



# Class Actions in Environmental Disputes VW Emissions Scandal

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# VW Emissions Scandal United States



Sept 18, 2015 – US EPA notice of violation fo Clean Air Act

Oct 7, 2015 – more than 230 class actions filed nationwide

Dec 8, 2015 – MDL panel consolidates and transfers the 500  
class actions to the DC Northern District of California

June 28, 2016 – USD 15.3 billion with 500'000 car owners,  
USD 5-10k per car owner

**TOTAL BILL VW US: MORE THAN USD 20bn**



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# VW Emissions Scandal Europe



Affected Cars – Germany 2.8m, UK 1.2m

**TOTAL BILL VW EUROPE: NOTHING (SO FAR)**

# VW Emissions Scandal

## European Efforts



myright.de assignment model, assertion of similar claims in a  
single lawsuit

Stichting Volkswagen Car Claim

Stichting Volkswagen Investors Claim

German KapMuG proceeding - EUR 3.3bn

UK class action

# Class Action Differences US – EU Proposal



	US	EU
Standing	Lead Plaintiff	Representative Entity
Costs	American Rule	Loser Pays Principle
Fee/Funding	Contingency Fee	Third Party Funder
Participation	Opt-out	Opt-in
Damages	Punitive Damages	No Overcompensation



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# Thank you

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