

STATE RV LEMON LAW SUMMARIES

In addition to the federal "lemon law" (the Magnuson Moss Warranty Act), each state has its own state Lemon Law. In the chart below, "Rv's Covered" means whether or not a recreational motor vehicle (or some part of it) is normally covered by the lemon law of a state.

"Presumptions" means what it takes to be a "lemon" vehicle, and "Required First Step" means what you may have to do in order to be able to claim your vehicle is a "lemon" under the law.

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| Alabama | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> No | <i>Presumptions:</i> | <i>Required First Step:</i> |
| Alaska | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> Yes | <i>Presumptions:</i> 3 unsuccessful repairs or 30 business days out of service within shorter of 1 year or warranty. State has certified guidelines for arbitration. | <i>Required First Step:</i> Written notice by certified mail to manufacturer + dealer (or repair agent) that problem has not been corrected in reasonable number of attempts + refund or replacement demanded within 60 days. Manufacturer has 30 calendar days for final repair attempt. |
| Arizona | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> Vehicle Portions Only, no more than 10,000 lbs | <i>Presumptions:</i> 4 unsuccessful repairs or 30 calendar days within shorter of 2 years or 24,000 miles. | <i>Required First Step:</i> Written notice + opportunity to repair to manufacturer. |
| Arkansas | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> Vehicle Portions Only | <i>Presumptions:</i> 3 unsuccessful repairs, or 1 unsuccessful repair of a problem likely to cause death or serious bodily injury within longer of 24 months or 24,000 miles. | <i>Required First Step:</i> Certified or registered mail notice to manufacturer. Manufacturer has 10 days to notify consumer of repair facility. Facility has 10 days to repair. |

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| California | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> Chassis, Chassis Cab and Drive train Only, if vehicle under 10,000 lbs | <i>Presumptions:</i> 4 times subject to repair or 30 calendar days out of service (can be non-consecutive) within shorter of 18 months or 18,000 miles, or a reasonable number of attempts during entire express warranty period. UPDATE: As of 1/1/01, only 2 times subject to repair allowed for safety defects likely to cause death or serious bodily injury. Coverage also expanded to include small businesses registering up to 5 vehicles, weighing up to 10,000 pounds each. | <i>Required First Step:</i> Direct written notice to manufacturer + delivery of car to repair facility for repair attempt within 30 days. |
| Colorado | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> No | <i>Presumptions:</i> | <i>Required First Step:</i> |
| Connecticut | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> No | <i>Presumptions:</i> | <i>Required First Step:</i> |
| Delaware | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> Vehicle Portions Only | <i>Presumptions:</i> 4 unsuccessful repairs or 30 calendar days out of service within shorter of 1 year or warranty. Law specifically applies to leased vehicles. | <i>Required First Step:</i> Written notice + opportunity to repair to manufacturer. |
| District of Columbia | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> No | <i>Presumptions:</i> | <i>Required First Step:</i> |
| Florida | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> Most Vehicle Portions Only, no more than 10,000 lbs | <i>Presumptions:</i> 3 unsuccessful repairs or 15 calendar days within 24 months from delivery. State has certified guidelines for arbitration. State-run arbitration mechanism available. Law specifically applies to leased vehicles. | <i>Required First Step:</i> Written notice by certified or express mail to manufacturer who has 10 calendar days for final repair attempt after delivery to designated dealer. |
| Georgia | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> Vehicle Portions Only, no more than 10,000 lbs | <i>Presumptions:</i> 3 unsuccessful repair attempts or 30 calendar days out of service within shorter of 24,000 miles or 24 months, with 1 repair or 15 days out of service within shorter or 1 year or 12,000 miles; or one unsuccessful repair of serious safety defect in braking or steering | <i>Required First Step:</i> Certified mail notice return receipt requested. Manufacturer has 7 days to notify consumer of repair facility. Facility has 14 calendar days to repair. |

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| | | system within shorter of 1 year or 12,000 miles. State-run arbitration mechanism available. Law specifically applies to leased vehicles. Note: Proceeding under this state's lemon law may cause consumer to lose other important rights regarding the manufacturer and dealer. | |
| Hawaii | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> Yes, no more than 10,000 lbs | <i>Presumptions:</i> 3 unsuccessful repair attempts, or 1 unsuccessful repair attempt of defect likely to cause death or serious bodily injury, or 30 business days out of service within shorter of two years or 24,000 miles. State-run arbitration mechanism available. Law specifically applies to leased vehicles. | <i>Required First Step:</i> Written notice + opportunity to repair to manufacturer. |
| Idaho | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> Yes, no more than 12,000 lbs | <i>Presumptions:</i> 4 repair attempts or 30 business days out of service within shorter of 2 years or 24,000 miles, or 1 repair of a complete failure of the braking or steering system likely to cause death or serious bodily injury. State-run arbitration mechanism available. Law specifically applies to leased vehicles. | <i>Required First Step:</i> Written notice to manufacturer or dealer and opportunity to repair. |
| Illinois | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> Yes, if motorized | <i>Presumptions:</i> 4 unsuccessful repairs or 30 business days out of service within shorter of 1 year or 12,000 miles. Law specifically applies to leased vehicles. | <i>Required First Step:</i> Written notice + opportunity to repair to manufacturer. |
| Indiana | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> No | <i>Presumptions:</i> | <i>Required First Step:</i> |
| Iowa | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> No | <i>Presumptions:</i> | <i>Required First Step:</i> |
| Kansas | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> Vehicle Portions Only, no more than 12,000 lbs | <i>Presumptions:</i> 4 unsuccessful repairs or 30 calendar days out of service or 10 total repairs within shorter of 1 year or warranty. State has certified guidelines for arbitration. | <i>Required First Step:</i> Actual notice to manufacturer. |

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| Kentucky | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> No | <i>Presumptions:</i> | <i>Required First Step:</i> |
| Louisiana | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> Chassis and Drive train only | <i>Presumptions:</i> 4 unsuccessful repairs or 30 calendar days out of service within shorter of 1 year or warranty. State has certified guidelines for arbitration. Law specifically applies to leased vehicles. | <i>Required First Step:</i> Report to manufacturer or dealer. |
| Maine | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> Yes if use is noncommercial ; Commercial use vehicle is covered if under 8,500 lbs | <i>Presumptions:</i> 3 unsuccessful repairs (when at least 2 times same agent attempted repair) or 15 business days out of service within shorter of warranty or 2 years or 18,000 miles. Applies to vehicles within the first 18,000 miles or 2 years regardless of whether the claimant is the original owner. State-run arbitration mechanism available. Law specifically applies to leased vehicles. | <i>Required First Step:</i> Written notice to manufacturer or dealer only if required in warranty or owner's manual. Manufacturer has 7 business days after receipt for final repair attempt. |
| Maryland | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> No | <i>Presumptions:</i> | <i>Required First Step:</i> |
| Massachusetts | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> No | <i>Presumptions:</i> | <i>Required First Step:</i> |
| Michigan | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> No | <i>Presumptions:</i> | <i>Required First Step:</i> |
| Minnesota | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> Chassis Only | <i>Presumptions:</i> 4 unsuccessful repairs or 30 business days or 1 unsuccessful repair of total braking or steering loss likely to cause death or serious bodily injury within shorter of 2 years or warranty. State has certified guidelines for arbitration. Law specifically applies to leased vehicles. | <i>Required First Step:</i> Written notice + opportunity to repair to manufacturer, agent or dealer. |
| Mississippi | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> Yes but not the portions added by the Rv Company | <i>Presumptions:</i> 3 unsuccessful repairs or 15 business days out of service within shorter of 1 year or warranty. | <i>Required First Step:</i> Written notice to manufacturer who has 10 business days to repair after delivery to designated dealer. |
| Missouri | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> Chassis, | <i>Presumptions:</i> 4 unsuccessful repairs or 30 business | <i>Required First Step:</i> Written notice to |

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| | Engine, Power Train and related parts | days out of service within shorter of 1 year or warranty. | manufacturer who has 10 calendar days to repair after delivery to designated dealer. |
| Montana | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> Vehicle Portions Only | <i>Presumptions:</i> 4 unsuccessful repairs or 30 business days out of service after notice within shorter of 2 years or 18,000 miles. State-run arbitration mechanism available. | <i>Required First Step:</i> Written notice + opportunity to repair to manufacturer. |
| Nebraska | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> Yes | <i>Presumptions:</i> 4 unsuccessful repairs or 40 calendar days out of service within shorter of 1 year or warranty. State has certified guidelines for arbitration. | <i>Required First Step:</i> Certified mail notice + opportunity to repair to manufacturer. |
| Nevada | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> No | <i>Presumptions:</i> | <i>Required First Step:</i> |
| New Hampshire | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> Only 4 wheeled vehicles under 9,000 lbs | <i>Presumptions:</i> 3 unsuccessful repairs by same dealer or 30 business days out of service within warranty. State-run arbitration mechanism available. Law specifically applies to leased vehicles. | <i>Required First Step:</i> Report to manufacturer, distributor, agent or dealer (on forms provided by manufacturer) + final opportunity to repair before arbitration. |
| New Jersey | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> Vehicle Portions Only | <i>Presumptions:</i> 3 unsuccessful repairs or 20 calendar days out of service within shorter of 2 years or 18,000 miles. State has certified guidelines for arbitration. Law specifically applies to leased vehicles. | <i>Required First Step:</i> Certified mail notice, return receipt requested to manufacturer who has 10 days to repair. |
| New Mexico | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> Yes if less than 10,000 lbs | <i>Presumptions:</i> 4 unsuccessful repairs or 30 business days out of service within shorter of 1 year or warranty.. State has certified guidelines for arbitration. | <i>Required First Step:</i> Written notice + opportunity to repair to manufacturer, agent or dealer |
| New York | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> Vehicle Portions Only | <i>Presumptions:</i> 4 unsuccessful repairs or 30 calendar days out of service within shorter of 2 years or 18,000 miles. State has certified guidelines for arbitration. Law specifically applies to leased vehicles. | <i>Required First Step:</i> Notice to manufacturer, agent or dealer. |

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| North Carolina | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> Yes if not a house trailer and if under 10,000 lbs | <i>Presumptions:</i> 4 unsuccessful repairs within shorter of 24 months, 24,000 miles or warranty or 20 business days out of service during any 12 month period of warranty. Law specifically applies to leased vehicles. | <i>Required First Step:</i> Written notice to manufacturer + opportunity to repair within 15 calendar days of receipt only if required in warranty or owner's manual. |
| North Dakota | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> No | <i>Presumptions:</i> | <i>Required First Step:</i> |
| Ohio | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> Vehicle Portions Only | <i>Presumptions:</i> 3 unsuccessful repairs of same nonconformity, 30 calendar days out of service, 8 total repairs of any nonconformity, or 1 unsuccessful repair of problem likely to cause death or serious bodily injury within shorter of 1 year or 18,000 miles. Law specifically applies to leased vehicles. | <i>Required First Step:</i> Report to manufacturer, its agent or dealer. |
| Oklahoma | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> Vehicle Portions Only and if under 10,000 lbs | <i>Presumptions:</i> 4 unsuccessful repairs or 45 calendar days out of service within shorter of 1 year or warranty. State has certified guidelines for arbitration. | <i>Required First Step:</i> Written notice + opportunity to repair to manufacturer. |
| Oregon | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> No | <i>Presumptions:</i> | <i>Required First Step:</i> |
| Pennsylvania | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> No | <i>Presumptions:</i> | <i>Required First Step:</i> |
| Rhode Island | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> No | <i>Presumptions:</i> . | <i>Required First Step:</i> |
| South Carolina | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> Vehicle Portion Only | <i>Presumptions:</i> 3 unsuccessful repairs or 30 calendar days out of service within shorter of 1 year or 12,000 miles. State has certified guidelines for arbitration. Law specifically applies to leased vehicles. | <i>Required First Step:</i> Written notice by certified mail + opportunity to repair (not more than 10 business days) to manufacturer only if manufacturer informed consumer of such at time of sale. |

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| South Dakota | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> No | <i>Presumptions:</i> | <i>Required First Step:</i> |
| Tennessee | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> No | <i>Presumptions:</i> | <i>Required First Step:</i> |
| Texas | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> Yes | <i>Presumptions:</i> 4 unsuccessful repairs when 2 occurred within shorter of 1 year or 12,000 miles, + other 2 occur within shorter of 1 year or 12,000 miles immediately following second repair attempt; or 2 unsuccessful repairs of a serious safety defect when 1 occurred within shorter of 1 year or 12,000 miles + other occurred within shorter of 1 year or 12,000 miles immediately following first repair; or 30 calendar days out of service within shorter of 2 years or 24,000 miles + at least 2 attempts were made within shorter of 1 year or 12,000 miles. State-run arbitration mechanism available. | <i>Required First Step:</i> Written notice to manufacturer. |
| Utah | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> Vehicle Portions Only | <i>Presumptions:</i> 4 unsuccessful repairs or 30 business days out of service within shorter of 1 year or warranty. Law specifically applies to leased vehicles. | <i>Required First Step:</i> Report to manufacturer, agent or dealer. (Manufacturer's informal arbitrations process serves as prerequisite to consumer refund or replacement.) |
| Vermont | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> No | <i>Presumptions:</i> | <i>Required First Step:</i> |
| Virginia | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> Chassis Only | <i>Presumptions:</i> 3 unsuccessful repairs, or 1 repair attempt of serious safety defect, or 30 calendar days out of service within 18 months. State has certified guidelines for arbitration. Law specifically applies to leased vehicles. | <i>Required First Step:</i> Written notice to manufacturer. If 3 unsuccessful repairs or 30 days already exhausted before notice, manufacturer has 1 more repair attempt not to exceed 15 days |

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| Washington | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> Yes | <i>Presumptions:</i> 4 unsuccessful repairs, 30 calendar days out of service (15 during warranty period), or 2 repairs of serious safety defects, first reported within shorter of warranty or 24 months or 24,000 miles. one repair attempt + 15 of the 30 days must fall within manufacturer's express warranty of at least 1 year of 12,000 miles. State-run arbitration mechanism available. Law specifically applies to leased vehicles. Note: Consumer should receive replacement or refund within 40 calendar days of request. | <i>Required First Step:</i> Written notice to manufacturer. |
| Wisconsin | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> Yes | <i>Presumptions:</i> 4 unsuccessful repairs or 30 calendar days out of service within shorter of 1 year or warranty. Law specifically applies to leased vehicles. Note: Consumer should receive replacement or refund within 30 calendar days after offer to return title. | <i>Required First Step:</i> Report to manufacturer or dealer. |
| West Virginia | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> Chassis Only | <i>Presumptions:</i> 3 unsuccessful repairs or 30 calendar days out of service or 1 unsuccessful repair of problem likely to cause death or serious bodily injury within shorter of 1 year or warranty. Law specifically applies to leased vehicles. | <i>Required First Step:</i> Written notice + opportunity to repair to manufacturer. |
| Wyoming | <i>Rv's Covered?</i> Yes if under 10,000 lbs | <i>Presumptions:</i> 3 unsuccessful repairs or 30 business days out of service within 1 year. | <i>Required First Step:</i> Direct written notice + opportunity to repair to manufacturer. (Manufacturer's informal arbitrations process serves as prerequisite to consumer refund or replacement.) |