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## Did You Know: Car Lemon Laws Differ From State to State

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Most states have lemon laws but not every state is the same. There are generally two types of laws: The ones that cover new cars and the ones that cover used cars.

Most states allow for a grace period when you buy a new car and it has a major defect. Usually the car can be returned up to three days after purchase and you can get a full refund. After that, you generally need to have the same problem occur or need maintenance three or more times before the vehicle can qualify as a lemon.

Used cars are treated very differently. In some states the seller must give you a warrantee for up to ninety days while other states require no warrantee at all. Private sales are the most problematic. Those are the cars bought from a friend or from an ad posted on the internet or in the news paper when the seller is not a licensed dealer.

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As for buying a car over the internet I can only say, **Buyer Beware.** If there is a problem with the car and you bought it from another state, you might never get the problem fixed and you might not even be covered by any lemon law at all.

If you would like more information about the lemon laws for your state, please visit my website [DirectComplaint.com](http://DirectComplaint.com), and find it under free resources.

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