

Subarunet Announcement

To: All Subaru Retailers

From: Subaru of America, Inc.

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New Safety Recall: WRF-23 Improper Air Bag Inflator Installation

Subaru of America, Inc. (Subaru) is initiating a new safety recall for certain 2004-2005 model year Impreza (including WRX) vehicles in which the replacement frontal passenger-side air bag inflator may have been incorrectly installed.

Description of the Defect and Safety Risk

The vehicles included in this new safety recall had a previous mobile air bag recall repair performed by a third-party contractor on behalf of Subaru. The replacement air bag inflator may have been incorrectly installed during that repair.

An incorrectly installed air bag inflator may not properly inflate the passenger-side airbag, which could increase the risk of an injury during a crash.

Remedy

For all potentially affected vehicles, Subaru will inspect the passenger-side inflator installation and, if necessary, install a new inflator kit at no cost to the customer.

Affected Vehicles

A total of 130 vehicles will be affected by this recall, as listed below:

Model Year	Carline	Production Date Range
2004-2005	Impreza (including WRX)	January 14, 2003 – March 19, 2005

Not all vehicles in the production range listed above are affected by this recall. Coverage must be confirmed by using the Vehicle Coverage Inquiry function on subarunet.com prior to repair. This information is now available.

Service, Parts, and Claim Instructions

For detailed service, parts, and claim instructions, please refer to the WRF-23 Product Campaign Bulletin on STIS.

Retailer Responsibility

Any vehicles listed in any recall/campaign that are in retailer stock must be:

- Immediately identified
- Tagged or otherwise marked to prevent their delivery or use prior to repair

- Repaired in accordance with the repair procedures outlined in the Product Campaign Bulletin

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

Owner Notification

Subaru is in the process of obtaining current owner registration data and will notify affected vehicle owners by first class mail within 60 days.