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QUALITY DRIVEN® SERVICE

## SERVICE BULLETIN

**APPLICABILITY:** 2015-2017MY Legacy and Outback

**NUMBER:** 09-66-16

**SUBJECT:** Rear Muffler Shell Rigidity Enhancement

**DATE:** 12/29/16

### INTRODUCTION:

This bulletin announces a change in the production procedure for the rear muffler assembly. Spot-weld locations securing the outer shell portion have been changed to improve overall rigidity. A gap may develop at the spot welded seam as a result of repeated thermal shock (heating / cooling) which occurs during normal use. The gap does **not** create an exhaust leak. In some cases, a rattling sound from the muffler may develop.

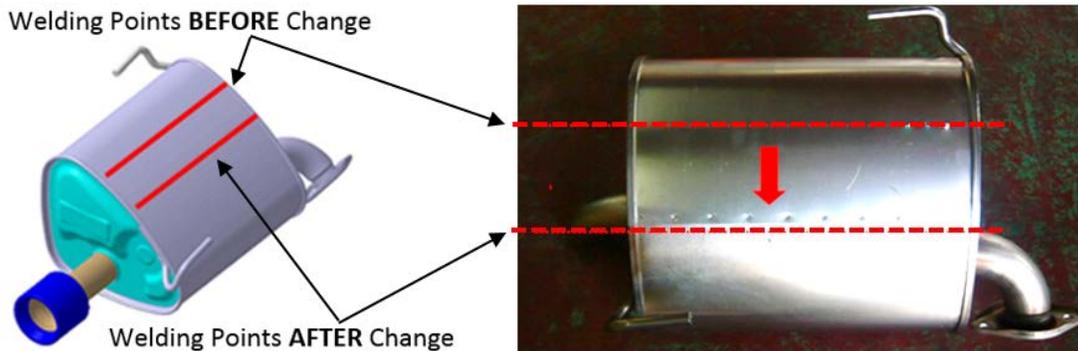
### PRODUCTION CHANGE INFORMATION:

The new mufflers were incorporated into production during early November, 2016 per the table below:

Vehicle / Model	Engine	Starting VIN
Legacy	2.5L	H*039596
	3.6L	H*039797
Outback	2.5L	H*297010
	3.6L	H*297013

### PART INFORMATION:

The line of spot-welds has been repositioned approximately 2” (50 mm) as shown below.



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**NOTE:** This table is provided for reference only. Always confirm with your Parts Department to insure all needed parts with the most up-to-date part numbers are ordered.

Description	Part Number	Applicability
MUFFLER ASSY	44300AL00B	2.5L OUTBACK
MUFFLER ASSY LH	44300AL01B	3.6L OUTBACK
MUFFLER ASSY RH	44300AL02B	
MUFFLER ASSY	44300AL03B	2.5L LEGACY*
	44300AL04B	2.5L LEGACY**
MUFFLER ASSY LH	44300AL05B	3.6L LEGACY
MUFFLER ASSY RH	44300AL06B	

\* w/out Cutter (Chrome tail pipe cover)

\*\* w/ Cutter

### SERVICE PROCEDURE / INFORMATION:

When muffler replacement is required, follow the service procedure in the applicable Service Manual.

### WARRANTY / CLAIM INFORMATION:

For vehicles within the Basic New Car Limited Warranty period, this repair may be submitted using the following claim information:

Labor Description	Labor Operation #	Labor Time	Fail Code
EXHAUST GASKET AND / OR MUFFLER R&R	B229-281	0.2	EAE-25
EXHAUST GASKET AND / OR MUFFLERS R&R- (BOTH) H6 MODELS	B229-284	0.3	
EXHAUST SYSTEM NOUISE / LEAK TESTING	C229-001	0.2	

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