

BREAKDOWN SERVICES:

If you have a breakdown anywhere it's liable to be expensive. If you have a breakdown on the motorway it could easily cost you a hundred pounds to get off the motorway to a garage. And you cannot just leave a car on the motorway. The police would track you down and you would be in serious trouble!

You are advised to pay for a professional breakdown service. It isn't too expensive.

The 3 companies which we'd recommend are:

- Green Flag
- The AA
- The RAC

The table below will tell you the most important information. The prices were accurate in early 2008.

SERVICE PROVIDER	WEBSITE	EMERGENCY TEL	COSTS (MAY BE CHEAPER ONLINE)
Green Flag	www.greenflag.co.uk	0800 051 0636	Rescue from £25
			Rescue Plus from £44
			Recovery from £46
			Recovery Plus from £62
			Euro Plus from £118
The AA	www.theaa.com	0800 88 77 66	Roadside £43
			Roadside + Relay £93
			Roadside + Homestart £87
			Roadside + Stay Mobile £83
			Roadside + Relay + Homestart £137
			Roadside + Relay + Stay Mobile £128
			Roadside + Home Start + Stay Mobile £122
			Members' European cover from £10.69 a day
The RAC	www.rac.co.uk	0800 828282	Roadside £44
			Roadside + National Recovery £92
			Roadside + At Home £100
			Roadside + At Home + National Recovery £136
			Roadside + At Home + National Recovery + Onward Travel £171
			European Breakdown Cover is also available (ask for prices)

These prices are really for single drivers. Some schemes cover partners. You need to ask the organisations.

Usually the following apply:

- New cover will not be effective for 24 hours. So you cannot break down then join!
- The organisation may send a mechanic from a local garage.
- You may be charged for parts but will not be charged for labour or any call-out cost.
- You will be expected to have your identification and membership documents with you.
- If you use a service that you are not entitled to, you could easily get a big bill later
- If you use a service too often the organisation will end your membership.