

## FRS Preliminary Settlement Summary

## **Automotive Parts Indirect Purchaser Antitrust Class Action Settlement**

This is not an official Court Notice. The information in this summary is subject to change.

For additional settlement information, please visit the court-approved website once it is made available or contact Class Counsel or the Claims Administrator.

Please understand that you have the right to file claims on your own.

If you or your business purchased Automotive Parts in the United States **on or after January 1, 2000**, you may be entitled to participate in the approximate **\$107 million** recovered **thus far** in indirect purchaser class action settlements.

Filing Deadline: Claim Forms are not yet available; the Court will determine claim filing deadlines at a later date

Eligible Class Members: Eligible Class Members are individuals or entities who, on or after January 1, 2000 through the date on which each settlement is agreed upon, purchased "Automotive Parts" (as listed below under "Eligible Products" and manufactured by one or more of the "Defendants" also listed below or their subsidiaries or affiliates) in the United States from any entity other than the Defendants or their subsidiaries or affiliates. You are an "indirect" class member with respect to Automobile Parts purchased indirectly from one or more Defendant. There are separate settlements that include as eligible class members all persons and entities who or which, during the same period, purchased Automotive Parts "directly," from the Defendants or their subsidiaries or affiliates (additional information regarding the direct purchaser settlements is available upon request).

## Defendants:

American Furukawa, Inc. G.S. Electech, Inc. **American Mitsuba Corporation** G.S. Wiring Systems, Inc. G.S.W. Manufacturing, Inc. Asmo Co., Ltd. **Autoliv ASP Corporation** Hitachi Automotive Systems, Ltd. Autoliv B.V. & Co. KG Hitachi Automotive Systems Americas, Inc. Autoliv, Inc. Hitachi Ltd. JTEKT Automotive North America, Inc. Autoliv Japan Ltd. Autoliv North America, Inc. JTEKT Corporation Autoliv Safety Technology, Inc. Kovo Corporation of USA Calsonic Kansei Corporation K&S Wiring Systems, Inc. Denso Corporation, Denso International America, Inc. Kyungshin-Lear Sales and Engineering, LLC Diamond Electric Mfg. Co., Ltd. Lear Corporation Diamond Electric Mfg. Corporation Lear Furukawa Corporation DTR Industries, Inc. Leoni AG Fujikura Ltd. Mitsuba Corporation

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Furukawa Electric Company, Ltd. Mitsubishi Electric Automotive America, Inc.

Furukawa Lear Corporation Mitsubishi Electric Corporation

Furukawa Wiring Systems America, Inc.

G.S. Electech, Inc.

G.S. Wiring Systems, Inc.

Mitsubishi Electric US Holdings, Inc.

Nachi America Inc.

Nachi Fujikoshi Corporation

New Sabina Industries, Inc.
Nippon Seiki Company, Ltd.
N.S. International, Ltd.

N.S. International, Ltd. NSK, Ltd.

NTN Corporation NTN USA Corporation Panasonic Corporation

Panasonic Corporation of North America S-Y Systems Technologies Europe GmbH, Schaeffler AG

Schaeffler Group USA, Incorporated SKF AB SKF USA, Inc.

Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd.

Sumitomo Electric Wintec America, Inc.

Sumitomo Electric Wiring Systems, Inc.

Sumitomo Wiring Systems, Ltd. Sumitomo Wiring Systems (U.S.A.) Inc.

Takata Corporation TK Holdings, Inc. Tokai Rika, Ltd. Tokai Rubber Industries, Ltd.

T. Rad Co., Ltd.

Tram, Inc. TRMI, Inc.

TRW Automobile Holdings Corporation TRW Deutschland Holding GmbH

Yazaki Corporation Yazaki North America, Inc. Tokai Rika Company, Ltd. Yamashita Rubber Co., Ltd.

<u>Case History</u>: Automotive executives and companies pleading guilty to criminal charges, and at least \$2.4 billion in criminal fines and penalties were imposed, as a result of alleged bid-rigging and fixing prices concerning Automotive Parts. Thereafter, customers, car repair shops, dealerships and other businesses filed class actions alleging the same wrongful conduct. Some settlements have been reached concerning both indirect and direct purchases of Automotive Parts; the guilty pleas and magnitude of the criminal fines enhance the likelihood that additional civil settlements will be reached concerning both indirect and direct purchases.

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FINANCIAL RECOVERY STRATEGIES	
ELIGIBLE PRODUCTS	
Product	Definition
Air Conditioning Systems	Cool the interior environment of a vehicle
Air Flow Meters	Measure the volume of air flowing into engines
Alternators	Charge a battery and run all of the electrical systems while a motor vehicle is running
Anti-Vibrational Rubber Parts	Absorb the shock of moving vehicles
Automotive Lamps	Include headlights, clearance lamps, backup lamps, tail lights, stop lamps and turn signals
Bearings	Position, hold and guide moving parts, as well as reduce friction between moving and fixed parts (including ball bearings, tapered roller bearings, roller bearings, mounted bearings, and parts and components for ball and roller bearings)
Electric Powered Steering Assemblies	Assist the driver to more easily steer the automobile
Electronic Throttle Bodies	Control the amount of air flowing into a vehicle's engine
Fan Motors	Small electric motors used to turn radiator cooling fans
Fuel Injection Systems	Admit fuel or a fuel/air mixture into engine cylinders (including injectors, high pressure pumps, rail assemblies, feed lines and other components sold as a unitary system)
Fuel Senders	Measure the amount of fuel in the tank
Heating Control Panels	Located in the center console, control the temperature of the interior environment
High Intensity Discharge Ballasts	Electrical devices that limit the amount of electrical current flowing to headlamps
Ignition Coils	Part of the fuel ignition system, release electric energy suddenly to ignite a fuel mixture
Instrument Panel Clusters	The mounted array of instruments and gauges housed in front of the driver (they are also known as meters)
Inverters	Provide power to motors by converting direct current electricity from a vehicle's battery to alternating current electricity
Motor Generators	Power electric drive systems
Occupancy Safety Systems	Include seat belts, airbags, steering wheels or steering systems and safety electronic systems
Power Window Motors	Small electric motors used to raise and lower vehicle windows
Radiators	A component of the cooling system, stores engine coolant for circulation throughout the engine
Starters	Electric motors that turn the flywheel in order to turn the rotating assembly so fuel and air will be drawn into the engine for igniting
Steering Angle Sensors	Detect the angle of a vehicle's direction and sends signals to a vehicle computer which in turn controls for vehicle stability during turns
Transmission Fluid Warmers	Devices located in the engine that warm the automatic transmission fluid
Valve Timing Control Devices	Control the timing of engine valves' operation, and include the actuator and/or solenoid valve
Switches	Include steering wheel switches, turn switches, wiper switches, combination switches and door courtesy switches
Windshield Washer Systems	Include one or more of the following: the pump, hoses, nozzle and tank necessary to deliver washer fluid to vehicle windows
Windshield Wipers	Remove rain and debris from a windscreen or windshield
Wire Harness System	Include automotive electrical wiring, lead wire assemblies, cable bond, automotive wiring connectors, automotive wiring terminals, electronic control units, fuse boxes, relay boxes, innetion blocks, power distributors, and appeal conserving accompliant

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