

How Long can a Dealership Hold a Car for Repair Explained to Car Buyers by Consumer Action Law Group

California, Los Angeles, Feb 1, 2021 (IssueWire.com) - A common question for many car buyers is, "[how long can a dealership hold a car for repair?](#)" There are many reasons for which a vehicle may be held for repairs for a long time. Sometimes, the replacement parts may not be available in a timely period, or the car continues to experience the same problems over and over again.

If the car is in for repair for at least 30 days cumulatively or needs frequent visits to the workshop, there is a possibility for the car owners to receive compensation under the lemon law protection. Some of the compensation includes a refund and a replacement vehicle of the same or similar value.

When a Vehicle is a Lemon

A lemon car is described under the lemon law as a vehicle with defective material or mechanic parts. The following guidelines can help consumers to determine if their vehicle is a lemon or not:

Warranty: The lemon law is applicable for the entire period of warranty the dealer is offering. If there is any defect in the warranty period, one is entitled to the lemon law reimbursement.

Days of repair: If the vehicle is in the shop for [automotive repairs](#) for at least 30 days, it is considered a lemon. The 30 days may be cumulative and does not have to be consecutive.

The number of repairs: In California, a minimum four-time repair of the same problem can deem a vehicle to be a lemon. The defect must not be due to improper use of the vehicle.

In all three factors, it is good to record things like the details warranty, repair receipts mentioning the problem and dates of repair, etc. It may be quite awful to know that the newly bought car or the used vehicle purchased is a lemon. The valuable investment becomes a mechanical albatross, demanding a lot of money and time for repair and maintenance.

When it is clear that a vehicle is a lemon, the first thing the consumer can do is write a letter to the manufacturer or dealer, as the consumer holds the right to have a new vehicle or finance charges. The consumer should send the letter so they have a record of it being received by the manufacturer or dealer. If there is customer service available, contact there for the problem. If both parties agree on the claim, the manufacturer or dealer may buy back the vehicle or provide a replacement vehicle.

The manufacturer may try arbitration which is an informal way of dispute resolution outside the court. The consumer must be sure that their rights and recovery are not affected in this method as many arbitrations favor the manufacturers. Suppose the consumer is not satisfied with the arbitration outcome and the manufacturer gives the customer a hard time. In that case, the customer must hire a lemon law attorney for legal assistance and file a lawsuit to get the money back.

Risks of a Defective Vehicle

Defective cars can have many serious issues, including life-threatening problems like road accidents and other problems like getting late for work and chances to get fired.

If there are frequent problems in a vehicle, the owner should get some legal advice and help to ensure their physical and financial safety.

When a person takes his car multiple times for repair or once for up to 30 days, he may be entitled to compensation settlement from the dealership according to the California consumer rights.

Some car dealerships are very much interested in selling their products for getting money, whether the car is worth it or not. But once the customer purchases a defective car and goes for reviewing warranties or repairs, they may not find the same friendly faces from which they bought the car. At this point, a lemon law attorney can help in receiving the compensation one deserves.

Reasons to Hire a Lemon Law Attorney

There are several advantages of hiring a [lemon law attorney](#).

- The undeniable benefit is to have proper guidance and advice. Many people do not know the legal matter in detail, and they do not know what to do and where to go when they are in such problems. A lemon law attorney can review the case and advise on the right direction to take.
- With professional guidance, the case will have a solid ground and will be stronger. The stronger the case, the more chances it has to win the case.
- In some cases, the consumer does not have to pay the lemon law lawyer fee, and all the penalty is on the dealer side. That is why the dealer will want to complete the process as soon as possible or give up easily in many cases.
- The attorney can help their client get a buyback or a refund from the dealer.

About <https://consumeractionlawgroup.com/>

Consumer Action Law Group is a law firm in Los Angeles that protects consumers dealing with fraud and lemon cars. The firm also helps consumers in areas of stopping foreclosure, auto fraud, lemon law, filing bankruptcy, and recovering surplus funds from foreclosure. The law firm is ready to successfully represent its clients against consumer fraud.

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