

Subarunet Announcement



To: All Subaru Retailers
From: Subaru of America, Inc.
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Subject: New Subaru Recall Campaign: WTC-64 VDC System Filter Clogged

Subaru of America, Inc. (Subaru) is recalling certain 2015 model year Legacy and Outback vehicles for noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No.126, "Electronic Stability Control Systems."

Affected Vehicles

Not all vehicles in the VIN ranges listed below are affected by this campaign. Coverage for all affected vehicles must be confirmed by using the Vehicle Coverage Inquiry function on subarunet.com. This data will be available prior to owner notification.

Model Year	Models	Potentially Affected VIN Range (last 8 digits)
2015	Legacy	From F3076001 to F3076277
2015	Outback	From F3363225 to F3363905

Description of the Noncompliance

The brake fluid used during the production of the potentially affected vehicles may have contained excess moisture. Excess moisture in brake fluid may cause a gelatinous material to form in the brake system. This material may accumulate and temporarily clog stability control-related valve filter(s) in the Vehicle Dynamics Control (VDC) system. In this situation, VDC performance may not fully comply with the FMVSS No.126 requirement.

Description of the Safety Risk

If a stability control-related valve filter becomes temporarily clogged as described above, the system might exhibit reduced yaw rate control. In certain situations, when the Electronic Stability Control system is activated, it may not be as effective in preventing loss of vehicle control, which may increase the risk of a crash.

Description of the Remedy

Retailers will perform an ABS sequence control (activation), then flush and replace the brake fluid in all potentially affected vehicles.

Owner Notification

Subaru will notify potentially affected vehicle owners by first class mail. This is expected to occur in May. Retailers will be advised when owner notification begins.

Retailer Program Responsibility

Any vehicles listed in a recall/campaign that are in retailer stock must be:

- Immediately identified.
- Tagged or otherwise marked to prevent their delivery or use prior to inspection and/or repair.
- Repaired in accordance with the repair procedures outlined in the Product Campaign Bulletin, which will be issued shortly.

Retailers are to promptly perform the applicable service procedures to correct all affected vehicles in their inventory (used, demo & SSLP). Additionally, whenever a vehicle subject to this recall is taken into retailer inventory, or in for service, necessary steps should be taken to ensure the recall correction has been made before selling or releasing the vehicle.