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The basics:

Fraud is a tort cause of action.

The UCC generally does not preempt tort causes of action, and it definitely doesn't preempt a suit for fraud.

You can sue for fraud in tort and under the UCC for breach of warranty and/or breach of contract all at the same time!

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The Elements:

- 1. Material misrepresentation by defendant
- 2. Scienter
 - (at least recklessness; it's a lie)
- 3. Intent to induce reliance
- 4. Causation
 - (victim must be deceived; actual reliance)
- 5. Justifiable reliance
- 6. Damages