

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

IN RE: AUTOMOTIVE PARTS
ANTITRUST LITIGATION

: Master File No. 12-md-02311
:
: Case No. 12-cv-00602

PRODUCT(S):

OCCUPANT SAFETY RESTRAINT
SYSTEMS

This Document Relates to:

: Hon. Marianne O. Battani
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ALL DEALERSHIP ACTIONS

**Order Granting Dealership Plaintiffs' Motion For Preliminary Approval Of Proposed
Settlement With Defendants Autoliv, Inc., Autoliv ASP, Inc., Autoliv B.V. & Co. KG,
Autoliv Safety Technology, Inc. And Autoliv Japan Ltd. And
Provisional Certification Of A Settlement Class**

Upon consideration of Dealership Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval of Proposed Settlement with Defendants Autoliv, Inc., Autoliv ASP, Inc., Autoliv B.V. & Co. KG, Autoliv Safety Technology, Inc., and Autoliv Japan Ltd. (collectively "Autoliv") and Provisional Certification of a Settlement Class (the "Motion"), it is hereby **ORDERED** as follows:

1. The Motion is hereby **Granted**.
2. Unless otherwise set forth herein, defined terms in this Order shall have the same meaning ascribed to them in the Settlement Agreement.

Preliminary Approval of Settlement Agreement

3. The terms of the Settlement Agreement are hereby preliminarily approved, including the release contained therein, as being fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Settlement Class, subject to a Fairness Hearing. The court finds that the Settlement Agreement was entered into at arm's length by experienced counsel and is sufficiently within the range of reasonableness that notice of the Settlement Agreement should be given, pursuant to a plan to be submitted by Settlement Class Counsel at a later date and approved by the Court as provided in this Order.

Class Certification

4. Pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and in light of the proposed settlement, the Court hereby finds that the prerequisites for a class action have been met and provisionally certifies the following class for settlement purposes (the "Settlement Class"):

All automobile dealers that from January 1, 2003 through the Execution Date: (1) purchased Occupant Safety Restraint Systems manufactured or sold by a Defendant, any current or former parent, subsidiary, or affiliate of a Defendant or any co-conspirator of the Defendants, or (2) purchased new vehicles containing Occupant Safety Restraint System(s) manufactured or sold by a Defendant, any current or former parent, subsidiary, or affiliate of a Defendant or any co-conspirator of the Defendants. Excluded from the Settlement Class are Defendants, their parent companies, subsidiaries and affiliates, any co-conspirators, federal government entities and instrumentalities of the federal government, states and their subdivisions, agencies and instrumentalities, and all persons who purchased Occupant Safety Restraint Systems directly from a Defendant or any current or former parent, subsidiary, or affiliate of a Defendant or any co-conspirator of the Defendants.

5. The Court finds that provisional certification of the Settlement Class is warranted in light of the Settlement Agreement because: (a) the Settlement Class is so numerous that

joinder is impracticable; (b) Dealership Plaintiffs' claims present common issues and are typical of the Settlement Class; (c) Dealership Plaintiffs and Settlement Class Counsel (defined below) will fairly and adequately represent the Settlement Class; and (d) common issues predominate over any individual issues affecting the members of the Settlement Class. The Court further finds that Dealership Plaintiffs' interests are aligned with the interests of all other members of the Settlement Class. The Court also finds settlement of this action on a class basis superior to other means of resolving the matter.

Appointment of Settlement Class Counsel

6. The Court hereby appoints Cuneo Gilbert & LaDuca, LLP, Larson • King, LLP, and Barrett Law Group, P.A. as Settlement Class Counsel, having determined that the requirements of Rule 23(g) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure are fully satisfied by this appointment.

7. Each Dealership Plaintiff Class representative will serve as Dealership Plaintiff Class representative on behalf of the Settlement Class.

Notice to Potential Class Members

8. Prior to the Fairness Hearing, Settlement Class Counsel shall utilize the best available means of providing notice of the Settlement Agreement and the Fairness Hearing to all persons affected by and/or entitled to participate in the Settlement Agreement, in full compliance with the notice requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and due process of law. Such means of providing notice will be addressed in a subsequent Order following submission by Dealership Plaintiffs at a later date of a proposal for notice

to the Settlement Class and related forms for notice, claims and distribution (“Notice Motion”).

9. The Notice Motion shall include a proposed form of, method for, and date of dissemination of notice.

Other Provisions

10. In the event that the Settlement Agreement is terminated in accordance with its provisions, the Settlement Agreement and all proceedings had in connection therewith shall be null and void, except insofar as provided to the contrary in the Settlement Agreement, and without prejudice to the status quo and rights of Dealership Plaintiffs, Autoliv, and the members of the Settlement Class.

11. The Court’s provisional certification of the Settlement Class as provided herein is without prejudice to, or waiver of, the rights of any Defendants to contest certification of any other class proposed in these coordinated actions. The Court’s findings in this Order shall have no effect on the Court’s ruling on any motion to certify any class in these actions or on the Court’s ruling(s) concerning any Defendant’s motion.

12. The Court approves the establishment of the escrow account under the Settlement Agreement as a qualified settlement fund (“QSF”) pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 468B and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder, and retains continuing jurisdiction as to any issue that may arise in connection with the formation and/or administration of the QSF. Settlement Class Counsel are, in accordance with the Settlement Agreement, authorized to expend funds from the QSF for the payment of the

costs of notice, payment of taxes, settlement administration costs and any other costs and expenses contemplated by the Settlement Agreement.

13. The litigation against Autoliv is stayed except to the extent necessary to effectuate the Settlement Agreement.

IT IS SO ORDERED

Date: July 8, 2014

s/Marianne O. Battani
MARIANNE O. BATTANI
United States District Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing Order was served upon counsel of record via the Court's ECF System to their respective email addresses or First Class U.S. mail to the non-ECF participants on July 8, 2014.

s/ Kay Doaks
Case Manager