Florida’s Warranty Compensation Requirements are Under Attack by 11 Factories

A Call to Action for Every FADA Member

What you receive as compensation for parts and labor used in warranty repairs could dramatically decrease if the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers prevails in its lawsuit challenging Florida’s established system for warranty reimbursement. The suit, which was initially filed in 2008, is now very much alive!

Your ability to provide the best service for your customers is at risk! No dealer can ignore this threat. Even if you have never submitted a claim under the law (originally passed in 2008) requiring that dealers be paid at retail rates for parts reimbursement this lawsuit could severely impact your business and your customers. The manufacturers have challenged not only their obligation to reimburse dealers at retail rates for parts, but also their obligation to reimburse at retail rates for labor used in warranty repairs.

If the Alliance is successful, there would be uncertainty as to what you can expect for reimbursements for the warranty work you perform, impacting you and your customers.

The Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers has 11 members: BMW, Chrysler, Ford, GM, Jaguar/Land Rover, Mazda, Mercedes-Benz, Mitsubishi, Porsche, Toyota, and Volkswagen. These manufacturers are challenging what you will be paid for parts and labor warranty work. For over 20 years the law has required that dealers be reimbursed for labor at the “retail rate”. It was not until 2008/2009 that the Florida legislature determined that dealers are also entitled to parts reimbursements at the “retail rate” and defined a system for determining those rates in Florida. Now this lawsuit challenges both.

When the Alliance filed this lawsuit against the State of Florida, FADA immediately entered the case to represent our members’ interests directly. FADA is preparing for this significant challenge to your business! We can envision a substantial legal battle but it is one that demands our full attention and your active participation!

FADA is asking you to join the Florida Dealers Rights Network today to help us fight this battle for you and every FADA member. We need every FADA member to engage by joining the Florida Dealer Rights Network (FDRN) today! Tax-deductible corporate checks to “FDRN”, c/o FADA, 400 N. Meridian St., Tallahassee, FL 32301, protect your future!
Yes! I want to contribute $__________ to the Florida Dealer Rights Network.

☐ I am remitting a full contribution now.

☐ Please invoice me in ____ installments (max. of 3) Full amount due by June 2013.

Please make corporate/personal checks payable to Florida Dealer Rights Network or “FDRN”.
Contributions are tax deductible as legal expense.

Name: ___________________________________________________________________________

Title: __________________________ Email: ____________________________________________

Phone: ________________________

Dealership/Group Name: __________________________________________________________

Address: _________________________________________________________________________

City/State/Zip: _____________________________________________________________________

Yes, I agree to allow FADA to share with other FADA member dealers the pledge/contribution amount, along with the ☐ dealership name only   OR   ☐ my name and the dealership name.

All amounts contributed will be used for the lawsuit expenses only and will be held in a separate bank account administered by FADA. If the litigation is resolved, any or all remaining funds contributed will be returned to dealers on a pro-rata basis.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US FIGHT FOR YOU!

PLEASE MAIL YOUR CONTRIBUTION C/O:

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400 N. Meridian Street
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