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SERVICE INFORMATION BULLETIN

APPLICABILITY: 2019MY Forester

NUMBER: 12-259-19

SUBJECT: Cowl Panel Gap- Design Change

DATE: 03/13/19

INTRODUCTION:

This Service Information bulletin announces a design change to the cowl panel. The change was made to the shape of the part which will eliminate a gap between the cowl panel and the windshield in the lower corner area as shown in the photo below. The gap may develop during expansion and contraction of the plastic cowl panel material as a result of temperature changes.



PRODUCTION CHANGE INFORMATION:

This bulletin will be revised with a starting VIN for this change when it becomes available.

PART INFORMATION:

Description	Part Number
COWL PANEL ASSEMBLY	91419SJ011
	91419SJ031

REMINDER: Always order the most up-to-date replacement parts based on the specific VIN being repaired.

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SERVICE PROCEDURE / INFORMATION:

REMINDER: Customer satisfaction and retention starts with performing quality repairs.

The service procedure for replacing the cowl panel assembly remains unchanged. Always refer to the applicable Service Manual and review the full requirements of the repair being performed. The Service Manual procedures contain information critical to performing an effective repair the first time and every time. This includes but is not limited to: important SAFETY precautions, proper inspection criteria, necessary special tools, required processes and related one-time-use parts needed for a complete and lasting repair.

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