Auto Parts Canada 3 — Settlement Summary

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Canadian Auto Parts Price-Fixing Class Actions – Third Omnibus Distribution (Canada)

Summary

This is a Canadian class action settlement arising from an alleged conspiracy by auto parts manufacturers to fix the prices of approximately 45 automotive parts, causing purchasers and lessees of new vehicles to overpay. A third distribution of settlement funds has been approved and claims are currently being accepted from eligible "Newly Included Vehicle" purchasers. Purchasers of "Previously Included Vehicles" who participated in the Second Omnibus Distribution do not need to file a new claim if they previously consented to have their information retained.

Announcements

Third Omnibus Distribution Approved: A third distribution of settlement funds has been approved in the Canadian Auto Parts Price-Fixing Class Actions. Eligible claimants for "Newly Included Vehicles" may now submit a claim online. Purchasers of "Previously Included Vehicles" who did not consent to data retention will receive an email with instructions to update their election.

Claims Administrator Rebrand: The Claims Administrator, RicePoint Administration Inc., has rebranded and is now operating as **Verita Global**. Claimants should be aware of this name change when corresponding with the administrator.

Settlement Amount

The total settlement amount for the Third Omnibus Distribution is not specified on the settlement website. Payments will be distributed on a proportional basis relative to the value of all approved claims. It is anticipated that all approved claims will receive a **minimum payment of $25 per claim** (not per vehicle).

Class Period

The class period varies by automaker and case. The relevant periods for each automaker are as follows:

Newly Included Vehicles

- **BMW / Mini Cooper:** December 5, 2014 – May 31, 2017
- **Ford / Lincoln / Mercury:** August 1, 2015 – May 31, 2017
- **Hyundai, Kia:** January 1, 2007 – May 31, 2016
- **Mercedes-Benz / Smart:** November 29, 2004 – May 31, 2017
- **Mitsubishi:** July 1, 1998 – July 31, 2015
- **Suzuki:** July 1, 1998 – May 31, 2016

Previously Included Vehicles

- **BMW / Mini Cooper, Volkswagen / Audi / Porsche:** November 29, 2004 – December 4, 2014
- **Chrysler / Dodge / Fiat / Jeep / Ram:** January 1, 2000 – March 1, 2014
- **Ford / Lincoln / Mercury:** July 1, 2003 – July 31, 2015
- **General Motors (Buick / Cadillac / Chevrolet / Daewoo / GMC / Hummer / Isuzu / Oldsmobile / Pontiac / Saab / Saturn):** January 1, 2001 – February 28, 2014
- **General Motors (Pontiac Vibe only):** January 1, 2004 – December 31, 2008
- **Honda / Acura, Nissan / Infiniti, Subaru:** July 1, 1998 – September 30, 2016
- **Jaguar / Land Rover, Volvo:** November 29, 2004 – October 15, 2013
- **Mazda:** July 1, 1998 – December 4, 2014
- **Toyota / Lexus:** July 1, 1998 – May 31, 2016

Filing Deadline

No specific filing deadline is stated on the settlement website for the Third Omnibus Distribution. FRS staff should monitor the settlement website for any deadline announcement. *Note: "Previously Included Vehicle" purchasers have no new opportunity to file — their eligibility is based on the Second Omnibus Distribution filing.*

Who Qualifies

Eligible class members fall into two categories:

- **Purchasers / Lessees of Newly Included Vehicles:** Individuals who purchased or leased a new passenger car, sport utility vehicle, van, or light truck (up to 10,000 lbs) from one of the newly included automakers during the applicable relevant period listed above. These claimants have not previously had an opportunity to apply and *must file a claim* to receive compensation.
- **Purchasers / Lessees of Previously Included Vehicles:** Individuals who previously filed a claim in the Second Omnibus Distribution. If they consented to have their information retained by the claims administrator, they will be automatically considered for eligibility. If they did not consent, they will receive an email allowing them to change their election. *There is no new opportunity to file a claim for this group.*

Who Is Excluded

- The automakers themselves are not defendants and are not alleged to have committed any wrongdoing. Purchases are used solely to determine eligibility.
- Specific exclusions (e.g., defendants, their employees, judges) are not detailed on the home page. FRS staff should consult the FAQ and Documents pages on the settlement website for full exclusion details.

How to File

- **Newly Included Vehicles – New Claimants:**
  - Visit the settlement website and click the **"Claim Now"** button to submit a claim online.
  - You will need to provide information about your eligible vehicle purchase(s) or lease(s) during the applicable class period for your automaker.
  - Contact the Claims Administrator (Verita Global, formerly RicePoint Administration Inc.) if you have questions about eligibility or need assistance submitting a claim.
- **Previously Included Vehicles – Prior Claimants:**
  - If you previously consented to data retention, no action is required — you will be automatically considered for the Third Distribution.
  - If you did not consent to data retention, watch for an email from the claims administrator with instructions to update your election.

    - There is *no new opportunity* to file a claim for this category if you did not participate in the Second Omnibus Distribution.

Defendants

The defendants are manufacturers of automotive parts who are alleged to have engaged in a conspiracy to fix the prices of approximately 45 different automotive parts. The specific defendant companies are not listed on the home page of the settlement website. FRS staff should consult the Documents section of the settlement website for the full list of defendants across all nine cases covered by the Third Distribution.

Note: No wrongdoing is alleged against the automakers. They are not defendants in these class actions.

Case History

- The Canadian Auto Parts Price-Fixing Class Actions involve allegations that defendants conspired to fix prices of approximately 45 automotive parts, causing class members to overpay for vehicles containing those parts.
- The Third Omnibus Distribution covers 9 separate cases.
- A First and Second Omnibus Distribution preceded this Third Distribution. Claimants in the Second Distribution were advised that their eligibility for subsequent distributions depended on filing a claim at that stage.
- The Third Omnibus Distribution has now been approved by the court, and claims are currently open for Newly Included Vehicle purchasers.
- The claims administrator, RicePoint Administration Inc., has rebranded as Verita Global.
- The class actions are brought by the law firms **Sotos LLP**, **Siskinds LLP**, **Siskinds Desmeules**, and **CFM LLP**.

Source

Settlement website home page: **Auto Parts Class Action** (Canadian Auto Parts Price-Fixing Class Actions). Specific URL not provided in source content; FRS staff should confirm and record the current URL.

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Reviewer Flags

- **Version:** First draft — new article created from a single monitored page (Auto Parts Canada 3 Home Page).
- **Source for all content:** Auto Parts Canada 3 Home Page (single page provided).
- **Missing information – Filing Deadline:** No filing deadline is stated on the home page. FRS staff should check the FAQ and Documents pages for any deadline, and monitor for updates. This is a potential gap for clients who need to act promptly.
- **Missing information – Settlement Amount:** The total dollar amount of the Third Omnibus Distribution is not published on the home page. Only the minimum per-claim payment of $25 is mentioned.
- **Missing information – Defendant List:** The specific defendant companies are not named on the home page. The full defendant list should be available in the Documents section of the settlement website.
- **Missing information – Settlement Website URL:** The exact URL of the settlement website was not included in the source content. FRS staff should verify and add the URL to the Source section.
- **Potential flag – BMW/Ford overlap:** BMW/Mini Cooper and Ford/Lincoln/Mercury appear in *both* the Newly Included Vehicles and Previously Included Vehicles tables, covering different (non-overlapping) time periods.

This is consistent with the source content and appears intentional — earlier periods were handled in prior distributions, and later periods are new. No contradiction, but reviewers should be aware clients may be eligible under both categories simultaneously.

- **Claims Administrator rebrand:** The source page notes that RicePoint Administration Inc. is now doing business as Verita Global. FRS staff and clients should use "Verita Global" when contacting the administrator going forward.