

Subarunet Announcement

To: All Subaru Retailers

From: Subaru of America, Inc.

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New Safety Recall and Stop Sale: WRD-26 Fuel Filler Cap Gasket

Subaru of America, Inc. (Subaru) has initiated a new safety recall for certain 2025 model year Forester Hybrid Electric vehicles and 2026 model year Crosstrek Hybrid Electric vehicles to improve the fuel filler cap seal.

Description of the Defect and Safety Risk

If the affected vehicles are left parked when the fuel tank is near full capacity and the vehicle is exposed to a significant rise in ambient temperature such that the fuel temperature and tank pressure increase, the affected vehicles may leak fuel from the filler cap.

A potential fuel leak in the presence of an ignition source may result in the increased risk of a fire.

Remedy

For all potentially affected vehicles, Subaru retailers will replace the fuel filler cap gasket with an improved gasket incorporating an O-ring to enhance sealing performance at no cost to the customer.

- It is highly recommended that owners maintain the fuel level at half a tank or less until the repair has been completed.
- Until the repair can be completed, the vehicle should be parked outside whenever the fuel level is more than half full.

Affected Vehicles

A total of 66,332 U.S. vehicles will be included in this recall as listed below. Not all vehicles in the production range listed below 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.

Model Year	Carline	Production Date Range
2026	Crosstrek SHEV	June 26, 2025 – February 10, 2026
2025	Forester SHEV	November 28, 2024 – December 19, 2025

VIN Status

Over the next several weeks, Subaru will be receiving air shipments of the parts needed to support the launch of this new recall. Until the parts are available, this recall cannot be performed. If an affected vehicle is in for service, please inform the owner that their vehicle is affected by this recall, that remedy parts are not yet available, and that all affected owners will be notified by mail once the repair can be performed.

- The initial VIN status for this recall will display as 'Open – Remedy Not Yet Available' in the system until parts required to perform this repair are available.
- Once parts are available, the status of the Stop Sale VINs will be updated to 'Open – Limited Parts Available' to allow for stop sale repairs to be performed prior to the owner notification.
- When owner notification letters are released, the status of the VINs will be updated to 'Open'. This status change will trigger system 'push' notifications, such as in-vehicle notifications, MySubaru alerts, and CareConnect messaging.

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 is completed before selling or releasing the vehicle.

Service, Parts, and Claim Instructions

For detailed service, parts, and claim instructions, please refer to the WRD-26 Product Campaign Bulletin which will be available on STIS in the next few weeks.

Owner Notification

Affected vehicle owners will receive an email notification informing them of this recall and advising them that until the repair has been completed, it is highly recommended that they maintain the fuel level below half a tank and park outside whenever the fuel level is more than half full.

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