

Amsterdam District Court rules:

PSA OPEL ILLEGALLY SOLD THOUSANDS OF CARS WITH CHEATING SOFTWARE

Peugeot, Citroën, DS, and Opel—all part of the Stellantis group—illegally sold thousands of diesel cars with illegal cheating software for years. The Amsterdam District Court ruled this today in a case brought by the Emissions Justice foundation. The use of illegal defeat devices made it appear that the cars' emissions were meeting the emission standards. In fact, however, they emit far more harmful substances than permitted.

The Volkswagen car group admitted the use of illegal defeat devices as early as 2015. This is the first ruling in the Netherlands in which a court has established the use of illegal defeat devices by another manufacturer than Volkswagen. The ruling was made possible by complex and costly technical investigations by Emissions Justice. For a portion of the vehicles, Stellantis was given the opportunity to provide counter evidence. However, the court emphasized that Stellantis must give full and frank disclosure about the defeat devices and their operation. Once this has been done, the court will determine the damages.

Anyone with a diesel car manufactured between 2009 and 2019 by Opel, Peugeot, Citroën, or DS is eligible for compensation. To receive compensation, you must register at www.dieselgate.com. Through this initiative, the Diesel Emissions Justice Foundation is working with various mass damage experts and national industry organizations to assist owners of diesel cars. You can also register for diesel cars from other manufacturers.

Sophisticated cheating on a large scale

Joost Edixhoven, lawyer for Emissions Justice: "This is a breakthrough in the field of cheating software. Research by the Foundation shows that all major manufacturers cheated. This ruling makes it clear that the court does not accept this. We expect similar decisions soon for manufacturers such as Mercedes, Fiat and Renault. With this ruling, compensation is finally and rightly coming into focus."

About the Diesel Emissions Justice Foundation

The Diesel Emissions Justice Foundation is an independent non-profit organization, based in the Netherlands, representing the interests of current and former owners of European vehicles, affected by Dieselgate. For more information about the foundation, visit: <https://www.emissionsjustice.com>. This website contains information about, amongst other things, the governance structure, participant conditions and the fee that our financiers will charge in case of success. Prospective claimants from the Netherlands are invited to register at <https://www.dieselgate.com>.