

## IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

This notice applies to the VIN identified in the address section printed below.



# SUBARU®

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**Subaru Recall Campaigns TKA,B,C-16  
NHTSA Recall Nos. 16V-358, 359, 361  
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**Dear Subaru Owner:**

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

SUBARU OF AMERICA, INC. has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in certain 2003 model year Legacy, Outback, and Baja vehicles equipped with a non-desiccated Takata-sourced passenger side frontal air bag containing the propellant Phase Stabilized Ammonium Nitrate.

You were previously notified that your vehicle is affected by this recall, and that you would be notified when parts are available for the repair.

### **DESCRIPTION OF THE SAFETY DEFECT AND SAFETY HAZARD**

The affected vehicles are equipped with a Takata-sourced passenger side frontal air bag that may be susceptible to moisture intrusion. Over time, that could cause the inflator to rupture when the passenger's frontal air bag deploys in a crash. If the inflator ruptures, metal fragments could strike vehicle occupants, potentially resulting in serious injury or death.

Subaru has determined that the air bag inflator in your passenger side frontal air bag may not have been produced by Takata. Therefore, your vehicle may not contain the safety defect or hazard as described above.

In the interest of your safety, the passenger side frontal air bag in your vehicle should be inspected to determine if it contains a Takata-sourced inflator that needs to be replaced.

### **WHAT YOU SHOULD DO**

You should immediately contact your Subaru retailer (dealer) for an appointment to have the front passenger air bag inspected to determine if the inflator is Takata-sourced.

***Until this repair is performed, do not allow passengers to ride in the front passenger seat.***

Please understand that we have taken this action in the interest of your safety and your vehicle's proper operation. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this matter may cause and urge you to schedule an appointment immediately.

### **WHAT WE WILL DO**

Subaru will inspect the passenger side frontal air bag in your vehicle to determine if the inflator is Takata-sourced at no cost to you. If it is determined that your vehicle does not contain a Takata-sourced inflator, the inflator does not need to be replaced. If it is determined that your vehicle does contain a Takata-sourced inflator, Subaru will replace that inflator at no cost to you.

### **HOW LONG WILL THE REPAIR TAKE?**

The time to inspect the air bag in your vehicle is approximately 20 minutes. If the inflator needs to be replaced, the repair will take approximately 40 minutes. However, it may be necessary to leave your vehicle for a longer

period of time on the day of your scheduled appointment. Please present this letter to your Subaru retailer at the time this repair procedure is performed.

**CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS OR SOLD YOUR SUBARU?**

If you have moved or sold your vehicle, please complete the enclosed prepaid postcard and mail it to us. Or if you prefer to update this information online, please go to [www.subaru.com](http://www.subaru.com), select 'Customer Support,' then select 'Address Update' or 'Ownership Update' from the drop down menu.

**IF YOU NEED FURTHER ASSISTANCE:**

To locate the nearest Subaru retailer, you can access our website at [www.subaru.com](http://www.subaru.com) and select 'Find a Retailer.'

For additional information about future parts availability and the most Frequently Asked Questions, please go to:

- <http://www.tka16.service-campaign.com>

If you need additional assistance, please contact us directly:

- By e-mail: Go to [www.subaru.com](http://www.subaru.com) and select "Contact Us"
  
- By telephone: 1-800-SUBARU3 (1-800-782-2783)  
Monday through Thursday between 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. ET  
Friday between 10:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. ET  
Saturday between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. ET
  
- By U.S. Postal mail: Write us at Subaru of America, Inc., Attn: Customer-Retailer Services Department, P.O. Box 6000, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034-6000

Please contact us immediately if the Subaru retailer fails or is unable to make the necessary repairs free of charge.

You may also contact the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, West Building, Washington, DC 20590 or call the toll free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153) or go to <http://www.safercar.gov> if you believe the Subaru retailer has failed or is unable to remedy your vehicle without charge within a reasonable amount of time.

Your continued satisfaction with your Subaru is important to us. Please understand that we have taken this action in the interest of your safety and your vehicle's proper operation. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this matter may cause and urge you to schedule an appointment immediately.

Sincerely,  
Subaru of America, Inc.

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Notice to Lessors

*Under Federal law the lessor of a vehicle who receives this letter must provide a copy of it to the vehicle lessee(s) within 10 business days from receipt. The lessor must also keep a record of the lessee(s) to whom this letter is sent, the date sent, and the applicable vehicle identification number (VIN). (For the purposes of this section, a lessor means a person or entity that in the last twelve months prior to the date of this notification has been the owner, as referenced on the vehicle's title, of any five or more leased vehicles. A leased vehicle is a vehicle leased to another person for a term of at least four months.)*