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VW Group, BMW and Daimler Are Under Investigation For Collusion In Europe (cnet.com)

Posted by BeauHD on Wednesday September 19, 2018 @06:00AM from the it-never-ends dept.

The European Commission has launched an antitrust investigation into the Volkswagen Group, BMW and Daimler, over allegations they colluded to keep certain emissions control devices from reaching the market in Europe, according to a statement the Commission released on Tuesday. CNET reports: The technologies the group allegedly sought to bury include a selective catalytic reduction system for diesel vehicles, which would help to reduce environmentally problematic oxides of nitrogen in passenger cars, and "Otto" particulate filters that trap particulate matter from gasoline combustion engines.

"The Commission is investigating whether BMW, Daimler and VW agreed not to compete against each other on the development and roll-out of important systems to reduce harmful emissions from petrol and diesel passenger cars," said Commissioner Margrethe Vestager, head of competition policy for the European Commission, in a statement. "These technologies aim at making passenger cars less damaging to the environment. If proven, this collusion may have denied consumers the opportunity to buy less polluting cars, despite the technology being available to the manufacturers."



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Bloody Europe (Score:1)

by MadKeithV (102058)

It's shocking how Europe is always so biased against these American companies and never investigates any of it's

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Blame the EU commission.. (Score:2)

by Viol8 (599362)

.... and its unrealistic CO2 emissions targets. Sure, it will end up with cars producing less CO2, but they'll as you say be less reliable and all the replacement parts required and/or early scrapping will easily offset any minor gains in the exhaust emissions.

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Re: (Score:1)

by MadKeithV (102058)

I'm pretty happy with my second 1L turbo petrol thanks very much, so that rules out "nobody".

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Re: (Score:1)

by [fbobraga \(1612783 \)](#)

Nobody wants

I want!

People deride Elon Musk and Tesla... (Score:2)

by [Viol8 \(599362 \)](#)

... sometimes with good reason, but we need people like him to force innovation on these dinosaurs otherwise nothing will change even if at the end of the day the maverick loses and the dinosaurs survive but producing much better vehicles.

Re: (Score:1)

by [fbobraga \(1612783 \)](#)

yeap (and we can see he's very tired in the last interviews: maybe it's related to it and "all work and no play makes jack a dull boy" :P)

No collusion, volks. (Score:2)

by [h33t l4x0r \(4107715 \)](#)

No pee pee tapes.

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