



Minnesota Used Vehicle Warranty

Fact Sheet

General Rule: Subject to the exclusions shown below, every used motor vehicle sold by a dealer in Minnesota is covered by an express warranty that the dealer must provide to the consumer. Dealers have the option to repurchase the vehicle instead of fixing it. Even though the law provides a mechanism for the dealer and consumer to exclude specific defective components from coverage, the warranty may not otherwise be waived. The law applies to all covered vehicles sold by dealers - including vehicles sold on consignment.

Excluded Transactions: It is not necessary for a dealer to offer a warranty if:

- The vehicle is sold wholesale.
- The vehicle is sold for other than personal, family or household purposes.
- The vehicle is sold to a dealership employee.
- A vehicle off lease is sold directly or indirectly to the vehicle's lessee or a family member or employee of the lessee.
- The vehicle is a new vehicle or a demonstrator.

Excluded Vehicles: The following vehicles are excluded from warranty coverage:

- Vehicles sold for a total cash sale price of less than \$3,000.
- Diesel vehicles.
- Vehicles with gross weight greater than 9,000 pounds.
- Vehicles custom-built or modified for show or for racing.
- Vehicles that are 8 years of age or older, as calculated from the first day in January of the designated model year of the vehicle (in calendar year 2008, model year 2000's are exempt.)
- Vehicles produced by a manufacturer which has never manufactured more than 10,000 motor vehicles in any one year.
- Vehicles having 75,000 miles or more at time of sale.
- Vehicles not manufactured in compliance with applicable emission and safety standards.
- Vehicles sold unrepaired and classified as Class C total loss vehicles or vehicles having unrepaired damage in excess of \$5,000.

Length of Warranty:

- For used vehicles with less than 36,000 miles, the warranty is for 60 days or 2500 miles, whichever comes first.
- For used vehicles with 36,000 miles or more but less than 75,000 miles, the warranty is for 30 days or 1000 miles, whichever comes first.

Covered Components: There are a variety of covered engine, transmission, drive axle, brake and steering components. Review the list on a Buyer's Guide or warranty form from MADA. The 60 day warranty is more comprehensive than the 30 day warranty and provides protection for the radiator, alternator, generator and starter.

Forms: For each vehicle that the dealer warrants, there should be two separate forms:

- One is the appropriate 30 or 60 day FTC Window Sticker that discloses the type of warranty offered.
- Dealers must also give their customers a warranty document that actually grants the warranty, provides mandatory disclosures under Federal Law and provides exemptions and limitations to the warranty coverage.