



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration

## Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 25V889

**Manufacturer Name:** Subaru of America, Inc.

**Submission Date:** Dec 18, 2025

**NHTSA Recall No.:** 25V889

**Manufacturer Recall No.:** WRG-25

### Manufacturer Information

### Population

**Manufacturer Name:** Subaru of America, Inc.

**Address:** One Subaru Drive  
Camden NJ, 08103

**Total number of potentially involved:** 5,603

**Estimated percentage with defect:** 0.4%

### Vehicle Information

**Vehicle 1:** 2026-2026 SUBARU FORESTER

**Product Category:** Light Vehicles

**Product Type:** Multipurpose Passenger Vehicle

**Fuel / Propulsion:** Spark Ignition Fuel

**Production Dates:** Sep 11, 2025 - Oct 30, 2025

**Number of potentially involved:** 5,603

#### Descriptive Information:

The affected vehicles may have been manufactured with an incorrect and/or incorrectly oriented rear gate stay bracket.

-The basis for how the recall population was determined:

- Affected vehicles were identified using vehicle production records.

-How the recalled products differ from products that were not included in the recall:

- Vehicles not included in this recall were manufactured with a correct rear gate stay bracket in the specified orientation.

### Defect / Noncompliance Description

#### Description of the defect or noncompliance:

The affected vehicles may have been manufactured with an incorrect and/or incorrectly oriented rear gate stay bracket.

An incorrect rear gate stay bracket and/or an incorrectly orientated rear gate stay bracket may cause the rear gate stay to become detached without prior warning during use.

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FMVSS1:

FMVSS2:

**Description of the safety risk, including crash, fire, death, injury:**

A rear gate stay that detaches from the vehicle without prior warning during use may increase the risk of injury.

**Description of the cause:**

The work instruction did not ensure for the installation of the correct rear gate stay bracket nor specify its proper orientation.

**Identification of any warning that can occur:**

N/A

## Component Manufacturer

**Tier of Supplier:**

**Supplier Type:**

**Name:** Subaru

**Address:**

**Country:**

## Involved Components

**Component Name 1:** BRKT STAY RG LH

**Component Description:** Brkt stay rg lh

**Component Part Number:** 63110SL110

**Component Name 2:** DRIVE UNIT AY BKTRH

**Component Description:** Drive unit ay Bktrh

**Component Part Number:** 63320SL02A

**Component Name 3:** DRIVE UNIT AY BKTLH

**Component Description:** Drive unit ay bktlh

**Component Part Number:** 63320SL03A

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**Component Name 4:** BRKT STAY RG RH

**Component Description:** Brkt stay rg rh

**Component Part Number:** 63110SL100

## Chronology

October 28, 2025 – During in-process inspection, a vehicle was identified with an incorrect rear gate stay bracket installed. Additional inspection of the assembly line and post-production vehicles identified additional vehicles with either an incorrect rear gate stay bracket, or an incorrectly oriented rear gate stay bracket.

October 29, 2025 to December 10, 2025 –Subaru opened an investigation. Open/close rear gate cycle testing was conducted for installation combinations found during the assembly line and post-production vehicle inspections. Cycle test results indicated no stay detachment for any of the combinations tested. However, Subaru determined a much longer and more comprehensive test program would be necessary to improve confidence in the result for all possible installation combinations. Therefore, to prioritize quick market action, Subaru estimated the worst-case scenario considering additional full-system variables, and determined that stay detachment without warning was possible.

December 11, 2025 –Out of an abundance of caution, Subaru decided to conduct a safety recall. Subaru is not aware of any field reports, warranty claims or customer complaints related to this condition and there are no known reports involving accident or injury.

**Related NHTSA Recall Number:**

## Description of Remedy

**Remedy Type:** Inspect

**Consumer Advisories:**  Do Not Drive  Park Outside

**Description of remedy program:**

For all potentially affected vehicles, Subaru dealers will inspect the rear gate stay brackets and, if necessary, replace the stay and bracket at no cost to the customer.

**How remedy component differs from recalled component:**

N/A

**Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:**

The recall condition was corrected in the vehicle production on October 28, 2025.

**Part 573 Safety Recall Report****25V889****Reimbursement Plan**

Manufacturer used general reimbursement plan on file.

**Recall Schedule****Description of recall schedule:**

Dealer notification is expected to occur December 19, 2025

Owner notification will occur within 60 days.

**Planned Dealer Notification Date:** Dec 19, 2025 - Dec 19, 2025  No Dealers

**Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:**  No Owners

**Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date:** Feb 16, 2026 - Feb 16, 2026  Phased Recall

**Date when VIN will be searchable:** Dec 20, 2025