

TO: Subaru Parts and Service Manager
FROM: Subaru Fixed Operations
DATE: December 13, 2012
SUBJECT: **IMPORTANT-** Third Inspection for Oil Filters

Dear Subaru Dealers,

We sincerely apologize for needing another inspection of oil filters but, we deem it to be necessary to ensure quality. Our vendor inspected the filters we originally collected from the field and through reports we have received we do not have 100% confidence in these re-inspected filters.

We appreciate the time you have taken to help us address this issue.

Re-Inspected Date Codes

Please check your inventory of part numbers **15208AA12A** and **15208AA15A** for the following date codes:

Case: This will have a date code of **A2999x** (the x can be a 1, 2, or 3)

Filter: This will have a **white dot** on the filter itself next to the date code. The filters with the white dot will be inside the cases marked with the **A2999x** code, the dates on the actual filters will be different.

Please see the pictures at the end of this document for examples.

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.

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

Confirmation of what is good and what is not:

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 (with or without white dot). Or lower Julian Date.

Or Any case containing the Date Code of A2999x

Pictures of Re-Inspected Filter Codes

