

# OWNER NOTIFICATION LETTER

Important Safety Recall Notice  
Subaru Recall Campaign WVF-16  
NHTSA Recall No. 08V-460  
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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 2007 & 2008 Legacy 2.5GT / Outback 2.5XT, 2008 Impreza WRX (except STI) and 2009 Forester 2.5XT models.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE SAFETY DEFECT

Subaru has determined that the turbo charger oil supply pipe located on your vehicle's engine may have been deformed due to misalignment during the assembly process. As a result, the pipe could crack causing an engine oil leak and potential fire.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE SAFETY HAZARD

The turbo charger oil supply pipe is located on the right (passenger) side of the engine. If the pipe is deformed, vibration experienced during normal driving could result in a crack developing over time, causing an engine oil leak. If leaking oil contacts components operating at high temperatures, an engine compartment fire could result.

## REPAIRS

To correct this condition, Subaru will inspect the turbo charger oil supply pipe for proper alignment. If the pipe is found to be properly aligned, a support bracket will be installed as a precautionary measure to increase rigidity of the pipe. If the pipe is found to be deformed a new replacement pipe will be installed.

## WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

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

There are two important precautions you should take until this recall has been performed:

- It is highly recommended that you not park your vehicle in a garage, car port or other structure.
- If you notice an oil leak or burning odor, do not operate the vehicle. Immediately contact your Subaru dealer for assistance.

## HOW LONG WILL THE REPAIR TAKE?

The actual time to inspect the turbo charger oil supply pipe and install a support bracket is approximately 30 minutes. It will take an additional 2 1/2 hours if the turbo charger oil supply pipe is found to be deformed and requires replacement. 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. Additionally, if it is determined that the pipe requires replacement, it may be necessary for your dealer to order the part. The part will be ordered for 2nd day delivery. If the part is not immediately available, Subaru will provide you with a free rental car for the time it takes to complete repairs.

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](http://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, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, West Building, Washington, DC 20590 or call the toll free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153) or go to <http://www.safercar.gov> 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.)*