### INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE REQUEST FOR ARBITRATION FORM

DO NOT DELAY IN COMPLETING THIS FORM. It must be received by the Department of Legal Affairs no later than **60 days** after the expiration of your Lemon Law rights period (24 months from the date of delivery of the vehicle), or **30 days** from the date of final action of a state-certified, manufacturer-sponsored arbitration program (e.g. BBB/AUTOLINE, NCDS), whichever is later.

1. PLEASE either **type** or **print legibly** in **black or blue** ink. DO NOT use other colored inks or pencil and do not print the form on colored paper, as these are difficult to copy. If you require assistance, please call the Department of Legal Affairs at 850-414-3500; if hearing impaired, via the Florida Relay Service at 711. Answer **completely** all questions that are applicable to your claim. If you do not answer all applicable questions, the form will be returned to you.

2. Attach copies of all documents requested. PLEASE **do not**: use highlighter, write on the documents, cover the information by the attachment of "post-it" notes, or attach exhibit labels. If you think the document requires additional explanation, you may provide this on a separate sheet of paper. If you do not attach copies of the documents requested, the form may be returned to you. Please do not attach documents that do not relate to your claim.

3. **PLEASE DO NOT** organize the application and supporting documents by the use of tabs, notebooks or other such insertions. These will only be removed and discarded. If your claim is determined eligible for arbitration, the application form and supporting documents will be copied numerous times and will be organized by agency staff according to the arbitration hering procedures.

4. You should refer to the publication, "**Consumer Guide to the Florida Lemon Law**" for an explanation of your rights under the law and the definitions of terms that are used in this application form.

5. After completing the form and gathering your documents, return the **original** of the form with a **copy** of each document requested to the address on the form, using the mailing label provided. If a document cannot be copied clearly, then please send the original and it will be returned to you at a later date. **BE SURE** to keep a copy of the application form and the original documents for your records as you will have to bring them to an arbitration hearing, if your claim is deemed eligible.

6. **Processing:** Upon receipt of your completed form and attachments, the Department of Legal Affairs (Department) will date-stamp the form. This is the date the form is considered to be filed. The Department will screen the form and make an initial determination of eligibility within 20 days of the date the form is filed.

(a) If the application is incomplete or lacks sufficient information from which eligibility can be determined, it will be returned to you promptly for completion or you will be requested to submit new or additional information. You will have 30 days from the date you receive the returned form to complete the form, or provide any additional requested information and mail it back to the Department. If you do not respond within the required 30 days, your claim will be rejected, unless you have a reasonable explanation for your delay. If you have a reasonable explanation for your delay, the Department will extend the time for an additional 30 days. If you do not return the completed form or requested information within the 60-day period, your claim will be rejected. You and the manufacturer will be notified of the rejection in writing. The time for requesting arbitration will resume running upon mailing of the rejection notice to you. If you thereafter wish to pursue arbitration under the program, you will have to submit a new form to the Department.

(b) If the Department finds your application was fraudulently submitted or that your claim is outside the scope of the Arbitration Board's authority, your request will be rejected. You and the manufacturer will receive written notice of the rejection.

(c) If you voluntarily withdraw your claim during the screening process, you may reapply by submitting a new Request for Arbitration form to the Department. The time for requesting arbitration will resume running on the date you notify the Department of the withdrawal.



## OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Request for Arbitration by the Florida New Motor Vehicle Arbitration Board

FOR OFFICE U	SE ONLY
	Indicate Date:
Filed (DCS)	
DCS Case#	
Rejected	
Withdrawn	
Referred to AG	
Approved	

### I DO NOT WISH TO RECEIVE SOLICITATION MATERIALS FROM ATTORNEYS

	I. CONSUMER INFORMATION					
1.	Purchaser/Lessee Name(s):			_		
	Street Address:					
	City:					
	Mailing Address (if different):					
	City:					
3.	Home Phone: ( )		Best Time to Call	:		
	Work Phone: ( )		For Whom?			
	Cell Phone: ( )		For Whom?			
	Fax: ( )	E-Mail:				
At	torney Information (complete only if yo	u are repres	sented by an attorr	ney):		
	Name:					
	Mailing Address:					
	City:	State:		Zip Code:		
	Telephone: ( )	Fax: (	)	E-Mail:		
	II. SELLING DEALER, FINANCING, AND LEASING INFORMATION					
4.	Dealer Name:					
	Address:					
	City:			Zip Code:		
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# II. SELLING DEALER, FINANCING, AND LEASING INFORMATION (continued) Lessor, bank, or lending institution to which loan or lease payments are made: Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_City:\_\_\_\_\_\_State:\_\_\_\_\_Zip Code:\_\_\_\_\_\_

III. RELIEF REQUESTED (Check one only)		
1. Purchaser/Lessee Name(s):	A refund <u>or</u>	
	A replacement vehicle	

	IV. VEHICLE INFORMATION				
6. Ve	ehicle Type: Car Truck Van Sport Utility	Low Speed Vehi	icle		
7. lf a	a truck, is the gross vehicle weight 10,000 pounds or less?	Yes	No		
8. Ma	anufacturer:(GM, Ford, Chrysler, Toyota, etc.)				
9. Ma	ake: Model: (Dodge, Mercury, etc.) (Mustang, Accord, etc.)	Year:			
10. Vehicle Identification Number (VIN): (This is a 17-character identifier usually consisting of letters and numerals that is listed on your vehicle registration.)					
11. If a conversion vehicle, give the name of the company that performed the conversion, if known:					
(Exployer Vans, Sherrod, etc. Attach a copy of the warranty.)					
a.	Was the conversion work performed prior to your purchase?	Yes	No		
b. If after your purchase, was the conversion work performed by or Yes through the dealership as an option, referral or part of the sale?		Yes	No		

	IV. VEHICLE INFORMATION (continued)				
12. D	12. Date you took delivery of the vehicle?				
N	lileage on the odometer on the date of delive	ry:			
13. W	Vas the vehicle (check one):		Purchased	Leased	
Ir	n Florida?		Yes	No	
A	s (check one):	New	Demonstrator	Used	
14. lf	leased, for a term of one year or more?		Yes	No	
15. D	To you still own or possess the vehicle?		Yes	No	
	purchased used, was the vehicle transferred to y pal owner within 24 months after the date of origina	•	Yes	No	
a	. If yes, complete the following:				
С	Driginal owner's name:				
s	State where vehicle was originally purchased:				
A	ctual date of delivery to original owner:				

### V. INFORMATION REGARDING PROBLEM(S) WITH VEHICLE

17. List each problem (other than routine maintenance and minor warrant repairs), that was first reported to the authorized service agent (dealer) within 24 months after the date of delivery, and that you claim **substantially impairs** the use, value or safety of the vehicle. Give the dates of <u>at least</u> three repair attempts that took place before the date written notification was sent to the manufacturer. If a substantial problem had less than three repairs before notification, list it and the repair date(s). Attach a separate sheet if necessary. Do not list the same problem more than once. **Please attach copies of repair orders for all repairs to the listed defects, even if there were more than three repairs.** 

Problem	Date 1	Date 2	Date 3
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			

V. INFORMATION REGARDING PROBLEM(S) WITH VEHICLE (continued)				
18. Did you notify the manufacturer (not the dealer) identified in Question 8 in writing after three or more repair attempts for the problem(s)?	Yes	No		
If yes, date the manufacturer received notification:				
a. (Answer only if applicable.) Did you notify the conversion company identified in Question 11 in writing after three or more repair attempts?	Yes	No		
If yes, date the conversion company received notification:				
(Attach a copy of the motor vehicle defect notification form or other written receipt indicating when the manufacturer and/or conversion company received		•		
19. Following receipt of the notification, did the manufacturer and/or conversion company make a final attempt to correct the problem(s)?	Yes	No		
If yes, on what date(s)?				
If no, explain why there was no final repair attempt:				
20. How many cumulative calendar days do you contend the vehicle was out of service for repair of one or more of the problems described in Question 17?				
a. Did you notify the manufacturer (not the dealer) identified in Question 8 and, if applicable, the conversion company identified in Question 11 in writing after 15 or more days out of service?	Yes	No		
If yes, date(s) the manufacturer and/or conversion company received notification:				
Manufacturer: Conversion Company:				
If no, explain why:				
21. Following receipt of the notification, did the manufacturer, conversion company or authorized service agent (the dealer) have the opportunity to inspect or repair the vehicle?	Yes	No		
If no, explain why:				
22. Is the problem(s) about which you are complaining the result of an accident, abuse, neglect, modification or alteration by someone other than the manufacturer, conversion company or an authorized service agent (the dealer)?	Yes	No		

### VI. PARTICIPATION IN CERTIFIED MANUFACTURER PROCEDURE

23. Did you participate in a state-certified manufacturer's informal	Vaa	No
dispute settlement procedure?	1es	NO
If yes, what was the name of the procedure?		
If yes, what was the name of the procedure?(BBB/AUT	OLINE, NCDS, etc.	)
Date the procedure received your claim:		
Date of your hearing (if applicable):	Mileage:	
Did that procedure render a decision?	Yes	No
If no, explain why:		
If yes, were you satisfied with the decision of the procedure?	Yes	No
Date of final decision or action of the procedure?		
You must attach copies of: your claim, post receipt or lette		m
acknowledging receipt, and the decision of the progra	am, if applicable.	

VII. PREVIOUS ARBITRATION (by State Board Only)				
24. Is this your first request for arbitrati Vehicle Arbitration Board for this vehic		Yes No		
If no, was previous application:	Withdrawn by you	Rejected by screening agency		
	what happened?			
Did you have a hearing?	Yes No	Case Number:		
If you had a hearing and lost, explain I your hearing to now qualify your vehic necessary).	le for a refund or replacement	· · · · · ·		

### VIII. PRICE INFORMATION

*IMPORTANT!!!* Please attach a copy of your Vehicle Invoice, Bill of Sale, Finance or Retail Installment (loan) Agreement or Lease Agreement, along with copies of any invoices, canceled checks, etc. evidencing amounts paid by you in connection with your purchase or lease of the vehicle [including government fees and taxes (not financed), window tinting, extended service agreement, vehicle add-ons, etc.]. Include verification of periodic payments made.

Did you incur any reasonable expenses (e.g., towing, rental car, repair Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ bills, postage, etc.) as a **direct** result of the defect(s) for which you were not reimbursed?

If yes, please attach copies of receipts, invoices, etc., to show how much you paid.

### IX. VERIFICATION

False official statements: Whoever knowingly makes a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of his official duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in ss. 775.082, 775.083, and 775.084, Florida Statutes.

I hereby request arbitration of my case by the Florida New Motor Vehicle Arbitration Board. I certify that all statements made in connection with this request for arbitration are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that this document and its attachments are public records. <u>NOTE: This form must be signed by the Consumer(s).</u>

Signature (First Consumer)

Signature (Second Consumer)

Date

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X. DOCUMENTS		
Your application may be considered incomplete and processing will be delayed if you did not include the following applicable documents (please check documents submitted):		
A copy of any warranty given by the conversion company identified in Question 11, if applicable		
Copies of relevant repair orders in your possession (Questions 17, 19 and 20)		
A copy of the defect notification form or other written notification you sent to each manufacturer or conversion company (Questions 18 and 20)		
A copy of the postal receipt or other document indicating when the manufacturer and/or conversion company received your written notification (Questions 18 and 20)		
A copy of the claim filed with a manufacturer's state-certified procedure (if applicable) (Question 23)		
A copy of the decision of a manufacturer's state-certified procedure, if any (if applicable) (Question 23)		
A copy of the vehicle purchase invoice, bill of sale, and the retail installment contract (loan agreement) or lease agreement (all that are applicable to your vehicle acquisition)		
Copies of all receipts or invoices for items purchased in connection with your acquisition of the vehicle		
Copies of all receipts or invoices for expenses directly caused by the defect(s)		
Be sure to make and keep a copy of this form and all attachments for your own records.		

# Return completed original form with copies of all applicable documents attached to:

Office of the Attorney General Lemon Law Arbitration PL-01, The Capitol Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050 850-414-3500

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