Cookie policy for www.silent-alert.co.uk

Cookie and local storage information for www.silent-alert.co.uk

By visiting www.silent-alert.co.uk with your browser settings adjusted to accept cookies our site will use cookies in some circumstances.

If you are just browsing the website, no cookies will be used unless you make a VAT declaration.

The shopping cart works using <u>local storage</u> instead of traditional cookies. This is a new feature with HTML 5 and stores the contents of the shopping cart locally on the users computer until they place an order or close their browser. The local storage information is then cleared.

This allows you to order multiple items in one go, otherwise you would only be able to order one item at a time.

No personal data is stored using this method unless you order the equipment.

The only cookie we use is a **session cookie** to help the website remember if you are VAT exempt or not whilst browsing the shop.

Session Cookies are used by the webserver to store information about user page activities so users can easily pick up where they left off on the server's pages. By default, web pages really don't have any 'memory'. Cookies can store ordering information needed to make shopping carts work instead of forcing the user to remember all the items the user put in the shopping cart. Similarly, *Cookies tell the server what pages to show the user so the user doesn't have to remember or start navigating the site all over again*. Cookies act as a sort of 'bookmark' within the website.

Our site uses the cookie to send you to our VAT exempt shop but only if you have completed a VAT declaration form.

Once you are finished and close your internet browser the VAT status cookie will also delete itself.

How do I turn cookies off?

It is usually possible to stop your browser accepting cookies, or to stop it accepting cookies from a particular website.

All modern browsers allow you to change your cookie settings. These settings will typically be found in the 'options' or 'preferences' menu of your browser. Information on how to change these settings can be found here

https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/online/cookies/

otherwise, you can use the 'Help' option in your browser for more details.