

LEGAL NOTICE

A federal court authorized this Notice.

It is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

If you have purchased a Browning or Winchester Repeating Arms firearm containing the Dura-Touch coating, you may be eligible to receive benefits from a class action settlement.

A proposed Settlement has been reached in a class action lawsuit involving Browning Arms Company (“Browning” or the “Defendant”). The Settlement resolves litigation concerning the potential deterioration of the Dura-Touch coating applied to certain models of Browning and Winchester Repeating Arms branded firearms. You may be entitled to a repair or replacement of your Dura-Touch coated firearm at no cost to yourself. The Parties have agreed to settle the Action in its entirety, without any admission of liability by Defendants. The Case is known as Bittner v. Browning Arms Company, Case No. 3:17-cv-143-MPM filed in the District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi.

Who is included in the Settlement Class? The proposed Settlement Class includes all United States residents who have purchased any Browning or Winchester Repeating Arms firearm containing the Dura-Touch coating.

What benefits does the Settlement provide? The Settlement establishes a process by which a Settlement Class Member may send their Dura-Touch coated firearm to Browning for evaluation, and, if necessary, repair or replacement. Based on the firearm model, a Browning service technician will determine whether the firearm qualifies for either of three service methods that will be carried out on the affected firearm. The three service methods that may be performed on a firearm are: Parts replacement, parts repair or firearm replacement. Browning will cover all costs of shipping the firearm under these circumstances.

For those firearms that Browning deems to not qualify for a repair under the Dura-Touch Claim Resolution Process, the firearm will be shipped to a “Neutral.” The Neutral is an independent third-party who will review the determination by Browning that the firearm does not qualify to participate in the Dura-Touch Claim Resolution Process. Upon receiving the firearm, the Neutral will inspect the firearm to determine whether the firearm qualifies for a repair. If the Neutral determines that the firearm shows signs of deterioration, the process above will be followed and all costs will be paid by Browning. In the event the Neutral determines that the firearm does not qualify for a repair, Browning will ship the firearm to the Class Member for delivery via cash on delivery that will charge the Class Member the costs of the shipping and the costs of the Neutral’s review of the firearm.

How do I receive Settlement benefits? In order to receive the benefits under this Settlement, Settlement Class Members must complete and submit a Claim Form to Browning. There is no deadline for submitting a Claim Form. Settlement Class Members may submit a claim form at the Settlement Websites provided below, or by calling toll-free at (800) 811-5029, where a representative will collect the information needed and submit the claim for you.

Who represents me? The Court appointed W. Lewis Garrison, Jr. and James F. McDonough, III, of Heninger Garrison Davis, LLC as Class Counsel to represent the Settlement Class. You will not be charged for the services of these lawyers. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense.

Your options. If you are included in the Settlement Class and do not submit a Claim Form, your rights will be affected and you will not receive any benefits from this Settlement. If you do not want to be legally bound by the Settlement, you must exclude yourself from the Settlement by May 1, 2019, or you won’t be able to sue, or continue to sue, Defendants about the legal claims in this case. If you do not exclude yourself, you may object to the Settlement by submitting a written objection by May 1, 2019. Instructions on how to exclude yourself or object to the settlement are in the Long Form Notice available at the Settlement Websites. There is no deadline for filing a Claim Form.

The Settlement Agreement, Long Form Notice, and other documents relevant to this case are available at the Settlement Websites, www.duratouchsupport.browning.com and www.duratouchsupport.winchesterguns.com.

The Final Approval Hearing. The Court will hold a hearing at **1:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 13, 2019**, to consider whether to approve the Settlement, award Class Counsel Attorneys’ Fees and Expenses, and award the Class Representative up to \$5,000 for his service. If approved, these amounts will not affect or reduce the benefits available to the Settlement Class Members in any way. Please check the Settlement Websites for updates as the Court may continue the date of the hearing.

Want More Information?

Call toll-free (800) 811-5029, visit www.duratouchsupport.browning.com, www.duratouchsupport.winchesterguns.com, or email jmcdonough@hgdllawfirm.com.

PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT.