



### **Subarunet Announcement**

**To: All Subaru Dealers**

**From: Subaru of America, Inc.**

**Date: December 27, 2012**

**Subject: New Subaru Recall Campaign: Optional Genuine Subaru Puddle Lights**

Subaru of America, Inc. has determined that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists on certain Subaru vehicles equipped with optional Genuine Subaru Puddle Lights. To address this condition, a recall campaign will be released within the next 60 days.

Potentially affected vehicles equipped with optional puddle lights are as follows:

2010 and 2011MY Subaru Legacy and Outback

2006 through 2012MY Tribeca vehicles sold before January 2012

2009 through 2012MY Forester vehicles sold before January 2012

#### **DESCRIPTION OF THE SAFETY DEFECT**

Vehicles equipped with optional puddle lights may develop a short circuit that can cause related components to overheat and potentially melt.

A short circuit can develop when either the puddle lights or connectors are exposed to an electrolytic moisture source (i.e.- salt water) and it penetrates the circuit board of the puddle light or the pins of the puddle light connector(s).

#### **DESCRIPTION OF THE SAFETY HAZARD**

Puddle lights are mounted in the left and right rocker panel trim and automatically illuminate the ground in the area near the doors when occupants enter and exit the vehicle. If the puddle lights or connectors were to overheat, they could melt and pose a risk of a fire.

#### **OWNER NOTIFICATION**

Subaru is in the process of acquiring replacement parts necessary to remedy the condition. When available, Subaru will notify potentially affected vehicle owners by first class mail. This is expected to occur within the next 60 days. Dealers will be provided repair instructions in advance of owner notification.