



Subarunet Announcement

To: All Subaru Retailers
From: Subaru of America, Inc.
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Subject: Update: Front Passenger Air Bag Inflators WQR-53

The WQR-53 recall is being expanded to include all 2005-2008 model year Legacy and Outback vehicles. This is an expansion from the current WQP-51 limited regional recall for certain 2005 model year Legacy and Outback vehicles, to a national recall for all 2005-2008 model year Legacy and Outback vehicles.

Please refer to the 2005 Legacy and Outback service procedure in the WQP-51 bulletin for 2005-2008 Legacy and Outback repairs. The WQR-53 Product Campaign Bulletin will be updated on STIS in the near future to reflect this expansion.

Limited Parts Availability

We are currently experiencing a parts shortage for the 2005-2008 model year Legacy and Outback vehicles. SOA requests that retailers only order quantities necessary to satisfy anticipated demand. Orders will be monitored by SOA Parts for reasonableness based on AOR assigned VIN population. Listed below are the specific parts applications for all vehicles now included in the WQR-53 recall:

Part Number	Applicability	Description	Order Quantity
98279AE00A	2003-2004 Legacy 2003-2004 Outback 2003-2004 Baja	Air Bag Inflator Module Kit	1
98279FE000	2004-2005 Impreza, WRX, and STI	Air Bag Inflator Module Kit	1
98279AG00A	2005-2008 Legacy 2005-2008 Outback	Air Bag Inflator Module Kit	1

As a reminder, if a customer requests a loaner car due to the insufficient supply of parts, retailers should make every effort to comply with this request, and should follow normal warranty procedures to obtain reimbursement for the loaner car. See Section 8.4.7 of the Claims Policies and Procedures Manual on subarunet.com for details on rental authorizations.

Product Campaign Bulletin

The WQR-53 Product Campaign Bulletin will be updated on STIS in the near future to reflect the latest expansion. In the meantime, please refer to the Service Procedures described in the WQP-51 bulletin for the 2005 model year Legacy and Outback vehicles for 2005-2008 Legacy and Outback repairs.

Affected Vehicles

Coverage for all affected vehicles must be confirmed by using the Vehicle Coverage Inquiry function on subarunet.com.