

Contact Request

Date of Accident: _____

Body Shop: _____

Today's Date: _____

This person/business is interested in informing and protecting its clients' rights. To that end, you are being presented with this document. Diminished value is the lost market value that can take place when a car is damaged. Even though your vehicle is well repaired, it may have lost value due to a blemished vehicle history report and other negative market factors stemming from the accident.

If you are interested in discussing diminished value with Forrest Law and learning more about what rights you may have to recover additional funds, please fill out the section below. Your information will only be used for this initial contact and for no other purpose.

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Superior client service.
That's our philosophy.**

We understand the things that are important to you – your home, business, family and rights – and we work with you, one-on-one, to develop solutions that work for you. Our firm offers a wide range of services including Diminished Value Claims, Consumer Law, Tort and Contract Issues, Personal Injury and Taxi Industry Proceedings.

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**My car has been damaged
in an accident.**

**How does that affect its value?
What can I do about it?**

Diminished Value FAQ

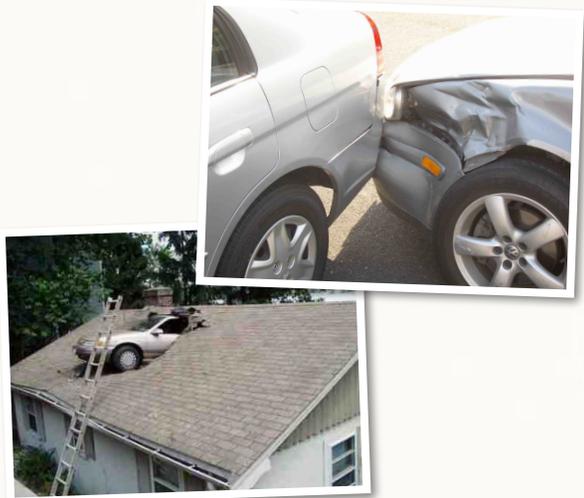


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Automobile Diminished Value FAQ's

What is diminished value?

Diminished value is the lost market value when a car is damaged. Even though a car has been physically repaired, it has lost value for a number of reasons. First, it has lost value because the market generally recognizes that a damaged car is not as valuable as an undamaged car. Consumers purchasing cars usually place a lower value on a previously damaged car. Second, repair shops are frequently unable to exactly duplicate many of the processes or products available only to manufacturers. In addition to other factors, the inability to restore your car exactly to the way it was before an accident leads consumers to reduce the value of your car.

How does this affect me?

When an auto-insurance company issues a check for repairs, they are only paying for the cost of the repairs. They are **not** paying you for the inherent loss in value of the car.

How do I recoup this loss?

Forrest Law works with a vehicle appraiser to generate a report and occasionally file papers in court to force the insurance company to pay for the loss in value of the auto, a loss that is rightfully owed to the owner.

How much will this cost me?

This process will cost you nothing. The legal work is based on a contingency fee. We will only charge you if we are able to recover damages.

I only had a minor accident, can I still recover?

Absolutely, many times small accidents recover more than large ones. Minor or low-speed accidents that appear to have little damage on the outside can often have a large impact behind the body work. Also, all accidents big and small have a significant negative effect on the market value of your car.

My insurance company says that state law does not allow for a diminished value claim. Is that true?

Insurance companies will often try to avoid paying these claims. Diminished value and case law supporting this type of claim has been in existence for nearly 100 years.

My insurance company says that my vehicle was properly repaired and has therefore not suffered diminished value. What can I do?

Most insurance companies are reluctant to pay this type of claim. An inherent diminished value claim is based on the idea that a vehicle has already been properly repaired. The vehicle is still worth less because it is not what it was before the accident. A brand new vehicle is not made brand new again by repairing it following an accident.

Will this make my insurance premiums rise?

A diminished value claim should not increase your insurance premium because the claim is filed with the insurance company of the person who caused the accident. Of course, if you have concerns, you should contact your insurance agent or carrier.

How long will this process take?

A required appraisal will take about 2 weeks to process and many claims settle within 90 days. Occasionally, claims may take longer depending on the complexity of facts or circumstances.

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Examples of recent diminished value claims and their values

Some of these vehicles had little apparent damage on the outside and were caused by slow moving vehicles.

2010 BMW 535XI

\$16,800
DIMINISHED VALUE
Severe front end damage.



Avon, Connecticut

2009 NISSAN
MAXIMA

\$7,850
DIMINISHED VALUE
Medium rear end accident.



Wethersfield, Connecticut

2009 MAZDA 5

\$3,125
DIMINISHED VALUE
Moderate damage to front right quarter of car. Low-speed accident, and drivable after accident.



Bloomfield, Connecticut

2004 BMW 530I

\$4,650
DIMINISHED VALUE
Left rear moderate damage to vehicle. No injuries. Car was parked when struck.



Simsbury, Connecticut