



NEW LAW - Driving in France

CRIT-air – Vehicle emission stickers – Paris + Grenoble + Lyon

In order to reduce air pollution in its major cities, France has decided to 'grade' vehicles according to their exhaust emissions, and is now banning the worst polluting vehicles from the inner areas of Paris, Grenoble and Lyon at certain times of day. (In Paris this area is **ONLY** inside the key 'Périphérique' ring road). There are six different emission grades, which are designated by a coloured sticker and, in order to 'police' this initiative effectively, **IF** a vehicle is going to drive in the specified area(s) it **MUST** have its appropriate 'grade' sticker displayed in the windscreen.

Whilst police may be lenient for the first few months of this initiative, drivers need to be aware that the fines for failing to display the stickers range up to £117!

Unfortunately, to prevent drivers 'cheating' the system, by fitting a false 'lower emissions' sticker to their vehicle, the stickers can **ONLY** be purchased directly from the French Government website by the individual car owner – who will need to upload their vehicle's V5 logbook into the application form. This means all drivers, including British, have to apply for the sticker well in advance of their travels through the specified area. The process takes approximately 30 days, and for UK drivers the £4.00 sticker has to be purchased from:

<https://www.certificat-air.gouv.fr/en/> or scan the QR code. →



In theory, the Police should accept a 'digital receipt' from an application as both proof of purchase and the vehicle's emission grade - so drivers may be able to get somebody back home to apply with the vehicle's V5 and then email the receipt to them.