



Motor Insurance Database(MID) Fact Sheet

When was the Motor Insurance Database (MID) introduced & why?

European Legislation (4th Motor Insurance Directive) introduced in January 2003 requires that all Member States maintain a national database that contains details of every insured vehicle. These databases are designed to make it easier to pursue crossborder claims, and also help with the enforcement of compulsory motor insurance requirements in the UK.

Importance of updating your MID

Please remember Notifying the MID with your current vehicles is a legal obligation and failure to supply the information and keep it up to date is a criminal offence. The maximum penalty is a fine of £5000. We understand that the Motor Insurers Information Centre (MIIC) will be seeking prosecution on non-compliant policyholders. If you fail to remove a vehicle from your Motor Trade policy its stays on the Motor Insurance Database in your name. That means that you may still be liable on your insurance for claims involving a vehicle long after you sold it and you could:

- Lose your no claims bonus
- Obtain a negative claims record
- Be subject to an increased insurance premium
- Be liable to settle claim losses to your insurer

As a motor trader how long do I have to update the Motor Insurance Database after I've purchased a vehicle?

In terms of your insurance cover you have 14 days to notify the MID of stock vehicles being used on the road. For your own protection we recommend when driving a vehicle that is not on the Motor Insurance Database you carry proof of your valid motor trade insurance. However be aware if the vehicle is not on the database and should they feel need to, the Police are within their rights to impound your vehicle within the 14 day period even if you are carrying proof of your valid motor trade insurance.

Do I need to place my trade plates on the Motor Insurance Database?

Motor traders should register their trade plates on the MID in exactly the same fashion as they would a motor vehicle.

If the vehicle is SORN do I need to put it on the Motor Insurance Database?

Untaxed own or stock vehicles which are kept off the public road and registered SORN do not need to be notified to the MID but for insurance purposes and to fully protect yourself it is best practice to update the MID with all owned vehicles in your possession.

If the vehicle I'm driving is not on the Motor Insurance Database but I have a valid insurance certificate will I be ok?

If you have owned the vehicle for more than 14 days the insurer could decline all aspects of cover, also even with a valid certificate in your possession the Police could still impound the vehicle if it does not appear on the database. You will be able to retrieve your own vehicle from the compound but will still be charged the applicable fees by the Police.