

7 IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT

California's LEMON LAW



The Song-Beverly Consumer Warranty Act, California's lemon law, is one of the strongest consumer protection laws in the nation.

Many Californians don't realize just how powerful this law is. So here are 7 important things you should know about California's lemon law...

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The lemon law doesn't cover only new vehicles. It can also be applied to used and leased vehicles in many circumstances.

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Even if a warranty has run out, a consumer may still be able to get repayment or a replacement for a lemon, especially if a repair was attempted while the vehicle was still under warranty.

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Even if consumers bring their vehicles in for repair after the first 18,000 miles use or 18 months of ownership, they may still have a claim.

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A car can be considered a lemon if the use, value or safety of the vehicle is substantially impaired by a defect.

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The number of repair attempts granted to the manufacturer depends on the nature of the defect. Generally, a manufacturer has 2 repair attempts for a safety-related defect and 4 repair attempts for non-safety related defects.


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California's lemon law has a 4-year statute of limitations.

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Active military can file a claim for vehicles brought here from other states.

If you believe you've purchased a lemon REMEMBER THESE THREE THINGS...

1. Take your vehicle in for a repair immediately and keep copies of all bills.
 2. Manufacturers will often push back on a claim and seek to avoid repayment or replacement. It's important to stand your ground and know your rights as a consumer.
 3. California's lemon law includes a provision that allows attorneys to collect fees from the manufacturer, so the consumer doesn't have to pay for seeking a lemon law attorney.
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If you have questions or would like to learn more about filing a lemon law claim in California, contact Neale & Fhima at 949-661-1007.

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