

New Smart Owners Guidelines



Please note that it has recently come to our attention that you are currently an owner of one of the **smart** branded cars i.e. **Roadster**, **Fortwo** or the **Forfour**. Now we are under obligation by New European Law and **DCUK** guidelines to inform you of your new social and legal obligations that the dealer/ seller of your vehicle may have omitted to tell you.

The Smart Community

Now you may be under the wrong impression that you have just purchased a new vehicle to get from A to B, Unfortunately this is not the case. By purchasing one of the **smart** range of vehicles you are now bound to the **smart** community & have to follow all its quirks and regulations.

Now before you get all worried you don't have to pay a joining fee, there are no complicated forms to fill in, no credit checks, no background searches on the sex offenders register, you will not be obliged to buy a new kitchen every 6 months, there are no hidden administration costs, no subscriptions & you don't have to slaughter a goat with a sacrificial knife on the full moon to join. Just by owning one of these cars makes you a member. Unfortunately due to lack of funding from the Government and the lottery commission there are no members badges, no t-shirts, no stickers for the back of the car and no commemorative tea towels, you have the car and that's more than enough.

The Road

The main reason for this document is to make you aware of the "*member's code of the road*". Now if you have owned you're "**Smartie**" (this is the affectionate term bestowed on the **smart** cars by their owners) for a while you may be aware of people in similar vehicles flashing their lights, waving, sticking thumbs up, and smiling at you. Please don't panic, all is normal, these people are just sticking with their **smart** owner's obligation when seeing other **smarts**, you too after a little practice and following the guidelines set below will be doing the same.

Below are a few pictures to guide you through the "meet and greet" situation when seeing another **smartie** on the road. Please note for ease we are using diagrams showing a cartoon **Fortwo**, with a male driver, but the same applies to all makes of **smart** and all sexes of owners, so don't feel like you have to change car/ panels and get a sex change to follow the rules.

General Driving on the roads



Driving a **Smartie** whilst looking miserable is not acceptable you're the proud owner of one of the funnest to drive vehicles out there, please act like it



If you see friends, family or work colleagues whilst out driving don't be embarrassed, don't try to hide. Give your horn a beep and proudly wave at them. Then laugh as they try to look like they don't know you.

Internet Based Smarts

Like most things nowadays the internet is a great place to find out more about your **smart**. There are numerous sites that specialise in this make alone. Try a search in Google where you will find forums with owners that can help you with advice and know how. There's also a huge social **smart** community out there where local clubs meet up and go for drives, meals, drinks etc.

Of course if you are not interested in all that and just wanted a small car then so be it, but you're missing out on a lot more

General Driving on the roads (cont.)



Yep that's right smile, enjoy yourself. Remember as a **smart** owner your better than all the other people on the road. Think of other motorists as obstacles to get round to make your drive more challenging and fun.

No Web Access.

Well sorry but if you can't be arsed getting out of the 70's there's not a lot we can do for you. However you can access the internet at your local library or internet café. Failing that try and get arrested for a jailable offence, one of the benefits of being held at her Majesty's pleasure is free internet access

Encountering Another Smart The Road

Sooner or later your going to come across another **smartie** on the road, now this car may flash, wave, beep its horn etc. **DON'T PANIC**, this is normal behaviour when seeing another **smartie** whilst driving, just follow the guidelines below and everything will be just fine.

People Are Making Fun Of Me !

Just got a new **smart** and you've found that friends, family & work colleagues are taking the piss out of you for it ?

Don't worry its all part and parcel of being a smart owner you'll soon learn to give in back, in fact you'll enjoy the banter its one of the many things that makes ownership fun.

Look at it this way your car stands out from all the others that are on the road, even in its "standard" state it turns peoples heads, so much in fact that you will frequently get comments both negative and positive. Now how many other cars that you have owned or know of that can do that ? Nothing below a £100,000 supercar attracts as many double takes out on the road as a **smart**

So when they take the pee it means your car got noticed by them unlike their Vauxhall/Ford/Peugeot which didn't get a second look. The **smart** car is more than just a car to get from A to B it's a statement , an extension of your personality if you will. If others don't like your car who cares ! They just don't aet it.



Don't worry its normal for a **smart** to do this, don't start checking to see if your fog lights are on, or if you are still indicating, don't scan side roads for police with GATSO cameras, its just a polite **smart** greeting.



If you see another **smartie** or one has flashed or waved at you don't go all shy , don't try to hide or pretend that you never saw. Read on for the correct way to respond.



If you have been flashed at by another **smartie** DON'T get all defensive and start gesturing and swearing. They're flashing you out of a sign of affection not cos they think your driving is poor or your partner is butt ugly



Just a simple smile and wave as a response will do to nothing too complicated for starters. Although please note it may look on the picture that he is doing a Siegfried Heil Nazi salute, this is not the case ...just wave !



Mastered the "wave back" ? Want to try something a little more advanced ? Then why not give the "thumbs Up" ? , simple yet effective. There is no need to stick arm out of window like the picture, inside is fine too

My gear box is a big pile of poo is this normal

In a word yes! Yes Really! No trust me it's not just yours being REALLY slow they're all like that, its **smarts** Achilles' heal. After a few roundabout heart stoppers you tend to get use to it and adapt your driving style to suit.

Making A Smart faster

If you wanted a seriously blistering sports car why did you buy a **smart** in the first place that's not what they're about. However should you require a little more oomph out of your **smartie** them many tips and advice can be gleamed from those Internet forums we talked about earlier



Okay we have the human gestures down now, so what about using the car itself ? Yes just a few simple flashes of the headlights are more than enough to bring a smile to both peoples faces.



Another way is to give the horn a quick blast! Okay the standard horn on a **smart** is pretty poor (better upgraded horns are available) but as long as they not out of the 4 meter audible range you should be ok

* Not Standard Horn Fitted



Okay now we're getting to the advance level, flashing the hazards, please don't try this though till you are competent with all the other means of acknowledgment first.



Okay this one is for the black belts only " Wagging the tail" i.e. moving the rear wiper. Used when a **smartie** is behind you in slow moving traffic or when stationary at traffic lights.

And there you go that's the basics of seeing other smarties on the road, don't be afraid to try combinations of flashing and waving it keeps the **smart** camaraderie alive and kicking. The down side being if you drive another mode of transport as well, you tend to forget and wonder why smarties are looking confused at you as you wave at them whilst driving transit van. Should you find yourself doing this a lot please consult your local dealer (car dealer that is we are not condoning the use of drugs in this pamphlet ... although they are quite good aren't they !). We hope that you have found this article useful and from now on you continue to acknowledge fellow **smartie** owners on the road, if not DCUK will get your details off their data base and sent the enforcer " Big Eric " to take the punishment out on your marmite motorway with a baseball bat.

Please remember our new slogan



Because Tomorrow You May Be Dead From Ebola

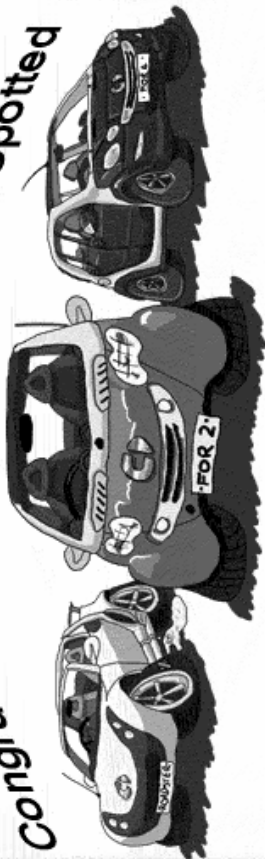
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Spotted Cards

This idea has been around for a while as a way of getting more smart owners involved in the social side of "smarting". The idea being is you keep a few spotted notices in your car and next time your out shopping etc. and see a parked up smartie you pop one on their windscreen to entice them over to our world. If you can't be bothered to make your own then please feel free to use the ones below, just fill in your details & cut them out.

Congratulations You've Been Spotted

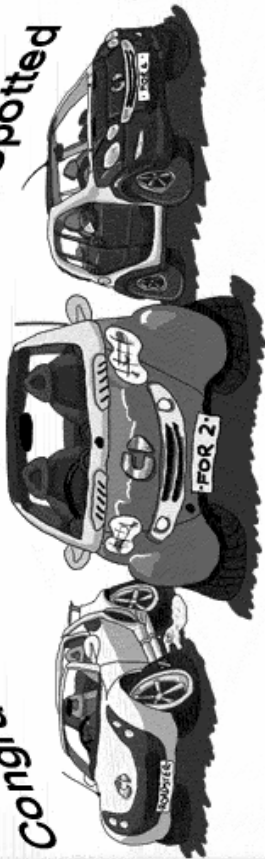


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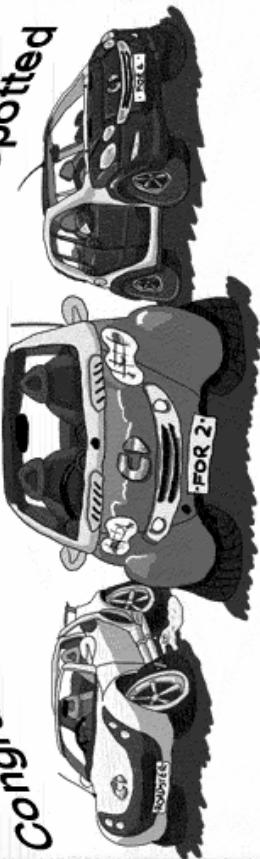


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