

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

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



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Subaru Safety Recall WRJ-23
NHTSA ID 23V-392
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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 2023 model year Ascent vehicles.

You received this notice because our records indicate that you currently own one of these vehicles.

DESCRIPTION OF THE DEFECT AND SAFETY RISK

Your vehicle may be equipped with either a left or right front lower control arm with an insufficiently tightened ball joint castle nut. Over time, the rotational movement of a loose castle nut could result in the sheering of the retention pin. Without a functional retention pin, the castle nut could eventually fall off completely, allowing the ball joint to separate from the lower control arm.

If the ball joint separates from the lower control arm while driving, the vehicle may experience a loss of control, increasing the risk of a crash.

WHAT SUBARU WILL DO

Subaru will inspect your vehicle and, if the castle nut is determined to be loose, replace the lower control arm assembly at no cost to you.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

Please contact your Subaru retailer (dealer) immediately for an appointment to have this repair performed, at no cost to you.

HOW LONG WILL THE REPAIR TAKE?

The time required to inspect your vehicle is less than fifteen minutes. If the lower control arm assembly needs to be replaced, the repair will take two hours. However, it may be necessary to leave your vehicle for a longer period of time on the day of your scheduled appointment to allow your Subaru retailer flexibility in scheduling.

OWNER INFORMATION

Government regulations require that recall notifications be sent to the last known owner of record. That information is based primarily on state registration and title data. If you are a lessor of this vehicle, federal regulations require you to forward this notice to your lessee within ten days.

If you have moved or sold your vehicle, please go to <https://www.subaru.com/support/customer-support.html> to send us your information.

IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR A REPAIR

If you have already paid for repairs associated with this condition, you may be eligible for reimbursement. Reimbursement consideration will be based on the amount an authorized Subaru retailer in your area would charge for the same repair.

Please send the original service repair order, which has the name of the repair facility, date of repair, mileage at the time of repair, complete 17-digit vehicle identification number (VIN), and your name, with correct mailing address and telephone number to the address listed below.

Subaru of America, Inc.
Customer Advocacy Department, Attention: WRJ-23 Recall
P.O. Box 9103, Camden, NJ 08101-9877

Please send original receipts only and retain a photocopy for your records. Please be assured that we will attempt to process your reimbursement request as quickly as possible, but it may take up to 60 days for this process to be completed.

IF YOU NEED FURTHER ASSISTANCE:

To locate the nearest Subaru retailer, you can access our website at www.subaru.com and select 'Find a Retailer.'

If you need additional assistance, please contact us directly:

- By e-mail: Go to www.subaru.com and select "Customer Support"
- By telephone: 1-844-373-6614
Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. ET
- By U.S. Postal mail: Write us at Subaru of America, Inc.
Attn: Customer Advocacy Department
P.O. Box 9103, Camden, NJ 08101-9877

To subscribe to the NHTSA Recall Notification email System, please go to: <https://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/nhtsa/subscriptions>.

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 (NHTSA), 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE, Washington, DC 20590 or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153) or go to <http://www.NHTSA.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 as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
Subaru of America, Inc.

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