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## MINOR DAMAGE PLUS INSURANCE

This policy is a contract between you and the **Insurer**, Acasta European Insurance Company Limited, 5/5 Crutchett's Ramp, Gibraltar, GX11 1AA (registered no. 96218), which is authorised and regulated by the Gibraltar Financial Services Commission and subject to limited regulation by the Financial Conduct Authority and Prudential Regulation Authority for the conduct of

# **1. ABOUT YOUR MINOR DAMAGE PLUS INSURANCE**

**Your** Minor Damage Insurance PLUS (M.D.I. PLUS) insurance is designed to keep the exterior of **Your Vehicle** in good condition throughout the **Period of Cover.** 

M.D.I. PLUS insurance provides M.D.I. repairs for unavoidable **Minor Damage** without affecting **Your** motor insurance.

The **Schedule** is subject to the terms of this document and it shows the **Vehicle** that is covered by this M.D.I. PLUS insurance.

You should read Your Schedule and this document together.

**We** have listed words with special meanings in Definitions below. These words are capitalised and printed in bold whenever they appear in this document.

There are some Exclusions which apply to **Your** M.D.I. PLUS insurance and **We** have listed them below.

Please read this document carefully as **Your** failure to comply with any of its terms may render **Your** M.D.I. PLUS insurance invalid and could jeopardise the payment of any claim which might arise.

This document tells **You** exactly what is covered, how Spectrum Insurance Services Limited settle claims and other important information.

CONSUMER INSURANCE (Disclosure & Representations) Act

You are eligible for M.D.I. PLUS insurance in accordance with

this document if at the Start Date and during the Period of

#### UK business. Details about the extent of our regulation by the Financial Conduct Authority and Prudential Regulation Authority are available from Acasta European Insurance Company Limited on request.

## 2012

**You** are required by the provisions of the Consumer Insurance (Disclosure and Representations) Act 2012 to take reasonable care to:

I. Supply accurate and complete answers to all the questions **We** or the **Administrator** may ask as part of

Your application for cover under the policy;

II. To make sure that all information supplied as part of **Your** application for cover is true and correct;

III. Tell **Us** of any changes to the answers **You** have given as soon as possible.

Failure to provide answers in-line with the requirement of the Act may mean that **Your** policy is invalid and that it does not operate in the event of a claim.

#### Exclusions and does not exceed 3,500kg in weight;

2.5 **Your Vehicle** is insured for social, domestic or pleasure purposes only, including commuting and travelling to and from a place of work, or class 1 business use; and

2.6 **Your Vehicle** is not subject to a contract hire or finance lease agreement with an annual mileage allowance of more than 20,000.

2.4 Your Vehicle is not an excluded vehicle under section 5

2.3 You have paid the premium including applicable taxes;

# **3. DEFINITIONS**

2.1 You reside in the United Kingdom;

2.2 We have accepted Your application;

2. ELIGIBILITY

Cover:

The following words will have the meanings described below wherever they appear in this document.	<b>Chip</b> : a chip on <b>Your Vehicle</b> not more than 1.5cm in diameter and 3mm in depth.
<b>Administrator</b> : Spectrum Insurance Services Limited. Whenever <b>You</b> contact them please quote the policy number which is on <b>Your Schedule</b> . <b>Call Out Charge</b> : a non refundable £10 fee payable to the	<b>Claims Limit</b> : the maximum number of claims for repairs for <b>Minor Damage</b> to <b>Your Vehicle</b> that <b>You</b> can make during the <b>Period of Cover</b> is shown on your <b>Policy Schedule</b> . The first 12 month period begins on the inception date of the period of cover and each consecutive 12 month period on its anniversary
Repairer to attend Your Vehicle to assess the Minor Damage.	date. You cannot carry over unused claims to a following year.
<b>M.D.I.</b> : a specialist repair technique that restores an eligible area that has suffered <b>Minor Damage</b> to as near as is possible the condition it was in before the <b>Minor Damage</b> occurred.	<b>Excess:</b> the first £10 of any claim payable by <b>You</b> . If <b>You</b> pay a <b>Call Out Charge</b> , the <b>Excess</b> will be waived. If the <b>Repairer</b> repairs more than one case of <b>Minor Damage</b> during a call out <b>You</b> will be charged an <b>Excess</b> for each





# **3. DEFINITIONS**

additional repair.

#### Incident: the cause of the Minor Damage.

**Light Scratch**: a scratch on **Your Vehicle** not more than 15cm in length and 3mm in depth that sits within two (2) body panels.

Minor Damage: any Chip, Minor Dent, Light Scratch and/or Scuffed Bumper that is repaired by a mobile repair technician, using recognised small to medium area repair techniques which restores an eligible area that has suffered Minor Damage to as near as is possible the condition it was in before the Minor Damage occurred. In the case of multiple damages being caused by the same Incident, each Minor Damage will constitute a separate claim and a separate Call Out Charge and/or Excess will be payable.

**Minor Dent**: a dent on **Your Vehicle** not more than 15cm in diameter and 3mm in depth that sits within two (2) body panels.

**Period of Cover**: the period as noted on **Your Schedule** for which **We** have agreed to provide **M.D.I. PLUS** insurance in accordance with this Certificate and for which **You** have paid the premium.

**Repairer**: a company authorised by **Us** to carry out a **M.D.I.** repair to **Your Vehicle**.

**Schedule**: the document containing important information about **You**, **Your Vehicle**, the **Start Date**, the expiry date and the premium.

**Scuffed Bumper**: a scuffed or dented area on the bumper of **Your Vehicle** not more than 15cm in diameter, 3mm in depth and where the bumper is not perforated or cracked.

Start Date: the date on which Your M.D.I. PLUS insurance starts as noted on Your Schedule.

**Territorial Limits**: means the area in which this insurance cover is effective being UK Mainland and Northern Ireland only.

**Vehicle**: the **Vehicle** described in **Your Schedule**. Please note **M.D.I. PLUS** insurance does not cover the following vehicles in any circumstances; light commercial vehicles, delivery vehicles, panel vans and vehicles exceeding 3,500kg. The following types of vehicles are also excluded: motor cycles, scooters, three wheeled vehicles, kit-cars, quad bikes, caravans or motor homes, trailers, boats, vehicles used for hire or reward (for example taxis, self-drive hire or driving schools), delivery courier or a vehicle used in any sort of rally, speed testing, 4x4 off-roading, racing or any kind of competition or trial or any purpose in connection with the motor trade.

You/Your/Yourself: the person named on Your Schedule.

**We/Us/Our**: means Acasta European Insurance Company Limited, 5/5 Crutchett's Ramp, Gibraltar, GX11 1AA (registered no. 96218), which is authorised and regulated by the Gibraltar Financial Services Commission and subject to limited regulation by the Financial Conduct Authority and Prudential Regulation Authority for the conduct of UK business.

**Data Controller** – The **Insurer**, who determines the purposes and means of processing **Your** personal data.

**Excess:** the first £10 of any claim payable by **You**. If **You** pay a **Call Out Charge**, the **Excess** will be waived. If the **Repairer** repairs more than one case of **Minor Damage** during a call out **You** will be charged an **Excess** for each additional repair.

Incident: the cause of the Minor Damage.

**Light Scratch**: a scratch on **Your Vehicle** not more than 15cm in length and 3mm in depth that sits within two (2) body panels.

Minor Damage: any Chip, Minor Dent, Light Scratch and/or Scuffed Bumper. In the case of multiple damages being caused by the same Incident, each Minor Damage will constitute a separate claim and a separate Call Out

of any damaged area that exceeds the maximum limits of

In the event of multiple cases of Minor Damage being

caused by the same **Incident**, each **Minor Damage** will constitute a separate claim and a separate **Call Out Charge** 

# **4. COVER PROVIDED**

In return for the payment of the appropriate premium, **We** will provide cover against the cost of performing a **M.D.I.** repair for **Minor Damage** to **Your Vehicle**, subject to the terms of this document up to the **Claims Limit**.

**M.D.I.** repairs can only be carried out on the United Kingdom mainland.

M.D.I. PLUS insurance will not contribute to a non M.D.I. repair

# **5. EXCLUSIONS**

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You will not be compensated for:	5.1.7 to stickers or decals;
5.1 Damage:	5.1.8 to wheels and wheel rims, handles and locks;
5.1.1 that cannot be defined as a <b>Chip</b> , <b>Light Scratch</b> , <b>Minor Dent</b> or <b>Scuffed Bumper</b> ;	5.1.9 to beading or moulding (including protective plastic), unless as part of a panel claim and the repair can be completed without the remarked of the beading or moulding.
5.1.2 that in the expert opinion of the <b>Repairer</b> cannot be	without the removal of the beading or moulding; 5.1.10 to self-healing paint, body wrap, chrome illusion paint
repaired using <b>M.D.I.</b> and can only be repaired in a bodyshop; 5.1.3 that occurs to horizontal, flat surfaces such as roofs, bonnets and boot tops;	(two tone paint finish), matt paint or bespoke paints;
	5.1.11 caused by wear and tear or fading;
5.1.4 that extends over more than two (2) body panels. In the event that the damage extends over more than two (2) body	5.1.12 that involves accessories, door mouldings, window mouldings, lights of any sort or any window.
panels, We will not be liable as the damage falls outside the	5.2 Claims in excess of the Claims Limit.
scope of Minor Damage;	5.3 The <b>Excess</b> per repair unless a <b>Call Out Charge</b> has been paid.
5.1.5 that occurs before the <b>Start Date</b> ;	
5.1.6 caused by rust, hail, bird droppings and tree sap;	5.4 Any liability to any other party.

Minor Damage.

or **Excess** will be payable.



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## **5. EXCLUSIONS**

5.5. Damage caused by collision with a 3rd party which is covered by their motor insurance policy.

5.6 Any other costs that are indirectly caused by the **Incident** which led to **Your** claim, unless specifically stated as covered in this document.

5.7 Any body panel or bumper, or part of a panel or bumper that has been cracked, ripped, torn, or perforated.

5.8 The replacement of any body panel or bumper, or part of a panel or bumper.

5.9 Any repair work carried out without prior authorisation being given by the **Administrator** or **Us**.

5.10 Any **Minor Damage** caused outside the **Territorial Limits** or **M.D.I.** repairs required outside the United Kingdom mainland.

5.11 Any consequence of war, invasion, terrorism, acts of foreign enemies, hostilities (whether war be declared or not)

## **6. GENERAL CONDITIONS**

**You** must fulfil certain obligations in order to ensure that **Your** M.D.I. PLUS insurance remains valid:

6.1 You must report Your claim within thirty (30) days of the  ${\bf Incident}.$ 

6.2 **You** must use all reasonable care to maintain **Your Vehicle** in an efficient and roadworthy condition and take all reasonable precautions to prevent or minimise loss or damage.

6.3 You must give Us true and complete information.

6.4 **You** must comply with **Our** reasonable requests.

6.5 **You** must follow the prescribed claims procedure as explained in this document or by the **Administrator**.

6.6 **You** must inform **Us**, via the **Administrator**, if any of the details in **Your Schedule** are incorrect or need updating.

6.7 You must tell Us about anything that You have not yet disclosed but which may affect Our decision in accepting Your M.D.I. PLUS insurance.

6.8 You must tell Us, via the Administrator, about any changes which may be important for Us to continue providing Your M.D.I. PLUS insurance.

Please note that **We** reserve the right to charge an administration fee for any changes to **Your** Certificate. This will be communicated to **You** by the **Administrator** at the time such changes are made.

6.9 If any claim or statement made by **You** is in any respect deliberately or recklessly overstated, false or fraudulent, **We** may have the right to refuse any claim on this policy or to avoid this insurance in its entirety.

6.10 The **Insurer** reserves the right to take legal proceedings in **Your** name, at their own expense and for their own benefit, to recover any costs or damages they have paid out under this insurance to anyone else. If any **You** recover any costs or damages previously paid under this insurance from any other party, such costs or damages must be immediately repaid to **Us**.

6.11 If any dispute between **You** and **Us** arises from this policy, **You** can make a complaint to **Us** as described on the back page of this policy and **We** will try to resolve the matter. If **We** are unable to satisfy **Your** concerns **You** can ask the Financial Ombudsman Service to arbitrate over the complaint.

6.12 This insurance is between and binding upon the **Insurer** and **You** and their/**Your** respective successors in title, but this insurance may not otherwise be assigned by **You** without the **Insurer's** prior written consent.

civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, military or usurped power, confiscation or nationalisation or requisition or destruction of or damage to property by or under the order of

any government or public or local authority.

You will not be compensated for:

5.12 Any legal liability of whatsoever nature, directly or indirectly caused by or contributed to by or arising from ionizing radiation or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear waste from the combustion of nuclear fuel, or the radioactive, toxic explosive or other hazardous properties of any explosive nuclear assembly or nuclear component thereof.

5.13 **Minor Damage** directly occasioned by pressure waves caused by aircraft or other aerial devices travelling at supersonic speeds.

5.14 **Minor Damage** reported more than thirty (30) days after the **Incident**.

6.13 If the **Insurer** or **You** fails to exercise or enforce any rights conferred on them by this insurance, the failure to do so will not be deemed to be a waiver of such right, nor will it bar the exercise or enforcement of, such rights at any subsequent time.

6.14 This insurance is governed by English law.

6.15 Unless expressly stated in this insurance, nothing in this insurance will create any rights in favour of any person pursuant to the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999. This Condition does not affect any right or remedy, of any person, which exists or is available otherwise than pursuant to that Act.

#### 6.16 Cyber Loss Absolute Exclusion Clause

#### **Exclusion**

1. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary within this contract, this contract excludes any Cyber Loss.

2. Cyber Loss means any loss, damage, liability, expense, fines or penalties or any other amount directly or indirectly caused by:

2.1 the use or operation of any Computer System or Computer Network;

2.2 the reduction in or loss of ability to use or operate any Computer System, Computer Network or Data;

2.3 access to, processing, transmission, storage or use of any Data;

2.4 inability to access, process, transmit, store or use any Data;

2.5 any threat of or any hoax relating to 2.1 to 2.4 above;

2.6 any error or omission or accident in respect of any Computer System, Computer Network or Data.

3. Computer System means any computer, hardware, software, application, process, code, programme, information technology, communications system or electronic device owned or operated by the Insured or any other party. This includes any similar system and any associated input, output or data storage device or system, networking equipment or back up facility.

4. Computer Network means a group of Computer Systems and other electronic devices or network facilities connected via a form of communications technology, including the internet,

intranet and virtual private networks (VPN), allowing the networked computing devices to exchange Data.

5. Data means information used, accessed, processed, transmitted or stored by a Computer System.

# 7. CANCELLATION AND COOLING OFF PERIOD

7.1 **We** trust that **You** will be happy with **Your** M.D.I. PLUS insurance. However, **You** have the right to cancel it within fourteen (14) days of receiving the document without giving any reason. If **You** do so **We** will refund **Your** payment in full less the cost of any **M.DI.** repairs undertaken.

In the event that **You** wish to cancel **Your M.D.I. PLUS** insurance within the fourteen (14) day period please contact **Your** supplying dealer who will arrange for the refund.

7.2 If **you** cancel after the first fourteen (14) days of receipt of **your** Certificate, **you** are entitled to a pro rata refund provided

 $\mathbf{you}$  have not made any claims. An administration fee of £35 applies.

7.3 We may cancel this insurance if in **Our** opinion **You** have at any time:

## 8. AUTOMATIC TERMINATION

**Your** M.D.I. PLUS insurance will automatically terminate on the earliest date one of the following events happen:

8.1 You dispose of, or transfer ownership of Your Vehicle to another party, and You do not inform Us; or

8.2 **You** dispose of, or transfer ownership of **Your Vehicle** to a garage, motor trader, auctioneers or similar company; or

8.3 Your policy expires as per Your Schedule; or

## 9. HOW TO MAKE A CLAIM

9.1 When **You** become aware of any damage that could lead to a claim **You** must call the **Administrator** on 0114 321 9877 within thirty (30) days following the **Incident**. **You** must comply with the claims procedure as explained in this document and by the **Administrator**.

9.2 In order to authorise a claim the **Administrator** will require:

9.2.1 Your personal and Your Vehicle details;

9.2.2 full details of the damage; and

9.2.3 confirmation that the damage falls within the definition of **Minor Damage**.

9.3 **You** may be asked to provide a digital photo of the damage and documentation to support **Your** claim. **Your** photos can be emailed to: claims@spectrumcover.co.uk

9.4 The **Administrator** has a nationwide network of nominated repairers who are familiar with our claims and billing procedures. The **Administrator** shall recommend these repairers wherever possible. If a suitable approved repairer cannot be located the **Administrator** will agree a suitable alternative with you. Costs accepted for repairs in these circumstances will be no more than those charged by our repairers.

9.5 If the **M.D.I.** repair involves a call out **You** will have to pay the **Call Out Charge**. If **You** pay a **Call Out Charge** the **Excess** for that repair will be waived.

9.6 If the **Repairer** repairs more than one case of **Minor Damage** during a call out **You** must pay the **Excess** for each additional repair.

In some cases it may be necessary to send an independent consulting engineer to inspect **Your** vehicle and the wheels that are damaged, before **We** can authorise a repair or replacement. **We** will make every effort to ensure this happens 7.3.1 given **Us** false or incomplete information

7.3.2 agreed to help anyone try to take money from  $\ensuremath{\textbf{Us}}$  dishonestly, or

7.3.3 failed to meet the terms and conditions of this insurance or  $% \left( {{\Gamma _{\mathrm{s}}} \right)^{2}} \right)$ 

7.3.4 failed to act honestly towards **Us**.

7.3.5 failed to pay the policy premium.

**We** can cancel this insurance at any time by giving **You** at least 14 days' written notice at **Your** last known address.

8.4 You cease to be resident in the United Kingdom; or8.5 The number of claims You have made reaches the Claims Limit.

with the least delay and inconvenience to **You**, however **We** will not be liable for any losses **You** incur through any delay caused.

9.7 If **Your Vehicle** is not available for inspection at the time arranged with the **Repairer** an additional **Call Out Charge** will be payable for any subsequent appointment.

9.8 Upon receipt of the information requested in 9.2 and 9.3 the **Administrator** will review **Your** claim. If **Your** claim is covered by this document the **Administrator** will authorise **Your** claim. Only **We** or the **Administrator** are mandated to authorise or reject claims.

9.9 You must allow the Administrator or Us (or Our authorised Repairer) access to inspect Your Vehicle if it is the subject of a claim.

9.10 If **You** are not satisfied that the **M.D.I.** repair has been properly completed do not sign the release form and contact the **Administrator** immediately.

9.11 **We** reserve the right to settle **Your** claim in cash in lieu of arranging a **M.D.I.** repair to **Your Vehicle**.



# **10. ENQUIRIES OR COMPLAINTS**

**We** always aim to provide a first class standard of service. However, if **You** are dissatisfied **You** should in the first instance address **Your** enquiry to the **Administrator** quoting **Your** policy number. Telephone: 01143 219680.

email: customerservices@spectrumcover.co.uk.

The **Administrator** will acknowledge **Your** complaint within 5 business days of receiving it and it will do its best to resolve the matter within 2 weeks.

If You are still not satisfied, You can contact the Insurance Division of the Financial Ombudsman Service at:

## **11. TRANSFERRING YOUR COVER**

#### To a New Owner:

If **You** sell **Your Vehicle** during the **Period of Cover**, **You** may transfer the benefits of this **S.C.I to** the new owner of **Your Vehicle**, provided that **You** sell **Your Vehicle** privately and not through a garage, motor trader, auctioneers or similar company.

The transfer will be subject to a £35 administration fee. The transfer will be subject to the **Administrator's** approval and the fee will be returned in the event of non-acceptance.

#### To a New Vehicle:

#### **12. DATA PROTECTION**

We are the **Data Controller** for the data **You** provide to **Us**. We need to use **Your** data in order to arrange **Your** insurance and associated products.

**You** are obliged to provide information without which **We** will be unable to provide a service to **You**. Any personal information provided by **You** may be held by the **Insurer** in relation to **Your** insurance cover. It may be used by **Our** relevant staff in making a decision concerning **Your** insurance and for the purpose of servicing **Your** cover and administering claims.

Information may be passed to loss adjusters, solicitors, reinsurers or other service providers for these purposes. **We** may obtain information about **You** from credit reference agencies, fraud prevention agencies and others to check **Your** credit status and identity. The agencies will record **Our** enquiries, which may be seen by other companies who make their own credit enquiries. If **You** provide false or inaccurate information and **We** suspect fraud, **We** will record this.

We and other organisations may use these records to:

a. Help make decisions on insurance proposals and insurance claims, for **You** and members of **Your** household

b. Trace debtors, recover debt, prevent fraud, and manage **Your** insurance policies

c. Check Your identity to prevent money laundering, unless You

### **13. COMPENSATION SCHEME**

The **Insurer** is covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme, established under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the "Compensation Scheme"). If the **Insurer** is unable The Financial Ombudsman Service, Exchange Tower, London, E14 9SR

You can also contact the Financial Ombudsman Service on 0800 023 4567. Website: www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

(Using this service does not affect Your right to take legal action.)

If **You** sell **Your Vehicle**, **You** may transfer the remaining cover to the eligible replacement Vehicle, subject to **Our** agreement.

The first transfer is free of charge, subsequent transfers will be subject to a transfer fee of £35. Proof that the vehicle is free from damage may be required prior to acceptance of any transfer. If the new vehicle does not meet the eligibility requirements of this insurance, the transfer will be declined and any transfer fee paid will be refunded.

All transfer requests must be made within 30 days of the date of sale of **Your vehicle**.

furnish **Us** with satisfactory proof of identity.

We process all data in the UK but where We need to disclose data to parties outside the European Economic Area (EEA) We will take reasonable steps to ensure the privacy of Your data. In order to protect **Our** legal position, **We** will retain **Your** data for a minimum of 7 years. We have a Data Protection regime in place to oversee the effective and secure processing of Your data. Under GDPR legislation, You can ask Us for a copy of the data We hold, have it corrected, sent to a third party or deleted (subject to **Our** need to hold data for legal reasons). We will not make Your personal details available to any companies to use for their own marketing purposes. If **You** wish to complain about how **We** have handled **Your** data, **You** can contact **Us** and **We** will investigate the matter. If You are not satisfied with Our response or believe We are processing Your data incorrectly You can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF Tel: 0303 123 1113.

to meet their obligations under this insurance, an **Insured Person** may be entitled to compensation from the Compensation Scheme .

