

2010 – 2014 model year Legacy and Outback M/T vehicles
Electronic Parking Brake Actuator Recall
Bulletin: WTV-81

3/21/19 Updated Talking Points:

In the event you have customers inquiring about the WTV-81 electronic parking brake actuator recall. Please note the following:

Affected Vehicles:

A total of 27,175 Outback & Legacy models produced during the 2010-2014 model years with manual transmission. Vehicles equipped with an automatic transmission are not affected by this recall.

Parts availability:

Subaru of America is working on obtaining the remedy parts to perform this recall and expects to have an adequate supply of remedy parts available July 2019. Owners will receive another mailing once parts are available.

Description of the issue:

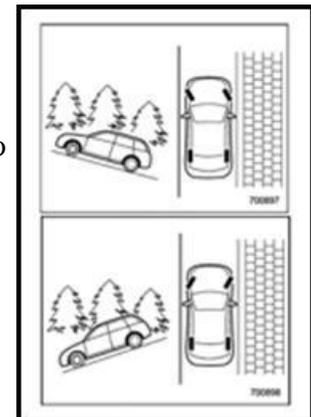
The circuit board and/or the actuator stroke sensor magnetic ring located in the control unit of the EPB (electronic parking brake) may crack over time. If either component develops a crack, the brake telltale warning lamp will illuminate, and the EPB may not apply as intended. If the manual transmission (M/T) shift lever is not in the recommended gear when the vehicle is parked and the EPB does not engage, the vehicle may roll away, increasing the risk of a crash.

Advice to provide owners:

Until remedy parts are available, please advise the owner of the information and parking tips listed below, which are also described in the owner's manual. Until this repair can be performed, the driver should do the following when parking the vehicle:

- Whenever possible, park your vehicle in a flat location.
- When parking uphill, the front wheels should be turned away from the curb as shown. Also, be sure to shift the M/T shifter into first gear when parking uphill.
- When parking downhill, the front wheels should be turned into the curb as shown. Also, be sure to shift the M/T shift lever into reverse gear when parking your vehicle downhill.

Apply the electronic parking brake (EPB) by depressing the brake pedal and pressing the parking brake switch firmly.



To release the EPB, pull the parking brake switch toward you while the ignition switch is in the ON position with both the brake pedal and clutch pedal depressed.

Under normal operating conditions, the brake system warning light illuminates with the parking brake applied while the ignition switch is in the ON position. The light turns off when the parking brake is released.



However, if the brake system warning light flashes the EPB system is malfunctioning. If this happens, instruct the owner to park the vehicle in a safe location as soon as possible and make an appointment with a Subaru retailer.

If it is confirmed that the EPB system is malfunctioning on an affected vehicle prior to remedy parts being available, please order and install the current replacement part applicable to the vehicle, at no charge to the customer. Please ensure the customer understands that such a replacement would be an interim repair until the modified remedy parts become available.