

Car/Bike insurance: Should you opt for just third party or buy a comprehensive plan?

Here's why you should opt for a Comprehensive plan instead of a Third Party Insurance.



Choosing the correct type of vehicle insurance is critical. Obtaining basic insurance that covers third party is mandatory by law. Comprehensive insurance provides coverage for the repair or replacement of vehicle damages caused by an accident. Third-party liabilities, damage from an accident, fire, natural disaster, theft, and so on are often covered by comprehensive car insurance. On the other hand, third-party car insurance only covers risk related to damages caused to a third person or vehicle. Here's why considering a comprehensive plan for your vehicle instead of a third-party insurance makes sense.

Comprehensive car insurance is a policy that covers risks associated with your own damages. It combines coverage against third-party liabilities as well as loss or damage to the vehicle caused by accidents, vandalism, fire, falling objects, or floods. It also covers unintentional third-party property damage or bodily injury, as well as any damages experienced by the insured vehicle as a result of unforeseeable catastrophes such as fire, theft, accidents, man-made and natural disasters.



Additional covers, such as engine protection, accessories cover, medical expenses, zero depreciation cover, and so on, can be added to the comprehensive coverage. This policy is extensively used since it provides comprehensive coverage and relieves the policyholder of any concern.

Comprehensive plans charge a higher premium as compared to third party insurance. Comprehensive plans help you avail of a claim bonus.

Comprehensive Plan

Third Party Plan



Extensive Coverage



Limited coverage



Allows to customise the plan with multiple add-on options, including zero-depreciation cover, return to the invoice amount, and roadside assistance.



Only offers personal accident cover as an add-on



The cost is comparatively higher due to its wider coverage.



Priced lower due to its limited coverage.



The cost of this policy is fixed by the insurer as per the terms and conditions of the policy.



Cost is fixed by IRDAI based on the car engine's cubic capacity



Discounts are available in the form of anti-theft devices, and no-claim bonus.



No discount available

We hope this information would help you understand the nuances of insurance products better.

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