

Absa Business Insurance Policy – Motor Section

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Sub-section A Loss or damage

Defined events

Loss of or damage to any vehicle described in the schedule and its accessories and spare parts while thereon. In addition, if such vehicle is disabled by reasons of any loss or damage insured hereby, the company will pay the reasonable cost of protection and removal to the nearest repairers and the insured may give instructions for repairs to be executed without the previous consent of the company to the extent of but not exceeding R2 000, provided that a detailed estimate is first obtained and immediately forwarded to the company. The company will also pay the reasonable cost of delivery to the insured, after repair of such loss or damage, not exceeding the reasonable cost of transport to the permanent address of the insured in the Republic of South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland, Zimbabwe or Malawi provided that

- 1 the limit of indemnity for each type of vehicle is as stated in the schedule and shall be the maximum amount payable by the company in respect of such loss or damage, but shall not exceed the reasonable market value of the vehicle and its accessories and spare parts at the time of such loss or damage
- 2 the company may, at its own option, repair, reinstate or replace such vehicle or any part thereof and/or its accessories and spare parts or may pay in cash the amount of the loss or damage not exceeding the reasonable market value of such vehicle and/or its accessories and/or spare parts at the time of such loss or damage
- 3 if, to the knowledge of the company, the vehicle is the subject of a suspensive sale or similar agreement, such payment shall be made to the owner described therein whose receipt shall be a full and final discharge to the company in respect of such loss or damage
- 4 in respect of each and every occurrence giving rise to a claim (except a claim resulting from fire, lightning or explosion) under this sub-section, the insured shall be responsible for the first amounts payable stated in the schedule (according to the type of vehicle) of any expenditure (or any less expenditure which may be incurred) for which provision is made under this sub-section (including any payment in respect of costs, expenses and fees), and of any expenditure by the company in the exercise of any discretion it may have under this insurance. If the expenditure incurred by the company shall include any first amount payable for which the insured is responsible, such amount shall be paid by the insured to the company forthwith
- 5 the company shall not be liable for more than the amount stated in the schedule (after deduction of the first amounts payable) in respect of the theft or attempted theft of radios, tapeplayers and similar equipment or telephones not supplied by the manufacturers of the vehicle when new.

Exceptions to sub-section A

The company shall not be liable to pay for

- (a) consequential loss as a result of any cause whatsoever, depreciation in value whether arising from repairs following a defined event or otherwise, wear and tear, mechanical, electronic or electrical breakdowns, failures or breakages
- (b) damage to tyres by application of brakes or by road punctures, cuts or bursts
- (c) damage to springs/shock absorbers due to inequalities of the road or other surface or to impact with such inequalities
- (d) detention, confiscation or requisition by customs or other officials or authorities.

Sub-section B Liability to third parties

Defined events

Any accident caused by or through or in connection with any vehicle described in the schedule or in connection with the loading and/or unloading of such vehicle in respect of which the insured and/or any passenger becomes legally liable to pay all sums including claimant's costs and expenses in respect of

- (i) death of or bodily injury to any person, but excluding death of or bodily injury to any person in the employ of the insured arising from and in the course of such employment or being a member of the same household as the insured
- (ii) damage to property other than property belonging to the insured or held in trust by or in the custody or control of the insured or being conveyed by, loaded onto or unloaded from such vehicle.

The company will also, in terms of and subject to the limitations of and for the purposes of this sub-section,

- 1 pay all costs and expenses incurred with their written consent, and shall be entitled at their discretion to arrange for representation at any inquest or inquiry in respect of any death which may be the subject of indemnity under this sub-section, or for defending in any magistrate's court any criminal proceedings in respect of any act causing or relating to any event which may be the subject of indemnity under this sub-section, provided that the total of the company's liability under both this extension and sub-section B shall not exceed the limit of indemnity stated to apply to sub-section B
- 2 indemnify any person who is driving or using such vehicle on the insured's order or with the insured's permission provided that
 - (a) such person shall, as though he were the insured, observe, fulfil and be subject to the terms, exceptions and conditions of this insurance in so far as they can apply
 - (b) such person driving such vehicle has not been refused any motor insurance or continuance thereof by any insurer

- (c) indemnity shall not apply in respect of claims made by any member of the same household as such person
- (d) such person is not entitled to indemnity under any other policy except in respect of any amount not recoverable thereunder
- 3 indemnify the insured while personally driving or using any private type motor car not belonging to him and not leased or hired to him under a lease or suspensive sale agreement, provided the insured is an individual and has insured hereunder a vehicle described under definition (a) or (b) and provided the company shall not be liable for damage to the vehicle being driven or used
- 4 indemnify the insured in respect of liability arising from the towing by a vehicle (other than for reward) of any other vehicle or trailer (including liability in connection with the towed vehicle or trailer), provided the company shall not be liable for damage to the towed vehicle or trailer or to property therein or thereon.

Exceptions to sub-section B

The company shall not be liable under this sub-section in respect of

- (a) so much of any compensation or claim as falls within the scope of any compulsory motor vehicle insurance enactment. This exception shall apply notwithstanding that no insurance under such enactment is in force or has been effected
- (b) death of or injury to any person being carried in or upon or entering or getting onto or alighting from a vehicle described in definition (b), (c), (d) or (e) at the time of the occurrence of the event from which any claim arises (except any person being carried in or upon or entering or getting onto or alighting from a permanently enclosed passenger carrying compartment of a commercial vehicle with a carrying capacity not exceeding 1500kg)
- (c) liability arising from the operation, demonstration or use (for purposes other than maintenance or repair of the vehicle) of any tool or plant forming part of or attached to or used in connection with a vehicle or anything manufactured by or contained in any such tool or plant. This exclusion shall not apply to forklift trucks.

Limits of indemnity

Unless otherwise stated, the liability of the company under this sub-section in respect of any one occurrence shall not exceed the limits of indemnity as stated in the schedule.

Sub-section C Medical expenses

Defined events

If an occupant in the specified part of a vehicle described below, in direct connection with such vehicle, sustains bodily injury by violent, accidental, external and visible means, the company will pay to the insured the medical expenses incurred as a result of such injury up to R1 000 per injured occupant but not exceeding R20 000 in total for all occupants injured as a result of an occurrence or series of occurrences arising out of one event.

The amount payable under this sub-section shall be reduced by any amount recoverable under any workmen’s compensation enactment or similar legislation. The term medical expenses includes any costs incurred to free such injured occupant from such vehicle or to bring such injured occupant to a place where medical treatment can be given.

Defined vehicle but only if it is insured under sub-section A of this section injury must occur

1	Any private type motor car or motorised caravan anywhere inside the vehicle	Specified part of vehicle in which the Injury must occur
2	Any other type of insured vehicle other than a bus or taxi	Anywhere inside the vehicle The permanently enclosed passenger Carrying compartment

Definitions

1 Occurrence

The term occurrence shall mean an occurrence or series of occurrences arising from one cause in connection with any one vehicle in respect of which indemnity is provided by this insurance.

2 Vehicle

The term vehicle shall mean

- (a) private type motor cars (including station wagons, safari vans, estate cars and the like or similar vehicles designed to seat not more than 12 persons including the driver)
- (b) commercial vehicles and special type vehicles as described in the schedule
- (c) motor cycles (including motor scooters and 3-wheeled vehicles)
- (d) buses (including any vehicle used for business purposes and designed to seat more than 12 persons, including the driver)
- (e) trailers, i.e. any vehicle without means of self-propulsion designed to be drawn by a self-propelled vehicle, but excluding any parts or accessories not permanently fitted thereto

any such vehicle being owned by or hired or leased to the insured, including any such vehicle temporarily operated by the insured as replacement for any vehicle out of use for the purpose of overhaul, upkeep and/or repair provided that the insurer’s maximum liability shall not exceed the lesser of the market value of the replacement vehicle or the limit of indemnity of the replaced vehicle as stated in the schedule.

No claim rebate provisions (applicable to specified vehicle basis)

In the event of no claim being made or arising under this policy during a period of insurance specified below immediately preceding the renewal of this policy, the renewal premium for the insurance of the vehicles will be based on the relevant Claim-free Group or subject to the No Claim Discount as follows

DEFINITION (a)

Period of insurance	Claim-free Group
the preceding year	1
the preceding two consecutive years	2
the preceding three consecutive years	3
the preceding four consecutive years	4
the preceding five or more consecutive years.	5
Otherwise than above, Claim-free Group 0 applies.	

If one or more claims are made or arise under this policy during a period of insurance for which the premium is based on Claim-free Group 4 or 5, then the next renewal premium will be based respectively on Claim-free Group 2 or 3 and for subsequent renewals as follows

(i) Claim-free GROUP 4

Period of insurance during which no claim is made or arises	Claim-free Group
the preceding year	3
the preceding two consecutive years	4
the preceding three consecutive years.	5

(ii) Claim-free GROUP 5

Period of insurance during which no claim is made or arises	Claim-free Group
the preceding year	4
the preceding two consecutive years.	5
Otherwise than above, Claim-free Group 0 applies.	

DEFINITIONS (b) and (e)

Period of insurance	No Claim Discount
the preceding year	15%
the preceding two consecutive years	20%
the preceding three consecutive years	30%
the preceding four consecutive years.	40%
Otherwise than above no discount applies.	

DEFINITIONS (c) and (d)

Period of insurance	No Claim Discount
the preceding year	15%
the preceding two consecutive years	20%
the preceding three consecutive years	30%
the preceding four consecutive years.	35%
Otherwise than above no discount applies	

Should the company consent to a transfer of interest in this policy, the period during which the interest was in the transferor shall not accrue to the benefit of the transferee.

If more than one vehicle is described in the schedule to this policy, the Claim-free Group/No Claim Discount shall be applied as if a separate policy had been issued in respect of each such vehicle.

Extensions

1 Contingent liability extension

The indemnity under sub-section B includes claims made against

- (a) the insured in the event of an accident arising in the course of the business and caused by or through or in connection with any motor vehicle not the property of or provided by the insured, while being used by any partner or director or employee of the insured (hereinafter in this extension referred to as such person)
- (b) any such person in the event of an accident arising in the course of the business and caused by or through or in connection with any motor vehicle not belonging to him or to the insured or leased or hired by either of them, but only in so far as such person has not been refused any motor insurance or continuance thereof by any insurer

provided that

- (i) all the words in (b) of the exceptions to sub-section B are deleted
- (ii) the company shall not be liable for loss of or damage to any motor vehicle being used for the purposes and in the manner described in (a) and (b) above
- (iii) the payment by the insured of subsidies or travelling allowances to such person for the use of his own vehicle for official purposes of the insured, including the carriage of persons for such purposes, is allowed without prejudice to the insurance by this extension

(iv) if, at the time of the occurrence of any accident giving rise to a claim under this extension, the insured or such person is entitled to indemnity under any other policy in respect of the same occurrence, the company shall not be liable to make any payment hereunder except in respect of any excess beyond the amount payable under such other policy

(v) the terms exceptions and conditions of the policy shall otherwise apply.

2 Passenger liability extension

Exception (b) to sub-section B shall not apply to vehicles described in definition (b), other than special types, or in definitions (c), (d) or (e). The limit of indemnity for any one occurrence shall not exceed the amount stated in the schedule.

3 Unauthorised passenger liability extension

The indemnity under sub-section B, notwithstanding exception (b) thereto, extends to cover the insured's legal liability for death of or bodily injury to persons while being carried in or upon or entering or getting onto or alighting from any vehicle in contravention of the insured's instructions to their driver not to carry passengers. The limit of indemnity for any one occurrence shall not exceed the amount stated in the schedule.

4 Parking facilities and movement of third party vehicles extension

This section extends to indemnify the insured in respect of accidents caused by or through or in connection with the moving of any vehicle (not owned or borrowed by or hired or leased to the insured) by any person in the employment of the insured or acting on the insured's behalf, provided always that such vehicle was being moved

(a) with the authority of any tenant, client or visitor of the insured or

(b) in connection with the insured's parking arrangements or

(c) to facilitate the carrying out of the insured's business, and provided further that this extension shall not apply in respect of damage to vehicles which are parked for reward. For the purpose of this extension, such vehicle (and its contents) shall not be deemed to be held in trust by, or in the custody or control of, the insured.

5 Windscreen extension

The provisions of this section relating to first amount payable and No Claim Rebate shall not apply to any payment for damage to windscreen glass, side or rear glass forming part of any vehicle provided that

(a) no other damage has been caused to the vehicle giving rise to a claim under the policy

(b) the insured shall be responsible for the first amount payable (applicable to glass) stated in the schedule of each and every loss.

6 Waiver of subrogation rights

For the purposes of this section, the company waives all rights of subrogation or action which they may have or acquire against any other person to whom the indemnity hereunder applies, and each such person shall observe, fulfil and be subject to the terms, exceptions and conditions (both general and specific) of this insurance in so far as they can apply.

7 Principals

Notwithstanding Specific exception 2 of this section, the indemnity under sub-section B extends to indemnify, to the extent required by the conditions of any contract of the Building Industries Federation of South Africa, and in connection with any liability arising from the performance of such contract, any principal named in such contract entered into by the insured for the purposes of the business, provided that the liability of the company shall not exceed the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule.

8 Cross liabilities

Where more than one insured is named in the schedule, the company will indemnify each insured separately and not jointly, and any liability arising between such insured shall be treated as though separate policies had been issued to each, provided that the aggregate liability of the company shall not exceed the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule.

9 Loss of keys extension

The company will indemnify the insured in respect of the cost of replacing locks and keys, including the remote alarm controller and, if necessary, the reprogramming of any coded alarm system of any insured vehicle, following upon the disappearance of any key or alarm controller of such vehicle or following upon the insured having reason to believe that any unauthorised person may be in possession of a duplicate of such key or alarm controller, provided that

(i) the company's liability shall not exceed, in respect of any one event R5 000 or the amount stated in the schedule

(ii) such amount shall be reduced by the first amount payable stated in the schedule. The provisions of this section relating to first amount payable and No Claim Rebate shall not apply to this extension.

10 Fire extinguishing charges extension

Any costs (not exceeding R5 000) relating to the extinguishing or fighting of fire shall be deemed to be damage to the insured property and shall be payable in addition to any other payment for which the company may be liable in terms of this section, provided the insured is legally liable for such costs and the insured property was in danger from the fire.

11 Wreckage removal extension (if stated in the schedule to be included)

The cover provided under sub-section A of this section is extended to include costs and expenses incurred by the insured in respect of the clearing up and removal of debris and wreckage of any insured vehicle following damage to such vehicle by a defined event, provided that, in addition to the limit of indemnity under sub-section A of this section, the limit of the company's liability under this extension shall not exceed, in respect of any one occurrence, the limit stated in the schedule to apply to this extension.

12 Credit shortfall extension (if stated in the schedule to be included)

If any total loss settlement under sub-section A is less than the amount owing to the financier under a current instalment sale or lease agreement, the company will pay to the insured an additional amount equal to the shortfall less:

- (a) any arrears instalments or rentals including interest payable on such arrears
- (b) all refunds of premium for cancellation of any insurance cover relating to the motor vehicle
- (c) the increased instalments or rentals that would have been paid had there been no residual capital value at the end of the finance period, calculated to the month in which the claim is settled
- (d) the first amount payable under sub-section A

provided always that

- (a) the amounts payable shall not exceed the maximum indemnity less the first amount payable under sub-section A
- (b) this endorsement shall not apply to an agreement whereby the amount of any single instalment other than the final residual amount after the initial payment differs by more than 10 percent from any other instalment
- (c) if such shortfall is as a result of a re-advance under an instalment sale or refinancing in terms of a lease the insurance by this extension shall be void.

13 Emergency accommodation

In the event of loss of or damage to any vehicle insured under Sub-section A, and as a result the insured is unable to complete his journey, the Company will pay for emergency accommodation for the insured, or any one in his employ while driving the insured vehicle or travelling as a passenger in the course of such employment. This extension covers the reasonable costs and expenses up to R750 per person per night but not exceeding R3 000 per event. This cover is only valid for one night.

Memoranda

1 Premium adjustment clause

If this section is issued on a non-specified vehicle basis, the insured shall submit to the company at the end of each period of insurance a declaration of the total number of vehicles owned, hired or leased at such expiry date. The company shall, upon receipt of this declaration, make a premium adjustment of 50 percent of the annual rate per vehicle applied to the difference in the number of vehicles at inception or renewal and the number declared.

2 War clause

In respect of sub-sections B and C only, General exception 1 is deleted and replaced by the following: This section does not cover war, invasion, act of foreign enemy, hostilities (whether war be declared or not) civil war, mutiny, insurrection, rebellion, revolution, military or usurped power.

3 Description of use clause

Use for social, domestic and pleasure purposes and use for the business or occupation of the insured excluding hiring, carriage of passengers for hire or carriage of fare paying passengers, racing speed or other contests, rallies, trials, carriage of explosives or carriage of any load or passengers exceeding the capacity for which it is constructed or licensed to carry or use for any purpose in connection with the motor trade. The indemnity to the insured in connection with any vehicle shall operate while such vehicle is in the custody or control of a member of the motor trade for the purpose of its overhaul, upkeep or repair.

Optional limitations

Third party only limitation (if stated in the schedule to be applicable)

Sub-sections A and C and the No-claim Rebate provisions are cancelled.

Third party, fire and theft only limitation (if stated in the schedule to be applicable)

The liability of the company under sub-section A is restricted solely to loss or damage resulting from fire, self-ignition, lightning or explosion or by theft or any attempt thereat. Further, sub-section C and the No-claim Rebate provisions are cancelled.

Specific exceptions

1 The company shall not be liable for any accident, injury, loss, damage or liability

- (a) while the vehicle is being used with the general knowledge and consent of the insured otherwise than in accordance with the description of use clause
- (b) incurred outside the Republic of South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Malawi and Mozambique but the insurers will indemnify the insured against loss of or damage to any vehicle while in transit by sea or air between ports or places in these territories including loading and unloading incidental to such transit
- (c) incurred while any vehicle is being driven by
 - (i) the insured while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs (unless administered by or prescribed by and taken in accordance with the instructions of a member of the medical profession other than himself) or while not licensed to drive such vehicle
 - (ii) any other person with the general consent of the insured who, to the insured's knowledge, is under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs (unless administered by or prescribed by and taken in accordance with the instructions of a member of the medical profession other than himself) or who is not licensed to drive such vehicle.
 - (iii) or is under the control for the purpose of being driven by a person who does not hold a current valid Professional Driving Permit (PrDP) to drive such a vehicle as required in terms of the National road Traffic Amendment Act of 1998 9 as amended) – [Regulation 251 (1)].

This exception applies if the said person has held a PrDP but has not renewed it and is applicable to all drivers of

- i) goods vehicles with a GVM exceeding 3.500 kg
- ii) breakdown vehicles
- iii) buses
- iv) mini-buses with a GVM exceeding 3.500 kg or with 12 or more seats (including the driver)
- v) motor vehicles conveying persons for reward
- vi) motor vehicles conveying more than 12 persons

but this shall not apply if the insured was unaware that the driver was unlicensed and the insured can prove to the satisfaction of the company that, in the normal course of his business, procedures are in operation to ensure that only licensed drivers are permitted to drive insured vehicles provided that any driver shall be deemed to be licensed to drive the vehicle if he is complying with the licensing laws relating to any of the territories referred to under Specific exception (b) or if a licence is not required by law, or while such driver is learning to drive and is complying with the laws relating to learner drivers.

- 2 The company shall not be liable for any claim arising from contractual liability, unless such liability would have attached to the insured notwithstanding such contractual agreement.

Specific condition

If, during the currency of this section, any driver's licence in favour of the insured or their authorised driver is endorsed, suspended or cancelled, or if he or they shall be charged or convicted of negligent, reckless or improper driving, notification shall be sent in writing to the company immediately the insured have knowledge of such fact.