

WIDOWSON GROUP COMMERCIAL SERVICES TERMS OF BUSINESS

We (hereinafter called "The Company") accept vehicles (as hereinafter defined) for repair, for examination with a view to estimating for repairs, for garaging or pending sale or for any other purpose, only on and subject to the following terms and conditions (in addition to any conditions stated on the face hereof):

1. Estimates are effective only for 28 days after despatch. If instructions are not received from a customer in response to an estimate (rendered) within 28 days from despatch of the estimate, the Company may charge its usual garage rates from the date the vehicle was received until its collection. (Note - The Company does not as a general rule make any such charge for garaging pending instructions, if the repairs are ultimately carried out by the Company and duly paid for.)
2. (i) All estimates by the Company are based on the current cost to the Company of labour, material and spare parts at the date of estimate, and in the event of any variation occurring before or after acceptance the Company may if it thinks fit require the Customer to pay on completion of the work any increase due to such variation.
(ii) If no price is stated or if part only of the work covered by the estimate is carried out the Company shall be entitled to charge a reasonable and proper price for the work done (including any stripping down, leading to determination as to the practicability or otherwise of any work and reassembly) and for materials and spare parts supplied.
(iii) If in the opinion of the Company it is impracticable for any reason to carry out any of the work it is instructed to carry out it shall be entitled to retain from carrying out or completing such work (notwithstanding that an estimate may have been given therefor) and to carry out only such work as in the opinion of the Company may be practicable.

3. Variation of any kind in the estimate, or the scope of the repair, or the prices chargeable, or otherwise howsoever, shall be subject to all these conditions, and so that any such variation shall not be deemed to constitute or create a new or separate contract, and the original contract shall remain in force, but as so varied. No act of commission or omission by the Company in relation to any vehicle shall constitute a deviation from the contract, nor shall any such act disentitle the Company to the benefit of any of these Conditions.
4. Every endeavour will be made to carry out the work by the time desired, but the Company shall not be liable for any delay howsoever occasioned and this notwithstanding that a definite date for completion may be specified.
5. Any work done or goods supplied in relation to a vehicle, by the order of any driver in the Customer's employ, or by any person who is reasonably believed to be acting as the Customer's agent, or by the order of any person to whom the Company is entitled to make delivery of the vehicle, shall be paid for by the Customer.
6. Payment for all repairs and/or spare parts supplied is due on completion of work, but the Company may demand a deposit before commencing or in the course of any work. A repair is completed for the purpose of these conditions when notice has been given that the vehicle is ready for collection.
7. The Company shall have a general lien on a vehicle and all its contents for all monies owing to the Company by the Customer or any account whatsoever. The Company shall be entitled to charge garage rent during any period in which the vehicle is retained by virtue of the lien.
8. If the Customer's indebtedness to the Company is not satisfied within three months from the first account rendered to the Customer, the Company may without notice, sell the vehicle and/or the contents thereof by public auction or private treaty. The net proceeds of sale shall be applied towards satisfying monies due from the Customer to the Company, and any balance shall be paid by the Company to the Customer on demand.

9. Where in any case a driver who, so far as the Company is aware, has authority to collect the vehicle, collects the same, the Company shall not be responsible to the Customer for any loss or damage resulting, on the grounds that such driver had in fact no such authority, and this notwithstanding that delivery may have been made without payment of the Company's account. It shall not be obligatory upon the Company to seek confirmation of the authority of any person reasonably believed to be then, or to have been at some time connected with the Customer.
10. If a vehicle is not collected, and the Company's charges are not paid within 24 hours after delivery of the vehicle to the Company, the Company may charge its current storage rent at £5 a day in respect of the vehicle from the date of completion of the repairs until collection or disposal under Section B hereof; or as the case may be.
11. In connection with any inspection, repair or contemplated repair, or other purposes for which a vehicle is accepted by the Company, testing, taking the vehicle to the coachbuilders or other specialists, demonstrations, etc. the Customer is deemed, unless expressly notice in writing is given to the contrary, to have authorised the driving of the vehicle on the road or elsewhere.
12. Except in the case of consumer transactions the Company is not responsible for loss or damage to vehicles or other property whatsoever however occasioned, except when such loss or damage is caused by the negligence or deliberate act of the Company or its servants. Under no circumstances will the Company accept liability for loss or damage outside its control or for any indirect or consequential loss or damage, except direct physical damage to persons or property.
13. The Customer shall be entitled to the benefit of any warranty to which the Company is entitled as against the manufacturer of parts and materials supplied or any sub-contractor. All work carried out by the Company is warranted against failure due to defective workmanship for a period of three months / 3000 miles, whichever occurs the first. This warranty extends only to repairs actually undertaken and does not cover progressive fault diagnosis. It does not affect any statutory rights.
14. All parts removed by the Company in the course of repair shall, if requested by the Customer within 14 days after the completion of the repair be deemed to be wholly abandoned to the Company and may be used by the Company in any way it thinks fit.
15. Any notice to the Customer posted to his last known address shall be good notice.
16. Save where the context forbids, the expression "vehicle" wherever used in these Conditions includes car, lorry, van, trailer, caravan, invalid carriage and cycle, and, as a separate unit or otherwise, engine, axle, gearbox, clutch, generator, starter, battery, and each and every component of a vehicle.
17. No alteration or qualification of these printed terms and conditions shall be effective unless in writing, signed on behalf of the Company by a Director or a duly authorised officer of the Company. No other person has any authority to alter or qualify in any way the above printed conditions or to enter any contract for repair for any of the purposes set out in the preamble above on behalf of the Company otherwise than on such conditions.
18. Unless otherwise stated, all service work undertaken is carried out in accordance with the manufacturer's schedule.

NOTICE

Customers are strongly advised to remove all items of value not connected with the vehicle when leaving it on the Company's premises since the Company cannot accept liability for any loss or damage to the same except in consumer transactions when this is shown to have been caused by a lack of reasonable care on the part of the Company.