

## ROAD SAFETY IN FRANCE

### PREVENTIVE MEASURES

French authorities have developed a campaign to encourage drivers to use their dipped-head lights outside built-up areas even in the daytime. This is not a compulsory measure. For the moment it is just a test since it was proved that having the lights on was a way of preventing accidents.

### BREAKING THE SPEED LIMIT: CHANGES IN FINES RATES

Penalties due to speeding have been reduced but only when the offence is up to 20 km/h over the limit. However, the penalty has increased for speeding from 50 km/h over the posted limit (for more details, see the table below). These new penalties have come into force since 8<sup>th</sup> December 2004.

Furthermore, drivers should note that French authorities have put in a great number of additional speed cameras.

<b>Offences</b>	<b>Fines</b>		
	<b>reduced<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>on-the-spot fine</b>	<b>increased<sup>2</sup></b>
<20km/h outside built-up areas	€ 45	€ 68	€ 180
<20km/h in built-up areas	€ 90	€ 135	€ 375
≥20 and < 50 km/h	€ 90	€ 135	€ 375
≥50 km/h	determined by a judge, € 1500 maximum		

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<sup>1</sup> When the fine is paid within 3 days

<sup>2</sup> When the fine is paid after 30 days