

Driverless cars in London

Camera and motion sensor on top of driverless car

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Automated vehicles (AVs), also known as driverless cars, could transform how Londoners get around the city. Isolated trials of AVs have taken place in London, with further trials taking place throughout 2026.

This paper examines the landscape of AVs in London, as well as in the UK more generally. It looks at the legal and regulatory framework for AVs, including key questions such as how a human driver can safely take over from the vehicle, and who is legally liable if a driverless car is involved in an accident. It also outlines information on AV trials that have taken place in London and the impact AVs may have on the day-to-day functioning of the city, including on its roads and taxi industry. Lastly, it highlights London Assembly scrutiny of this topic so far.

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