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Important Safety Recall Notice
Subaru Recall Campaign WWU-05
NHTSA Recall No. 04V-473
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Dear Subaru Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. SUBARU OF AMERICA, INC. has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2004 MY 2.5L Turbo equipped Forester, STi and BAJA vehicles.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SAFETY DEFECT

Subaru has determined that the cover bolts for the engine variable valve timing oil control valve may have been inadequately tightened during production. The bolts could loosen resulting in an engine oil leak and potential fire.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SAFETY HAZARD

The engine variable valve timing oil control valves are located on the left and right cylinder heads. If the cover bolts loosen, engine oil may leak from this area. If leaking oil contacts components operating at high temperatures, an engine compartment fire could result.

If you encounter an oil leak, do not operate the vehicle. Contact the nearest Subaru dealer.

REPAIRS

To correct this condition, Subaru will retighten the cover bolts at no cost to you.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

You should immediately contact your Subaru Dealer for an appointment to have this repair performed at no cost to you.

HOW LONG WILL THE REPAIR TAKE?

The actual time to access and tighten the cover bolts is approximately 20 minutes. However, it may be necessary to leave your vehicle for a longer period of time on the day of your scheduled appointment to allow your dealer flexibility in scheduling. Please present this letter to your Subaru Dealer at the time this repair procedure is performed.

CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS OR SOLD YOUR SUBARU?

If you have moved or sold your vehicle, please complete the enclosed prepaid postcard and mail it to us.

IF YOU NEED FURTHER ASSISTANCE:

To locate the nearest Subaru Dealer you can access our website at www.Subaru.com and select "Find a Dealer". Or, you may call us at 1-800-SUBARU3 (1-800-782-2783) during normal business hours for assistance. Please call us immediately if the dealer fails or is unable to make the necessary repairs free of charge or write to the address listed on the first page of this letter.

You may also contact The Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590 or call the toll free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 if you believe the dealer has failed or is unable to remedy your vehicle without charge within a reasonable amount of time.

Your continued satisfaction with your Subaru is important to us. Please understand that we have taken this action in the interest of your safety and your vehicle's proper operation. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this matter may cause and urge you to schedule an appointment as soon as possible to have this repair performed.

**Sincerely,
Subaru of America, Inc.**

Notice to Lessors

Under Federal law the lessor of a vehicle who receives this letter must provide a copy of it to the vehicle lessee(s) within 10 business days from receipt. The lessor must also keep a record of the lessee(s) to whom this letter is sent, the date sent, and the applicable vehicle identification number (VIN). (For the purposes of this section, a lessor means a person or entity that in the last twelve months prior to the date of this notification has been the owner, as referenced on the vehicle's title, of any five or more leased vehicles. A leased vehicle is a vehicle leased to another person for a term of at least four months.)

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