

# Speed limits by vehicle and road category

[Source: The Highway Code: Control of the vehicle \(117-126\)](#)

Speed limits	Built-up areas *	Single carriage-ways	Dual carriage-ways	Motorways
Type of vehicle	mph (km/h)	mph (km/h)	mph (km/h)	mph (km/h)
<b>Cars &amp; motorcycles</b> (including car-derived vans up to 2 tonnes maximum laden weight)	<b>30</b> (48)	<b>60</b> (96)	<b>70</b> (112)	<b>70</b> (112)
<b>Cars towing caravans or trailers</b> (including car-derived vans and motorcycles)	<b>30</b> (48)	<b>50</b> (80)	<b>60</b> (96)	<b>60</b> (96)
<b>Buses, coaches and minibuses</b> (not exceeding 12 metres in overall length)	<b>30</b> (48)	<b>50</b> (80)	<b>60</b> (96)	<b>70</b> (112)
<b>Goods vehicles</b> (not exceeding 7.5 tonnes maximum laden weight)	<b>30</b> (48)	<b>50</b> (80)	<b>60</b> (96)	<b>70</b> (112) **
<b>Goods vehicles</b> (exceeding 7.5 tonnes maximum laden weight)	<b>30</b> (48)	<b>40</b> (64)	<b>50</b> (80)	<b>60</b> (96)

\* The 30 mph limit usually applies to all traffic on all roads with street lighting unless signs show otherwise.

\*\* 60 mph (96 km/h) if articulated or towing a trailer.