



To all road users in Geneva

From 15 January 2020, during an air pollution peak, any motorized vehicle not displaying a Stick'AIR sticker corresponding to one of the authorized categories will be temporarily prohibited from circulating in the centre of the Canton of Geneva.

The Stick'AIR sticker will be on sale from December 2019 at a cost of 5 francs.

Air pollution is a major threat to health, affecting in particular the most vulnerable persons. To combat this more effectively, the Canton of Geneva is introducing a new emergency scheme in the event of air pollution peaks. This notably provides for a measure unprecedented in Switzerland: **differentiated traffic within a temporary low emission zone**.

Accordingly, as from 15 January 2020, whenever an increase in air pollution is observed or forecast, vehicles with the most adverse impact on air quality will be banned from circulating in the central Geneva urban area between the hours of 06:00 and 22:00. This restriction will be lifted once air quality returns to normal.

This measure is based on the identification of the environmental performance of vehicles by means of a **Stick'AIR sticker available in 6 different categories**.

During a smog episode, only vehicles displaying the Stick'AIR sticker corresponding to the authorized categories will be able to circulate within the temporary low emission zone. This measure will be announced in advance in the media, on air.ge.ch or via the smartphone app Air2G2 and, when activated, at points of entry to the temporary low emission zone by specific signs on main roads.

Apart from certain exceptions (see overleaf), this measure concerns all vehicles, regardless of their place of registration.

From December 2019, the Stick'AIR sticker will be on sale at a cost of 5 francs at the Office Cantonal des Véhicules. If correctly adhered, it will remain valid for the lifetime of the vehicle.



In addition, the Geneva anti-smog system includes a new powerful incentive to encourage modal shift: when pollutant concentrations trigger the *reinforced* traffic restriction level, **public transport will be temporarily free of charge** throughout the cantonal network (zone 10).

All these provisions can be activated in Geneva as from 15 January 2020 in the event of increased air pollution - with a grace period until 31 March 2020 for the purchase of the Stick'AIR sticker. In addition, a transitional period of two years has been set up for professional transportation vehicles.

Full details concerning the implementation of the new scheme (perimeter of the temporary low emission zone, criteria for the different categories of macarons, purchasing macarons, etc.) can be found on the page air.ge.ch.

The Stick'AIR macaron and differentiated traffic in Geneva

What is meant by differentiated traffic?

This measure aims to protect air quality by placing restrictions on vehicles emitting the highest levels of pollution. During a smog episode, it means that circulation of the worst-performing vehicles in terms of emissions will be banned between the hours of 06:00 and 22:00 in the central Geneva urban area through a range of temporary and progressive measures. Failure to comply will result in a fine of 500 francs.

Is my vehicle concerned?

Yes, unless it belongs to the category of exempt vehicles¹. Trucks/lorries and delivery vans ("goods transportation vehicles") are also concerned, but will benefit from a transitional compliance period until 15 January 2022.

What is the perimeter of the temporary low emission zone?

The temporary low emission zone covers the City of Geneva as well as part of the communes of Carouge, Cologny, Lancy and Vernier.



How will I know when this measure has been triggered?

This measure can be triggered as from 15 January 2020 when an increase in air pollution (ozone, fine particles, nitrogen dioxide) is observed or forecast. It will be announced in advance via the Air2G2 smartphone app, in the media and on air.ge.ch and, when activated, at entry points to the temporary low emission zone by means of a specific road sign.

Where can I purchase a Stick'AIR sticker?

From December 2019, the Stick'AIR sticker will be on sale at the Office Cantonal des Véhicules. Other points of sale will be added in 2020. In addition, the French Crit'Air sticker, with equivalent requirements and the same numbering system, will also be valid within the Canton of Geneva.

How much does the Stick'AIR sticker cost?

The price of the Stick'AIR sticker corresponds to the cost of its production and distribution and amounts to 5 francs.

How do I know which Stick'AIR sticker is appropriate for my vehicle?

Its engine specification (petrol, diesel, electric or hydrogen) must be taken into account, as well as its "Euro" emission standard², found as a number forming part of a code on the vehicle's Swiss circulation permit ("carte grise") in the section "Code émissions" (box 72). For example, the B5a code corresponds to the Euro 5 emission standard. The following tables indicate the corresponding Stick'AIR category for your vehicle.

- Based on the Euro standard:

Corresponding macaron								Uncategorized
Electric and hydrogen vehicles		✓						
Gas and rechargeable hybrid vehicles			✓					
Two- and three-wheeled vehicles and quadricycles (category according to the OETV: motorcycles - light motorcycles, three-wheeled motorcycles, motorized tricycles and motorized quadricycles) 			Euro 4	Euro 3	Euro 2	From 01.06.2000 to 30.06.2004*		Before 31.05.2000*
Passenger cars 	Petrol		Euro 5 and 6	Euro 4	Euro 2 and 3			Euro 1 and before
	Diesel			Euro 5 and 6	Euro 4	Euro 3	Euro 2	
Light utility vehicles (category according to the OETV: delivery vehicles, light semi-trailer trucks/light articulated lorries, light road tractors, light motorized utility vehicles (carriage of goods) and minibuses (carriage of persons)) 	Petrol		Euro 5 and 6	Euro 4	Euro 2 and 3			Euro 1 and before
	Diesel			Euro 5 and 6	Euro 4	Euro 3	Euro 2	
Heavy goods vehicles, buses and coaches (HGV category according to the OETV: trucks/lorries, heavy articulated vehicles, heavy semi-trailer trucks/heavy articulated lorries, heavy road tractors and heavy motorized utility vehicles) 	Petrol		Euro VI	Euro V	Euro III and IV			Euro II and before
	Diesel			Euro VI	Euro V	Euro IV	Euro III	

*The dates refer to the date of the first entry into service of the vehicles.

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¹ The following vehicles are exempted from the scheme: police vehicles and blue light vehicles; vehicles with a disabled parking permit ("Blue Badge"); agricultural vehicles; professional vehicles intended for the transport of persons, including taxis; military vehicles; special convoys; consular and diplomatic corps vehicles; work vehicles (blue plates); cycles and mopeds, including electric bicycles.

² For two-wheeled vehicles, tricycles and quadricycles before 30.06.2004, the date of their first entry into service.

- Based directly on the emission code (“Code émissions”) of the Swiss circulation permit:

Emission code	Stick'AIR category		Emission code	Stick'AIR category		Emission code	Stick'AIR category			
	petrol	diesel		petrol	diesel		petrol	diesel		
Special categories	A00	Uncategorized		A27	0 (other type of engine/fuel)		C00	Uncategorized		
	A01	Uncategorized		A28	1	2	C01	Uncategorized or 4 if first entry into service was between 01.05.2000 and 30.06.2004		
	A02	3	5	A29						
	A03	4		A30						
	A04	2	3	A31						
	A05	Uncategorized		A32						
	A06	1		A33			C02	3		
	A07	2		A34						
	A08	Uncategorized		A35						
	A10	Uncategorized		A36						
	A11	Uncategorized		A37						
	A12	Uncategorized		A50						
	A13	3	5	A51				C03	2	
	A14	4		A52						
	A15	2	3	A53						
	A16	Uncategorized		B00	Uncategorized					
	A17	1		B01	Uncategorized					
	A18	2		B02	3	5				
	A19	Uncategorized		B03	4					
	A20	Uncategorized		B04	2	3				
	A21	Uncategorized		B5a	1	2	F50		Uncategorized	
	A22	Uncategorized		B5b						
	A23	Uncategorized		B6a						
	A24	0 (other type of engine/fuel)		B6b						
	A25	non-existent		B6c	D50	Uncategorized				
	A26	1	2	B6d						
				D51		Uncategorized				
					D52	Uncategorized				
				D53	3	5				
					D54	4				
				E00		Uncategorized				
				E01	Uncategorized					
				E02	Uncategorized					
				E03	3	5				
				E04	4					
				E05	2	3				
				E06	1	2				
				F51	Uncategorized					
				F52	Uncategorized					
				F53	3	5				
				F54	4					

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For full details: air.ge.ch

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