

Subarunet Announcement

To: All Subaru Retailers

From: Subaru of America, Inc.

Date: July 6, 2022

New Safety Recall: WRC-22 Engine Harness Damage

Subaru of America, Inc. (Subaru) is initiating a new safety recall for certain 2022 model year Outback vehicles equipped with a 2.4L turbo engine, which may contain damage to the engine wiring harness.

Description of the Defect and Safety Risk

Due to a deformed terminal on an engine test harness used during vehicle production, the engine wiring harness in the affected vehicles may contain a damaged female terminal. A damaged female terminal may result in poor contact with the male terminal of the engine control unit (ECU). If the terminals lose connection while driving, the vehicle may experience a complete loss of motive power without the ability to restart, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy

The engine wiring harness and ECU will be replaced at no cost to the customer.

Affected Vehicles

A total of 15 U.S. Outback vehicles will be affected by this recall, as listed below:

Model Year	Carline	Production Date Range
2022	Outback	May 3, 2022 – May 5, 2022

Not all vehicles in the production range listed above are affected by this recall. Coverage must be confirmed by using the Vehicle Coverage Inquiry function on subarunet.com prior to repair. This information will be available today.

Service, Parts, and Claim Instructions

For detailed service, parts, and claim information, please refer to the WRC-22 Product Campaign Bulletin which will be available on STIS today.

IMPORTANT: The engine harnesses and ECUs required for this repair are on hold, due to the limited scope of this recall. Retailers must contact the PICs with the affected VIN for release.

Retailer Responsibility

Please be advised that it is a violation of Federal law for a dealer to deliver a new motor vehicle covered by a recall under a sale or lease until the defect is remedied. Therefore, any Authorized Subaru Retailer failing to perform the applicable service procedures to correct all affected vehicles in their inventory prior to the vehicle being placed in service may be subject to civil penalties of up to \$22,423 per violation (i.e., for each vehicle), as provided in 49 CFR §578.6 and will also be in breach of the Subaru Dealer Agreement.

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

- Immediately identified
- Tagged or otherwise marked to prevent their delivery or use prior to repair
- Repaired in accordance with the repair procedures outlined in the Product Campaign Bulletin

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

Owner Notification

Subaru will notify affected vehicle owners by first class mail within 60 days. Retailers will be advised when the notification is scheduled.