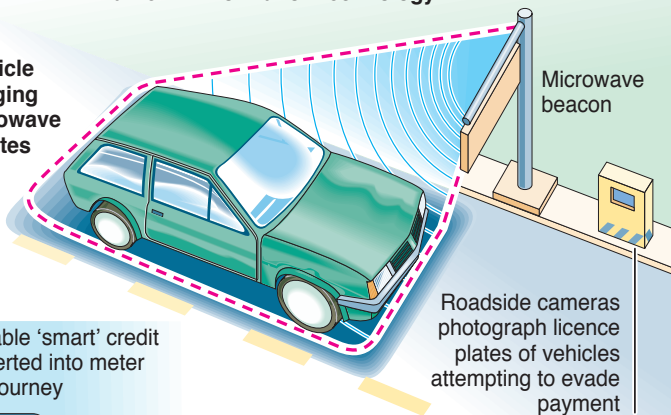


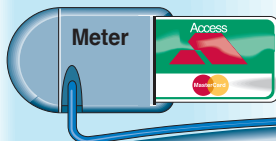
Pay-as-you-drive plan for Euro-cities

Electronic road charging could be operating in cities throughout Europe by the end of the decade if an EC-funded project to charge motorists on a pay-as-you-drive basis is successful. The system – Drive II – aimed at reducing traffic congestion is expected to create a new multi-billion dollar market in information technology

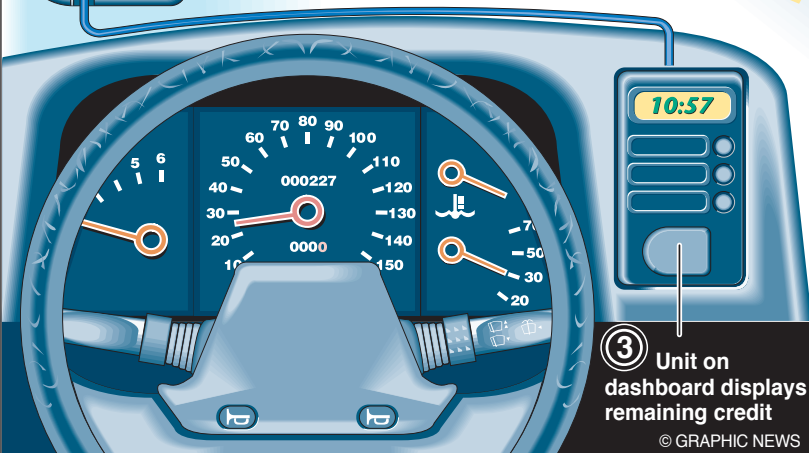
- ①** As vehicle enters charging zone a microwave beam activates meter on windscreen



Rechargeable 'smart' credit card is inserted into meter at start of journey



- ②** Meter deducts payments from 'smart' card



- ③** Unit on dashboard displays remaining credit