

# Excess Protection Policy Wording

## Welcome to BEAM

Thank you for buying BEAM Insurance with Excess Protection. Your Insurance is administered by AA Insurance Services Limited. Our aim at AA Insurance Services Limited (AAISL) is to combine value for money with peace of mind. The following information includes everything you need to know about your Excess Protection. Alternatively, you can always contact our experienced customer services agents who are there to help you.

## Who regulates us?

Automobile Association Insurance Services Limited (We) is an insurance intermediary which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority, registration number 310562. You can check this on The Financial Services Register by visiting their website [www.fca.org.uk](http://www.fca.org.uk) or by contacting 0800 111 6768. Automobile Association Insurance Services Limited, registered office: Fanum House, Basing View, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG21 4EA. England and Wales. Company registration number 2414212.

## Who underwrites this policy?

This insurance is underwritten by Collinson Insurance. Collinson Insurance (a trading name of Astrenska Insurance Limited) is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority in the United Kingdom, under Firm Reference Number 202846. Registered in England number 01708613.

## Demands and Needs

This policy meets the Demands and Needs of customers who require their excess to be reimbursed following a claim where it cannot be recovered from any third party.

## Introduction to your Excess Protection cover

Words which appear in **bold italics** have the meanings given to them in the Definitions section of the policy wording.

This wording has been put together to clearly set out the details of **Your** insurance cover. Please read it carefully, to make sure it continues to meet **Your** needs.

The information and statements provided by the **Policyholder** have been relied upon by the **Insurer** in entering into this insurance. Such information and statements together with this policy booklet must be read as a whole as they constitute the legally binding contract of insurance between the policyholder and the insurer.

Insurance has been effected between Collinson Insurance and **You** the **Policyholder**. The **Insurer** has agreed to insure **You** subject to the terms, conditions and exclusions contained in this policy wording against such liability loss or damage that may occur during any period of insurance for which **You** have paid or agreed to pay the premium.

This insurance provides cover for reimbursement of the **Excess** **You** have paid or had deducted as part of a claim under **Your BEAM Car Insurance Policy**, where the **Excess** cannot be recovered from a responsible **Third Party**. The maximum amount payable per claim is the **Excess** on **Your BEAM Car Insurance Policy**. Only one claim is permitted in any **Period of Cover**.

## Making a claim

Should **You** wish to make a claim under this **Policy** following an **Insured Incident**, **You** must report it to Accident Assist on 0330 041 3689 as soon as possible.

- Please call the Accident Assist team on 0330 041 3689.
- Before considering **Your** claim, the **Insurer** of this Excess Protection **Policy** will require the following supporting documentation:
- Copy of **Your Excess** receipt from the repairers, where applicable.
  - Copy of the final settlement letter from **Your Motor Vehicle Insurance Company** showing any **Excess** applicable.

Please remember to provide all of the information and documentation that has been requested as failure to do so may result in a claim not being paid.

## Fraud

**You** must not act in a fraudulent way. If **You** or anyone acting for **You**:

- Fails to reveal or hides a fact likely to influence whether the **Insurer** accepts **Your** proposal, **Your** renewal, or any adjustment to **Your** policy.
- Fails to reveal or hides a fact likely to influence the cover the **Insurer** provides.
- Makes a statement to **Us** or the **Insurer** or anyone acting on **Our** or the **Insurers** behalf, knowing the statement to be false.
- Sends **Us** or the **Insurer** or anyone acting on **Our** or the **Insurers** behalf a document, knowing the document to be forged or false.
- Makes a claim under the policy, knowing the claim to be false or fraudulent in any way.
- Makes a claim for any loss or damage **You** caused deliberately or with **Your** knowledge.

If **Your** claim is in any way dishonest or exaggerated, the **Insurer** will not pay any benefit under this policy or return any premium to **You**, and the **Insurer** may cancel **Your** policy immediately and backdate the cancellation to the date of the fraudulent

claim. The **Insurer** may also take legal action against **You** and inform the appropriate authorities.

## Would I receive compensation if the Insurer was unable to meet its obligations?

The Financial Services Compensation Scheme covers this policy. **You** may be entitled to compensation from this scheme if the **Insurer** cannot meet their liabilities under this policy. Further information about compensation scheme arrangements is available at [www.fscs.org.uk](http://www.fscs.org.uk) or by telephoning 0207 741 4100.

## Consumer Insurance Act

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

- a) Supply accurate and complete answers to all the questions the **Insurer** or the selling broker may ask as part of **Your** application for cover under the policy.
- b) To make sure that all information supplied as part of **Your** application for cover is true and correct.
- c) Tell **Us** of any changes to the answers **You** have given us 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.

## Any other questions?

Please call **Our** customer services helpline on 0330 041 3684. **We'll** be happy to explain any part of this **Policy**, answer questions and make changes to **Your** personal details.

## Excess Protection Definitions

Certain words and expressions used in this **Policy** have a specific meaning. To help identify these **We** have printed them in **bold italics** throughout.

## BEAM Car Insurance Policy

The motor insurance arranged by **AAISL** (which is taken out by **You** to cover a private car).

## AAISL

Automobile Association Insurance Services Limited.

## Certificate of Motor Insurance

The document headed **Certificate of Motor Insurance** which provides evidence of the existence of motor insurance as required by law.

## Excess

The combined voluntary and compulsory **Excess** which will be the first amount paid towards a claim under the terms of the **BEAM Car Insurance Policy** in respect of the **Insured Vehicle**.

## Insured Incident

Any incident which;

- a) **You** are wholly or partially responsible for, or
- b) Is caused by an unidentifiable **Third Party**, or
- c) Is caused by an uninsured driver

involving the **Insured Vehicle**, which occurs during the **Period of Cover**, and where such incident is subject to a valid claim under the **BEAM Car Insurance Policy** arising from malicious damage, accidental damage, fire, attempted theft or theft.

## Insured Person

The **Policyholder** and other person insured under the **BEAM Car Insurance Policy** who hold a current valid UK, EU or Foreign driving licence and are a resident of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

## Insured Vehicle

The motor vehicle insured on the **BEAM Car Insurance Policy** for which a premium has been paid and which is identified in the **Certificate of Motor Insurance**.

## Insurer

Collinson Insurance.

## Motor Vehicle Insurance Company

The authorised insurer of **Your BEAM Car Insurance Policy**.

## Period of Cover

The period of this **Policy** which runs concurrent with the **BEAM Car Insurance Policy** as defined on the **Statement of Insurance** and does not exceed 12 months.

## Policy

Shall mean this Excess Protection cover.

## Policyholder

The person shown as the Insured on your **BEAM Car Insurance Policy** and who has taken out this **Policy** and has paid or agreed to pay the required premium.

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## Statement of Insurance

The document headed **Statement of Insurance** giving details of the persons Insured, the **Insurer**, the Insurance Document number, details of the **Insured Vehicle**, the cover, the premium and the **Period of Cover**.

## Third Party

The other person(s) and/or party(s) involved in the **Insured Incident**, excluding the **Insured Person** and/or **Policyholder** (as defined in this **Policy**).

## We/Us/Our

Shall mean Automobile Association Insurance Services Limited.

## You/Your

The **Insured Person**

## What is covered?

This insurance provides reimbursement of the full **Excess** stated on **Your BEAM Car Insurance Policy** if **You** suffer a financial loss as a result of an **Insured Incident**.

The maximum amount payable per claim is the **Excess** on **Your BEAM Car Insurance Policy** or £1,000, whichever is the lesser.

Only one claim is permitted in any **Period of Cover**.

## What is not covered?

1. Any claim where the sum total cost of the **Insured Incident** does not exceed **Your Excess** on **Your BEAM Car Insurance Policy**.
2. Any claim where **Your Excess** has already been reimbursed, waived or recovered and therefore no financial loss has been suffered by **You**.
3. Any **Insured Incident**, which happened before the start date of this **Policy**.
4. Any contribution or deduction from the settlement of **Your** claim against **Your BEAM Car Insurance Policy** other than the stated **Policy Excess**, for which **You** have been made liable.
5. Any claim that is declined under **Your BEAM Car Insurance Policy**.
6. Any **Excess** in respect of personal effects, accessories, glass or audio/visual equipment (such as car phone, satellite navigation systems, CD or cassette player, radios etc.).
7. Any claim where the **Insured Vehicle** was being used for hire or reward.
8. Any **Insured Incident** arising out of the use of an **Insured Vehicle** by the **Insured Person** in connection with racing, rallies, trials or competitions of any kind.
9. Any claim under **Your BEAM Car Insurance Policy** which was as a result of attempted theft, theft or malicious damage of the **Insured Vehicle** and has not been reported to the Police.
10. Any claim due to a deliberate non-disclosure or criminal act, which is found to the satisfaction of the **Insurer** to be of a fraudulent or false nature. The **Insured Person** will be held responsible for any costs paid or due where this happens.
11. Any claim under **Your BEAM Car Insurance Policy** that arises from **Your** unlawful use of drink or drugs.
12. Any claim caused directly or indirectly by or arising from any of the following, regardless of any other contributory cause or event;
  - (i) War, invasion, acts of foreign enemies, hostilities or warlike operations (whether war be declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, civil commotion assuming the proportions of or amounting to an uprising, military or usurped power;
  - (ii) Any action taken in controlling, preventing, suppressing or in any way relating to (i) above except as is necessary to meet the requirements of the Road Traffic Acts.
  - (iii) Ionising radiation or radioactive contamination from nuclear fuel or waste; or
  - (iv) The radioactive, toxic, explosive or other dangerous properties of nuclear equipment or its nuclear parts.

## General Conditions

**You** must comply with the following conditions to have the full protection of **Your Policy**.

1. This **Policy** will continue to respond for the **Period of Cover** or until **Your** chosen level of cover on this **Policy** has been reached; whichever comes first.
2. **You** must be insured under a valid **BEAM Car Insurance Policy**.
3. The **Policyholder** as stated on the **Certificate of Motor Insurance**.
4. If **You** make a claim which is at all false or fraudulent, or support a claim with any false or fraudulent statements or documents, **You** will lose all benefit and premiums **You** have paid for this **Policy**.
5. The **Insurer** will be entitled to take over and conduct at the **Insurer's** expense in **Your** name legal proceedings to recover for the **Insurer's** own benefit any payments made under this **Policy**. **You** must give the **Insurer** all the help and information they may need.
6. If at the time of any **Insured Incident** there is any other insurance, which provides cover for the loss, or any part of it, the **Insurer** will only be responsible for the amount not recoverable under that insurance.

7. **You** must have taken relevant steps to protect against loss or additional exposure to loss.
8. The insurance described in this Insurance Document will only apply if the person claiming has observed all the terms and conditions that apply.
9. The **Insurer** will not be held liable to provide cover or make any payments or provide any service or benefit to any **Insured Person** or other party to the extent that such cover, payment, service, benefit and/or business or activity of the **Insured Person** would violate any trade or economic sanctions, law or regulation.
10. **Cancellation**

Procedures are explained below dependent on who invokes cancellation.

### The Policyholder

a) Where **You** cancel the **BEAM Car Insurance Policy** then this Excess Protection **Policy** will automatically also be cancelled on the same date (please refer to the terms and conditions in the **BEAM Car Insurance Policy** booklet).

If **You** need to cancel this Excess Protection **Policy** contact **AAISL** on 0330 041 3684.

**You** will, for a period of 14 days from the date **You** receive the policy documentation or the date **You** enter into the contract (whichever is later), have a right to cancel this Excess Protection and receive a refund. This refund will be subject to a charge for the **Period of Cover** **You** have received, except where cover has not commenced prior to the end of this 14-day period, in which case **You** will be entitled to a full refund of the premium **You** have paid.

Beyond the above period, **You** may cancel this insurance at any time but no refund will be provided to **You**.

Note: where **You** choose to cancel this Excess Protection itself (i.e. without cancelling the **BEAM Car Insurance Policy**) **Your BEAM Car Insurance Policy** will not be affected.

### AAISL (Instalment defaults)

b) If **You** are paying for **Your BEAM Car Insurance Policy** and Excess Protection **Policy** by instalments **You** irrevocably authorise **AAISL**, as **Your** agent, at **AAISL's** discretion to cancel both **Your BEAM Car Insurance Policy** and **Your** Excess Protection **Policy** following and in accordance with any default notice sent to **You**. **You** also irrevocably authorise **AAISL** to receive any refund of premium due on **Your BEAM Car Insurance Policy** (Excess Protection **Policy** premium being non-refundable) and apply it to pay or reduce any sums owed to **AAISL** including commission (up to a maximum of £75) paid by the **Insurer** to **AAISL** in relation to these and any outstanding premium due on this Excess Protection **Policy**. Please see the terms and conditions of **Your BEAM Car Insurance Policy** for details as to the circumstances in which a refund may be payable on that policy.

If **Your** Excess Protection **Policy** is cancelled under this paragraph (b), as per paragraph (a) no refund of premium on this Excess Protection **Policy** will be due and you will still owe **AAISL** any policy premium for this Excess Protection **Policy** which remains unpaid. You must therefore pay the sum **You** owe to **AAISL** contained in the default notice in full.

The **Insurer** shall not be bound to accept renewal of any insurance and may at any time cancel any insurance document by giving 14 days' notice in writing where there is a valid reason for doing so. A cancellation letter will be sent to **You** at **Your** last known address. Valid reasons may include but are not limited to:

- a) Fraud.
- b) Non-payment of premium.
- c) Threatening and abusive behaviour.
- d) Non-compliance with policy terms and conditions.

Where **Our** or the **Insurers** investigations provide evidence of fraud or a serious non-disclosure, the **Insurer** may cancel the policy immediately and backdate the cancellation to the date of the fraud or the date when **You** provided them with incomplete or inaccurate information, which may result in **Your** policy being cancelled from the date **You** originally took it out.

If the **Insurer** cancels the policy and/or any additional covers **You** will receive a refund of any premiums **You** have paid for the cancelled cover, less a proportionate deduction for the time the **Insurer** has provided cover, unless the reason for cancellation is fraud and/or the **Insurer** is entitled to keep the premium under the Consumer Insurance (Disclosure and Representations) Act 2012.

### 11. Applicable Contract Law

**You** and the **Insurer** are free to choose the law applicable to this contract but in the absence of agreement to the contrary, the law of the country in which **You** reside at the inception of the contract (or, in the case of a business, the law of the country in which the registered office or principal place of business is situated) will apply.

If **You** are not resident (or, in the case of a business, the registered office or principal place of business is not situated) in England or Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland or the Isle of Man the law which will apply is the law of England and Wales.

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## 12. Applicable language

The terms and conditions and all other information concerning this insurance are supplied in the English language and **We** undertake to communicate in this language for the duration of the **Policy**.

## 13. The Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999

Save for the rights granted to **AAISL** under this contract any person or company who is not party to this contract does not have any rights they can enforce under this contract by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 except those they have by law.

### Contact Information

#### Renewing Your cover

Each year **We'll** send **You** renewal terms. These may include renewing to a different **Insurer** if the **Insurer** of new policies of Excess Protection has changed during the year. If **You** don't want to renew **Your** policy, please let us know by calling 0330 041 3685.

#### Automatic Renewal

If **You** are paying for **Your BEAM Car Insurance Policy** and Excess Protection through **Our** instalment account over 12 months, and have agreed to allow **Us** to automatically renew **Your Policy** each year, at the end of each 12-month period **We** will write to confirm if **We** can automatically renew **Your** cover. If **We** are able to do this, unless **We** hear from **You**, **Your** cover will automatically be renewed to the **Insurer** as specified in **Our** letter. **We** will send **You** an important notice of any important changes that apply to **Your Policy**. **We** will advise **You** of the premium and the new monthly instalments that **You** will have to pay and any changes to cover will take effect at renewal.

If **You're** paying by credit card and have agreed to allow **Us** to collect the renewal premium automatically each year, then unless **We** hear from **You**, and as long as **Your BEAM Car Insurance Policy** is also being renewed, **We'll** renew **Your** Excess Protection automatically at the end of the 12-month period. Prior to doing this **We** will send a written reminder of the premium that **You** will have to pay and an important notice of any changes that apply to **Your Policy** wording. If **You** wish to stop **Your Policy** from automatically renewing, please contact **Us** to let **Us** know.

**You** can contact **Us** by:

Online: [www.beam.co.uk/contact-us/stop-auto-renew](http://www.beam.co.uk/contact-us/stop-auto-renew)  
Phone: 0330 041 3685  
Post: Automobile Association Insurance Services Limited,  
Q3 Quorum Business Park,  
Newcastle Upon Tyne,  
NE12 8EX

#### Customer services feedback

0330 041 3688

**We'd** like to know what **You** think about the service **We** give **You**. Please let **Us** know if **You** have any suggestions or feedback for **Us**.

#### Customer services helpline

0330 041 3684

**We'll** be happy to explain any part of this **Policy** or make changes to **Your** personal details.

Please remember that **You'll** need the policy number each time **You** contact **Us**.

#### If you need to complain

**We** aim to provide **You** with a high level of service at all times. However, there may be a time when **You** feel that **Our** service has fallen below the standard **You** expect. If this is the case and **You** want to complain, **We** will do **Our** best to try and resolve the situation. **Our** AA Complaints team handle complaints for both **our** AA and BEAM customers.

a) There are several ways **You** can contact **Us**:

Phone: 0330 041 3688  
Email: [insurance.complaints@beam.co.uk](mailto:insurance.complaints@beam.co.uk)  
Post: AA Insurance Complaints,  
Q3 Quorum Business Park,  
Newcastle Upon Tyne,  
NE12 8EX

**We** will either acknowledge **Your** complaint within 5 working days of receipt, or offer **You** **Our** final response if **We** have concluded **Our** investigations within this period.

If **We** acknowledge **Your** complaint, **We** will advise **You** who is dealing with it and when **We** expect to respond. **We** aim to respond fully within 8 weeks. However, if **We** are unable to provide a final response within this period **We** will write to **You** before this time and advise why **We** have not been able to offer a final response and how long **We** expect **Our** investigations to take.

If, for any reason **You're** still dissatisfied or haven't received a final answer within eight weeks, **You** have the right to escalate **Your** complaint to an independent authority called the Financial Ombudsmen Service (FOS). **You** can contact them using the details below:

Post: The Financial Ombudsman Service  
Exchange Tower  
1 Harbour Exchange Square  
London  
E14 9SR

Telephone: 0800 0234 567 (free for people calling from a landline) or  
0300 1239 123

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

Following this complaints procedure does not stop **You** from taking legal action.

#### Use of personal information

Please refer to the wording under your **BEAM Car Insurance Policy** booklet for information on the use of **Your** personal data.

#### Collinson Insurance Privacy Notice

Within the Collinson Insurance Privacy Notice, "we/us/our" shall mean Collinson Insurance.

As a data controller, we collect and process information about you so that we can provide you with the products and services you have requested. We also receive personal information from your agent on a regular basis while your policy is still live. This will include your name, address, risk details and other information which is necessary for us to:

- Meet our contractual obligations to you.
- Issue you this insurance policy.
- Deal with any claims or requests for assistance that you may have.
- Service your policy (including claims and policy administration, payments, and other transactions).
- Detect, investigate, and prevent activities which may be illegal or could result in your policy being cancelled or treated as if it never existed.
- Protect our legitimate interests.

In order to administer your policy and deal with any claims, your information may be shared with trusted third parties. This will include members of The Collinson Group, third party administrators, contractors, investigators, crime prevention organisations and claims management organisations where they provide administration and management support on our behalf. Some of these companies are based outside of the European Union where different data privacy laws apply. Wherever possible, we will have strict contractual terms in place to make sure that your information remains safe and secure.

**We** will not share your information with anyone else unless you agree to this, or we are required to do this by our regulators (e.g., the Financial Conduct Authority) or other authorities.

The personal information we have collected from you will be shared with fraud prevention agencies and databases who will use it to prevent fraud and money-laundering and to verify your identity. If fraud is detected, you could be refused certain services, finance, or employment. Further details of how your information will be used by us and these fraud prevention agencies and databases, and your data protection rights, can be found by visiting <https://cifas.org.uk/fpn> and <https://insurancefraudbureau.org/privacy-policy>

#### Processing your data

Your data will generally be processed on the basis that it is:

- Necessary for the performance of the contract that you have with us.
- In the public or your vital interest: or.
- For our legitimate business interests.

If we are not able to rely on the above, we will ask for your consent to process your data.

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## **How we store and protect your information**

All personal information collected by us is stored on secure servers which are either in the United Kingdom or European Union. We will need to keep and process your personal information during the period of insurance and after this time so that we can meet our regulatory obligations or to deal with any reasonable requests from our regulators and other authorities.

We also have security measures in place in our offices to protect the information that you have given us.

## **How you can access your information and correct anything which is wrong**

You have the right to request a copy of the information that we hold about you. If you would like a copy of some or all of your personal information, please contact us by email or letter as shown below:

Email address: [data.protection@collinsongroup.com](mailto:data.protection@collinsongroup.com)

Postal address: 3 More London Riverside, London, SE1 2AQ

This will normally be provided free of charge, but in some circumstances, we may either make a reasonable charge for this service or refuse to give you this information if your request is clearly unjustified or excessive.

We want to make sure that your personal information is accurate and up to date. You may ask us to correct or remove information you think is inaccurate.

If you wish to make a complaint about the use of your personal information, please contact our Complaints manager using the details above. You can also complain directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). Further information can be found at <https://ico.org.uk/>