

Subarunet Announcement



To: All Subaru Retailers
From: Subaru of America, Inc.
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Subject: WQR-53 Front Passenger Air Bag Inflator Parts Supply Update (Impreza, WRX, and STI models)

As previously announced, we began mailing WQR-53 recall owner notification letters to affected 2004-2005 model year Impreza, WRX and STI vehicle owners on June 17, 2015. The first owners to receive notification were owners identified based on registration data in areas of high absolute humidity as defined by NHTSA.

On July 24, 2015 letters were mailed to all other affected Impreza and WRX vehicle owners. The letter to those owners advised them of this recall, and that we were in the process of obtaining sufficient parts supply. Those owners were advised that once sufficient parts supply became available, they would be notified again by mail advising them to proceed with scheduling an appointment.

We are pleased to announce that our parts supply for affected 2004-2005 model year Impreza, WRX, and STI vehicles has improved and we are preparing for the owner notification process.

New and different inflators will be available to support this parts supply effort. You may receive a different part number than ordered, and the inflator may physically look different from previous replacement parts. The new part number for 2004-2005 model year Impreza and WRX is 98279FE070. As a result, there are new and different installation instructions. Make sure you review the latest revision of the WQR-53R Product Campaign Bulletin as found on STIS for the new installation instructions related to the 98279FE070 inflator and detailed parts information.

Retailers will be notified in advance of the owner notifications.

Thank you.