

The Consumer Voice in Europe

# Real Driving Emissions tests and restoring consumer trust in the automotive sector

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Real Driving Emissions Tests

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# BEUC The European Air pollution is a consumer health concern

#### Motorists stand to suffer the most

As a result of the concentrating effect of being inside a vehicle, NO2 levels in some cars have been found to be 2.5 times higher inside the vehicle than outside





# Consumers don't want to be conned

#### **CASE STUDY: UK consumer reaction**

#### Mary wants an end to silly games:

"I bought diesel for the first time thinking I was helping the environment. Now I feel I was naive to believe any of the claims manufacturers are making."

#### Steve is shocked at the level of deceit:

"Emissions testing should be that, test what comes out of the exhaust pipe, not play silly games at the other end."

#### Hilary feels she was naive to believe car makers:

"I'm not naive enough to think that companies won't dress up the facts to obtain custom, but the level of deceit is huge. I'm just waiting for the rest of the big names to be implicated."

Which?



# BEUC The European Our members across EU want real action!

D'après nos tests, tous les constructeurs truquent leurs chiffres en matière d'émissions et de consumentenbond consommation 22 octobre 2015 Besparen Haal je recht Actie v Nos tests sur les voitures démontrent que les chiffres Home > Tests & vergelijken > Auto, Fiets & Reizen > Schone en zujnige auto's > réels en matière d'émission et de consommation n'ont que de lointains rapports avec les chiffres « officiels » Schone en zuinige auto's avancés par les constructeurs. Nous exigeons un nouveau protocole de tests et des contrôles réalistes dans les plus brefs délais. Angaben zum Kraftstoffverbrauch von Autos müsse Which?

Which? works for you off their economy claims - and how they're wasting your money Enquête sur la consomm Preuves à l'appui, on sait maintenant que Volkswagen et Fiat mentent sur la véritable consommation d'au moins deux voitures. Ils en répondront devant la justice italienne. Mais les autres constructeurs ne demeurent pas en reste... testachats.be FOOD FOES

Dieselgate Volkswagen: Class Action di Altroconsumo Di Mirco Magni | venerdì 9 ottobre 2015

MEDIA & PRESS SCELTI PER TE Keer op keer toont de Consumentenbond in

en zuinige auto's, aan dat het praktijkverbruik van auto's vaak ver boven de fabrieksopgave ligt. Altroconsumo, de Italiaanse zusterorganisatie van de Consumentenbond, heeft blootgelegd waar autofabrikanten de bewegingsruimte vinden die de wetgever op dit moment nog toe k De verbruikstest die autofabrikanten nu gebruiken, is gebaseerd op achterhaalde testcyclus. Altroconsumo heeft de uiterste verschillen ggo de procedure nu nog toestaat. Bij een Fiat Panda werd een totaal Position papers... 🗀 fuel economy 🗋 www.europe

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ZPS Welke 'trucs' passen de fabrikanten klaarblijkelijk toe? Szukaj

en droit d'espérer et, dans l'air, par émissions de gaz nocifs supérieures qui est affiché. Bref, on se moque d et, jusqu'ici, c'est yous qui réglez la Mais cela pourrait changer.

Jusqu'à 45 % de différence

vous sachiez à propos de votre voiture

Ce que le secteur automobile ne veut pas que



Pozwy przeciw producentom Fiata i Volkswagena za fałszywe informacje o zużyciu paliwa

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24 lutego do dwóch sądów we Włoszech wpłynęły pozwy zbiorowe przeciwko producentom samochodów marki Fiat i Volkswagen wystosowane przez włoską organizację konsumencką Altroconsumo. Producenci utrzymywali, że ich samochody są od 20% do 50% bardziej wydajne niż w rzeczywistości, tak wiec konsumenci musieli ponieść znacznie wyższe koszty użytkowania pojazdu niż

Hoe wij testen Extra

9 trucies van de opgegeven verb

Działania w tej sprawie zostały podjęte na podstawie przeprowadzonych w ubiegłym roku testów konsumenckich, z których wynika, że konsumenci otrzymywali falszywe informacje na temat zużycia paliwa w samochodach marki Fiat Panda 12 i Volkswagen Golf 1.6 TDI. Producenci samochodów utrzymywali, że ich samochody są od 20% do 50% bardziej wydajne niż w rzeczywistości, tak więc konsumenci muselej ponieść znacznie wyższe koszty użykowania pojazdu niż wynikało to z reklam.

Monique Goyens, dyrektor generalny Europejskiej Organizacji Konsumentów (BEUC), której członkiem jest Stowarzyszenie wonque coyens, cytekon generalny zeropejsoej vrganizacji korissimenow (secol), konej czariniem jest solważyżscinie Konsumentów Polskich, powiedziała: "Konsumenci są oszkiwani przez producentów samochodów og granic możliwości. Kierowcy muszą zapiacić do kilkuset euro rocznie więcej za paliwo niż wynikaloby to z reklam producentów samochodów. Konsumenci zaskugują na reklundację nadmiemie poniesionych kosztów, gdyż prezentowane w teorii użyżejce paliwa ma się nijak do rzeczywistości. Należy niezwłocznie podjąć działania na tym polu, by tego typu sytuacje nie miały miejsca w przyszłości". Podatki o porabi goriva ne "zdržijo" niti v laboratoriju

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# RDE NOx limits deal lets down consumers

# What kind of signal to be we want to send out?

We are told by the Commission, Member States, car makers and some MEPs that this is a good deal:

NOx emissions in the real world today are approx.
 7x higher than the allowed limits...

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• The new deal will mean that the emissions levels can be 2.1x higher and then 1.5x higher...

Euro 6 (2014)

If someone is breaking the law, you don't allow them to continue breaking the rules, you make sure they stick to the rules already agreed!



# RDE NOx limits deal lets down consumers

# EU decision making process in question

- EU legislation clearly states that cars on the road should conform to type approval results
- Best available scientific advice for the Commission and Member States (and the Parliament!) was ignored
- The political and industry interests have trumped consumer, health, environmental and local authority interests
- Legality of deal in question both JURI + other legal experts
- We are very disappointed Limits must be reviewed on a regular basis and lowered with the involvement of the EP.



# BEUC The European Consumer Type approval legislation now needs fixing

# The Commission proposal to reform type approval

#### BFUC's initial reaction:

- It is a big step in the right direction towards restoring consumer trust in the automotive sector;
- The proposal to conduct random conformity tests is much needed - should deter against cheating
- The cosy relationship between car makers, national authorities and testing services across EU must be broken up.



# BEUC The European Consumer RDE testing, type approval... Not silver bullets!

# Fuel consumption is a key criteria in buying process:

- A new test protocol (the WLTP) needs to be implemented by 2017
- It's introduction however must not weaken existing fuel consumption/CO2 targets for 2020
- We need to start looking at extending RDE tests for fuel consumption as well.

# Car labelling needs updating:

 The EU's car labelling Directive needs to be improved to ensure consumers are being provided with more relevant and comparable information.



# What does fuel consumption mean for consumers?







Our UK member recently tested 200 cars, and the results indicated that **drivers are spending £133 (€185) more a year on fuel**.



Our Austrian member found that for the top 30 selling cars in the country, owners were **paying almost €300 more per year on fuel** 



Our Italian member are **requesting compensation of between €239 and €502 in court** for the owners of a Fiat Panda and a VW Golf

**BOTTOM LINE:** Consumers are being misled and paying more on fuel than otherwise expected







AK EUROPA, the Brussels Office of the Austrian Federal Chamber of Labour, and the ÖGB Europabüro, the Brussels Office of the Austrian Trade Union Federation, and BEUC, the European Consumer Organisation cordially invite you to our panel debate

Fuel Consumption of Passenger Cars:
Will EU measures restore trust among consumers?

Tuesday, 15th of March 2015, 18:30h
Permanent Representation of Austria to the EU
30, Avenue de Cortenbergh, 1040 Brussels, 1st floor

# Thank you for your attention

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