| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-3324  Responded to: 13 October 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Please provide the total number of vehicles owned by Police Scotland, broken down into a list to state the years in which the vehicles were registered.

Police Scotland’s vehicle fleet is made up of marked and unmarked vehicles.

Information regarding unmarked vehicles is held by Police Scotland, but I am refusing to provide it in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the following exemptions apply

* Section 35(1)(a)&(b) – Law enforcement
* Section 39(1) – Health, safety and the environment

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Disclosure would prejudice substantially the prevention or detection of crime and the apprehension or prosecution of offenders by highlighting vehicle resources and capabilities - thus weakening the effective use of vehicle resources with a corresponding risk to law enforcement and to the safety of both the public and officers.

*Section 39(1) – Health, safety and the environment*

Disclosure would increase the risk to the personal safety of individuals and to the safety of the police officers responding to incidents.

*Public Interest Test*

Public awareness would favour disclosure, as it would contribute to the public debate surrounding the overall nature of vehicle resources available for deployment.

In addition, accountability for the use of public funds is also a persuasive argument.

That said, I would contend that the efficient/effective conduct of the service and public safety favours retention of the information as it cannot be in the public interest to release information that would prejudice law enforcement, or which is likely to have an adverse impact upon public/ officer safety.

Accordingly, I consider that the public interest in disclosing the information requested is outweighed by that in maintaining the exemption detailed above.

Information regarding marked vehicles is able to be found publicly at [Fleet information - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/fleet-information/).

The information is therefore held by Police Scotland, but I am refusing to provide it in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the section 25(1) exemption applies:

“Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it is exempt information”.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible.   
If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.