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# **SERVICE BULLETIN**

APPLICABILITY: 2014-22MY Forester

2013-21MY Crosstrek **DATE:** 12/21/21

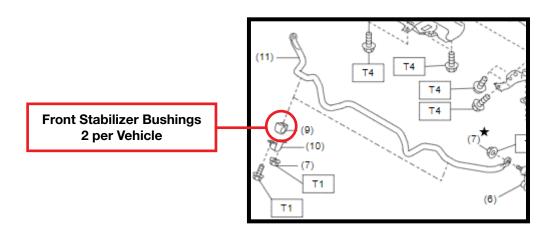
2015-21MY WRX

**SUBJECT:** Front Stabilizer Bushing- Design Change

Knocking / Squeaking Sound

### INTRODUCTION:

This bulletin announces a design change made to the front stabilizer bushings. The bushing material has been enhanced to address knocking / squeaking sounds when driving on rough roads during low ambient temperatures. If confirmed under the described driving conditions, the bushings shown in the illustration below should be replaced.



# PRODUCTION CHANGE INFORMATION:

The new front stabilizer bushings have been incorporated into production as per the table below:

| Model     | Starting VIN |  |
|-----------|--------------|--|
| Crosstrek | MH385137     |  |
| Forester  | NH400041     |  |
| WRX       | M9816765     |  |

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### PART INFORMATION:

| Part Description   | Part Number |
|--------------------|-------------|
| BUSHING-STABILIZER | 20414SG001  |

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

# **SERVICE PROCEDURE / INFORMATION:**

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

The service procedures for front stabilizer bushing replacement remain 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, 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.

Refer to the applicable Subaru Service Manual: <u>Suspension > FRONT SUSPENSION > Stabilizer > STABILIZER BUSHING</u>

**NOTE:** The Service Manual uses a black star  $(\bigstar)$  in the component breakdown illustration to indicate one-time use parts.

## 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 # | Fail Code | Fail Code |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|
| ONE FRONT STABILIZER BUSH/BRKT R&R  | A611-301          | NAF25     | 0.2       |
| BOTH FRONT STABILIZER BUSH/BRKT R&R | A611-304          |           | 0.3       |

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