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Some problems will only occur after many years of operation, others are related to technical solutions and forced the manufacturer to issue a recall. In the following overview, you will find the most common problems for the Alfa Romeo Stelvio, for which Alfa Romeo has announced a recall through the EU Rapex system. For recalls and faults found in the UK scroll down.

If the problem is corrected in time, it may not affect the overall reliability of your Alfa Romeo Stelvio. However, the fault can often remain unresolved because the previous owner didn't know about the recall or ignored the manufacturer's letter.

The good news is that automakers usually provide unlimited time to correct such defects for free. Check to see if all of the potential problems with your Alfa Romeo Stelvio have been resolved in the past. How to do it, we give advice on a special page.

- Tip: Check the vehicle's history by a VIN

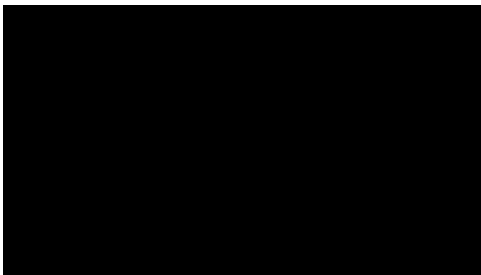
## Latest Stelvio's Issues in the EU



### Alfa Romeo Stelvio (2020 – 2021)

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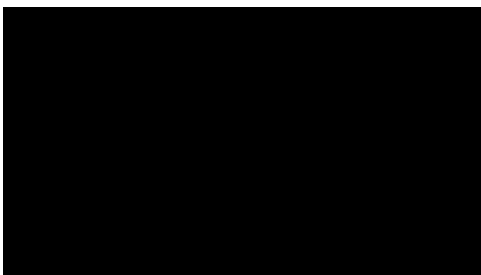
Due to a manufacturing defect, the integrated fuel pressure and temperature sensor in the vehicles concerned may impact the fuel supply . . . .



### Alfa Romeo Stelvio (2019 – 2021)

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The IBS (Integrated Brake System) module may be defective. This may cause a failure of the ABS (anti-lock braking system), increasing . . . .



### Alfa Romeo Stelvio (2020)

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The rear brake discs may have material defects. This may lead to reduced braking performance, increasing the risk of an accident. . . .

If you wish to know more about eventual problems of a specific car (e.g. real mileage, potential traffic accidents damages, odometer rollback, repairs, etc.), then we suggest going to HPI-Check.

Check the vehicle's history

## Latest Stelvio's Issues in the UK

# Alfa Romeo Stelvio Reliability

Alfa Romeo's return to the United States was one of initial pomp and circumstance, followed by fizzling sales. Definitely not the way Fiat Chrysler, now Stellantis, envisioned. Rhyme or reason to the lower-than-expected public acceptance of the brand isn't yet understood, but lingering notions of poor reliability from the brand's pre-return could be a factor.

Today, The Drive's looking at the reliability of one of Alfa Romeo's new offerings, the Stelvio SUV. More compact than its American counterparts, the Stelvio is a four-door, coupe-like SUV that features both frugal and righteous engines, Italian styling, competitive pricing, and a nice interior.

How it fares in reliability is the question, though, and we're going to get into the nitty-gritty right now. Let's dive in.

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## What Makes a Reliable Brand?

Reliability depends on a host of variables, but the two biggest structural supports are the development and manufacturing of a vehicle. When auto manufacturers spend the time and money developing a car and its manufacturing line, a car tends to last longer. Hastily designed, poorly manufactured, and cheaply constructed materials will all reduce a car's longevity and reliability.

There's also a work ethic variable that cannot be ignored. Honda and Toyota's cultures of reliability-over-all embody that ethic and have thus kept each's legendary reliability in the minds of consumers for decades. Lexus spent 15 years creating the perfect paint, for goodness' sake. Add longer-than-normal warranties and good customer service, and it's easy to see why these Japanese companies have enjoyed their strong standings for so long.

Yet, once a car leaves the dealership lot, outside factors impact a car's durability.

## What Impacts a Car's Reliability

Short answer: you. The longer answer is a car's reliability and longevity are inextricably tied to how you take care of your vehicle, your maintenance schedule (if you have one), your conservative or brash driving habits, and whether or not you live in climates where extreme weather could affect the car's construction.

Preemptive maintenance like regular oil changes, fluid flushes, tire rotation, and fuel system cleaners, along with keeping the exterior and underside of your car clean, will all increase the life expectancy of your car. Keeping it out of the harsh desert or tropical sun, as well as away from the rust-inducing salted roadways of winter, will also extend its life.

And lastly, keeping the Mario Andretti driving antics to a minimum will keep your brakes, engine, tires, and chassis under-stressed and happy for far longer compared to hitting every trip to the grocery store like it's the Indy 500.

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## Alfa Romeo Stelvio Specs

Vehicle Type: SUV

Doors: 4

Engine options: 2.0 L TBI-M T4 Multiair turbo I4 petrol, 2.9 L F154 twin turbo V6 petrol

Total internal combustion range: 287-388 miles

## Is The Alfa Romeo Stelvio Reliable?

As detailed above, reliability is generally something that depends on the person, the car, and the situation, so we can't make a definitive statement that the Alfa Romeo Stelvio is reliable or unreliable.

To better assess its reliability, however, we've assembled several data points from numerous sources to present you with as much information as

possible. Let's start with common problems, as told by comments listed in the Stelvio's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) archives.

## The Stelvio's NHTSA History

As collected by the NHTSA, these are the Stelvio's issues throughout the years.

### 2020

Recall: 0

Complaints: 0

### 2019

Complaints: 4

### 2018

Complaints: 27

## Common Alfa Romeo Stelvio Problems and Repair Costs

As with other car brands, not all Stelvio's are built to the same exacting standards. Here's a quick rundown of problematic issues, customer complaints, and repair costs that will help you make the best decision when purchasing your next car.

### Fuel System Issues

Repair Costs: Unknown, according to NHTSA.

Customer Complaint:

"The contact owns a 2018 Alfa Romeo Stelvio. The contact stated that occasionally the vehicle suddenly loss motive power and failed to accelerate. The failure occurred intermittently however, the failure mostly occurred while starting the vehicle. The contact stated that he learned of a known issue with the direct injection within the engine. The contact contacted Fullerton Alfa Romeo (1034 us-22, Somerville, NJ 08876, (877)463-1821) who stated that the mechanic was unable to identify the cause of the failure. The dealer was unable to duplicate the failure and cleared some unknown diagnostic trouble codes. The failure persisted. The manufacturer was made aware of the issue and opened a case. The manufacturer recommended that a complaint be filed with NHTSA. The approximate failure mileage was 20,000."

### Acceleration and Electrical Issues

Repair Costs: Unknown, according to NHTSA.

Customer Complaint:

"With only 11,000 miles the vehicle has received four major repairs, two incidents could have resulted in an accident.

1. Blind-spot monitoring system; one day in repair shop.
2. No radio or navigation system; one day in repair shop.
3. Seizing-up or locking off right-rear brake pad that grinder into brake rotor. This made steering difficult. Vehicle was in repair shop for one week.
4. Malfunction of start & stop system, and electronic throttle control while driving in rush hour interstate traffic; nearly disabling vehicle in traffic. Speed limited was reduced to 25mph in a 65mph highway. Car was disabled for a few hours but errors mysteriously went away. During this event we discovered the Alfa Romeo in our residence closed with no notification. If vehicle remained disabled the next option will be too tow the vehicle to Omaha, NE."

### Brake Issues

Repair Costs: Unknown, according to NHTSA.

Customer Complaint:

"Alfa Romeo Stelvio when driving in heavy traffic at highway speeds, accelerating and braking occur together and often, the engine will cut off and all systems become inoperable. Stop/start system failure symbol appears on screen. This will occur when stop/start system despite having disengaged by pressing button on dashboard.

It takes several seconds for the engine to come back on. During this interval, the car can not be controlled. Car is moving but can't be controlled

by driver.

Alfa Romeo customer center is aware of problem but says there is no fix available at this although they have known about it for some time. In my opinion is this an extremely dangerous situation and an immediate recall is needed to prevent serious injury/damage. Recall is necessary to fit this problem immediately. This has happened more than once.”

## JD Power Consumer Reliability Score

According to JD Power, this score, “Measures the level of defects, malfunctions and design flaws experienced by vehicle owners. Covers the entire vehicle from engine to infotainment system. A higher rating means fewer problems.”

2021: NA/100

2020: NA/100

2019: 73/100

2018: NA/100

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## Video

### FAQs About the Alfa Romeo Stelvio

You've got questions, The Drive has answers!

#### Q: Is The Stelvio Expensive To Maintain?

A: It can be. With any and all new models, there are birthing issues, and that's especially true with Alfa Romeo. It will depend on a variety of factors, though, so your individual experience may vary.

#### Q: How Many Miles Does a Stelvio Last?

A: As the SUV is still somewhat new to the market, it's unclear how long it will last. That said, modern automobiles are designed to last for over 200,000 miles as a baseline.

#### Q: Are Repairs Expensive on the Stelvio?

A: They can be. As the car is built in Italy, with all its parts being sourced from Europe and the smaller than average footprint of Alfa Romeo in the United States, parts and repairs can be expensive depending on what needs to be repaired. Supply chain issues can also abound, unlike that of larger manufacturers.

## 2018 Alfa Romeo Stelvio Problems and Top Complaints - Is Your Car A Lemon?

CategoryElectrical System, Exterior Lighting, Structure:bodyDateSep 11, 2022StateNJDescription

Water discharge on the passenger side whenever the ac is switched on and the car is driving. The water leak led to electrical malfunction with electrical lights switching on even when the car is switched off or the lights switching off when the car is in motion. The water on the passenger side was a nuisance for a long time but when the electrical system went haywire, it became a safety risk especially during night driving when the lights may switch off abruptly. The water leak incident was first reported to the dealership on march 6th, 2021. We did not drive the car around much in the year due to covid. We subsequently reported the problem to dealership in march and may of 2022 (start of the summer months). The water leak continued to happen and we ignored it for a while until aug 6th 2022 when we took a long trip and the passenger side was completely soaked. The electrical malfunction started happening sometime after. Eventually, on sept 6th 2022, the car battery died as the lights were running throughout the night. The water leak incident has been looked by dealership and they did found dampness on the passenger side but could not recreate the issue. The car has been with dealership since sept 7th 2022 for them to check for electrical and water leak issue. The videos of the incidents could be found here: [https://www.Dropbox.Com/sh/plin71ez82sflh3/aadr4qoj744\\_dtoinw0y108ha?DI=0](https://www.Dropbox.Com/sh/plin71ez82sflh3/aadr4qoj744_dtoinw0y108ha?DI=0)

CategoryElectrical System, Unknown Or OtherDateAug 23, 2021StateNYDescription

During the recent rainfall the front passenger side suffered a massive water leak, causing that side of the cabin to flood possibly causing water damage as well. This happened while the car was stationary and also while in motion. This also cause electrical failure to multiple components of the car including the infotainment system, headlights, indicators, engine stop/go among others.

CategoryEngineDateMay 18, 2021StateMIDescription

I orchard my car used, but still under warranty. Within a week it has shut down with a service engine error. I was told it was the power control module (pcm) both times. There's no logical reason, I know of for a car with only 40k miles on it to have an engine failure such as the pcm. Both times both dealerships stated that the game was coming from the solenoids and having a misfire caused by the pcm.

CategoryFuel/propulsion SystemDateMar 13, 2021StateINDescription

The fuel gauge inside the car shows wrong readings and you can run out of fuel

CategoryEngine, Fuel System, Gasoline:fuel Injection SysteminjectorsDateFeb 25, 2021StateNJDescription

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CategoryEngineDateFeb 17, 2021StateOKDescription

Alfa romeo usa is in my opinion hiding a constant problem they have with stelvios. The oil turbo line has a faulty oring and leaks oil onto engine which causes smoke that can not be healthy to breathe in. I have talked to severa alfa dealers in service depts and they confirm to me that they have fixed numerous stelvios with this problem. This should be a national recall for repair at no cost to the consumer. I tusually happens close to warranties expiration near 50k miles or shortly after.

CategoryElectrical System, Engine, Service BrakesDateFeb 12, 2021StateTXDescription

There was a issue with my vehicle turning on fine then once I got down the road it started to not go it completely stopped in mid drive on me and the engine light and oil light going crazy. It started sounding bad this has happened 3 times it shouldn't be happening on a 2018 that's been up to date on maintenance. I take the care home park it for a day then never day crank it up it cranks right up as if it did nothing the day before sounds normal runs fine no lights on at all but it did this 3 times in 3 months. Something is definitely malfunctioning. I also got in a alfa romeo group and 75 percent of the people has had the same issue with their vehicle rather it be the car or suv or year they all had the same engine type.

CategoryPower Train, Vehicle Speed ControlDateOct 24, 2020StateMODescription

While on a hiway, with cruse on, stopped for a red light. While stopped the engine shut off. I pushed the stop-start disable button. The car accelerated into the intersaction before I braked it to a stop. Luckely there was no one infront of me and no cross traffic or we would have wrecked. The car then went back to idle and has been fine since.

CategoryElectronic Stability ControlDateOct 21, 2020StateTNDescription

The car won't get up to speed like it post to. It takes forever for the car to get up to 30mphs. They say it's a oil sensor problem.

CategoryEngine, Power TrainDateOct 01, 2020StateFLDescription

TI\* the contact owns a 2018 alfa romeo stelvio. The contact stated that the vehicle had been to the dealer five times since it was purchased. The contact stated that the vehicle failed to accelerate over 40 mph and frequently went into limp mode. The contact stated that the electronic throttle control and check engine warning lights were illuminated. The vehicle was taken to the fullerton alfa romeo dealer located at 1034 us-22, somerville, nj 08876, where it was diagnosed that the turbo charger needed to be replaced. The part was replaced. The manufacturer was made aware of the failure and offered to return the vehicle back to the dealer. The contact was not satisfied and requested a trade, which the manufacturer rejected. The contact stated that the vehicle was not repaired. The failure mileage was approximately 30,500.

CategoryVisibility/wiperDateJul 15, 2020StateTXDescription

Driving down the highway, around 65 - 70 mph my panoramic sunroof exploded.

CategoryElectrical System, Electronic Stability Control, Exterior LightingDateJun 04, 2020StateNCDescription

21,000 miles may 2 2020 while exiting my neighborhood, electronics failed again and the car would not accelerate anymore; I was stuck in the middle of a heavily trafficked us highway, with the risk to be hit by other cars. The car went into the normal drive mode and I was not able to switch to economic or dynamic driving mode anymore, car would not run over 40mph. All kind of warnings started showing up on the dashboard. I had to stop/start the car a few times, and it resumed functioning. Current major failure-30/05/2020, cannot say the car mileage because the dashboard screen totally blacked out, 2020. All customized controls settings went back on factory settings and the center dashboard on the driver side is completely blacked out. Car is blocked in normal driving mode without the possibility to switch to dynamic or economic mode. Esc warning

is activated on the dashboard. \*tr

CategoryElectrical System, Engine, Unknown Or OtherDateApr 22, 2020StateFLDescription

This car has been in the service department more than 8 times with cracked radiator, electrical problems and recalls. It has come to a dead stop on major highway and almost killed us

CategoryPower Train, Service Brakes, Vehicle Speed ControlDateMar 08, 2020StateIADescription

With only 11,000 miles the vehicle has received four major repairs, two incidents could have resulted in an accident. 1. Blind spot monitoring system; one day in repair shop 2. No radio or navigation system; one day in repair shop 3. Seizing-up or locking off right-rear brake pad that grinder into brake rotor. This made steering difficult. Vehicle was in repair shop for one week. 4. Malfunction of start & stop system, and electronic throttle control while driving in rush hour interstate traffic; nearly disabling vehicle intraffic. Speed limited was reduced to 25mph in a 65mph highway. Car was disabled for a few hours but errors mysteriously went away. During this event we discovered the alfa romeo in our residence closed with no notification. If vehicle remained disabled the next option will be too tow the vehicle to omaha, ne.

CategoryElectrical System, Electronic Stability Control, Exterior LightingDateFeb 09, 2020StateCADescription

On may 9, 2018, the vehicle underwent the recall #u36/nhtsa18v-205 to seal the potential water intrusion that would affect the body control module. However, on december 16, 2019, a noticeable amount of water was located on the passenger floor board and after driving for 20 minutes on the freeway at 65 mph, we experienced what we found out to be later water intrusion that affected the body control module. As recall #u36 describes we experienced the following issues: 1) the turn signals spontaneously engaged as well as did not engage when requested, 2) the fan did not operate, 3) the passenger side front and rear doors would lock/unlock randomly, 4) a warning symbol displaying on the dash indicating that the proximity sensors are not functioning, 5) a warning symbol displaying on the dash indicating that the parking brake was not engaging while driving without prompt from the driver, 6) the headlights were rapidly alternating from high beams to low beams, 7) complete loss of headlight function during hours of darkness. Based off of the aforementioned incident, it appears that either: 1) the recall was never performed on may 9, 2018 as indicated on the scanned invoices or 2) the recall that was performed on may 9, 2018 was not properly completed. On january 3, 2020, the dealership considered the vehicle fixed by only replacing the bcm. The dealership failed to identify the location of where the water entered the vehicle cabin. Therefore, they failed to fix the underlying problem that caused the damage to the bcm and future damage can be expected to occur from water entering the vehicle cabin.

CategoryService BrakesDateDec 17, 2019StateTXDescription

Alpha romero when driving in heavy traffic at highway speeds, accelerating and braking occur together and often, the engine will cut off and all systems become inoperable. Stop/start system failure symbol appears on screen. This will occur when stop/start system despite having disengaged by pressing button on dashboard. It takes several seconds for the engine to come back on. During this interval, the car can not be controlled. Car is moving but can't be controlled by driver. Alpha romeo customer center is aware of problem but says there is no fix available at this although they have known about it for some time. In my opinion is this an extremely dangerous situation and an immediate recall is needed to prevent serious injury/damage. Recall is necessary to fit this problem immediately. This has happened more than once.

CategoryEngine, Power Train, Vehicle Speed ControlDateDec 05, 2019StateCODescription

There's a problem called etc error. It has happened 5 times since 9500 mileage. And now car has 15900 mileage. Every time it happened when I was on highway trying to accelerate. When that problem occurred, I suddenly lost power and had to pull over in the middle of traffic. Then I needed to shut down the engine and restarted, after this action power was back on with engine check light on, too. And car was driveable with auto start/stop and remote start unavailable. I went to dealerships 3 times. First dealership can't locate the problem and just reset computer. Second dealership found one problem and replaced a part. But after a couple thousands of miles, the problem happened again. I have two videos, but they are too big to upload.

CategoryForward Collision AvoidanceDateOct 11, 2019StatePADescription

TI\* the contact owns a 2018 alfa romeo stelvio. The contact stated that the forward collision detection system failed. While driving over a bridge, the automatic braking system engaged independently with no hazard ahead. The contact also stated that the adaptive cruise control detection system activated incorrectly. The system detected a vehicle on the passenger side and engaged the braking system as if the vehicle were in front of the contact's vehicle. The contact stated that the failures occurred intermittently. The vehicle was taken to thompson maserati alfa romeo (303 swamp road, doyles town, pa 18901, (215)348-0056) to be diagnosed, but no error codes could be found. The dealer realigned the sensors, but the failure was not corrected. The manufacturer was contacted. The vehicle was not repaired. The failure mileage was 11,500.

CategoryService BrakesDateJun 25, 2019StateCADescription

I was driving south bound on the 605 in stop and go traffic. Vehicle in front of me broke and as I engaged in the brake it became unresponsive and sped up after I engaged them. Causing my vehicle to collide with two other vehicles

CategoryUnknown Or OtherDateMay 16, 2019StateALDescription

Driving down a straight road (thank goodness), no traffic close by, no overpass and going about 45mph. I heard what sounded like a shot gun in my car. I heard air and looked up and my sun roof was busted. No way anything hit it. I was on top of a bridge with no walkway and a river about 5 stories underneath. I was scared to death and my poor dog in the back is still traumatized. I pulled over and the sunroof was busted all around

the edges and a big hole in the middle protruding out toward the sky (not inward like something hit it). You can see from the photos. Had roadside service tow it 1hr 45 mins to the dealership. Of course they are saying that it is an insurance thing and there is nothing they can do about it. They aren't even acknowledging the fact that this happens. They are saying that they have never heard of something like this happening. There is a alfa romeo forum and I saw 4 different instances in that one forum just today. The pictures all look like mine with the edges of the sunroof all broken and a big hole in the middle protruding out. If I hadn't of had the sunshade down, then glass would have rained down on me and I think I would have wrecked. Right now our insurance isn't even wanting to give us a rental b/c they say it is a manufacturer defect and they need to pay for it. I saw that there is a class action lawsuit on hyundai due to the same issues. How can the us not have better regulations that this. If I weren't going slow on a perfectly straight road, as scared as that shotgun sound made me, I can totally see having an accident. This is a serious problem that needs addressing or a warning to the public that the sunroofs are not safe.

CategoryWheelsDateMar 03, 2019StateFLDescription

It is disgusting that auto manufacturers don't give a spare or run flats on a car today. I was on i95 with my family when my new one day old car had blowout at 10pm at night. Alfa roadside took 6 hours to find us. This is safety issue because I was stuck side of the black darken highway without spare. The semi truck passing 12 inches away from my car doing 80+ mph. How is it in 2019 manufacturers can sell a car without a spare or even flares. The worst part alfa offer spare as option but since my car came without it I can't order a spare no where. Alfa don't offer to sent a spare aftermarket. Tire rack told me that they don't have or are available spares that fit my alfa stelvio. A spare tire kit weigh 20 lbs and how much gas can a person save. I was told it is mpg thing. I am in the doghouse with my family and I have to buy another full size wheel and tire to used as my spare. The car has 20 inch wheels and takes up 1/2 trunk space. If I put on another alfa smaller rim like 18 to save space I was told by manufacturers my warranty is void! I having my cousin in italy sent me a donut spare for emergency. The spare is from alfa romeo stelvio ti made in italy wheel that has spares included and sell aftermarket. The dealer says if I used I lose my warranty. Safety issues being struck on i95 without a spare. How can nhtsa make manufacturers get away with this in 2019. Spares are more important than any other safety features

CategoryElectrical System, Exterior Lighting, Service BrakesDateFeb 18, 2019StateNCDescription

Hello, I bought an alfa romeo stelvio 2018 on december 31st 2018, pre-owned with 4800 miles. At 7900 miles the brakes warning came up, I took the car at the alfa romeo dealership. They replaced the rear brake pads and rotors, they also made me pay for it saying it wasn't under warranty, which I don't understand because alfa romeo warranty for the brakes service is up to 12,000 miles or 1 year ( the car now has 8100 miles). While at the dealership they also did earlier the 12 months service. After scanning the entire system I've been told that the car was in great shape. I picked up the car from the dealership, and I was driving back home, after driving about 60 miles, the entire electronic started to act really weird, I was getting countless warnings on the dashboard, the turn lights stopped working, all lights around the car started randomly flashing, the car stopped accelerating, ac system stopped working the windows got foggy I couldn't see anything, I was on the highway running 60/70 miles/hour, almost got into an accident while trying to pull the car over on the side of the road. This is a big safety/reliability concern of mine, the car totally stalled while running at 60/70 miles/hour on a highway, putting my safety/life at big risk. The car is currently back to the dealership. I'm seriously thinking to have the car replaced or reimbursed. Is there any kind of action I can take with alfa romeo usa to have the car replaced/reimbursed? Best regards, \*tr

CategoryEngine, Unknown Or OtherDateDec 04, 2018StateNYDescription

11/10/18 picked up new car from the dealer 11/12, 11/13,11/14, 11/15, 11/19 car started & had no issues. 11/20/18 car did not start, engine light indicator is on. Had road side assistance boost battery. Unsuccessful. Car towed back to dealer On 11/21/18 11/23 car returned, drove car 11/26/18 without issues. 11/27/18 car did not start, engine light & oil light indicator on, car towed back to dealer. 12/4/18 car returned to me and working. Drove car about 10-15 miles, while driving I noticed the engine light indicator was on while driving. Called dealer while in car, and dealer instructed to return car same day. I did not stop or turn off the car until I arrived at the dealer ( same day) I drove up to service dealer parking lot and turned off the car. While waiting,at dealer the staff informed that the car did not start, and they had to push the car inside of the service area. As of this report, I do not have a working car.

CategoryEngineDateNov 13, 2018StateILDescription

On september 21, 2018 whole cooler engine fluid was flushed inside in the passenger side car. The car was purchased on 09-19-2018. The recall had been seen since 09-14-2018. The car was sold to us with a safety recall with same vin number

CategoryElectrical System, Engine, Power TrainDateSep 25, 2018StateOHDescription

After fueling up the fuel tank, the vehicle was driven on the highway and smoke began to emit out from the vehicle's hood. The driver was not alerted there was any issue from the vehicle's dashboard indicator/warning lights. The driver pulled over on the highway shoulder and the vehicle was on fire until the fire/police department arrived on scene. \*dt updated 10/22/18\*jb

CategoryElectrical System, Service Brakes, Structure:bodyDateSep 17, 2018StateOHDescription

I got my alfa romeo stelvio in november 2017 and less than a year, it got too many problems, some of which are serious n good help from dealers. Problems: 1. From months, I was getting all lights out indications where all lights work, when I put indicator on it gives annoying sound in car. (this happens while vehicle is in motion & stationary) 2. When it rains outside, water leakage in car near front side passenger legs ' (this happens while vehicle is in motion & stationary) 3. Volume in car raises and hit max automatically. (this happens while vehicle is in motion) 4. If I turn off car and get down while I was on call, still media does not go off unless I manually disconnect my phone from car bluetooth. 5. Parking break gets auto release when I press on accelerator. 6. One more huge stupid issue from alfa romeo. While I was driving, I got indicator saying engine on/off button not available and was honking by itself and that too when I was driving. When I pulled over from traffic & turn off vehicle then it goes into

panic mode. This is so stupid n serious. (this happens while vehicle is in motion & stationary) important note: I understand most of the above stated issues were part of recalls (u34 & u36). Strange thing is when I checked with dealer & alfa romeo premium care, as per documentation the recall fixes were done on my car. Which means the recall fixes were not good enough to fix the issues, which caused for recall and as stated by the national highway traffic safety administration (nhtsa) these issues will increase the risk of a crash. Such a disappointment with most rated motor trend of the year alfa romeo. Am just giving recent date when happened, but this is happening from long and not proper support from dealer to fix it. When last time it happened I went to dealer and left car with them. Visibilty wiper/other parts affected too.

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## The most common 2019 Alfa Romeo Stelvio problems

Before we dive into the bad, let's look at the good. The 2019 Alfa Romeo Stelvio reviews were remarkably positive. Reviewers from Car and Driver gave the car a score of 8/10, and Kelley Blue Book graded it 4.1 out of 5.

The Stelvio earned its accolades for bringing an entirely new look to the American SUV market with its stunning styling. That was combined with the make's Quadrifoglio brand performance specifications, giving the 2019 model an edge to stand out among other luxury SUVs.

However, the recalls for the 2019 Stelvio have piled up—so far, there are four recalls by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Here's a rundown of the reason behind each recall:

- A coolant hose leak may cause engine stalling and overheating, and could increase the risk of a crash.
- Adaptive cruise control deactivation failure could cause a crash when the adaptive cruise control system fails to shut off when the driver attempts to disable it.
- The fuel gauge accuracy has been faulty in some cars, causing the gauge to indicate a fuel level that's higher than the actual fuel level. This could cause the car to run out of gas and stall while driving, increasing the risk of a crash.
- ABS failure due to the rotor and shaft separating could diminish the car's overall braking ability, potentially causing a crash.

Drivers have also complained about the car's electrical system, including a battery that died prematurely and a water leak in the door that fried the electrical system.

## Is the 2019 Alfa Romeo Stelvio reliable?

JD Power has given the 2019 Alfa Romeo Stelvio a quality and reliability score of 72/100. While that may be considered passable for Algebra class, it's not really promising when it's your mode of transportation that has a starting MSRP of \$41,840.

## How to simplify car insurance shopping (and still optimize coverage!)

If you own a 2019 Alfa Romeo Stelvio and the warranty is expired, you might be facing some repair costs down the road. If you're thinking of buying one, you'll soon spend upwards of \$31,000 for a used model in good condition. Either way, it might help to find other areas where you can save some money—and that's where

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## Alfa Romeo Stelvio Most Common Problems (All Years)

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Chart is based on 20 vehicles in TrueDelta's reliability survey.

These are the problems owners most commonly reported on TrueDelta's Car Reliability Survey. For many models not all entries have been coded yet, so focus on the relative numbers rather than the absolute numbers. Usually when people say "they all have this problem," the problem in question actually affects between 10 percent and 20 percent of all cars. We aren't counting wear items like brake pads and rotors that truly do require periodic replacement on all cars.

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The 2018 Alfa Romeo Stelvio had 8 recalls for issues including contaminated brake fluid, electrical malfunctions, engine misfires causing heat damage, coolant leaks, adaptive cruise control that could fail to turn off, and an inaccurate fuel gauge.

The Stelvio mostly delivered on the expectations of a luxury SUV, offering an incredibly fun and natural driving experience and a Quadrifoglio version in a league of its own.

While the Stelvio is beyond cool, it hasn't been without issues. There have been 8 recalls in total for the 2018 Stelvio, and they are notoriously expensive to maintain. Come along with

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shopping, as we look at some of the problems the 2018 Alfa Romeo Stelvio had in the past few years. We'll also tell you how you can find lower  
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### The most common 2018 Alfa Romeo Stelvio problems

Realistically, it's uncommon that you'll end up with a 2018 Stelvio that has one or more of these common problems—overall, consumers and reviewers often report having no issues with the vehicle at all, and we should expect top-notch quality from a name like Alfa Romeo.

But the 2018 Alfa Romeo Stelvio did have some problems that led to 8 recalls:

One recall targeted some models that had contaminated brake fluid, increasing the risk of crashing. Another recall was done for windshield wipers that couldn't move fast enough, also increasing the risk of crashing.

Other 2018 Stelvios were recalled for problems with the rear liftgate opening unexpectedly. Another recall targeted Stelvios which had malfunctions leading to water leaks and electrical malfunctions.

Other 2019 Stelvios were reported for engine misfires that caused heat damage to components like the catalytic converter. Coolant hose leaks also prompted recalls, along with failures to deactivate adaptive cruise control and inaccurate fuel gauges.

Other common complaints about the 2019 Stelvio include:

- Frustration using the navigation system
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## Is the 2018 Alfa Romeo Stelvio reliable?

J.D. Power gives the Alfa Romeo Stelvio a 68/100 overall reliability rating based on consumer rankings, placing it at the very bottom of the list of 2018 compact premium SUVs.

And this luxury vehicle demands luxury repair costs—2018 Stelvio owners pay an average of \$1,978 each year on repairs. If you're looking for something similar to the Stelvio with a much better reputation for reliability, consider the 2018

Porsche Macan

, which received the top marks from J.D. Power in this category of vehicles.

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# 2019 Alfa Romeo Stelvio Problems and Top Complaints - Is Your Car A Lemon?

By Brian Jones | Updated on October 22nd, 2021

The 2019 Alfa Romeo Stelvio is a luxury SUV that's supposed to provide high-end class and plenty of performance. In fact, the automaker claims it is "crafted to conquer." However, customers seem to have trouble with this model's electrical system, service brakes and structure, leading to a long line of people having buyer's remorse.

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## NHTSA Complaints for the 2019 Alfa Romeo Stelvio

Complaint Category	Number of Complaints	Service Brakes
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Unknown Or Other		
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Electrical System		
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Engine		
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Steering		
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## Problems with the Electrical System

A vehicle's electrical system is designed to run just about everything. So, when there is a problem, drivers are sure to feel it.

Here's one example from an NHTSA review. "I purchased my car in Jan. 2020. On June 21, 2020, I awoke to my alarm going off. I tried to use my key fob to turn that alarm off and it did not work. The alarm stopped and I had to use the hard key to enter my car. The car would not start and I had to get a jump from AAA. The car was new with less than 3000 miles on it. I took it to the dealer to from a diagnostic and they kept it for 5 days. They had to replace the BCM. The BCM was listed as problem in prior year versions of this vehicle. This appears to be a continuing problem with this vehicle. The vehicle was parked and was not disturbed when the alarm went off."

It turns out that there are more electrical problems with the Stelvio than initially expected. In fact, there is a recall, NHTSA Campaign Number 19V551000 that affects more than 20,000 models. It states that the fuel gauge could read higher than what's actually in the tank due to a defective BCM. If a customer runs out of fuel, it could cause the vehicle to stall. At this point, the only thing this model is ready to "conquer" is the service department that it plans to take over.

## Problems with the Brakes

Additionally, there seem to be troubles with the service brakes, which could lead to further problems.

Another NHTSA complaint states, "The contact owned a 2019 Alfa Romeo Stelvio. The contact received notification of the NHTSA Campaign Number 19V148000 (Forward Collision Avoidance, Service Brakes, Hydraulic). However, the parts to do the repair were unavailable. The contact stated that the manufacturer exceeded a reasonable amount of time for the recall repair. The dealer was contacted and confirmed that the parts were not available for the recall remedy. The manufacturer was made aware of the issue and confirmed that the parts were not available. The contact had experienced a failure. The contact stated that while driving at 45 mph, the brake pedal was depressed but failed to engage causing the front of the vehicle to crash into another vehicle without warning. The air bags deployed. A police report was filed. The contact had a minor injury to his right shoulder but medical attention was not sought. The other driver of the vehicle sustained unknown injuries and it was unknown if medical attention was required. The vehicle was totaled and towed on three occasions to 2 collision centers and a salvage lot. The same dealer was contacted about the recall parts that were not available. The manufacturer was made aware of the failure."

## Problems with the Build Quality

As a premium vehicle, one would think that the Stelvio would be built in a way that all problems were avoided, but that's not the case.

Read this Edmunds review. "Right before its 2nd year and subsequent turn it, it fell apart – dead battery, water leaked into the passenger door frying the electrical system and destroying the speaker – after 2 weeks in the shop... it died again... same problem... 2 more weeks in the shop... I just told them to keep it and good riddance!"

When examining how Alfa Romeo constructed this vehicle, it's clear to see that a lot of corners have been cut. NHTSA Campaign Number 18V635000 states that some models have an engine cooling hose attached that contains inadequate webbing material. This defect could lead to a coolant leak, which not only allows the engine to overheat, but might also create an engine that stalls. It seems like whichever way this vehicle is examined, it appears that Alfa Romeo wants people to get into an accident. At this point, the Stelvio is "crafted to conquer" the desire to drive any Alfa Romeo in the future.

## Your Lemon Law Legal Rights

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## Complaint Data

CategoryUnknown Or OtherDateOct 20, 2021StateTXDescription

Driving on the highway at 60mph, my sunroof exploded very unexpectedly and very loudly. It shattered along the front and sides but not anywhere at the center. Sunroof was closed and had only been used 1 time in the month I had the vehicle. Nothing hit me as no vehicles were anywhere near. The dealership management is saying it had to be caused externally yet their own technicians said it was defective.

CategoryService BrakesDateFeb 22, 2021StateNYDescription

Tl\* the contact owns a 2019 alfa romeo stelvio. The vehicle was taken to an independent mechanic where the vehicle had an oil change. After leaving the independent mechanic, the contact was driving at 65 mph approaching an intersection, the anti-collision warning light illuminated. The contact applied the brake pedal which failed to operate correctly and became difficult to depress causing the contact to crash into the vehicle located in front of her vehicle. No air bags deployed. No injuries sustained. A police report was filed. The vehicle was towed to a collision shop as the vehicle was assisted for damages with the contact insurance company. To vehicle then was towed to her residents and then towed again to alfa romeo of westbury 928 jericho tpke, westbury, ny 11590 (888) 411-8719 where it was awaiting repair options. The manufacturer was notified of the failure and started an investigation however was unable to duplicate the cause of failure. The failure mileage was approximately 6,300.\*In\*jb

CategoryElectrical SystemDateJun 30, 2020StateCADescription

I purchased my car in jan. 2020. On june 21, 2020, I awoke to my alarm going off. I tried to use my key fob to turn that alarm off and it did. Not work. The alarm stopped and I had to use the hard key to enter my car. The car would not start and I had to get a jump from aaa. The car was new with less than 3000 miles on it. I took it to the dealer to for a diagnostic and they kept it for 5 days. They had to replace the bcm. The bcm was listed as problem in prior year versions of this vehicle. This appears to be a continuing problem with this vehicle. The vehicle was parked and was not being disturbed when the alarm went off.

CategoryEngine, Service Brakes, SteeringDateApr 08, 2020StateNYDescription

While driving on a highway around 3 am in dark environment, going at 63mph, the vehicle completely shut off in less than 1 second with no warning at all. Brakes failed, steering failed, engine shut off, all gauges including speedometer and tachometer stopped functioning, all electrical related functions failed, headlight and taillight shut off, unable to turn on hazard light. Right after the complete failure, I tried to restart the vehicle on the highway while still in motion but the vehicle was completely unresponsive. The vehicle is barely steerable with the steering assist fail and had to switch from the left lane to the right lane with no turn signals on, and had to coast to a highway exit because of the brakes and engine failure. After stopping at the exit, I was unable to turn on the hazards light and all doors are locked except the driver side door, then I called roadside assist for help, the vehicle was then towed away.

CategoryService BrakesDateMay 20, 2019StateFLDescription

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