



## AUTOMOBILE PHYSICAL DAMAGE AGREEMENT

JULY 1, 2021– JUNE 30, 2022

**State of Georgia Department of Administrative Services  
Risk Management Services**

**AUTOMOBILE PHYSICAL DAMAGE AGREEMENT**  
Period of Coverage July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

**TABLE OF CONTENTS**

	PAGE NUMBER
NAMED COVERED PARTY	2
A. Physical Damage Coverage	2
B. Covered Autos	3
C. Exclusions	3
D. Limit of Coverage	5
E. Deductible	5
F. Definitions	6
G. Conditions	7

**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**AUTOMOBILE PHYSICAL DAMAGE AGREEMENT**  
**No. APD-401-14-22**

This Agreement is issued by the Georgia Department of Administrative Services, pursuant to the authority granted by O.C.G.A. Section 50-16-9 to formulate a plan of self-insurance for property owned by the State of Georgia.

As used herein, the terms “you” and “your” refer to any State agency, authority, board, bureau, commission, department, or instrumentality described in the Named Covered Party section below. As used herein, the term “DOAS” refers to the Georgia Department of Administrative Services Risk Management (D.O.A.S.R/M).

Words and phrases that appear in quotation marks have special meaning and are defined herein. Refer to paragraph **F. DEFINITIONS** for definitions of such words and phrases.

**NAMED COVERED PARTY**

This is the Covered Party named in the Declarations Page which is made a part of this Agreement.

**A. PHYSICAL DAMAGE COVERAGE**

1. DOAS provides the following Physical Damage coverages for “loss” to a covered “auto(s)” or its equipment only if so listed on the DOAS Vehicle Inventory Tracking and Logistics (VITAL) system for physical damage coverage:

**a. Collision Coverage**

Caused by:

- (1) The covered “auto’s” collision with another object; or
- (2) The covered “auto’s” overturn.

**b. Comprehensive Coverage**

Caused by a collision with an animal or for any cause except:

- (1) The covered “auto’s” collision with another object; or
- (2) The covered “auto’s” overturn.

2. **Towing and Storage**

DOAS will pay reasonable towing and storage costs arising out of a Collision or Comprehensive “loss” as specified in **D. Limit of Coverage**.

## **B. COVERED "AUTOS"**

This Agreement provides Physical Damage coverage for "autos described here under:

1. "Auto" owned by the Named Covered Party; or
2. "Auto" leased by the Named Covered Party provided that the length of the lease is in excess of 30 days. The "auto" must be leased in the name of the Named Covered Party named in the Declarations Page and not in the name of an individual or another party. A copy of the lease must be provided to DOAS when the "auto" is added to the Automobile Register Inventory upon request.

The "auto" must be listed on the Named Covered Party's VITAL records, before the inception of the Agreement period or, if the "auto" is obtained by the Named Covered Party during the Agreement period, it must be added by a revision to VITAL. When a Covered Party carries automobile physical damage coverage through DOAS on an existing "auto", any newly acquired "autos" are automatically covered for a 30-day grace period from the date of the purchase or lease of the newly acquired "auto" provided that the newly acquired "auto" meets the requirements of **Covered "Autos"** as otherwise provided for in this coverage section.

## **C. EXCLUSIONS**

1. DOAS will not pay for "loss" caused by or resulting in whole or in part from any of the following. Such "loss" is excluded regardless of any other cause or event that contributes concurrently or in any sequence to the "loss":

### **a. Nuclear Hazard.**

- (1) The explosion of any weapon employing atomic fission or fusion; or
- (2) Nuclear reaction or radiation, or radioactive contamination, however caused.

### **b. War or Military Action**

- (1) War, including undeclared or civil war;
- (2) Warlike action by a military force, including action in hindering or defending against an actual or expected attack, by any government, sovereign or other authority using military personnel or other agents; or
- (3) Insurrection, rebellion, revolution, usurped power or action taken by governmental authority in hindering or defending against any of these.

2. DOAS will not pay for loss to any of the following:
  - a. Tapes, records, discs or other similar audio, visual or data electronic devices designed for use with audio, visual or data electronic equipment;
  - b. Any device designed or used to detect speed measuring equipment such as radar or laser detectors and any jamming apparatus intended to elude or disrupt speed measurement equipment;
  - c. Any electronic equipment that receives or transmits audio, visual or data signals and that is not designed solely for the reproduction of sound, unless such equipment is permanently attached to or installed to the "auto" in the opening normally used by the auto manufacturer for the installation of a radio or similar sound or visual equipment;
  - d. Any accessories used with the electronic equipment described in Paragraph c. above.

### 3. Other Types of loss

- a. DOAS will not pay for "loss" caused by or resulting from any of the following unless caused by other "loss" that is covered by this Agreement.
  - (1) Wear and tear, mechanical or electrical breakdown.
  - (2) Blowouts, punctures or other road damage to tires.
- b. DOAS will not pay for a "loss" arising from the non-state use of a covered "auto."
- c. DOAS will not pay for "loss" to a covered "auto" due to "diminution in value."

### 4. Racing

DOAS will not pay for "loss" to any covered "auto" while used in any professional or organized racing or demolition contest or stunting activity, or while practicing for such contest or activity. DOAS will also not pay for "loss" to any covered "auto" while that covered "auto" is being prepared for such a contest or activity.

## D. LIMIT OF COVERAGE

1. The most DOAS will pay for "loss" is the lesser of:
  - a. The "actual cash value" of the damaged or stolen "auto" as of the time of the loss; or
  - b. The Book value of the "auto" listed on VITAL; or
  - c. The cost of repairing or replacing the damaged or stolen "auto" with like kind and quality.

If the covered "auto" is determined to be a total loss, the "loss" will be settled based on the above.

A covered "auto" will be considered a total loss when the cost to repair the "auto" exceeds 75% of the Actual Cash Value as established by DOAS at the time the claim is presented. All Salvage proceeds will go to DOAS.

2. The most DOAS will pay for towing and storage of a covered "auto" is: Actual cost of towing and storage of the covered "auto"; however, not to exceed a total combined sum of \$450 unless there are special circumstances as determined by DOAS. However, no consideration will be given to payments over this limit unless both following requirements have been met:
  - a. The loss is reported to DOAS or the claims intake vendor within 48 hours of the loss;
  - b. The initial report indicates that your agency will be filing a APD claim.

For instances that do not meet these requirements, DOAS may, at its option, pay the entire towing and storage bill and reduce the property damage payment to a repair facility or agency by the amount over the \$450.00 limit.

## **E. DEDUCTIBLE**

For each covered "auto", the obligation of DOAS to pay for, repair, return or replace the damaged or stolen "auto" will be reduced by the following applicable deductibles:

1. All Collision losses are subject to a \$500 deductible per covered "auto".
2. All Comprehensive losses are subject to a \$500 deductible per covered "auto", unless loss is due to fire or lightning, then no deductible applies.
3. All losses caused by a collision between a covered "auto" and property owned, leased or controlled by the same State entity are subject to a \$1,500 deductible.

Agencies participating in all sections of the DOAS administered Comprehensive Loss Control Program will have all Comprehensive and Collision deductibles waived for a covered "auto" "loss" except under the following circumstances:

1. "Loss" involving a rear end collision caused by you,
2. Colliding with a fixed object, including a parked vehicle,
3. Failure to report any criminal act resulting in a loss to a covered auto to the local or State police. Criminal acts would include, but are not limited to, vandalism and "hit and run" accidents,
4. "Loss" caused by a collision between a covered "auto" and a Covered Party's other owned, leased or controlled property, including, but not limited to buildings signs, fences, posts, automobiles, mobile equipment, etc., situated on or adjacent to the Covered Party's premises.

## F. DEFINITIONS

1. **“Accident”** means an accident and includes continuous or repeated exposure to the same conditions resulting in “loss”.
2. **“Actual Cash Value”** means replacement cost of the vehicle minus depreciation.
4. **“Auto”** means a land motor vehicle, “trailer” or semitrailer designed for travel on public roads but does not include “mobile equipment”.
5. **“Diminution in value”** means the actual or perceived loss in market value or resale value which results from a direct and accidental “loss”.
6. **“Loss”** means direct and accidental loss or damage including continuous or repeated exposure to the same conditions.
7. **“Mobile Equipment”** means a land vehicle to include any machinery or apparatus attached thereto, whether or not self-propelled, which is (1) not subject to the motor vehicle registration, (2) maintained for use exclusively on premises owned by or rented to the State of Georgia or any of its departments, including the right-of-way immediately adjoining such premises or (3) designed for use principally on off-public roads, or (4) designed and maintained for the sole purpose of affording mobility to the equipment of the following types and forming an integral part of or permanently attached to such vehicle: Power cranes, shovels, loaders, diggers and drills, cement mixers (other than mixed-in transit types), graders, scrapers, rollers and other road construction or repair equipment, air compressors, pumps and generators, including spraying, welding, building cleaning equipment, geophysical exploration, farm machinery, lighting and well servicing equipment, cherry pickers and similar devices used to raise or lower workers.
8. **“Trailer”** includes semi-trailer.

## G. CONDITIONS

### 1. Abandonment

There can be no abandonment of an “auto” to DOAS.

### 2. Appraisal For Physical Damage Loss

If the Named Covered Party and DOAS disagree on the amount of the loss the Named Covered Party may request an appraisal of the loss. In such case, DOAS will select an appraiser and have the loss appraised. If the Named Covered Party

is not satisfied with the appraisal, the Named Covered Party may procure an appraisal at its own sole cost and expense. If the two appraisers disagree, they will meet and attempt to reach an agreement as to the amount of the loss. If they are unable to agree, the two appraisers will select a competent and impartial umpire and will submit their differences to the umpire. A decision agreed to by any two will be binding. Each party will be responsible for paying its chosen appraiser and paying the other expenses of the appraisal and umpire equally. Even where an appraisal is conducted DOAS still retains the right to deny the loss within the terms of this Agreement.

**3. Assignment**

There shall be no assignment of this Agreement.

**4. Duties Of Named Covered Party In the Event of Loss**

If there is "loss" to a covered "auto" or its equipment you must do the following:

- a. Report the "loss" within 48 hours from the date the "loss" is discovered via the reporting forms available on the DOAS website to DOAS at:

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES  
RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES  
12<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR-WEST TOWER  
200 PIEDMONT AVE.  
ATLANTA, GA 30334-9010**

Or

**In accordance with the Accident Report Intake vendor procedures provided  
by DOAS.**

Notice should include a description of how the "loss" occurred, a complete description of the "auto" as well as where the "auto" is presently located;

- b. Take all reasonable steps to protect the covered "auto" from further damage, and keep a record of your expenses for consideration in the settlement of the claim;
- c. Permit DOAS to inspect the covered "auto" and records proving the "loss" before its repair or disposition; and
- d. Cooperate with DOAS in the investigation or settlement of the loss.
- e. Cooperation will include providing information as requested by an assigned claims adjuster, including but not limited to: internal reports, investigative records, police reports, photographs and other documents that may assist in either adjusting or recovery efforts.



- f. Report all losses involving criminal activities to the local or State police.
- g. In the event that DOAS has not been notified of the loss within 60 days of the incident giving rise to the damage of the vehicle, DOAS will close the file and provide the Agency with a denial letter.

#### **5. Endorsement and Cancellation**

DOAS may endorse this Agreement at any time. This Agreement may be cancelled by DOAS upon notice to you, or by you mailing written notice to DOAS stating when thereafter the cancellation shall become effective. The time of the effective date stated in the notice shall become the end of the Agreement period. Mailing of such written notice shall be equivalent to delivery. In the event of cancellation, the premium shall be computed prorata. Premium adjustment may be made either at the time that cancellation is effective or as soon as practicable thereafter.

#### **6. Inspections and Surveys**

DOAS has the right but is not obligated to:

- a. Make inspections and surveys at any time;
- b. Give you reports on the conditions found; and
- c. Recommend changes.

Any inspections, surveys, reports or recommendations relate only to insurability and the premiums to be charged. DOAS does not make safety inspections. DOAS does not undertake to perform the duty of any person or organization to provide for the health or safety of workers or the public. DOAS does not warrant or represent that any of its recommendations, if followed, will render any condition safe or healthy or in compliance with any laws, regulations, rules, policies, codes or standards of any type.

#### **7. Loss Payment**

All repairs must be completed in accordance with the provisions of OPB/DOAS Policy 10. For covered losses, at its option, DOAS may:

- a. Pay for, repair or replace damaged or stolen "auto";
- b. Return the stolen "auto", at the expense of DOAS. Subject to the terms and Conditions of this Agreement and applicable deductibles, DOAS will pay for any damage that results to the "auto" from the theft.

DOAS will pay for the loss within 30 days after receipt of a satisfactory estimate of repair. At its option, DOAS will pay covered losses to your Agency, the leasing company, or the repairing facility once the amount has been determined to the satisfaction of DOAS.

**8. No Benefit to Others**

No person or organization other than you, being the owner of the covered “auto” will benefit from this Agreement under any circumstances.

**9. Other Insurance**

If there is other insurance covering the same “accident” or “loss” involving a covered “auto”, this Agreement will be excess over any other valid and collectable insurance.

**10. Recovered “Auto”**

If either you or DOAS recover an “auto” after loss settlement, the receiving party must give the other prompt notice. At your option, the “auto” will be returned to you. You must then return to DOAS the amount DOAS paid to you for the “auto”. DOAS will reimburse you for recovery expenses and any expenses to repair the “auto”. If the recovered “auto” is damaged and you want the “auto” returned, you must pay DOAS what is agreed to be the fair value of that damaged “auto” less recovery expenses.

**11. Risk Exposure Reporting & Premium Payment Requirements**

You are responsible for providing DOAS with accurate risk exposure information for covered “auto” necessary to calculate the premium for this Agreement. This information must be provided in a format prescribed by DOAS. Should a covered loss occur, reimbursement made by DOAS will be reduced by any outstanding premium owed.

**12. Subrogation**

If DOAS makes payment to you under this Agreement, and you have rights to recover damages from another party, those rights are transferred to DOAS. You must do everything necessary to secure DOAS’ rights and must do nothing after the “accident” or “loss” to impair them. But you may waive your rights against another party in writing prior to or after a “loss” if you have received written approval from DOAS.

**13. Territory**

This Agreement covers “losses” anywhere in the world.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES  
An Agency of the State of Georgia



---

J. Alexander Atwood  
Commissioner