

CONTRACT HIRE GAP — Insurance Policy**Understanding Your Insurance Cover**

Please read this **policy** carefully together with the **schedule** and make sure **you** understand and fully comply with all the terms and conditions as a failure to do so might jeopardise the payment of any claim which may arise and may lead to **your** insurance becoming void.

Words in bold type face in this **policy**, other than in the headings, have specific meanings attached to them as set out in

section 1 of this document.

Please ensure **you** keep this **policy** and the **schedule** in a safe place so that if **you** should need to **you** can read it again.

Your Insurance Cover

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 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.

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.

We will provide the insurance cover as stated in this **policy** for the **period of insurance**. This **policy**, the **schedule**, **your** signed declaration and **your** undertaking to pay the **premium** constitutes the contract between **you** and **us**.

In the event of the **total loss** of the **insured vehicle** after the **start date** and before the **end date** **we** will pay a **maximum benefit** equal to the difference between **your motorinsurance settlement** and the amount **you** require to pay **your termination figure**. This payment will be inclusive of the excess deducted by **your** motor insurer up to a limit of £250.

We will pay the amount to the **finance company**.

Basis for this Insurance Cover

All information supplied by **you** in connection with **your** application for insurance cover including any proposal form, application form or otherwise and supplied by or on behalf of **you** will be incorporated into and form the basis of this insurance cover. It shall be a condition of this insurance cover that all such information is true so far as it is within **your** knowledge.

In the event of a breach of any provision of this section, and without reducing any of **our** rights **we** may:

- a) in a case of a breach of any provision, cancel **your** insurance cover with effect from the date of the breach or inception of **your** insurance cover, whichever is the later; or

- b) reject or reduce claims connected with the breach and continue **your** insurance cover on such terms as **we** may determine.

Privacy

We collect non-public personal information about **you** from the following sources:

- a) **your** application or other forms;
- b) **your** transactions with **us**, **our associates**, or others; and
- c) consumer reporting agencies.

We do not disclose any non-public personal information relating to **you** to anyone except as is necessary in order to provide **our** products or services to **you** or otherwise as it is required or permitted by law (eg., a subpoena, fraud investigation, regulatory reporting etc.).

We restrict access to non-public personal information relating to **you** to **our** employees, **our associates**, **our associates'** employees or others who need to know that information to service **your** account. **We** maintain physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards to protect **your** non-public personal information.

Consumer Insurance (Disclosure and Representations) Act 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.

Making a Claim

Should **you** need to make a claim, please call the **administrator** on: 01787 221909 before accepting any offer from **your motor insurer**. If **you** do accept an offer before contacting **us** any

claim settlement made to **you** could be changed to reflect the **market value of your insured vehicle** at the time of the **total loss**.

The claims procedure is explained in section 7 of this **policy**.

Cancelling Your Insurance Cover

You may cancel **your** insurance cover within 30 days of receiving this **policy** and **schedule** by contacting the **administrator** and **you** will receive a full refund of the **premium** paid.

You may cancel **your** insurance cover at any time after 30 days and receive a pro rata refund of the number of complete unexpired days remaining of **your** insurance cover. **You** will not

be entitled to a pro-rata refund if a claim or an incident that may give rise to a claim has occurred.

The **administrator** will deduct a fee of £35 (£50 for 48 month cover) including IPT from any refund that may be due to **you** to cancel **your** insurance cover.

The cancellation procedure is explained in section 9 of this **policy**.

Transferring Your Insurance Cover

You are able to transfer the unexpired portion of **your** insurance cover to a new vehicle if **your motor insurer** provides a replacement vehicle under the terms of **your motor insurance settlement** in the event of a **total loss** or **you** replace **your insured vehicle** and contract hire/lease a new vehicle.

You cannot transfer **your** insurance cover if a claim or an incident that may give rise to a claim has occurred.

The **administrator** will charge **you** a fee of £35 including IPT to transfer **your** insurance cover.

The process and conditions for transferring is explained in section 10.

1. DEFINITIONS

The following words will have the following meanings when they appear in bold print in this document:

"administrator" means the administrator, Ingeni Services Group Limited as set out in the **schedule** who will provide administrative services on **our** behalf;

"associates" means our subsidiary, parent and or associated companies;

"Contract hire or lease agreement" means an agreement between **you** and **your finance company** arranged by a supplying dealer for the hire or lease of **your insured vehicle** but excluding any **secondary schedule** that may be noted in the **hire or lease agreement**;

"end date" means the date **your** insurance cover ends as noted on **your schedule**;

"finance company" means an authorised finance company with which **you** have entered into **your contract hire or lease agreement**;

"invoice price" means the price paid for the **insured vehicle** including factory fitted options and dealer fitted options but excluding any delivery charges, insurance premiums, new vehicle registration fees, road tax, number plates, cherished number plate transfers, warranty costs, fuel, paintwork protection applications, other extras and any amount relating to contract hire or lease for any other vehicle which may be included in the **invoice price**;

"insured vehicle" means only the vehicle as identified in the **schedule** for use on the public highway and designed to carry no more than eight people including the driver or small commercial vehicle of less than 3,500kg gross weight. The vehicle must not be more than ten years old and have travelled more than 100,000 miles from first registration at the inception of this policy

"market value" The cost of replacing the **insured vehicle** with another of the same make, specification (for example, the level of equipment found in the **insured vehicle** including dealer fitted options (including VAT), model, age, mileage and condition as the **insured vehicle** was just before the **total loss** **you** are claiming for, by reference to Glass's Guide Retail Value. **We** reserve the right to have an independent valuation undertaken should the specification not be available within **Glass's Guide** or it is suspected that the condition of the **insured vehicle** is such that this would affect the guide value;

"maximum benefit" means the claim limit shown on the **schedule**;

"motor insurance" means a policy providing comprehensive **motor insurance** in respect of **your insured vehicle** issued by **your motor insurer** and maintained in **your** name throughout the **period of insurance**;

"motor insurance settlement" means the money that **you** receive from **your motor insurer** under **your motor insurance** following a claim for the **total loss** of the **insured vehicle**;

1. DEFINITIONS (CONTINUED)

"motor insurer" means an authorised **motor insurance** company that issued **your policy** of **motor insurance** to **you**;

"period of insurance" means the period as shown in the **schedule** from the **start date** up to either the:

- a) **end date** of cover as shown in the **schedule**;
- b) the date on which the **insured vehicle** is repossessed by the **finance company**;
- c) The scheduled end date of **your hire or lease agreement**;
- d) date the **policy** is cancelled in accordance with its terms;
- e) date of claim under the **policy**;
- f) the date of non-payment of **premium** by **you**; or
- g) the date **you** receive a replacement vehicle from **your motor insurer** or have replaced **your** vehicle with an alternative vehicle under a **hire or lease agreement** and have failed to advise **us**.

This insurance cover is non-renewable;

"policy" means this document, together with the **schedule**;

"premium" means the amount that **you** have agreed to pay **us** in respect of **your** insurance cover in accordance with the terms of this **policy**;

"schedule" means the document titled **schedule** that includes **your** name and address, the vehicle covered under this insurance, the **premium** and taxes and is incorporated in **your policy** and accepted by **us**;

"secondary schedule" means a second **hire or lease agreement** between **you** and **your finance company** arrange by the supplying dealer and noted on the first **hire or lease agreement** and not for the hire or lease of the **insured vehicle**;

"start date" means the date this insurance cover commences as shown on the **schedule**;

"termination figure" means the amount required to settle **your hire or lease agreement** at the date of **total loss** less any rebates in respect of creditor insurance and excluding

arrears;

"territorial limits" means England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands. The **insured vehicle** is also covered in the European Union, Croatia, Iceland, Norway, Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Andorra for a maximum of 30 days in any 12 months of cover (90 days in relation to a motor home), providing the cover provided by **your motor insurer** is an equivalent level of cover as **you** would have enjoyed in the UK;

"total loss" means the **total loss** of the **insured vehicle** as a result of fire, theft, accidental damage, natural disaster or adverse weather conditions rendering the **insured vehicle** beyond economic repair resulting in a **motor insurance settlement**;

"we, us, our, insurer" means Acasta European Insurance Company Limited, 5/5 Crutchett's Ramp, Gibraltar, GX11 1AA (registered no. 96218),

The **administration** for this policy is carried out by Ingeni Services Group Limited. Ingeni Services Group Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Ingeni Services Group Limited's FCA Number is 747381.

"you, your, insured" means either a:

- a) private individual or a sole trader whose name appears as the **insured** on the **schedule**;
- b) partnership whose name appears as the **insured** on the **schedule**; or
- c) limited company or other legal entity whose name appears as the **insured** on the **schedule**.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 You are eligible for this insurance cover if at the date of commencement of the **period of insurance**:

- a) **you** are resident in England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands on the **start date** and remain so throughout the period of insurance;
- b) **you** are at least 18 years of age;
- c) **you** have entered into a **hire or lease agreement** for the **insured vehicle**;
- d) **you** have paid or agreed to pay the **premium** and agreed to comply with the terms and conditions of this **policy**;
- e) **you** have **motor insurance** in place for **your insured vehicle**; and
- f) **your** vehicle is not an excluded vehicle, details on which vehicles are excluded can be found in Section 5.

2.2 You are eligible for this insurance cover if **you** are a partnership, limited company or other legal entity if:

- a) **you** are permanently situated, and in the case of a limited company, registered in England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands on the **start date**;
- b) **you** have entered into a **hire or lease agreement** for the **insured vehicle**;
- c) **you** have paid or agreed to pay the **premium** and agreed to comply with the terms and conditions of this **policy**;
- d) **you** have **motor insurance** in place for **your insured vehicle**; and
- e) **your** vehicle is not an excluded vehicle, details on which vehicles are excluded can be found in Section 5.

3. WHAT YOU ARE COVERED FOR

In the event of the **total loss** of the **insured vehicle** after the **start date** and before the **end date** we will pay a **maximum benefit** equal to the difference between **your motor insurance settlement** and the amount **you** require to pay **your termination figure**.

We will pay this amount to the **finance company**.

The benefit under Clause 3 is subject to a **maximum benefit** as listed in the Schedule.

4. WHAT YOU ARE NOT COVERED FOR

4.1 You are not covered for the following:

- a) the amount **your motor insurance settlement** is reduced because of **your** contributory negligence or due to the condition of the **insured vehicle**;
- b) the **premium** or a part of the **premium** that has not been paid to **us**;
- c) the VAT content of any claim if **you** are VAT registered;
- d) the loss of use of **your insured vehicle** or any indirect losses that arise as a direct consequence of the **total loss**;
- e) delivery charges, insurance premiums, new vehicle registration fees, road tax, number plates, cherished number plate transfers, warranty costs, fuel, paintwork protection applications, other extras and any amount relating to contract hire for any other vehicle which may be included in the **invoice price**;
- f) any excess deducted by **your motor insurer** above £250.

4.2 You are not covered if the **total loss**:

- a) is caused when the **insured vehicle** is driven with **your** general consent by someone who does not hold a valid driving licence or is in breach of the conditions of that driving licence;
- b) results from **you** or any other person with **your** general consent driving the **insured vehicle** when intoxicated or under the influence of alcohol or drugs not prescribed by a medical practitioner or drugs prescribed by a medical practitioner where advice against driving has been given;
- c) results from any accidental damage, theft, act of vandalism or flood outside the **territorial limits** where the **insured vehicle** has been driven outside of the territorial limits for more than 30 days in any 12 months of cover (90 days in relation to a motor home);

- d) is covered by any other insurance;
- e) if the **insured vehicle** is owned by a garage, vehicle trader or any other associated vehicle trade company;
- f) is caused by or arises from an intentional act by **you** or **your** willful neglect;
- g) directly or indirectly caused by or contributed to or arising from ionizing radiation contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or 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;
- h) arising from war, invasion, acts of foreign enemies, hostilities (whether war be declared or not), civil war, rebellion, terrorism, revolution, insurrection, military or usurped power or 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.

4.3 The benefit will not be paid if:

- a) **you** do not have **motor insurance** in place from the **start date** until the date of **total loss**;
- b) **your motor insurance** claim is declined and **you** have not received a **motor insurance settlement**.

5. EXCLUDED VEHICLES

5.1 The following vehicles are excluded:

- a) scooters, motorcycles, touring caravans, mobile homes, non-UK specification vehicles or those not built for principal sale in the UK, grey imports, kit cars and replica cars;
- b) buses, coaches, commercial vehicles of more than 3500 kg, trucks or heavy goods vehicles;
- c) those modified other than in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications;
- d) those stolen by any person having access to the keys of the **insured vehicle**.

5.2 The following uses of vehicles are excluded:

- a) emergency, military, courier, delivery, invalid carrier or driving instruction;
- b) hire or reward of whatsoever nature, or use as a taxi; or
- c) road racing, rallying, pace-making, speed testing or any other competitive event.

6. INVALID COVER

If **we** pay any benefit as a direct or indirect result of **your** fraud, recklessness or negligence then all payments shall be forfeited and **we** reserve the right to demand that any sum paid by **us** is repaid by **you** and/or take the appropriate legal action against **you**.

Your insurance cover may be voidable if **you** or anyone acting for **you** fails to disclose or misrepresents any material fact. **We** may void this insurance cover in its entirety from the date of loss

or alleged loss if:

- a) a claim made by **you** or anyone acting on **your** behalf to obtain any benefit is fraudulent or intentionally exaggerated; or
- b) **you** or anyone acting on **your** behalf makes a false declaration or statement in support of a claim under this insurance cover.

7. CLAIMS PROCEDURE

If **you** wish to make a claim under this insurance cover please contact the **administrator** on 01787 221909. All claims must be notified as soon as reasonably possible and in any event within 30 days of any **total loss**. The **administrator** will send **you** a claim form for **you** to complete.

You must take all reasonable steps to safeguard the **insured vehicle** in the event of any damage occurring to it.

In the case of malicious damage and theft **you** must report the incident to the police within 24 hours and advise the **administrator** of the crime reference number.

Do not accept a settlement offer from **your motor insurer** without first contacting the **administrator**. If **you** accept a settlement figure from **your motor insurer** which is less than the **market value** of **your insured vehicle** **we** will instruct the **administrator** to calculate the benefit using the **market value** of the **insured vehicle** according to the retail value shown in the Glass's Guide publication.

The **administrator** will be unable to process **your** claim if **you** do not provide:

a) a copy of **your motor insurance** schedule; and

- b) **your motor insurer's** written confirmation that the **motor insurance settlement** has been paid following **your** claim for **total loss** and the terms on which the **motor insurance settlement** was made; and
- c) **your** original invoice relating to the **insured vehicle**; and
- d) a copy of **your hire or lease agreement**, written confirmation from **your finance company** of the **termination figure** and the terms on which it has been calculated; and
- e) a valid crime reference in the case of malicious damage or theft.

The **administrator** may request **you** to provide additional information which may be reasonably required by them to assess the validity of **your** claim for benefit. If the **administrator** does not receive such proof **we** will instruct the **administrator** not to pay the benefit.

8. GENERAL TERMS and CONDITIONS

This **policy** and the **schedule** together with any written statement or other information made or supplied by **you** relating to **your** insurance cover shall constitute the entire contract between **us**. The provisions of the contract are, where their nature permits, conditions precedent to **our** liability. A word or expression to which a specific meaning has been attached will keep the same meaning wherever it appears unless specifically stated otherwise. A particular word or phrase which is not defined will have its ordinary meaning.

Your insurance cover has no cash value or surrender value.

Your insurance cover shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the Law of England and Wales.

We may at **our** own expense take such proceedings as **we** may think fit to enforce any rights and remedies against or obtain relief or indemnity from other parties to which **we** shall be or may become entitled or subrogated under this **policy**.

It is a condition precedent to **our** liability that **you** have complied with the terms and conditions of this **policy**.

If at the time of the **total loss** **you** have other insurance covering such loss **we** will not be liable for more than **our** rateable proportion.

A person who is not a party to this insurance cover has no right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this **policy** but this does not affect any right or remedy of a third party which exists or is available apart from that Act.

If any dispute between **you** and **us** arises from this policy, **you** can make a complaint to **us** as described in section 11 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.

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.

If the **Insurer** or any **You** fail 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.

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.

9. CANCELLATION and REFUNDS

You have the right to cancel this insurance without liability for the premium within 30 days of the date upon which **You** receive the certificate of insurance provided **You** have not made a claim.

Notice of cancellation must be received by us within 30 days. If notice of cancellation is not given within the 30-day period then **You** will be responsible for payment of the premium. If **You** give due notice of cancellation, cover under this insurance will cease from the date of delivery or posting of the notice cancellation.

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

- a. given **Us** false or incomplete information
- b. agreed to help anyone try to take money from **Us** dishonestly, or
- c. failed to meet the terms and conditions of this insurance or
- d. failed to act honestly towards **Us**.

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

You can cancel this insurance at any time.

10. TRANSFER

You are able to transfer the unexpired portion of **your** insurance cover to a new vehicle if either:

- a) **your motor insurer** provides a replacement vehicle under the terms of **your motor insurance** in the event of a **total loss**; or
- b) **you** sell **your insured vehicle** and purchase a new vehicle under a **hire or lease agreement**.

An additional premium may be applicable if **your** replacement vehicle is of a different make, model or specification as the original.

You must provide the details of **your** new vehicle to the **administrator** with a cheque for the administration fee within 30 days of the transfer. The **administrator** will issue a new **schedule** to **you**.

You cannot transfer **your** insurance cover if a claim or an incident that may give rise to a claim has occurred.

The **administrator** will charge an administration fee of £35 including IPT to transfer **your** insurance cover which must be paid by **you**.

If **your motor insurer** provides you a like for like replacement vehicle under clause 10 (a) there will be no charge to transfer **your** insurance cover to **your** new vehicle.

11. COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

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. Ingeni Services Group GAP Customer Services, Unit 11, Atlas Works, Foundry Lane, Earls Colne, Colchester, Essex, CO6 2SW, or alternatively contact: 01787 221909

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.

Complaints Handling process will be sent to **You** on request.

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

The Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS)
Exchange Tower
London E14 9SR.

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

Telephone: 08000 234 567 (free for people phoning from a fixed line) or 0300 123 9 123 (free for mobile phone users who pay a monthly charge for calls to numbers starting 01 or 02).

Using this service does not affect **Your** right to take legal action

12. DATA PROTECTION ACT 1998

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. **We** will check **your** details with fraud prevention agencies. 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** furnish **us** with satisfactory proof of identity.

This may involve the transfer of **your** information to countries which do not have Data Protection laws.

Under Data Protection legislation, **you** can ask **us** in writing for a copy of certain personal records held about **you**. A charge will be made for this service.

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 to meet their obligations under this insurance, **you** may be

entitled to compensation from the Compensation Scheme.