



New regulations in France

In this guide we are advising you of the new regulations which have been introduced in France to tackle pollution. The new regulations mean that you are now required to display a new vehicle emissions sticker in your vehicle should you be travelling in Paris, Lyon, Lille, Marseille, Toulouse, Chambéry, and Grenoble.

Why has the scheme been introduced?

The Crit'Air scheme requires all vehicles: cars, lorries, motorbikes and buses to display a windscreen sticker (vignette), according to how much they pollute. The aim of the sticker system is to reduce emissions and air pollutants such as the fine dust particles of nitrogen oxides (NOx), in the medium and long term. New and energy efficient vehicles will be promoted and old polluting vehicles will be withdrawn from traffic little by little.

How much do the stickers cost?

Stickers cost between 3.11€, plus postage and cover six categories ranging from the very cleanest (Crit'Air 1) electric or hydrogen-powered vehicles to the dirtiest high polluting (Crit'Air 6). The categories relate to the six European Union emission standards for cars dating back to 1992 when Euro-1 was introduced. Which sticker you require depends on the year of registration, the energy efficiency, and the vehicle's emission quantity.

The V5 is not required for lease vehicles as when you travel abroad we provide the VE103 and this can be scanned and uploaded in place of the V5. As the sticker can take up to 6 weeks to arrive, please print off the receipt that is emailed after payment and take that with you. It also has a copy of the sticker and this can be used as proof of payment.

Are there penalties for not displaying the stickers?

The penalty for failure to display a sticker while driving in Paris is an on-the-spot fine of between 68€ and 135€. Responsibility lies with the individual driver to check the Euro emissions standard of their vehicle are shown here. Drivers will need to visit the official Crit'Air website and apply for a sticker for their vehicle. We'd recommend drivers do this well before they intend to travel.







This scheme has been introduced so that ultimately, those vehicles with the highest emissions face not being allowed to drive in the city on days where pollution is particularly high. In the future vehicles may be banned from driving in Crit'Air areas on certain days based on which sticker have, or which emissions category they fall into.

The table on the next page shows the six categories of sticker and the respective EURO emissions standard for vehicles so you can see which sticker your vehicle requires.

It is your responsibility to ensure you have the sticker before you travel to avoid any fines.

Crit'Air EURO Emissions standards

Check below to see which sticker you need to purchase and display in your vehicle

Crit'Air Class	Two, three and light motorizes four wheelers	Cars		Light Utility Vehicles <3.5 tonnes		Big Trucks, Lorries and Busses	
	Hydrogen and electric vehicles						
	Gas powered vehicles. Rechargeable hybrid vehicles						
Crit'Air Class	First registration date or Euro standard						
	Two, three and light motorizes four wheelers	Cars		Light utility vehicles <3.5 tonnes		Big Trucks, Lorries and Busses	
		Diesel	Petrol	Diesel	Petrol	Diesel	Petrol
	EURO 4 starting 01.01.2017 for Motorcycles and starting 01.01.2018 for Mopeds	-	EURO 5 and 6 01.01.2011	-	EURO 5 and 6 01.01.2011		EURO 6 01.01.2014
	EURO 3 from 01.01.2007 until 31.12.2016 for Motorcycles and up to 31.12.2017 for Mopeds	EURO 5 and 6 01.01.2011	EURO 4 from 01.01.2006 until 31.12.2010	EURO 5 and 6 01.01.2011	EURO 4 from 01.01.2006 until 31.12.2010	EURO 6 starting 01.01.2014	EURO 5 from 01.01.2009 until 31.12.2013
	EURO 2 from 01.01.2007 until 31.12.2016 for Motorcycles and up to 31.12.2017 for Mopeds	EURO 4 from 01.01.2006 until 31.12.2010	EURO 2 and 3 from 01.01.1997 until 31.12.2015	EURO 4 from 01.01.2006 until 31.12.2010	EURO 2 and 3 from 01.01.1997 until 31.12.2015	EURO 5 from 01.10.2009 until 31.12.2013	EURO 3 and 4 from 01.10.2001 until 30.09.2009
	No class for all types from 01.06.2000 until 30.06.2004	EURO 3 from 01.01.2001 until 31.12.2005	-	EURO 3 from 01.01.2001 until 31.12.2005	-	EURO 4 from 01.01.2006 until 31.09.2009	-
	-	EURO 2 from 01.01.1997 until 31.12.2000	-	EURO 2 from 01.01.1997 until 31.12.2000	-	EURO 3 from 01.10.2006 until 31.12.2000	-
No Crit'Air	No class for all types until 31.05.2000	EURO 1 and before until 31.12.1996	EURO 1 and before until 31.12.1996	EURO 1 and before until 31.09.1997	EURO 1 and before until 31.09.1997	EURO 1, 2 and before until 31.09.2001	EURO 1, 2 and before until 31.09.2001

More information

Crit'Air www.certificat-air.gouv.fr/en/