







Are you ready to drive in Europe?

Check the compulsory equipment requirements here before you travel:

		Austria	Belgium	France	Germany	Italy	Netherlands	Switzerland	Spain	Portugal
On-the-Spot Fines		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	7	✓	✓	7
Headlamp Beam Converters	 8	8 ✓	8 ✓	8 ✓	8 ✓	8 ✓	8 ✓	8 ✓	8 ✓	8 ✓
NF Approved Breathalyser				10 R						
UK Sticker		1 ✓	1 ✓	1 ✓	1 ✓	1 ✓	1 ✓	1 ✓	1 ✓	1 ✓
Warning Triangle* ECE R27	 2	2 ✓	2 ✓	2 ✓	2 ✓	2 ✓	2+5 R	11+2 ✓	2+4 ✓	9+5 ✓
High-Visibility Jacket* EN 471	 6	6 ✓	2+6 ✓	6 ✓	2+6 ✓	6 ✓			6 ✓	6 R
First Aid Kit		✓	9 R		9 ✓					

✓ Compulsory R Recommended by AA/respective country

Numbers relate to notes overleaf

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Country specific requirements
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Note: This is not an exhaustive list. Information correct at time of going to press.
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Notes

- 1 As of 28 September 2021, you'll need to use a UK sticker.

You currently need a UK sticker on your car if your number plate has any of these:

- The Euro symbol.
- A national flag of England, Scotland or Wales.
- Letters and numbers with no flag or identifier.
- A Union flag with a GB marker

The UK sticker must be black letters on a white, elliptical background. They must be at least 80mm high with a stroke width of 10mm. In some countries like Spain, Cyprus or Malta, or countries outside the EU, you must display a UK sticker no matter what's on your number plate. If you have a number plate with a Union flag marker that includes the UK symbol, you do not need to display a separate UK sticker

- 2 Not required for two-wheeled vehicles.

- 3 Although not compulsory for visiting motorists to carry a warning triangle, its use is compulsory in an accident/breakdown situation.

- 4 Spain: One warning triangle compulsory for non-Spanish registered vehicles; two for Spanish registered vehicles. Note: Drivers of non-Spanish registered vehicles should consider carrying two triangles as, regardless of regulations, local officials may impose an on-the-spot fine if only one is available. Croatia: Two triangles compulsory for vehicles towing a trailer. Switzerland: Warning triangle must be kept within easy reach (not in the boot).

- 5 The use of hazard warning lights or a warning triangle is compulsory in an accident/breakdown situation. However, a warning triangle should always be carried as hazard-warning lights have no effect at bends or rises in the road, or may become damaged or inoperative.

- 6 France – drivers must carry one reflective jacket for each person travelling within the vehicle and have one warning triangle in the vehicle

Italy – wearing is compulsory if driver and/or passenger(s) exits vehicle immobilised on carriageway at night or in poor visibility.

Spain – on all motorways and busy roads, it must be kept within the vehicle.

Croatia – wearing is compulsory whenever you have to get out of the vehicle at the roadside in an emergency.

Portugal and Norway – the actual law applies to residents; however, regardless of the regulations local officials may impose an on-the-spot fine.

Belgium – the wearing of the reflective jacket only applies to the driver; it must be worn should you be stranded on a Belgian motorway or on a major road or should you stop at a place where parking is not allowed.

Austria – the regulation applies only to the driver; it is recommended for two-wheeled vehicles.

- 7 Italy: Police will collect a quarter of the maximum fine amount from drivers of foreign registered vehicles. Portugal: Some traffic police carry ATMs

- 8 The legal requirement is to 'not dazzle oncoming drivers' rather than specifically to adjust/convert the headlamp beam pattern. Without adjustment the dipped beam will dazzle oncoming drivers and this could result in a fine. Headlamp beam converter kits are widely available but may not be suitable for all types of headlights. The AA shop sell beam converters suitable for all vehicles and individual fitting diagrams are included for the latest 'clear glass', 'projector and xenon' headlamps inside the packaging. In some countries it is compulsory to use dipped headlights at all times when driving during the day. Note: this adjustment is not required for two wheeled vehicles as the beam pattern is more symmetrical but check that any extra loading has not affected the beam height. On some cars it is inadvisable or impossible for anyone other than a qualified technician to change a headlamp bulb unit e.g. high intensity discharge (HID) headlamps and carrying spares is not an option. However, it is recommended that spare bulbs are carried for any lights that may be easily and/or safely replaced by the owner/driver. Spare bulbs are compulsory for Croatia.

- 9 Recommended as their carriage is compulsory for vehicles registered in that country.

- 10 In principle all drivers should possess a breathalyser. However, as of January 2013 a driver can not be penalised for not carrying one. The fine has been postponed indefinitely. The breathalyser has to be certified by the French authorities, showing an 'NF' number or must conform to the NF recognised standards. The official text states that one unused breathalyser must be produced. The AA recommends that two single-use breathalysers are carried, so if one is used or damaged you will still have a replacement to produce owner/driver.

- 11 Must be kept within easy reach. Not in the car boot.