

Austria: Women with leak-prone breast implants compensated

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An Austrian consumer watchdog says 69 women in the country given leak-prone breast implants made by a French company have received 3,000 euros (over \$3,550) each in damages.

The VKI—Union for Consumer Information—says the compensation was paid by German and French testing companies TueV Rheinland and TueV Rheinland-France after a court found them responsible for approving the rupture-prone implants.

VKI says Thursday the sums already have been paid out. It describes the compensation as preliminary.

Tens of thousands of [women](#) worldwide received implants made by French company Poly Implant Prothese, or PIP. The implants were found to contain industrial-grade silicone instead of medical silicone.

PIP's owner was sentenced to prison for fraud, but his bankrupt company couldn't pay [damages](#).

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