

# DISTRIBUTION OF SETTLEMENT FUNDS IN CANADIAN AUTOMOTIVE WIRE HARNESS SYSTEMS PRICE-FIXING CLASS ACTIONS

Did you purchase or lease a new automotive vehicle in Canada between January 1, 1999 and November 30, 2014 of the following brands: Honda/Acura, Nissan/Infiniti, Toyota/Lexus, Subaru, and/or Pontiac Vibe?

If so, apply now to receive money from class action settlements.

**No wrongdoing is alleged against Honda, Nissan, Toyota, Subaru and General Motors. They are not defendants in the class actions. The class actions were brought against automotive wire harness systems manufacturers who allegedly price-fixed those products. Honda, Nissan, Toyota, Subaru and General Motors were unaware of alleged price-fixing in respect of the automotive wire harness systems they purchased for installation in their automotive vehicles.**

## WHAT IS THIS CLASS ACTION ABOUT?

Class action lawsuits were commenced in Ontario, British Columbia and Quebec alleging that automotive parts manufacturers conspired to fix the price of automotive wire harness systems. No wrongdoing was alleged as against Honda, Nissan, Toyota, Subaru and General Motors.

Settlements totalling approximately CDN\$25.6 million were reached. The aggregate settlement funds, plus accrued interest, less court-approved legal fees and expenses, and applicable taxes, are available for compensation to settlement class members. The settlements were approved by the courts in Ontario, British Columbia and Quebec. The settlements are a compromise of disputed claims and are not an admission of liability.

## AM I ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE MONEY?

You are eligible to receive money if, between January 1, 1999 and November 30, 2014, you purchased and/or leased a new passenger car, sport utility vehicle, van or light truck (up to 10,000 lbs) sold under the following brands: Honda/Acura, Nissan/Infiniti, Toyota/Lexus, Subaru, and/or Pontiac Vibe (the "Affected Vehicles").

These brands unknowingly installed allegedly price-fixed automotive wire harnesses in their automotive vehicles.

## HOW MUCH MONEY WILL I RECEIVE?

Payments will be distributed on a proportional basis, based on the value of your claim relative to the value of all approved claims. The value of your claim for the purpose of determining your share of the settlement funds will be calculated based on: (i) the purchase price of the Affected Vehicle; (ii) when you purchased or leased the Affected Vehicle; and (iii) the categorization of the Settlement Class Member. See [www.autopartsettlement.ca](http://www.autopartsettlement.ca) for more information.

## DO I NEED PROOF OF PURCHASE?

You may be able to rely on sales records provided by Honda, Nissan, Toyota, Subaru and General Motors to establish your purchases. These entities were authorized or compelled by court order to disclose their sales records for the benefit of class members. See FAQ #10 online at [www.autopartsettlement.ca](http://www.autopartsettlement.ca) for more information.

For purchases not disclosed in those sales records, you may be required to provide purchase records.

If you are an automotive dealer of General Motors, Honda/Acura, Nissan/Infiniti, Toyota/Lexus or Subaru vehicles, you should preserve your customer purchase records (specifically, customer name and purchase price information) of vehicles sold between January 1995 and December 2016 until further notice.

## HOW DO I APPLY FOR A PAYMENT?

Apply for payments using the online claims process at [www.autopartsettlement.ca](http://www.autopartsettlement.ca). If you do not have internet access, call the claims administrator at 1-866-474-4331. It does not cost anything to apply to receive a payment. Counsel fees will be paid out of the settlement funds.

## WHAT IS THE APPLICATION DEADLINE?

Applications must be made no later than **June 12, 2020**.

## WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY MONEY?

Accurate processing takes time. Depending on the number of applications filed, it could be up to one year before you receive compensation. Please check [www.autopartsettlement.ca](http://www.autopartsettlement.ca) for regular updates.

## PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION IN OTHER AUTO PARTS ACTIONS

Class action lawsuits have been commenced in Ontario, British Columbia and/or Quebec alleging that automotive part manufacturers conspired to fix prices of air flow meters, electronic control units, fan motors, fuel senders, power window motors and windshield washer systems. Settlements have now been reached in those actions with all defendants, subject to the approval of the Ontario, British Columbia and/or Quebec courts.

As part of the settlement approval hearing, the Ontario, British Columbia and/or Quebec courts will also be asked to approve a protocol for the distribution of the settlement funds (plus interest and less court-approved fees and disbursements). Eligibility will be determined based on the information provided pursuant to the automotive wire harness systems Distribution Protocol.

For more information, please review the Notice of Hearing at [www.siskinds.com/autoparts](http://www.siskinds.com/autoparts).

Approximately 40 cases have been commenced in respect of the alleged price-fixing of automotive parts. As additional auto parts cases resolve, it is likely that some of the resolved cases will relate to the same brands and years covered by the automotive wire harness case. Subject to court approval, your eligibility for settlement benefits in those cases may depend on applying for settlement benefits in the automotive wire harness case. If you do not apply for settlement benefits in the automotive wire harness case, you may not be entitled to settlement benefits in those cases. For updates on the status of the proposed distribution of settlement funds, visit [www.siskinds.com/autoparts](http://www.siskinds.com/autoparts).

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