

WASHINGTON

LEMON LAW QUALIFICATIONS

COVERED VEHICLES

Washington lemon law covers new and certified pre-owned motor vehicles purchased or leased in Washington State. To qualify, the defect must occur while the vehicle is still covered by the original manufacturer's warranty, not an extended service plan or other 3rd party warranty.



WHEN DOES A VEHICLE QUALIFY?

A vehicle qualifies when a substantial defect occurs within the first 24 months or 24,000 miles (whichever comes first). A substantial defect significantly impairs the vehicle's Safety, Use, or Value, such as engine failure or persistent brake issues.

WHAT IS CONSIDERED A "REASONABLE" REPAIR ATTEMPT?

The manufacturer must be given a "reasonable opportunity" to fix the defect. This is met if the same defect has been repaired 2 or more times, or if the vehicle has been out of service for a cumulative total of 30 or more calendar days.



YOUR RIGHTS

If your new or certified pre-owned vehicle meets these qualifications, you may be entitled to compensation from the manufacturer under Washington lemon law. This compensation typically includes either a full vehicle repurchase (refund) or a comparable cash settlement (cash & keep).

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