



Subarunet Announcement

To: All Subaru Dealers
From: Subaru of America, Inc.
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Subject: New Subaru Recall Campaign: Brake Line Corrosion WQK-47

Subaru of America, Inc. has determined that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists on the following affected vehicles. These vehicles may have been manufactured with brake lines that could, over time, corrode if exposed to salt. To address this condition, a recall campaign will be released within the next 60 days.

Affected Vehicles

Certain 2005-2009 model year Subaru Legacy and Outback vehicles, 2008-2011 model year Subaru Impreza (except WRX and STI) vehicles, 2008-2014 model year Subaru Impreza WRX and STI vehicles, and 2009-2013 Subaru Forester vehicles whose owners either currently reside in, or the vehicle has ever been registered in, at least one of the following "salt-belt" states or Washington, D.C.

Connecticut	Maine	New Hampshire	Vermont
Delaware	Maryland	New Jersey	West Virginia
District of Columbia	Massachusetts	New York	Wisconsin
Illinois	Michigan	Ohio	
Indiana	Minnesota	Pennsylvania	
Iowa	Missouri	Rhode Island	

Description of the Safety Defect

Depending on driving conditions, salt water could splash on the brake lines through a gap in the fuel tank protector, resulting in excessive corrosion of the brake lines.

Description of the Safety Hazard

Should a brake line corrode to the point of developing a perforation, brake fluid may leak from the line(s). Since the center and rear brake lines work independently of one another, braking will still be possible if either (but not both) of the systems fail. The driver will be alerted to a fault in the brake system via illumination of the brake system warning telltale lamp because the fluid level will drop in the system. However, failure of either the center or rear brake lines might cause the driver to misjudge the amount of brake pedal travel required to achieve the desired stopping distance.

Dealer Program Responsibility

Dealers are to promptly perform the applicable service procedures to correct all affected vehicles in their inventory (new, used, demo & SSLP). Additionally, whenever a vehicle subject to this recall is taken into dealer new or used inventory, or in the dealership for service, necessary steps should be taken to ensure the recall correction has been made before selling or releasing the vehicle.

New, used, demo or SSLP vehicles listed in a recall/campaign that are in dealer stock must be:

- Immediately identified.
- Tagged or otherwise marked to prevent their delivery or use prior to inspection and/or repair.
- Repaired in accordance with the repair procedures outlined in this Product Campaign Bulletin.

Please be advised that it is a violation of Federal law for a dealer to deliver a new motor vehicle covered by a recall under a sale or lease until the defect is remedied. Therefore, any Authorized Subaru Dealer failing to perform the applicable service procedures to correct all affected vehicles in their inventory (new, used, demo) prior to the vehicle being placed in service may be subject to civil penalties of up to \$6,000 per violation (i.e., for each vehicle), as provided in 49 CFR §578.6 and will also be in breach of the Subaru Dealer Agreement.

Repair Instructions and Owner Notification

Subaru is in the process of acquiring materials and replacement parts necessary to remedy the condition. Repair instructions will be forthcoming.

Subaru will notify potentially affected vehicle owners by first class mail. This is expected to occur within the next 60 days. Dealers will be advised in advance of the owner notification mailing.