Kitchen Appliance Insurance





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Full Policy Terms & Conditions

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INTRODUCTION

Kitchen appliance Insurance is underwritten by Financial & Legal Insurance Company Ltd (the insurer) and arranged and administered by Cover-4-Less (the administrator).

About the Policy

This insurance **policy** will help cover claims costs including **repair costs** and/or **replacement costs** following a **breakdown** of the **kitchen appliances you** have registered under **your** policy, up to the **Single Claim Limit** for each individual claim and up to the **Annual Claim Limit** for all claims within the **Policy Period**.

Cover for any **kitchen appliance** will not begin until the manufacturer's guarantee has expired.

Eligibility

To be eligible for this product:

- 1) You must be a United Kingdom resident and the kitchen appliances must all be used in your UK home.
- 2) Each kitchen Appliance you have chosen to include under this policy must either have been owned by you from new or was contained within the property when you acquired your home.
- 3) The appliance must be in full working order with no defects.

The Policy Booklet

This document is **your policy** booklet. It sets out the benefits, conditions and exclusions of **your kitchen appliance** insurance. It must be read together with the **Schedule.**

Please refer to the "**DEFINITIONS**" for the meaning of words in **bold print**.



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Annual Claim Limit: The maximum payable for all claims combined under this policy in any one year as shown on the schedule. (See 'Policy Limits & Excess' section for details)

<u>Authorised Repairer:</u> A kitchen appliance repairer instructed by the administrator.

<u>Annual Premium</u>: The sum of all premiums payable for the **policy period** in accordance with the **schedule**.

Beyond Economic Repair: When the Repair Cost is more than either the Declared Value, the Replacement Cost or the Original Purchase Price whichever is the lower.

Or in our opinion the **kitchen appliance** is not able to be repaired economically, or reliably, or cannot be repaired due to the unavailability of any given **component.**

This amount cannot exceed the Original Purchase Price of the kitchen appliance.

At our option, we may deem a **kitchen appliance** to be **Beyond Economic Repair** if the repair cost exceeds 75% of the Single Claim Limit.

For any **kitchen appliance** which is 3 years old or older the applicable sub-limit will apply, as specified under the **Single Claim** **Limit**. (See also 'Policy Limits & Excess' section for details).

Breakdown: The sudden and unforeseen failure of any **components** arising from permanent mechanical, electrical or electronic defect, causing sudden stoppage of its function, necessitating immediate repair or replacement before normal operation can be resumed. This **breakdown** must occur while **you** are covered by this insurance and not before the **policy** has commenced.

<u>Components</u>: Any mechanical and electrical component insured under this insurance policy which forms part of the kitchen appliance's original specification and is a part that was intended by the manufacturer to be replaceable.

Declared Value: This is the value **you** have chosen to insure **your kitchen appliance** for and which is shown in **your schedule**

Excess: The amount, shown in the **schedule** that **you** will have to pay in the event of each and every claim. In the event of a claim the **excess** will be deducted from any settlement for a valid claim.

Family: Your domestic partner, child or children and any other person permanently residing at your address and not paying commercial rent.

Home: The private address in the United Kingdom where you permanently reside as shown in the schedule as your home address.

Initial Exclusion Period: A period of 30 days from the date you first registered the kitchen appliance during which breakdown of the kitchen appliance is not Insured. For kitchen appliances registered from the Policy Start Date this means the first 30 days following the Policy Start Date. For any kitchen appliance registered after the **Policy Start Date**, it is the first 30 days following its registration. Where a claim is made for a fault that occurred in the **initial exclusion period**, the **kitchen appliance** will be removed from the **policy**.

<u>Initial policy period</u>: The first period of insurance before any renewal date.

Insured / You / Your: The person named in the schedule as the "Insured".

Insurer: Financial & Legal Insurance Company Ltd who are authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority, UK financial services No: 202915. Registered in England & Wales company No: 03034220. Registered office: 1 Lakeside Cheadle Royal Business Park, Cheadle, Cheshire, SK8 3GW. These details can be checked on the financial services register at www.fca.gov.uk or by contacting the Financial Conduct Authority on 0800 111 6768.

Kitchen Appliances: The kitchen appliances that you have registered with the administrator as shown on the Schedule.

Maximum Value of Items: The total of the original purchase price of a maximum of 5 Kitchen appliances which cannot exceed the insurance option selected by you when you purchased this insurance policy.

Original Purchase Price: The price you paid for the kitchen appliance. Proof of purchase is required in the event of a claim.

Policy: This document and the **schedule** which together form the contract of insurance.

Policy Period: The period as specified in the **schedule** commencing on the **start date** with renewal thereafter as agreed between **you** and the **administrator**.

Policy Start Date: The date entered in the schedule. Cover under this policy starts on the commencement date shown in the policy schedule. The cover ends on the expiry date shown in your policy schedule.

Premium: The amount specified in your schedule. The premium you have paid to your policy administrator for this policy includes the insurer's charge for covering the risk insured and their associated costs to which they are entitled which you irrevocably authorise your policy administrator to discharge to your insurer on your behalf. The balance of premium covering your policy administrator's costs and expenses for facilitating the provision of cover to you, shall be payable to and retained directly by your policy administrator.

Proof of Purchase: A genuine verifiable receipt or invoice relating to the purchase of **your kitchen appliance**. It must show the date of purchase, that it is owned by **you** and that it was purchased as new from a UK company.

<u>Repair Cost</u>: The reasonable cost of materials and labour of repairing **kitchen appliance** which has suffered a **breakdown**. The cost of parts shall be limited to the manufacturer's retail **component** cost.

Replacement Cost: The cost of a replacement kitchen appliance of similar make, specification and quality as the kitchen appliance that has suffered breakdown.

<u>Schedule:</u> The schedule contains details of the kitchen appliances which you have chosen to include in your insurance policy together with their age and Declared Value. It also tells you what single claim limit and maximum value of items apply to your policy as well as the excess amount. Please check that the information contained in your schedule is correct and that it meets your requirements. If it does not please contact the administrator.

Single Claim Limit: The maximum amount payable per claim on any one kitchen appliance. (See 'Policy Limits & Excess' section for details)

<u>United Kingdom:</u> England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Isle of Man and Channel Islands.

United Kingdom Registered Retailer: A provider of **kitchen appliances** operating within the **United Kingdom**.

<u>We:</u> The insurer and / or the administrator acting on behalf of the insurer.

POLICY PERIOD & END OF COVER This policy will run for a maximum of 12 months. The date on which your policy commences is the date entered in the schedule. Your policy will continue in force until the end of the policy period, provided that your policy is not cancelled in the meantime.

You may then be offered renewal of your policy for another 12 months.

The **premium** instalments are payable by credit card, debit card or Direct Debit in accordance with the **premium** payment terms entered in the **schedule**.

Insurance for any kitchen appliance ends when you cease to own it or it leaves your home.



REGISTRATION OF APPLIANCES

You must register each kitchen appliance that you choose to include with the administrator before any coverage can commence.

A maximum of 5 different kitchen appliances can be registered during the policy period. Only one of each type of kitchen appliance can be registered at any one time. You cannot substitute an unregistered kitchen appliance for an existing registered kitchen appliance.

You must provide the make, model, age and original purchase price of each kitchen appliance that you have chosen to include under this policy.

Registration can be done over the phone, or by mail or email by completing a registration form and sending this to the administrator.

You must notify the administrator if you wish to register any additional Kitchen appliance including any provided as a replacement under the policy. This can only be done if you have not already reached the maximum number of Kitchen appliances for the policy period.



YOUR RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS

You are under a legal duty to take care when answering questions at

the beginning of your initial policy and at any renewal of the policy. If you make a misrepresentation when answering questions asked at the beginning of your initial policy period and at any renewal of the Policy, depending on the type of misrepresentation made, this could result in:

- 1. Your insurance policy being rendered void so that claims would not be paid and there would be no cover.
- The terms of your insurance policy may 2. be amended.
- A proportionate reduction in the 3. amount of your claim settlement to

take into account of any premium that would have been charged.

4. A proportionate reduction of **vour** claim settlement or contribution towards **your** repair if there is an under declaration of the value of an appliance.

If the details in the schedule are in any way incorrect or you are in any doubt as to what needs to be disclosed, please contact the administrator immediately.

COOLING OFF PERIOD AND CANCELLATION

You may cancel your policy at any time. To cancel **your policy you** need to contact the administrator

You will receive

- 1. A full refund of the premium you have paid if **you cancel your policy** within fourteen (14) days of receiving your policy document (the "Cooling Off Period") provided that you have not made a claim.
- 2. After 14 days a refund, after deduction of an administration fee of £25, of the part of the **premium** that relates to the unexpired portion of the policy period for which you have paid premium, provided that you have not made a claim.

If you have made a claim under your policy that involves engineering labour costs, repair costs or replacement costs for any kitchen appliance you will not receive a refund.

If **vou** pay the **premium** for **your policy** on a monthly basis (either by Direct Debit or as a recurring transaction on **your** credit or debit card), you must contact the administrator before cancelling your chosen payment method. If the administrator has been through the technical procedures to resolve a fault that you have reported or you have made a claim under your policy that involves

onsite repair or replacement of any kitchen appliance payable by the insurer, you will need to pay the remaining premiums up to the renewal date before you cancel your policy.

The **administrator** or the **insurer** may cancel your policy for non-payment of premium, your failure to comply with the conditions of your policy, a fraudulent claim made by you or on your behalf or the use of fraudulent means to obtain any benefit under your policy by giving you 14 days notice by email or post to your last known address.

No premium will be refunded if your policy is cancelled due to fraud.

The effective date of cancellation will be immediately after the 14 day notice period unless the administrator states otherwise in their written notice or you comply with any requirements stipulated by the administrator in their written notice as conditions for your policy remaining in force.



WHAT IS INSURED

This insurance is designed to help pay for the repair cost or, at the option of the administrator, or the insurer, the replacement cost incurred as a result of a breakdown during the policy period.

If the components of the kitchen appliance suffer a breakdown then the insurer will pay for the repair or replacement of the **components** up to the Single Claim Limit after deduction of any applicable excess.

If the kitchen appliance is beyond economical repair the administrator or the insurer may, at their option, arrange for delivery of a new kitchen appliance. (Installation is not included).

If an identical replacement is unavailable, the administrator, or the insurer, will replace the kitchen appliance with a new, refurbished or graded one of the same or equivalent specification and quality.

Alternatively, the administrator or the insurer may at their option make a settlement payment, not to exceed the value of the single claim limit you have chosen, after deduction of any applicable excess.

Please notify the administrator if you want to register the replacement kitchen appliance for cover under your insurance. This can only be done if you have not already reached the maximum number of kitchen appliances for the policy period. Please see the section 'Adding or changing the kitchen appliances covered.' The "Policy Limits, Sublimits & Excess"

section below sets out the maximum we will pay for any one claim and in total for all claims depending on the cover you have chosen.

Kitchen Appliances Covered by This Insurance

This insurance covers a maximum of 5 kitchen appliances of different types in any one policy period, as specified on the schedule, selected from the list of kitchen appliances below, providing the combined sum of the original purchase prices for all kitchen appliances does not exceed the maximum value of items on your chosen Policy.

List of Kitchen Appliances

Cooker, Oven, Hob, Dishwasher, Freezer, Fridge, Fridge-freezer, Microwave Oven, Tumble Dryer, Washer/Dryer, Washing Machine, Cooker Hoods,

Components Covered By This Insurance

All mechanical and electrical components of the appliance that were the manufacturer's original fitting with the exception of those listed under "What is not insured".



POLICY LIMITS, SUBLIMITS AND EXCESS

There is a choice of cover levels available. The cover level **you** have chosen will be shown in **your Schedule**.

Cover Level	Maximum Value of Items	Maximum Single Claim Limit
Standard	£1,000	£200
Premium	£2,000	£350
Diamond	£3,000	£500

The maximum amount payable for all claims combined during the **policy period** is the **annual claim limit**. The maximum payable for any one claim for any one **appliance** is the **single claim limit**.

Sublimits

For faults that arise in the first 90 days of the initial policy period, the annual claim limit shall be limited to the annual premium.

The single claim limit is defined as either the declared value, the original purchase price, the repair cost or the replacement cost whichever is the lower.

Once an appliance reaches 3 years old, the maximum payable for any one claim reduces to reflect the depreciating value of the appliance. **You** will receive the percentage of **the Single Claim Limit** for the age of appliance as shown below:

90% for 3 years old but under 4 years old 80% for 4 years old but under 5 years old 70% for 5 years old but under 6 years old 60% for 6 years old but under 7 years old 50% for 7 years old but under 8 years old 40% for 8 years old but under 9 years old 30% for 9 years old or older.

Where a required part is not in stock for the foreseeable future or when the part is no longer available, the maximum payable for the claim under the **policy** is limited to the cost of repair, subject to a maximum of the **single claim limit** for that **kitchen appliance**.

Once any **appliance** reaches 7 years old, we may at the discretion of the administrator:

- a) deem the appliance beyond Economic Repair without an engineer visit, following assessment of the claim.
- b) exclude the appliance from cover following a claim made under this policy, from the date the repair is completed.

For faults with the icemakers and water dispensers, the maximum claim limit is £150. No appliance will be deemed beyond economic repair due to failure of the icemaker or water dispenser.

Excess

If **you** have chosen to have an **excess**, the **excess** applicable to each claim will be shown in **your schedule**.

WHAT IS NOT INSURED

This insurance will not pay for costs caused by, arising from, or in connection with the following;

- 1. Any breakdown or claim arising within the **initial exclusion period**.
- 2. Any claim for any **kitchen appliances** not been registered.
- 3. Any claim arising outside of the **policy period** as shown in the **schedule**.
- 4. Any claims arising from incorrect or faulty installation of the **kitchen appliance** or failure to follow the manufacturer's operating or maintenance instructions. Issues caused by lack of maintenance including but not limited to lack of cleaning or build-up of limescale. Any callout that has resulted from not following manufacturer's instructions

in the manual will incur a charge. This includes but is not limited to clearing filters or drain holes where accessible.

- 5. The repair or replacement of any kitchen appliance which was faulty or had suffered a breakdown prior to the policy start date of the insurance of which you were aware or of which you could reasonably have been expected to be aware at the start date or prior to your registering the item after the policy commenced.
- 6. Damage of any kind, howsoever caused, to any property, appliances, or products of any kind (whether owned by **you** or otherwise), which are not covered under the **policy**. Any other costs that are caused by the event which led to **your** claim, unless specifically stated in this insurance.
- 7. Where the kitchen appliance is a commercial / professional appliance is used for a purpose other than private or domestic use or where the kitchen appliance is sited at an address other than your home or kitchen appliances which are used for business or commercial purposes including holiday homes and properties let to tenants.
- 8. Cosmetic items including but not limited to; light covers, paintwork, plastic or metal casing, trim, badges or other insignia.
- 9. The applicable **excess** as specified in the **schedule**.
- 10. Any **kitchen appliance** purchased outside the **United Kingdom** or not purchased through a **United Kingdom** retailer.
- 11. Any damage caused by animals and insects.
- 12. Defects in external wiring, electrical connection or plumbing that are not an integral part of the **kitchen** appliance.
- 13. Any compensation or financial loss of any description other than the repair costs in respect of the **kitchen appliance** that has suffered a

Breakdown. This includes laundry costs or loss of food relating to the failure / repair of the **kitchen appliance.**

- 14. Any modification to the **kitchen appliance** or use which is not in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions or use of any accessory which has not been approved by the manufacturer.
- 15. Application of incorrect or abnormal electrical, gas or water supply or signal connection to the **kitchen appliance**.
- 16. Permanent or temporary interruption of gas, electricity or water supplies.
- 17. Foreign bodies (unwanted matter that has entered the **kitchen appliance** (e.g. coins, screws, hair accessories, socks), neglect, willful abuse, misuse or a deliberate, malicious, or reckless act leading to the **breakdown**, blockage or damage of any kind to the **kitchen appliance**.
- 18. Any further damage caused as a result of the **kitchen appliance** being used after any fault became apparent.
- 19. Accidental damage. Loss, **breakdown**, or physical damage of any kind to any **kitchen appliance** due to but not limited to, fire, flood, storm, theft or attempted theft, lightning, explosion or water damage.
- 20. Corrosion, rust, blockage, denting or scratching, discoloration, staining, rust, mildew, fungus, (including to the seal) or faulty materials or workmanship.
- 21. Odours or smells in or from the kitchen appliance.
- 22. Transportation, delivery cost in **excess** of £35 and installation/reinstallation of the original **kitchen appliance**.
- 23. Routine maintenance or service, inspection, cleaning (such as soap dispensers) or adjustment to the **kitchen appliance** or any normal replacement or limited life consumables.

- 24. Repairs prevented by generally poor condition of the **kitchen appliance** as well as issues relating to normally removable parts such as rusted screws, bolts or fixings that the engineer is unable to remove, due to their condition.
- 25. Any repair that cannot be completed because a non-replaceable part has failed, e.g. oven or dishwasher cavity. Structural issues including but not limited to leaks, gas leaks or refrigeration gas leaks / blockages within the body of the appliance, damaged or failing fridge freezer liners, insulation breakdown, warped chassis or failure of welded seams that cannot be repaired by replacing a component.
- 26. Parts that are not electro mechanical in nature which includes, but is not limited to, freezer and fridge drawers, trays, shelves and door / bottle shelves, housings, lugs and cabinet parts which are not essential to the primary function of the **Kitchen appliance** or are typically replaceable by the consumer.
- 27. Chipped, cracked broken or damaged hob glass of all types on cookers or hobs is excluded from cover including but not limited to Induction, Ceramic and Gas on Glass.
- 28. There are reduced limits for water dispensers and icemakers. (See 'Policy Limits & Excess' section for details).
- 29. Repairs carried out by anyone other than an **authorised repairer** or not carried out in the **United Kingdom**.
- 30. Design faults, manufacturing faults or faults which are the subject of a recall by the manufacturer.
- 31. Kitchen appliances more specifically insured under any other insurance, policy, warranty or guarantee (i.e. manufacturer's guarantee). An amount recoverable from any other party, under the terms of any contract, guarantee, warranty or insurance.

- 32. Any kitchen appliance other than those registered at the start of the policy or added during the policy period up to a maximum of 5 kitchen appliances.
- 33. Any faults, damage or loss arising directly or indirectly from errors, viruses, omissions or defects in any application or systems software or the failure of any computer or similar device or software.
- 34. Costs incurred where no **breakdown** has been found or the fault is rectified by a re-configuration of user settings or in the event that there is otherwise no valid claim under the **policy**.
- 35. Detention, seizure or confiscation by any legal authority.
- 36. The cost of fitting a replacement kitchen appliance and the cost of modifying any cupboards or storage unit and work surface where the kitchen appliance is built in and has become obsolete and a replacement has been supplied.
- 37. Making kitchen appliances accessible for repair (e.g. where kitchen fittings, plumbing or flooring create access issues). Refitting of integrated appliances where access is restricted or non-standard. Refitting or alignment of décor doors and plinths.
- 38. Any legal liability directly or indirectly caused by or contributed to or arising from lonizing radiation or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste from the combustion of nuclear fuel, the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous properties of any explosive nuclear assembly or nuclear component thereof.
- 39. Any loss or damage or liability directly or indirectly occasioned by, happening through or in consequence of war, invasion, acts of foreign enemies, hostilities (whether war be declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, military or usurped

power, terrorism of any kind, or confiscation or nationalization or requisition or destruction of any damage to property by or under the order of any government or public or local authority.

40. Any damage directly occasioned by pressure waves caused by aircraft and other aerial devices travelling at sonic or supersonic speeds.

Where symptoms indicate there is a risk a fault is not covered, we reserve the right to request pre-authorisation of the callout charge on a payment card.

GENERAL CONDTIONS

You must comply with the following conditions to have the full protection of **your** insurance. If **you** do not comply with them, the administrator may at their option cancel this insurance or refuse to deal with your claim or reduce the amount of any claim payment.

1. Care of the kitchen appliances

You and any member of your immediate family using or in possession of the kitchen appliances covered under this policy must take all reasonable precautions to prevent damage or breakdown and to install and use the kitchen appliances in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

2. Transfer of insurance

You cannot transfer your policy to any other person without the insurer's prior consent.

3. Changes in Circumstances

You must notify the administrator as soon as possible of any change to the information you have provided to us and in particular any of the following:

- change of address
- if you or your family intend to use your home for any reason other than private residential purposes.

4. Servicing Your Kitchen Appliance

If any kitchen appliance covered by this insurance has a regular service requirement, then it is a condition of this insurance that any such service is carried out in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations detailed in the service handbook or similar document. The servicing handbook is the handbook that was issued with the kitchen appliance when new by the manufacturer which details the servicing and maintenance requirements for the kitchen appliance.

Fraud 5.

If any claim under this insurance is fraudulent or is intended to mislead, or if any misleading or fraudulent means are used by you or anyone acting on your behalf to obtain benefit under this insurance, **your** right to any benefit under this insurance will end.

The **policy** will be cancelled from the date of the fraudulent act and the insurer will be entitled to recover any benefit paid and costs incurred as a result of any such fraudulent or misleading claim. They may also inform the police. To prevent fraud, insurers sometimes share information. Details about your insurance application and any claim you make may be exchanged between Insurers.

6. Varying Premiums or Cover

Only the insurer can vary the terms and conditions of this insurance, including the premium payable at the annual renewal date.

7. Adding/Changing Appliances Covered

You can add kitchen appliances to your insurance including replacement kitchen appliances provided by us, by notifying the administrator, providing that the combined Original Purchase Prices for all kitchen appliances does not exceed the maximum value of items and vou are not exceeding a total of 5 kitchen appliances registered throughout the **policy period**. An initial exclusion period will apply and within the first 90 days following

registration of any **kitchen appliance** being added, the claim limit shall be limited to the **annual premium**.

Once **you** have registered 5 **kitchen appliances** in any one **policy period**, no further **kitchen appliances** can be registered. **You** cannot substitute an unregistered **kitchen appliance** for an existing registered **kitchen appliance**.

8. How to Make A Change

Please phone the **administrator** on 020 8589 0095 from 9:00 am until 5.00 pm Monday to Friday. The **administrator** will tell **you** if the new **kitchen appliance** is acceptable.

If accepted by the **administrator**, cover for the new **kitchen appliance** will begin after the **initial exclusion period** or at the expiry of the manufacturer's guarantee, whichever is the later.

9. Governing Law

This insurance is governed by and construed in accordance with English Law. In the event of any dispute the parties will submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales.

10. Personal Representatives

In the event of **your** death the **insurer** will provide to **your** personal representative any benefits as would have been payable under this insurance to **you.**



HOW TO MAKE A CLAIM

All claims must be notified to the administrator. Before you contact the administrator please ensure the

kitchen appliance power supply, fuses, resets and batteries are all functioning correctly.

All claims must be registered with the administrator within 21 days of the breakdown, failure to register your claim may result in your claim being declined.

A technician may initially try and resolve any problems **you** are having over the telephone. Upon making a claim, **you** may at the discretion of the insurer, at any time be required to provide **proof of purchase**.

1. Claim Procedure

Before any work is undertaken **you** must telephone the **administrator** on 020 8589 0095 Monday to Friday 9.00 am to 5.00 pm excluding bank holidays with details of the **breakdown**.

Please have the following information to hand:

- a. The make, model and serial number of the kitchen appliance.
- **b.** When and where it was purchased together with evidence of the original purchase price.
- c. The problem and when it was noticed.

2. Payment of the Excess

Where the **administrator** decides that an inspection of the **kitchen appliance** is required to determine the nature of the fault and to validate the claim, if applicable they will ask **you** for payment of any **excess** by debit or credit card and make the necessary arrangements with **you** for the **kitchen appliance** to be inspected.

The **excess** will be retained by the **administrator** to be deducted from any settlement for a valid claim.

3. Repair / Replacement

If the components of the kitchen appliance suffer a breakdown then the insurer will pay for the repair or replacement of the components up to the single claim limit after deduction of any applicable excess.

If the **kitchen appliance** is beyond **economical repair the administrator** or the **insurer** may, at their option, arrange for delivery of a new **kitchen appliance** up to the **single claim limit.** (Installation is not included).

If an identical replacement is unavailable, the **administrator**, or the **insurer**, will replace the **kitchen appliance** with a new, refurbished or graded **kitchen appliance** of at least grade A of the same or equivalent specification and quality.

The **administrator** or the **insurer** may at their option make a settlement payment, not to exceed the value of the **single claim limit**.

Sublimits as specified under the Limits section apply for **kitchen appliances** that are 3 years old or older at the date of the claim.

The **administrator**, or the **insurer**, may take possession of the **kitchen appliance** and dispose of it. If the **administrator**, or the **insurer**, chooses not to take possession of the **kitchen appliance** they will not be responsible for disposal charges.

Replacement **Kitchen Appliances** will not automatically be registered under the policy. Please see the section "Adding or Changing the **Kitchen Appliances** Covered".

4. Additional Charges

Please note that it is **your** responsibility to meet any charges:

- a. Should the repair exceed the single claim limit an additional charge will apply to cover the cost of the difference, subject to the consent of you and of the administrator.
- b. Where no fault is found with the kitchen appliance or in the event that there is otherwise no valid claim under the policy.

5. Age and Engineer's Assessment

Where possible the **proof of purchase** will be used to confirm the age of the **kitchen appliance**. If evidence of the original purchase date for the **kitchen appliance** is not available, the age will be confirmed from information on the **Kitchen Appliance** itself. If this is not possible the **administrator** may arrange for an engineer to assess the age of the **kitchen appliance**. In this event, the age of the **kitchen appliance** as determined by the engineer will be deemed to be its actual age.

6. Claims Conditions

You must comply with the claims procedure as detailed in this **policy** booklet to have full protection of **your** insurance. If **you** do not comply with this the **administrator** or the **insurer** may at their option cancel the insurance or refuse to deal with **your** claim or reduce the amount of any claim payment.

If **you** have other insurances that include cover for **your kitchen appliances** we reserve the right to contact the insurers of such other insurance for a contribution.

7. Payment By Instalments

If you are paying for your annual cover monthly and make a claim within the initial policy period, you will be required to pay the premium for the remainder of the term in advance before we can authorise a claim. The administrator may, at their option, request you to pay any outstanding premium in full before settling any claim at any time.

PRIVACY, DATA PROTECTION & MARKETING

The **insurer** collects personal information about **you** in connection with this **policy**. **Your** personal information will be used for the following purposes:

1) For administration of this **policy** including, but not limited to, underwriting, administration and claims handling;

2) To communicate with **you** in connection with this **policy**;

3) For internal analysis and research;

4) To comply with legal and regulatory requirements; and

5) To help prevent, detect or deal with crime or fraud.

The **insurer** uses agents and service providers to collect, hold and process on its behalf **your** personal information for the purposes set out in this **policy**. These agents and service providers act on the **insurer's** instructions (as applicable) and will only use the information as the insurer tells them to. The insurer may disclose your personal information to third parties (including to the police, other governmental bodies and other insurers) as required by law or if the insurer thinks the disclosure may help to prevent, detect and deal with crime or fraud. You have the right to ask for a copy of the information the insurer holds about you. If you find at any time that any of the information the insurer holds about you is incorrect then you should promptly notify the insurer or the policy administrator (as appropriate) who will correct the inaccuracy.

Your personal information will not be retained for longer than is necessary and will be managed in accordance with the data retention **policy**. Please be aware of the requirement to keep details of any policies **you** apply for or have taken out, including any claims or complaints history under the rules laid out in the Financial Conduct Authority Handbook requirements and other legislation that is applicable from time to time.

You can contact the **insurer** or the policy administrator about privacy issues or comment or complain about privacy practices by contacting:

Insurer

Financial & Legal Insurance Company Ltd, 1 Lakeside Cheadle Royal Business Park, Cheadle, Cheshire, SK8 3GW.

Policy Administrator

Maintenance Direct Insurance Services Ltd Suite 538, The Atrium, 1 Harefield Rd, Uxbridge, UB8 1PH Telephone: 020 8589 0095 Email: <u>admin@cover-4-less.com</u>

The **insurer** will not use or pass on **your** data to any third party for marketing purposes. All information provided by **you** is used to manage **your** insurance **policy**

only or to offer **you** additional products that may be of interest to **you**. All telephone calls between **you** and the **administrator** may be recorded and monitored for quality and training purposes and the **administrator** reserves the right to use any recordings made.

CUSTOMER CARE & COMPLAINTS The administrator intends to provide you with accurate information, clear documentation and efficient services at all times. If a mistake is made every effort will be made to resolve the problem immediately.

If you have any questions about the policy you should contact the administrator.

You deserve a courteous, fair and prompt service. If there is any occasion when the service does not meet **your** expectations, please contact us using the appropriate contact details below and provide the **policy** or claim number and **your** name to help deal with **your** comments quicker.

Respectful Behaviour Requirement

The policyholder agrees to maintain respectful and professional conduct when interacting with our staff, agents, or representatives. This includes but is not limited to:

- Refraining from using abusive, threatening, or discriminatory language
- Avoiding aggressive or intimidating behaviour communicating concerns or complaints.
- In the event that an authorised repairer suffers these types of confrontational or aggressive behaviours when visiting you, they may cancel the service call and you will have to pay for any subsequent service visit.

Sales, Service and Claims Related Complaints:

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Insurer Related Complaints:

Should **your** complaint be about the **insurer** of this **policy**, **you** may write to: Financial & Legal Insurance Company Ltd, 1 Lakeside Cheadle Royal Business Park, Cheadle, Cheshire, SK8 3GW email: complaints@financialandlegal.co.uk

Financial Ombudsman Service:

If it is not possible to reach an agreement, you have the right to make an appeal to the Financial Ombudsman Service. You may contact the Financial Ombudsman Service at: The Financial Ombudsman Service, Exchange Tower, London, E14 9SR. Telephone: 0800 023 4567 or 0300 123 9213, Email: complaint.info@financialombudsman.org.uk or online:

www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

The above complaints procedure is in addition to **your** statutory rights as a consumer. For further information about **your** statutory rights contact **your** local authority Trading Standards Service or Citizens Advice Bureau. If **you** wish to complain about an insurance **policy** purchased online, **you** may be able to use the European Commission's Online Dispute Resolution platform, which can be found at

http://ec.europa.eu/consumers/odr/

FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPENSATION SCHEME

The **insurer** is covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). **You** may be entitled to compensation from the scheme if they cannot meet their obligations. Most insurance contracts are covered for 90% of the claim. Further information is available from the Financial Conduct Authority or the FSCS. The FSCS can be visited on the internet at <u>www.fscs.org.uk</u> or can be contacted on 0800 678 1100 or 0207 751 4100.

ALTERNATIVE TO INSURANCE The alternative to an insurance product would be for you, where necessary, to arrange call outs with appropriate engineers and tradesmen and for you to pay for any repair or replacement costs.



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