

**Part 573 Safety Recall Report****14V-763****Manufacturer Name :** Subaru of America, Inc.**Submission Date :** MAY 28,2015**NHTSA Recall No. :** 14V-763**Manufacturer Recall No. :** WQP-51**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Subaru of America, Inc.

Address : P.O. Box 6000

Cherry Hill NJ 08034-6000

Company phone : 856-488-8500

**Population :**

Number of potentially involved : 6,291

Estimated percentage with defect : 0

**Vehicle Information :**

Vehicle : 2003-2003 Subaru Legacy

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : 4-DOOR

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : Information Regarding Manufacturer of Defective Component: • Identification of Component: Front passenger airbag inflator • Component Manufacturer: TK Holdings, Inc. • Address: 888 16th Street NW – Suite 800 Washington, DC 20006 • Phone Number: (202)729-6332 • Component's Country of Origin: Mexico

Production Dates : FEB 18, 2003 - JUN 06, 2003

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : NR

End : NR

 Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2004-2004 Subaru Legacy

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : 4-DOOR

Power Train : GAS

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Production Dates : MAR 17, 2003 - MAR 01, 2004

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : NR

End : NR

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Vehicle : 2005-2005 Subaru Legacy

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : 4-DOOR

Power Train : GAS

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Production Dates : FEB 23, 2004 - JAN 26, 2005

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : NR

End : NR

Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2003-2003 Subaru Outback

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : SUV

Power Train : GAS

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Production Dates : FEB 18, 2003 - JUN 11, 2003

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : NR

End : NR

Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2004-2004 Subaru Outback

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : SUV

Power Train : GAS

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Production Dates : MAR 13, 2003 - MAR 15, 2004

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : NR

End : NR

Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2005-2005 Subaru Outback

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : SUV

Power Train : GAS

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Production Dates : FEB 06, 2004 - OCT 06, 2004

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : NR

End : NR

Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2003-2003 Subaru Baja

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : SUV

Power Train : GAS

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Production Dates : FEB 18, 2003 - JUN 06, 2003

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : NR

End : NR

Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2004-2004 Subaru Baja

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : SUV

Power Train : GAS

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Production Dates : APR 07, 2003 - JUL 21, 2004

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : NR

End : NR

Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2005-2005 Subaru Baja

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : SUV

Power Train : GAS

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Production Dates : MAR 16, 2004 - OCT 27, 2004

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : NR

End : NR

Not sequential VINs

**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : Subaru of America, Inc. (Subaru) is conducting a recall of certain model year 2003-2005MY Subaru Legacy, Outback, and Baja vehicles, certain 2004-2005MY Subaru Impreza (including WRX/STI) vehicles and certain 2005MY Saab 9-2X vehicles, that are currently or have ever been registered in the following areas of high absolute humidity: Hawaii, Florida and counties adjacent to it in Southern Georgia, as well as the coastal areas of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas as well as Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, Saipan, and American Samoa. The air bag inflators in the front passenger air bags for these vehicles could be susceptible to rupture and the front passenger air bag could deploy abnormally in a crash. The cause of the potential for ruptured inflators and the influence of high absolute humidity are under investigation.

Description of the Safety Risk : In the event of a crash necessitating deployment of the passenger side frontal air bag, the inflator could rupture with metal fragments striking and potentially seriously injuring the vehicle occupants.

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : NR

**Supplier Identification :****Component Manufacturer**

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

**Chronology :**

July 3, 2014: Subaru submitted Part 573 Safety Recall Report for a known safety defect related to improperly manufactured propellant wafers used in certain front passenger airbag inflators (NHTSA Recall No. 14V-399; Subaru No. WQL-48).

August 19, 2014: Subaru notified NHTSA it was initiating a voluntary, regional parts collection campaign to cooperate with NHTSA and the Supplier's (TK Holdings, Inc./Takata) ongoing investigation of the risk of failure of the passenger airbag inflators installed on certain vehicles that are currently or have ever been registered in Florida, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands (NHTSA Recall No. 14V-471; Subaru No. WQM-49).

November 10, 2014: Takata submitted a Part 573 Safety Recall Report (NHTSA Recall No. 14E-073)

November 21, 2014: NHTSA suggested that Subaru consider moving from a voluntary campaign (NHTSA Recall No. 14V-471; Subaru No. WQM-49) to a Part 573 safety recall as well as expanding the geographic coverage.

November 25-26, 2014: NHTSA and Subaru had follow-up discussions regarding the information shared on November 21, 2014.

November 27, 2014: FHI concluded that Subaru will move from a voluntary campaign (NHTSA Recall No. 14V-471; Subaru No. WQM-49) to a Part 573 safety recall as well as expanding the geographic coverage.

**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : The remedy plan calls for dealers to replace the passenger airbag inflator with a newly manufactured one.

2004-05 Subaru Impreza (including WRX/STI) and 2005 Saab 9-2x vehicles were closed from this recall (NHTSA Recall No. 14V-763; Subaru No. WQP-51) and superseded to Subaru No.: WQR-53. Accordingly, 6,278 vehicles were removed from the affected count for this recall.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : NR

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : NR

**Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule : NR

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NR - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date : NR - NR

\* NR - Not Reported