

# How the Lemon Law Protects Pennsylvania Car Owners

This guide to Pennsylvania's lemon law can help you understand your rights and help you figure out if you may be entitled to a full refund or new car from your vehicle manufacturer.

## How to Know if You Have a Lemon:

Follow this simple checklist to see if your vehicle may in fact be classified as a lemon:

- ☐ My vehicle has a defect that impairs its use, value and/or safety.
- ☐ The defect was not caused by my own neglect or any alterations to the vehicle.
- ☐ The defect occurred within the first year or 12,000 miles after receiving the vehicle.
- ☐ I have brought the vehicle to the manufacturer's repair facility to get the defect repaired.
- ☐ The repair facility has failed to repair the vehicle after 3 attempts **OR** my vehicle has been out of service for 30 days or more

## If You Think You May Have a Lemon:

If you can check off all (or even most) of the checkboxes above, then you may be entitled to a full refund for your vehicle or a new replacement vehicle. As a next step it is advisable that you consult with a lemon law professional to determine if in fact you do have a claim and how best to proceed.

## Frequently Asked Pennsylvania Lemon Law Questions:

**Q:** Are leased vehicles covered?

**A:** In Pennsylvania all vehicles leased after February 11, 2002 are covered under the PA lemon law.

**Q:** Are used vehicles covered?

**A:** Used vehicles may be covered if you had any warranty left from the manufacturer when you purchased your vehicle, or if your vehicle was "Certified" by the manufacturer or dealer, and you made at least one unsuccessful warranty claim before the warranty ended.

**Q:** How do I avoid buying a car formerly labeled as a lemon?

**A:** The Pennsylvania lemon law requires that an auto dealer notify you in writing of a vehicle's lemon history and that they get your signature acknowledging that you received and are ok with the history.

**Q:** How much will it cost and to pursue a refund for my vehicle?

**A:** Many lemon law professionals will provide their services free of charge and instead make your vehicle's manufacturer pay for any fees.

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This article was authored by the David J. Gorberg & Associates as a public service to make the law easier to understand for Pennsylvania residents. If you feel that you may have a lemon vehicle we suggest that you seek the council of a law firm specializing in the Pennsylvania lemon law. For more information on the PA lemon law go to: <http://www.mylemon.com>.