

LEMON LAW BUYBACK PROCESS

Your Guide to Manufacturer
Buybacks in California



WHAT IS A LEMON LAW BUYBACK?



A manufacturer must repurchase (buy back) a defective vehicle if it cannot be repaired after a reasonable number

of attempts. This protects California consumers from being stuck with a 'lemon.'

WHY DO MANUFACTURERS BUYBACK LEMONS?



To comply with California law, protect consumer trust, and avoid lawsuits. Once bought back, cars may be repaired and resold or dismantled.

STEPS IN THE LEMON LAW BUYBACK PROCESS

- 1 GATHER DOCUMENTATION**
Repair records, purchase contracts, communications, downtime logs
- 2 SEEK LEGAL ASSISTANCE**
Attorneys help navigate disputes and maximize compensation
- 3 FILE A COMPLAINT**
Submit a legal claim with your attorney's support if negotiations fail
- 4 ACCEPT THE OFFER**
Manufacturer provides buyback terms — refund or replacement
- 5 RECEIVE COMPENSATION**
Return the car, get reimbursed for purchase, expenses, and fees

CALCULATING YOUR BUYBACK VALUE



Buyback =
Purchase Price –
Mileage Offset +
Fees (taxes,
registration,
finance charges)

BUYBACK

Refund +
Return Car

CASH SETTLEMENT

Keep Car +
Compensation

**Use our Lemon Law Buyback
Calculator to estimate your refund!**