

DOES MY WINDSCREEN NEED REPAIRING OR REPLACING?



Chips and cracks on a windscreen are not only a nuisance, but they can also impair your vision whilst on the road.

The **size and position** of the damage will **determine** whether your windscreen needs to be **repaired or replaced**, so take a look at the guide below to find out which course of action you need to take.



DRIVER'S LINE OF SIGHT

The driver's line of sight is centred in the middle of the steering wheel area and typically spans 30cm wide. If the driver's vision is impaired due to a chip or crack in their eyeline, the damage may be **repaired** if the diameter does **not exceed 10mm**. If the damage is **more than 10mm**, the entire windscreen will need to be **replaced**.



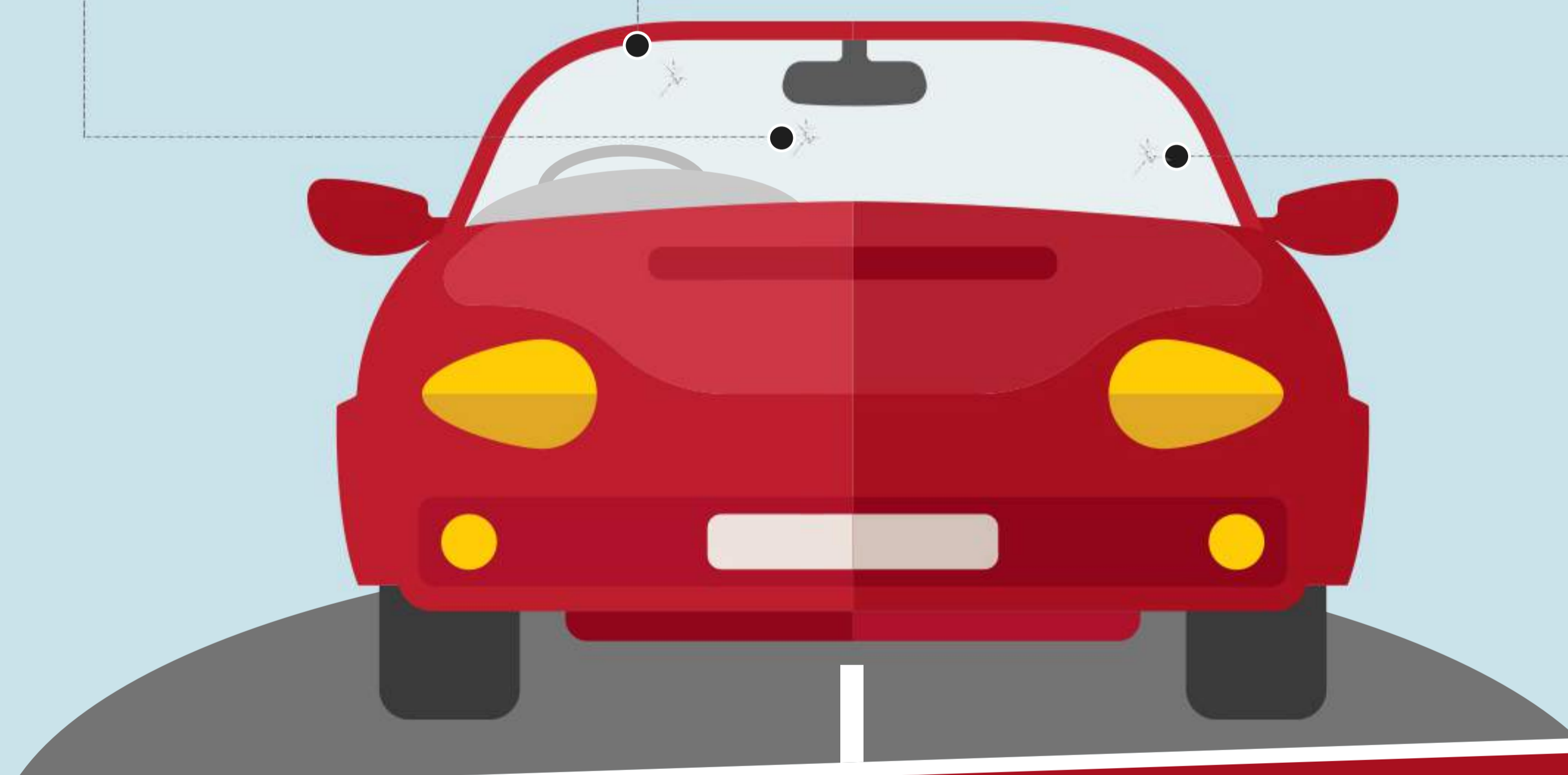
SIZE OF THE DAMAGE

If the size of the chip on your windscreen is **smaller than a £2 coin**, the damage may be **repaired**. However, if the chip is **bigger** than this, or there are a collection of complex cracks, then the entire windscreen will need to be **replaced**.



POSITION OF THE DAMAGE

For the chip to be **repaired**, the **distance from the edge** of the windscreen needs to be **at least 3cm**, and any damage closer to the edge than this must be completely replaced.



According to the **Road Traffic Act**, driving a vehicle with a **chip or crack** in the windscreen is an **offence** as the vehicle is in a dangerous condition. If you are caught driving a vehicle in this state, you could receive a **fixed penalty of three points** on your driving licence and a fine.



Here at A1 Windscreens we have the skills to quickly identify whether the damage on your windscreen needs to be repaired or replaced, and will carry out the work in line with relevant regulations. We operate a **fully mobile service**, and can perform roadside windscreen replacements and repairs in emergency situations.