



This page has been automatically translated. Please refer to the page in French if needed.

Mandatory car accessories: safety vest, triangle...

Verified 15 février 2021 - Legal and Administrative Information Directorate (Prime Minister)

To travel in France with private car, a safety vest and a warning triangle must be in the vehicle. The vehicle shall have functioning lights and front windows that let 70% of the light through. The absence of these facilities constitutes an offence and results in a more or less significant violation.

Service-Public.fr TRANSPORTS		ÉQUIPEMENTS OBLIGATOIRES	
En voiture			
		Sanctions en cas d'absence	
Equipements obligatoires		Amende	Retrait de points
	Gilet de sécurité	Jusqu'à 750 €*	—
	Triangle de présignalisation	Jusqu'à 750 €*	—
	Pneus en bon état	Jusqu'à 750 €	—
	Vitres avant transparentes	Jusqu'à 750 €	● ● ●
	Éclairage fonctionnel (jour)	Jusqu'à 450 €	—

* Jusqu'à 750 € s'il n'est pas porté en cas d'immobilisation

Safety jacket and warning triangle

You must have the following approved equipment in your vehicle:

- Fluorescent safety vest (marking EC ())
- Pre-signalling triangle (marking E 27 R).

The vest must be stored at hand.

The vest and/or triangle shall be used when the vehicle immobilisation constitutes a danger to traffic.

You must place the triangle at least 30 metres away from the vehicle or obstacle to be reported and turn on your hazard lights.

Failure to comply with this obligation is punishable by a fine of up to €750. In general, this is a flat-rate fine of €135.

Please note : you don't have to set up the triangle if that action could put your life at risk.

Emergency Wheel

It is recommended to have a spare wheel and equipment in your vehicle to install it.

⚠ Warning : driving with tyres in poor condition is prohibited. If checked, you risk a fine of up to €750. In general, this is a flat-rate fine of €135. The immobilisation of the vehicle may be ordered.

Vehicle lighting

Every vehicle shall be equipped with functioning lights.

Failure to comply with this obligation is punishable by a fine of up to €450. In general, this is a flat-rate fine of €68.

The immobilisation of the vehicle may be ordered.

If a light bulb fails, you must replace it immediately.

Therefore, it is recommended to have spare light bulbs in your vehicle.

Front windows

The windscreen and front side windows (driver and passenger side) shall be sufficiently transparent from both the inside and the outside.

They must transmit at least 70% of the light.

It is forbidden to change the characteristics of the windows except for medical reasons.

Failure to comply with this requirement is punishable by a 3-point withdrawal from the licence and a fine of up to €750. In general, this is a flat-rate fine of €135.

Statute and miscellaneous references

- Route Code: items R313-1 to R313-32 [↗](http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichCode.do?idSectionTA=LEGISCTA000006177087&cidTexte=LEGITEXT000006074228) (<http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichCode.do?idSectionTA=LEGISCTA000006177087&cidTexte=LEGITEXT000006074228>)
Vehicle lighting and signalling
- Route Code: items R314-1 to R314-7 [↗](http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichCode.do?idSectionTA=LEGISCTA000006159580&cidTexte=LEGITEXT000006074228) (<http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichCode.do?idSectionTA=LEGISCTA000006159580&cidTexte=LEGITEXT000006074228>)
Tyres
- Route Code: items R316-1 to R316-10 [↗](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichCode.do?idSectionTA=LEGISCTA000006159582&cidTexte=LEGITEXT000006074228) (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichCode.do?idSectionTA=LEGISCTA000006159582&cidTexte=LEGITEXT000006074228>)
Manoeuvring, steering and visibility
- Route Code: items R416-17 to R416-20 [↗](http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichCode.do?idSectionTA=LEGISCTA000006177134&cidTexte=LEGITEXT000006074228) (<http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichCode.do?idSectionTA=LEGISCTA000006177134&cidTexte=LEGITEXT000006074228>)
Pre-warning triangle, high visibility vest
- High Visibility Vest Order, September 29, 2008 [↗](http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichTexte.do?cidTexte=LEGITEXT000019567362) (<http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichTexte.do?cidTexte=LEGITEXT000019567362>)
- Decree of 30 September 2008 on pre-signalling of vehicles [↗](http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichTexte.do?cidTexte=LEGITEXT000019567377) (<http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichTexte.do?cidTexte=LEGITEXT000019567377>)
- Order of 18 October 2016 concerning the approval of glazing and its installation in vehicles [↗](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichTexte.do?cidTexte=JORFTEXT000033334651) (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichTexte.do?cidTexte=JORFTEXT000033334651>)