

Subarunet Announcement

To: All Subaru Retailers From: Subaru of America, Inc.

Date: March 17, 2016

Subject: New Subaru Safety Recall Campaign/STOP SALE: WTA-62 Turbo Engine Air Intake Duct

Subaru of America, Inc. (Subaru) is recalling certain 2015 and 2016 model year Forester 2.0XT and WRX vehicles due to a possible issue with the turbocharger air intake duct.

Condition

The turbocharger air intake duct on affected vehicles may have been produced with incorrect material that is susceptible to cracking.

Description of the Safety Hazard

Should the turbocharger air intake duct crack, the engine may develop a rough idle, reduced power and possibly stall. Should the engine suddenly lose power or stall while driving, there is an increased risk of a crash. *This could happen without warning*.

Description of the Remedy

The repair procedure will involve inspecting and possibly replacing the turbocharger air intake duct. Inspection of the turbocharger air intake duct production date code molded on the duct will be necessary to determine if replacement is required. Please refer to the WTA-62 bulletin on STIS for details.

Retailer Program Responsibility

Any vehicles listed in a recall/campaign that are in retailer 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 the bulletin

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

<u>Reminder:</u> Retailers will be unable to report an affected vehicle as sold to SOA if this recall has not been completed. No RDR entry will be allowed and as such those vehicles would not count for any purposes including incentives, sales contests or ASCENT payments.

In order to enter an RDR for a specific VIN that has an open recall, first perform the repair procedure and enter the claim into Subarunet. Once the repair is completed and the claim entered into Subarunet, the sale can be reported.

If you have any questions, please contact the Claims Helpline at 1-866-782-2782.

Affected Vehicles

This condition may exist on certain vehicles listed below. NOTE: Not all vehicles within the range are affected. Coverage for all affected vehicles must be confirmed by using the Vehicle Coverage Inquiry function at Subarunet.com.

Vehicle Model		Affected VIN Range
Forester 2.0XT	2015	From FH819330 to FH842199
	2016	From GH400090 to GH475644
WRX	2015	From F*838026 to F*838040
	2016	From G*800045 to G*820448

Owner Notification

Subaru is in the process of obtaining current registration data, and will notify all potentially affected vehicle owners by first class mail within the next 60 days. Retailers will be advised when owner notification begins.