge, fuel to your vehicle. Applicable fuel charges will apply.

### AA ROADSERVICE DOES NOT APPLY UNDER THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES;

- Unattended vehicles or vehicles over three tonnes gross laden weight.
- Recovered stolen vehicles or vehicles which are not roadworthy or safe, or have been operated in an unsafe or illegal manner.
- Vehicles carrying loads beyond legal limits.
- Vehicles at a repairers premise or garage
- Vehicles which are not on public or formed roads, or which are trapped or bogged.
- When the vehicle was being used for racing, pacemaking, speed testing, reliability trials, competitions or off road activities at the time of the breakdown.
- Vehicles which will not operate as a result of a motor vehicle accident.
- Breakdowns covered under other insurance policies.
- Anytime when it would be dangerous or illegal for AA personnel or contractors to repair, load or transport the vehicle and/or its occupants.

**You may make up to 2 AA Roadservice callouts per year.**

Note: AA Roadservice is provided and administered by The New Zealand Automobile Association Incorporated, its service providers, contractors and sub-contractors. AA Roadservice is separate from, and not part of your insurance contract with Vero Insurance New Zealand Limited. Vero does not accept any responsibility arising from AA Roadservice.



## TRANSFER OF MECHANICAL BREAKDOWN INSURANCE

At our discretion we may permit transfer of this policy to a new owner if you sell the vehicle.

A transfer will not be permitted if the vehicle is sold to or through a motor vehicle dealer or trader.

To request a transfer please contact us for a Transfer of Mechanical Breakdown Insurance Request Form. Once you have completed this form please return it to us with:

- Copy of new Warrant of Fitness or Vehicle inspection report (if requested)
- Copy of receipt of vehicle purchase
- Copy of vehicle service records; and
- Transfer fee of \$150 (incl GST)

Both you & the person you wish to transfer the policy to must sign the form. There is no refund of premium available.

To request a [Transfer of Mechanical Breakdown Insurance Request Form](#) please email [sales@autosure.co.nz](mailto:sales@autosure.co.nz)

## CONDITIONS

- You must take all reasonable steps to protect your vehicle from breakdown and comply with the manufacturers servicing, operating and safety recommendations. This information can be found in the owners handbook for your vehicle, the manufacturers website or from any authorised service centre.
- This policy does not apply if your vehicle is used in racing competitions, time trials, rallies, speed testing, pace making, reliability trials or any off-road activities.
- If any claim under this policy is supported by any incorrect information or statement or is in any respect fraudulent, then your claim is not payable and this entire policy automatically terminates from the date that the incorrect statement or fraudulent claim was made to us.
- If you breach any policy term or condition no claim will be payable under this policy. Nothing in this policy affects our rights to avoid the policy for non-disclosure.
- This policy applies to you and your vehicle and is not refundable.
- You must comply with the service requirements detailed in this policy.
- Your vehicle must have a current warrant of fitness. If it does not you may not have a valid claim.



## WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE A CLAIM

To make a claim on this policy you must take the following steps:

- As repairs must be carried out by an authorised repair facility, phone **Claims Services on 0800 809 700** to lodge a claim and to obtain details of the nearest repairer.
- If the vehicle can be driven safely without causing further damage take it to the nearest authorised repairer or otherwise have it towed.
- Present your policy to the service manager or repairer to determine if the breakdown constitutes a claim under the policy.
- In some instances we may require you to complete a claim form.
- We will also require other documentation such as proof of servicing and other relevant invoices.
- If the repairer is unable to determine the fault it may be necessary to dismantle parts. If this is the case we must be notified, however, only you can authorise this work. The contract for repair is between you and the repairer.
- We may agree to indemnify you in relation to costs covered under this policy
- We reserve the right to supply new, used or reconditioned parts at our discretion.

## AUTHORISED REPAIRER INSTRUCTIONS

When contacted by an Autosure customer, prior to commencing repairs please contact **Claims Services on 0800 809 700 (option 1)** and advise us that you wish to make a Mechanical Breakdown claim.

You will need to provide us with the following information:

- Policy Number
- Odometer reading
- Registration number
- Initial diagnosis of problem
- Estimated cost of repairs

If the claim is accepted we will authorise repairs and issue a repair authorisation number.

Once work is completed please forward the invoice to:

**AUTOSURE NEW ZEALAND**  
**PO BOX 33 1248**  
**TAKAPUNA**  
**AUCKLAND 0740**

Invoices should provide full customer details, full details of the work completed and copies of any subcontracted work (when requested).

- **REPAIRS MUST NOT BE COMMENCED UNLESS AUTHORISED.**
- **ANY REPAIRS NOT AUTHORISED ARE NOT COVERED.**



## SERVICING YOUR VEHICLE

You are required to keep your vehicle serviced at your cost to ensure the cover under this policy remains in place.

You may have your vehicle serviced at any recognised Service Facility.

Vehicles must be serviced within the following distance or time period, whichever comes first, from the date of purchase of the vehicle:

Petrol powered vehicles must be serviced every 15,000 km or 12 months

Diesel powered vehicles must be serviced every 10,000 km or 12 months

## SERVICING REQUIREMENTS

### THE FOLLOWING MUST BE CHECKED AND ATTENDED TO AS REQUIRED:

- Change engine oil and oil filter;
- All fluid levels and condition;
- Air filter;
- All belts. Replace if necessary. Please note cambelts must be replaced as specified by the vehicle manufacturer;
- Cooling system including inhibitor and hoses;
- Turbo oil feed;
- Automatic transmission;
- Braking system including brake fluid condition;
- Air conditioning;
- Steering and suspension systems.
- The cost of servicing is at your expense.

Once a service is completed you must make sure that the Service Facility completes and stamps the service check history at the time of the service.

This information will be required in the event of a claim. Previous servicing invoices will also be required in the event of a claim. Please retain all of these invoices for future reference.



## SERVICE CHECK HISTORY

**SERVICE CHECK No. 1**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ODOMETER READING  
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SERVICE CENTRE STAMP

**SERVICE CHECK No. 2**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ODOMETER READING  
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SERVICE CENTRE STAMP

**SERVICE CHECK No. 3**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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SERVICE CENTRE STAMP

**SERVICE CHECK No. 4**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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SERVICE CENTRE STAMP

**SERVICE CHECK No. 5**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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SERVICE CENTRE STAMP

**SERVICE CHECK No. 6**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ODOMETER READING  
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SERVICE CENTRE STAMP