

TO: Subaru Parts and Service Manager
FROM: Subaru Fixed Operations
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SUBJECT: **IMPORTANT**- Additional Information on Oil Filter Part Number 15208AA12A

This document addresses two new pieces of information:

- New suspected date codes
- Identification of vendor inspected filters

New “Suspect” Date Codes

We have been advised by our vendor that there are additional “suspect” date codes on part number **15208AA12A**.

This is for 15208AA12A only and does not affect part number 15208AA15A

There is an additional 10 days of production that has been added to the suspected range. Any date codes starting with A2290x or lower should be returned to your facing warehouse if they have not already been inspected and returned by the vendor.

All of the RDC’s have again sorted and removed any inventory that may be affected from this additional range. We are asking that dealers to please check their inventory as well and identify any of these bad lots and return them to their facing warehouse. Please see the updated identification details and pictures on pages two and three of this document.

Return Procedures

Once you have identified the number of affected filters please let your DPSM know the quantity and a return will be entered for you. All filters should be returned to your facing warehouse. Please identify and return these filters as quickly as possible.

All available inventory showing at the RDC’s are safe to order and outside the affected date ranges. Please reorder as needed.

Vendor Inspection

By this time you may be receiving back filters that were originally in the affected date range but have been inspected and tested by the vendor and judged to be good. These can be identified by the following:

Case: This will have a date code of **A2999x**

Filter: This will have a white dot on the filter itself next to the date code.

These are okay to use.

Identification

There is a date code that appears on the side of the case and the filter itself. The format is as follows:

FYJJJS

F is the facility where the filter was made

Y is the last digit of the Year

JJJ is the Julian Date

S is shift (1,2,or 3)

Example = **A22713**

OK Inventory

Any Date Code starting with **S1**.

Any Date Code starting with **S2**.

Any Date Code starting with A2291x Any shift. Or higher Julian Date.

Return Inventory

Any Date Code starting with A2290x Any shift. Or lower Julian Date (and not already inspected by the vendor).

Pictures of Date Code

