

To: All Subaru Retailers  
From: Subaru of America, Inc.  
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**New Safety Recall and Stop Sale: WRG-25 Rear Gate Stay Bracket**

Subaru of America, Inc. (Subaru) has initiated a safety recall for certain 2026 model year Forester Vehicles to replace the rear gate stay and bracket.

***Description of the Defect and Safety Risk***

The affected vehicles may have been manufactured with an incorrect and/or incorrectly oriented rear gate stay bracket which may cause the rear gate stay to become detached without prior warning during use.

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

***Remedy***

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

***Affected Vehicles***

A total of 5,603 U.S. vehicles will be affected by this recall, as listed below.

Model Year	Carline	Production Date Range
2026	Forester	September 11, 2025 – October 30, 2025

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

***Retailer Responsibility***

***Please be advised that it is a violation of Federal law for a dealer to deliver a new motor vehicle covered by a recall under a sale or lease until the defect is remedied. Therefore, any Authorized Subaru Retailer failing to perform the applicable service procedures to correct all affected vehicles in their inventory prior to the vehicle being placed in service may be subject to civil penalties of up to \$27,874 per violation (i.e., for each vehicle), as provided in 49 CFR §578.6 and will also be in breach of the Subaru Dealer Agreement.***

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.

***Service, Parts, and Claim Instructions***

For detailed service and claim instructions, please refer to the WRG-25 Product Campaign Bulletin on STIS, which will be available within a few weeks.

***Owner Notification***

Subaru will notify affected vehicle owners by first class mail within 60 days. Retailers will be advised when owner notification is scheduled.