

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

22V-838

Manufacturer Name : Subaru of America, Inc.

Submission Date : NOV 14, 2022

NHTSA Recall No. : 22V-838

Manufacturer Recall No. : WRJ-22



Manufacturer Information :

Manufacturer Name : Subaru of America, Inc.

Address : One Subaru Drive

Camden NJ 08103

Company phone : 844-373-6614

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 16

Estimated percentage with defect : 6 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2009-2013 Subaru Forester

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : SUV

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : -Description of the issue:

A front seat belt assembly, installed in vehicles as a replacement part, may have been assembled with a force limiter torsion bar that was not manufactured to specification. In the event of a crash, the force limiter may not function as intended.

The basis for how the recall population was determined:

Based on specific lot numbers produced during a specific time period, Subaru traced shipments of suspected parts to affected Subaru dealers which were then matched to vehicle repair orders.

-How the recalled products differ from products that were not included in the recall:
Seat belt assemblies produced outside of the suspected production lots were assembled using a correctly manufactured force limiter torsion bar.

The recall population includes 2009-2013 model year Forester vehicles. The number of potentially affected Forester vehicles is 16.

Production Dates : JAN 10, 2008 - NOV 14, 2012

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

Not sequential

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : A front seat belt assembly, installed in vehicles as a replacement part, may have been assembled with a force limiter torsion bar that was not manufactured to specification.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : In the event of a crash, the occupant restraint may not function as designed, increasing the risk of injury.

Description of the Cause : Debris in a forging die resulted in one end of the torsion bar not achieving the proper dimensions during manufacturing.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : None

Involved Components :

Component Name 1 : SEAT BELT OUT F LH

Component Description : Front Seat Belt Assy LH

Component Part Number : 64621SC010AP

Supplier Identification :**Component Manufacturer**

Name : TOKAI RIKA CO., LTD.

Address : 3-260 Toyota, Oguchi-cho, Niwa-gun
Aichi Foreign States 480-0195

Country : Japan

Chronology :

September 14, 2022 – Subaru received information from the part supplier indicating a potential seat belt defect.

September – October, 2022 – Subaru worked with the part supplier to trace the affected parts based on the lot number information. Subaru identified specific shipments of potentially affected parts that had been shipped to the U.S. market. 11 potentially affected parts were identified as having been shipped to Subaru dealers. Subaru further traced these potentially affected parts to 16 possible VINs.

November 3, 2022 – Subaru decided to conduct a voluntary safety recall.

Subaru is not aware of any complaints or injuries resulting from this condition.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Subaru will inspect the vehicles to identify the ID number on the seat belt tag and, where necessary, replace the seat belt assembly with a new one at no cost to the customer. Subaru will provide reimbursement to owners for repairs according to the general plan submitted in May 2022.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The remedy seat belt assemblies contain a force limiter torsion bar that conforms to the specification.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : Replacement repair parts only; no mass-produced vehicles.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Dealer notification is expected to occur by November 11, 2022. Owner notification is scheduled to begin on or about December 9, 2022.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NOV 11, 2022 - NOV 11, 2022

Planned Owner Notification Date : DEC 09, 2022 - DEC 09, 2022

* NR - Not Reported