

## Speed Limits

The speed limits below are **general** speed limits, lower limits may be indicated in certain areas, on specific road types, or during wet/windy/snowy weather conditions. Members should only use the information below as a guide, and take note of any local limits:

|                | Car solo  |         |             |          | Car towing caravan/trailer   |      |             |        | Motor caravan under 3.5t |         |             |          | Motor caravan 3.5t – 7.5t |     |             |        |
|----------------|-----------|---------|-------------|----------|------------------------------|------|-------------|--------|--------------------------|---------|-------------|----------|---------------------------|-----|-------------|--------|
|                | Motorways |         | Other roads |          | Motorways                    |      | Other roads |        | Motorways                |         | Other roads |          | Motorways                 |     | Other roads |        |
|                | mph       | kph     | mph         | kph      | mph                          | kph  | mph         | kph    | mph                      | kph     | mph         | kph      | mph                       | kph | mph         | kph    |
| Austria        | 81        | 130     | 62          | 100      | 62*                          | 100* | 50*         | 80*    | 81                       | 130     | 62          | 100      | 50                        | 80  | 44          | 70     |
| Belgium        | 74        | 120     | 56          | 90       | 74                           | 120  | 56          | 90     | 74                       | 120     | 56          | 90       | 56                        | 90  | 56          | 90     |
| Croatia        | 81        | 130     | 56-68       | 90-110   | 56                           | 90   | 50          | 80     | 81                       | 130     | 56-68       | 90-110   | 56                        | 90  | 50          | 80     |
| Czech Republic | 81        | 130     | 56          | 90       | 50                           | 80   | 50          | 80     | 81                       | 130     | 56          | 90       | 50                        | 80  | 50          | 80     |
| Denmark        | 68-81     | 110-130 | 50-56       | 80-90    | 50                           | 80   | 44          | 70     | 68-81                    | 110-130 | 50-56       | 80-90    | 44                        | 70  | 44          | 70     |
| France         | 81++      | 130++   | 56-68++     | 90-110++ | See information on next page |      |             |        | 81++                     | 130++   | 56-68++     | 90-110++ | 68                        | 110 | 50-62       | 80-100 |
| Germany        | 81        | 130     | 62          | 100      | 50**                         | 80** | 50          | 80     | 81                       | 130     | 62          | 100      | 62                        | 100 | 50          | 80     |
| Hungary        | 81        | 130     | 56-68       | 90-110   | 50                           | 80   | 44          | 70     | 81                       | 130     | 56-68       | 90-110   | 50                        | 80  | 44          | 70     |
| Ireland        | 74        | 120     | 37-62       | 60-100   | 50                           | 80   | 37-50       | 60-80  | 74                       | 120     | 37-62       | 60-100   | 50                        | 80  | 37-50       | 60-80  |
| Italy          | 81        | 130     | 56-68       | 90-110   | 50                           | 80   | 44          | 70     | 81                       | 130     | 56-68       | 90-110   | 62                        | 100 | 50          | 80     |
| Luxembourg     | 81        | 130     | 56          | 90       | 56                           | 90   | 47          | 75     | 81                       | 130     | 56          | 90       | 81                        | 130 | 56          | 90     |
| Netherlands    | 74+       | 120+    | 50-56       | 80-90    | 56*                          | 90*  | 50-56*      | 80-90* | 74                       | 120     | 50-56       | 80-90    | 50                        | 80  | 50          | 80     |
| Norway         | 56-68     | 90-100  | 50          | 80       | 50                           | 80   | 50          | 80     | 56-68                    | 90-100  | 50          | 80       | 50                        | 80  | 50          | 80     |
| Portugal       | 74        | 120     | 56-62       | 90-100   | 62                           | 100  | 44-50       | 70-80  | 74                       | 120     | 56-62       | 90-100   | 62                        | 100 | 44-56       | 70-90  |
| Slovenia       | 81        | 130     | 56-62       | 90-100   | 50                           | 80   | 50          | 80     | 81                       | 130     | 56-62       | 90-100   | 50                        | 80  | 50          | 80     |

|             | Car Solo  |        |             |        | Car towing Caravan/trailer |     |             |        | Motor caravan under 3.5t |        |             |        | Motor caravan over 3.5t – 7.5t |        |             |        |
|-------------|-----------|--------|-------------|--------|----------------------------|-----|-------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|-------------|--------|--------------------------------|--------|-------------|--------|
|             | Motorways |        | Other roads |        | Motorways                  |     | Other roads |        | Motorways                |        | Other roads |        | Motorways                      |        | Other roads |        |
|             | mph       | kph    | mph         | kph    | mph                        | kph | mph         | kph    | mph                      | kph    | mph         | kph    | mph                            | kph    | mph         | kph    |
| Spain       | 74        | 120    | 56-62       | 90-100 | 50                         | 80  | 44-50       | 70-80  | 62                       | 100    | 50-56       | 80-90  | 56                             | 90     | 50          | 80     |
| Sweden ***  | 56-74     | 90-120 | 44-62       | 70-100 | 50                         | 80  | 44-50       | 70-80  | 56-74                    | 90-120 | 44-62       | 70-100 | 56-74                          | 90-120 | 44-62       | 70-100 |
| Switzerland | 74        | 120    | 50-62       | 80-100 | 50                         | 80  | 50****      | 80**** | 74                       | 120    | 50-62       | 80-100 | 50                             | 80     | 50          | 80     |

\*If the combined weight of the car and caravan is over 3.5t then the speed limit is the same as a motor caravan over 3.5t

\*\*There is an option to drive at 100kph if your car and caravan passes a TUV test in Germany. The test costs approximately €70 and takes two hours to complete.

\*\*\*Speed limits in Sweden are determined by the quality and safety of the road, so speed limits vary. Speed limit signs are numerous, if in doubt drive at the lowest limit.

\*\*\*\* If the caravan/trailer weights over 1000 kg speed limit reduces to 37mph / 60kph

+ A new speed limit of 81mph/130kph is being tested on certain motorway sections (which will be signposted) from March 2011.

++ In adverse weather conditions or rain these limits reduce to 110kph and 80-100kph

### Speed limits when towing a caravan/trailer in France:

|  | Motorways |      | Other roads |         |
|--|-----------|------|-------------|---------|
|  | mph       | kph  | mph         | kph     |
| Gross train mass of car/vehicle under 3.5t | 81*       | 130* | 56-68*      | 90-110* |
| Gross train mass of car/vehicle over 3.5t  | 56        | 90   | 50-56       | 80-90   |

\*In adverse weather conditions or rain these limits reduce to 110kph and 80-100kph

To work out the gross train mass of your car/vehicle, you need to add the fully laden weight of your car to your cars towing limit:

### Example

Honda CR-V 2.2 i-CTDI SE

|                      |   |               |
|----------------------|---|---------------|
| Gross vehicle weight | - | 2160kg        |
| Towing limit         | - | 2000kg        |
| Gross train mass     | - | <b>4160kg</b> |

If you tow **any** trailer/caravan behind this car you will need to tow at the lower speed limits regardless of how much your caravan/trailer weighs. If the Honda is towing a caravan weighing 1000kg (total weight of 3160kg) the lower speed limits will **still** apply, because the gross train mass is over 3500kg.

It has been confirmed that cars towing caravans and trailers are not listed in the original legislation which requires vehicles to display speed stickers (80kph and 90kph), so there is no legal requirement to display them.

However, from a safety point of view members may still like to consider attaching them as it alerts drivers behind you that you are limited to a lower speed limit, as although speed stickers are not required, the above speed limits **do** apply. Speed stickers can be purchased from [www.speedstickers.co.uk](http://www.speedstickers.co.uk) telephone: 0800 988 7329

### **General Advice and information**

In most towns, villages, and built up areas there is a speed limit of 30mph/50kph, however, in some areas, near schools for example this limit can drop to 18mph/30kph, and these lower limits will normally be signed posted.

In some European countries when you drive through a town or village the speed limit is not necessarily sign posted, instead the village name will be displayed on a rectangular sign with a red border as you enter the village, when you exit you will see a similar sign with black border and a red diagonal line through it, you are required to drive at 30mph in-between the two signs.

In nearly all European countries it is illegal to use car navigation systems which actively search for mobile speed cameras or interfere with police equipment (laser or radar detection). Car navigation systems which give a warning of fixed speed camera locations are legal in most countries with the exception of France, Germany, Ireland and Switzerland where this function must be de-activated.