

MAZDA-DENSO FUEL PUMP SETTLEMENT GETS PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

The fuel pump fight continues. Another win in federal court- a preliminary settlement valued at no less than \$172 million for class members.

Montgomery, AL (September 18, 2024) - Beasley Allen and Blood, Hearst & O'Reardon LLP have secured preliminary approval for a landmark class action settlement with Mazda and parts supplier Denso. This settlement addresses the faulty fuel pumps installed in over 603,000 Mazda vehicles from 2017-2020, including certain Mazda3 and Mazda CX-3 models. Valued at no less than \$172 million, this settlement is estimated to benefit up to 1 million class members.

In November 2021, Mazda recalled over 120,000 vehicles equipped with Denso fuel pumps, acknowledging that the pumps could deform and potentially fail, increasing the risk of a crash. Denso had previously announced a recall of 3.6 million fuel pumps due to the same defect, affecting multiple automobile brands.

"These fuel pumps have been proven to be defective and have caused engine failures and safety risks to consumers. These settlements completely remedy the problem with the vehicles and make the consumer whole," said Dee Miles, Co-lead counsel for the class.

Under the settlement terms, Mazda will implement a Customer Support Program offering 15 years of coverage for the repair and replacement of Denso fuel pumps in over 482,000 Mazda vehicles that were not initially recalled. Additionally, the settlement includes an extended warranty of 15 years or 150,000 miles, whichever comes first, for the recalled vehicles. Mazda will also provide complimentary loaner vehicles and towing services if necessary, during repairs. The settlement further offers uncapped reimbursement for previously incurred expenses related to the faulty fuel pumps, including repairs, rental vehicles, and towing.

A final approval fairness hearing is scheduled for January 17, 2025, before Judge Josephine Staton of the Central District of California.

Beasley Allen's class action team of Dee Miles, Demet Basar, Clay Barnett, Mitch Williams, Dylan Martin and Trent Mann, have a history of success in similar cases, having already secured a \$289 million settlement with Toyota and Denso in 2022 and a preliminarily approved settlement with Subaru and Denso is set for a final approval hearing on November 18, 2024. The firm is also actively pursuing a fourth class action against Honda and Denso in the Northern District of Alabama.

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