

32 Percent Of Claims Reported Settled By Propulsid Special Master

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More than two years since the first phase of the *Propulsid* settlement began, the special settlement master reported Dec. 6 that 4,243 claims - or 32 percent - of 13,018 claims have been paid (In Re: *Propulsid* Products Liability Litigation, MDL Docket No. 1355, No. 00-md-1355, E.D. La.).

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Special Master Patrick A. Juneau of the *Propulsid* MDL Resolution Program told the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana that he has identified "thousands" of deficiencies in claim forms, which is impeding progress.

Plaintiffs and defendant Johnson & Johnson announced a \$127.5 million settlement in 2004 for federal claims and in December 2005 announced a \$15 million settlement for remaining state and federal claims.

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