

Press release

2 Aug 2023 - *New register mercedesrecall.nl provides easy insight into the use of cheating software*

Emissions Justice: role of Mercedes in diesel fraud much larger than assumed in the Netherlands

Diesel Emissions Justice Foundation - which conducts class actions against car manufacturers who have equipped their cars with cheating software - provides crucial evidence today at the Court of Amsterdam in its case against Mercedes. Research by the foundation in the administration of the manufacturer itself shows that at least 167,139 Dutch commercial vehicles and passenger cars have been signaled by Mercedes for a recall due to higher emissions of harmful substances (NOx) than permitted by law. That is more than eight times more than the approximately 20,000 cars with tampering software that are now known to the RDW vehicle authority, according to research verified by an independent accountant.

Since the start of the diesel scandal in 2009, authorities - such as the RDW in the Netherlands and KBA in Germany - have been constantly investigating the actual emissions of diesel cars and regularly order recalls for certain license plates. It is proven difficult for authorities to determine the size and exact specifications of the cars that are equipped with an illegal device that manipulates emissions tests. In Mercedes diesel cars, these instruments seemed to be implemented randomly. The manufacturer has so far, unlike Volkswagen, never been open about this.

The new and verified evidence that Emissions Justice is submitting to the court today shows specifications of all affected Dutch Mercedes diesel cars. In doing so, she shows that Mercedes has cheated on a considerably larger scale than she admits.

Mercedesrecall.nl: transparent about the use of cheating software by Mercedes

Emissions Justice publishes research results via mercedesrecall.nl. This register, which can be easily consulted by diesel owners, contains the verified data of more than 170,000 Mercedes diesel cars equipped with an emission manipulation tool - tampering software - as reported by the RDW (source) or by Mercedes itself (source). Via this combined register, owners can accurately check on the license plate whether their Mercedes diesel car has a cheating device and what action they can take.

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