



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215KS
13V-336

Subject: Possible Detachment of Parking Rod/Rollaway

Dear Mr. Frooshani:

This letter serves to acknowledge Subaru of America, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

SUBARU/LEGACY/2014
SUBARU/OUTBACK/2014
SUBARU/TRIBECA/2013

Mfr's Report Date: August 1, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-336

Components:

POWER TRAIN:AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION

Potential Number of Units Affected: 202

Problem Description:

Subaru of America is recalling certain model year 2014 Legacy and Outback and 2013 Tribeca vehicles manufactured June 12, 2013, through June 28, 2013 and equipped with automatic transmissions. In the affected vehicles, the parking rod may come loose inside the automatic transmission.

Consequence:

As a result of the parking rod detaching, the transmission may not be able to be moved from the "park" position preventing the vehicle from being moved or driven. Furthermore, even with the transmission shifted into the 'park' position, the parking mechanism may not engage, and the vehicle may roll away while in the "park" position, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Subaru will notify owners, and dealers will replace the transmission, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin by the end of August 2013. Owners may contact Subaru at 1-800-782-2783. Subaru's recall number is WQJ-46.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.



We have received Subaru's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement