

You must not drive faster than the speed limit for the type of road and your type of vehicle. The speed limit is the absolute maximum - it doesn't mean it's safe to drive at this speed in all conditions.

A speed limit of 30 miles per hour (mph) usually applies, unless you see signs showing otherwise.

## National speed limits

Type of vehicle	Built-up areas mph	Single carriageways mph	Dual carriageways mph	Motorways mph
Cars, motorcycles, car-derived vans and dual-purpose vehicles	30	60	70	70
Cars, motorcycles, car-derived vans and dual-purpose vehicles when towing caravans or trailers	30	50	60	60
Motorhomes or motor caravans (not more than 3.05 tonnes maximum unladen weight)	30	60	70	70
Motorhomes or motor caravans (more than 3.05 tonnes maximum unladen weight)	30	50	60	70
Buses, coaches and minibuses (not more than 12 metres overall length)	30	50	60	70
Buses, coaches and minibuses (more than 12 metres overall length)	30	50	60	60
Goods vehicles (not more than 7.5 tonnes maximum laden weight)	30	50	60	70 60 if articulated or towing a trailer
Goods vehicles (more than 7.5 tonnes maximum laden weight) in England and Wales	30	50	60	60
Goods vehicles (more than 7.5 tonnes maximum laden weight) in Scotland	30	40	50	60

## Vans, car-derived vans and dual-purpose vehicles

Most vans under 7.5 tonnes laden (loaded) weight, including Ford Transit vans:

- have a lower speed limit than cars
- must follow the speed limits for goods vehicles of the same weight

A vehicle qualifying as a 'car-derived van' or 'dual-purpose vehicle' has the same speed limits as a car.