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## **Lemon Aid – Consumer Tips for Warranty Repairs**

To successfully pursue a lemon law claim, it is essential to keep accurate records for warranty repairs performed on your vehicle. Most states afford you the right to receive a legible and itemized repair order or statement. Here are some tips for what should be included each time you take your vehicle in to a dealership for diagnosis or repair of a warranted defect:

- The repair order should include an accurate statement of the problem(s) you are
  experiencing with the vehicle. Be as accurate as you can when talking to the service
  personnel or mechanic about the problem you are having and check to make sure
  your description matches that in the repair order.
- If necessary, you should request that a service representative accompany you on a test drive to better demonstrate the problem you are experiencing.
- The repair order should include what work was done to diagnose or fix the problem, a description of any test-drive performed. If no problem was found, that information should be included in the repair order.

- The repair order should have the date your vehicle was brought in for repair, the date the repair work was completed, and the in-and-out odometer mileage readings.
- If requested, the service department should provide you with a copy of any computer reading or report involving the diagnosis or repair of your vehicle, if such information is not included in the repair order.
- Upon request to the manufacturer, you are entitled to receive copies of any technical service bulletins sent to the service department regarding the diagnosis or repair of problems particular to your type of vehicle.
- Before you sign the repair order read it over carefully. Make sure it accurately
  describes the problem you described, what repair or diagnosis was made to fix the
  problem and that the odometer reading(s) and date(s) your vehicle was in for repair
  are correct. If clarifications or corrections are needed, ask that they be included
  before signing the repair order.
- Maintain an "Auto Repair" file for all of your vehicle's repair and maintenance records, purchase or lease records and copies of correspondence or notes of conversations with the dealer or manufacturer. You will need these records if you file a lemon law claim.