

Technical Information
OEM Warranty Info



Magnusson-Moss Warranty Act

The Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act (P.L. 93-637) is a United States Federal Law (15 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.) enacted in 1975. It is the federal statute that governs warranties on consumer products. The legislative history indicates that the purpose of the Act is to make warranties on consumer products more readily understood and enforceable and to provide the Federal Trade Commission with means to better protect consumers.

Vehicle manufacturers are not allowed to void the vehicle warranty just because aftermarket parts or additives are used on or in the vehicle. The only time a new vehicle warranty can be voided is if an aftermarket part has been installed or used and it can be proven that its use is responsible for the warranty claim. In this circumstance the aftermarket parts liability insurance would provide coverage. If a dealer denies a warranty claim involving an implied or expressed new warranty and you require assistance, you should contact the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

It is common that some engine manufacturers will assert that the use of certain additives that are designed to do such things as act as a pour point depressant, a cetane enhancer, a combustion improver, a biocide, or a lubricity agent, etc. may prove useful to the overall performance of the engine.