

Answering: What is the hourly cost on the road for light goods vehicles and HGV?

Many thanks for your email. I've spoken to our research team and have been advised that our headline figure for a 44 tonne artic is £1 a minute, but the precise cost is £1.02.

The costings include: VED (and RUL where necessary), insurance, depreciation, fuel costs, tyre costs, maintenance costs, employment cost of driver and overheads (general business and operational overheads i.e. utilities, rent, and transport operation staff wages).

The annual operating costs from the estimated averages in FTA's [Manager's Guide to Distribution Costs](#) are divided by 245 working days, 9 hours worked per day and, of course, 60 minutes in the hour. The working days and hours worked are based on the European Working Time Directive figures. The figures in Manager's Guide come from vehicle operators and although the number of respondents is not huge they represent a number of different industry sectors so it's a reasonable average we get.

The following estimations for smaller vehicles use the same principles as above:

- 43p a minute for 7.5 tonne rigids
- 61p a minute for 16-18 tonne rigids
- 71p a minute for 26 tonne rigids
- 91p a minute for 38 tonne artics
- 96p a minute for 40 tonne artics