

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 16V-716

**Manufacturer Name :** Subaru of America, Inc.**Submission Date :** OCT 13, 2016**NHTSA Recall No. :** 16V-716**Manufacturer Recall No. :** WTL-72**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 : 54

Estimated percentage with defect : NR

**Vehicle Information :**

Vehicle 1 : 2017-2017 Subaru Legacy

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : 4-DOOR

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : Information Regarding Manufacturer of Defective Component:

- Identification of Component: Steering Beam Assembly

- Component Manufacturer:  
Heartland Automotive LLC  
300 S. 10th Street, Greencastle, Indiana 46135  
TEL 1-765-653-4263

Production Dates : SEP 21, 2016 - SEP 23, 2016

VIN Range 1 : Begin : NR End : NR

 Not sequential

Vehicle 2 : 2017-2017 Subaru Outback

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : SUV

Power Train : GAS

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**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : Subaru of America, Inc. (Subaru) is recalling certain 2017 model year Legacy and Outback vehicles. During production of the steering beam assembly, the knee guard bracket may not have been properly aligned with the steering beam at the time of welding. As a result, the bracket may not have been properly attached to the steering beam.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : Under this condition, if a frontal crash were to occur and the driver is not wearing a seatbelt, the knee guard may not be able to restrain the occupant's lower body as designed. This could increase the risk of injury in such a crash.

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : None

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

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Address : 300 S. 10th Street  
Greencastle INDIANA 46135

Country : United States

**Chronology :**

September 23, 2016: Misaligned welding of knee guard was found in Subaru of Indiana Automotive (SIA) production process.

September 24, 2016 – September 26, 2016: SIA and Fuji Heavy Industries, Inc. (FHI) investigated and determined the root cause as inappropriate manufacturing process at the Supplier.

September 28, 2016: Fuji Heavy Industries, Inc. (FHI) concluded that Subaru will perform a safety recall of all potentially affected vehicles in the U.S. market.

**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : The remedy procedure will involve inspecting the knee guard welding. If improper welding is found, the steering beam will be replaced with a properly welded one.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : NR

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : A new jig to prevent misalignment was installed on the Supplier manufacturing line on September 23, 2016.

**Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule : Owner notification schedule is TBD.

Dealers were notified on September 29, 2016.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NR - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date : NR - NR

\* NR - Not Reported