

BEASLEY ALLEN'S FUEL PUMP FIGHT: THE CLASS ACTION CHRONICLES

Faulty Fuel Pumps: A Defect That Drained Wallets, Now Filling Them Back with Millions in Settlements. The most recent? Valued at Over \$230 Million Against Subaru.

Montgomery, AL (June 3, 2024) - Beasley Allen has secured hundreds of millions of dollars for our clients/consumers in several recent automobile fuel pump class action cases filed throughout the country. The most recent of these settlements is Cohen v. Subaru of Am., Inc., with an estimated total value of over \$230 million covering over 1.3 million vehicles.

In April 2020, Subaru originally only included 190,000 vehicles in their initial fuel pump recall. Beasley Allen filed a class action that same month contending the recall was inadequate and more vehicles were affected by the alleged defective fuel pumps. Subaru later added 165,000 vehicles in a second recall. However, as a result of our team's relentless pursuit of justice, another 170,000 vehicles were added as well, and then an additional 860,000 vehicles were included in the settlement, totaling 1.388 million vehicles. This substantial expansion to the settlement was the primary reason for the delay in filing for Preliminary Approval, but it was a necessary step to provide a more comprehensive solution for those affected.

The lawsuit alleged that a part called an "impeller" inside the fuel pump, which is supposed to move fuel from the tank to the engine, was made of a material that wasn't strong enough for the job. This caused it to soak up too much fuel, change shape, and stop working as intended. This resulted in issues with the car's acceleration and could also cause the vehicle to stall or completely lose power while in motion. Those fuel pumps were supplied to Subaru and to other Japanese manufacturers through a supplier known as Denso. Denso was a defendant in all these fuel pump class cases as well.

Class Action Chronicles Continued:

- Recently, a settlement valued at over \$78 Million was secured in the Mazda Fuel Pump Class Action case. The Preliminary Approval for this case was filed on May 3, 2024 and is pending.
- The Honda Fuel Pump case is still unfolding, with the discovery process underway. Honda's class size could eclipse Subaru and Mazda combined, indicating the potential for an even more impactful settlement.
- In 2022, a settlement valued at over \$289 million was secured in the Toyota fuel pump class action case, representing 6.5 million class members.

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“These settlements provide full relief to millions of consumers who unknowingly purchased vehicles with allegedly defective fuel pumps,” said Beasley Allen attorney Dee Miles. “We will continue to pursue these cases and to hold auto manufacturers responsible.”

Consumer Fraud Section Head Dee Miles, Demet Basar, Clay Barnett, Mitch Williams, Dylan Martin, and Trent Mann represented the class members in all of these class actions.

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