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Mon Thurs.	8:30AM - 7:30PM EST
Friday	10:30AM - 5:00PM EST
Saturday	9:00AM - 3:00PM EST

QMR of the Month

We are pleased to announce this month's QMR of the Month Winner:

Gregory Beach from Ramsey Subaru in Ramsey, NJ

Gregory created a high quality QMR using TechShare reporting on inoperative power windows and power seats. Gregory's report included detailed diagnostic steps, high-quality photos, and video.

Please refer to the following link to review the TechShare QMR in detail.

https://subarutechshare.com/qmrs/TS-204031

In appreciation for going the extra mile and sharing his experience with us, Gregory will be receiving the following from his Field Service Engineer:

\$500.00 Snap-On gift card

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01 QMR of the Month (CONTINUED)

The other regional winners selected from TechShare QMRs submitted during June 2022 were:

- Albert La Chance from Mitchell Subaru
- Henry Steingisser from Subaru of Little Rock
- Jeremy Johnson from McDaniels Subaru of Columbia
- Tau Jeppesen from Larry H. Miller Subaru Boise

Any Subaru Technician can participate in the TechShare QMR of the Month program. See the February 2013 and January 2016 issues of TechTIPS for full details. You just might see your name and photo in a future issue of TechTIPS!



QMR of the Month Award Presentations

As part of our "enhanced" QMR of the Month recognition program, we will include a photo (whenever available) of the recipient's award presentation in TIPS. The winner selected from QMR of the Month submissions received during June 2022 was Technician and Shop Foreman Gregory Beach from Ramsey Subaru in Mahwah, NJ.



Gregory is shown above (right/center) after being presented with his \$500.00 Snap-On Gift Card. Also pictured (left to right) Ramsey Subaru's Service Manager John DeStefano, and Customer Relations Director Melissa Sereika. To Gregory's left is SOA District Service Quality Manager Jim Colamarino.

Congratulations and THANK YOU to our June 2022 QMR of the Month Award recipient!

TECH TIPS GREATEST TIPS

This series features TechTIPS articles frequently referred to by Techline. This month's feature is from September 2015.

07 2010-2016 FORESTER, TPMS LIGHT FLASHING, SENSOR REGISTRATION ISSUES

The Techline has received a number of calls regarding flashing TPMS warning lights. After initial diagnosis, if you are even able to communicate with the TPMS system, sometimes codes are stored, but most of the time there are none. If you encounter this condition, and for example, only 3 of 4 TPMS sensors are able to be registered, always check the TPMS control module for signs of water intrusion before replacing any parts. Also, always inspect the connectors and pins at the module carefully for corrosion if this condition is verified. Most cases have been traced back to the passthrough rubber harness cover / bellows between the body and the rear gate not being fully seated as shown in the photos below. The improper seating area has been primarily on the front side which can make it hard to see if not inspected carefully. There have also been isolated cases of a missing sealing gasket on the rear roof rail mounting stud. When either of these conditions occur, water can enter the vehicle, follow down the rear gate harness and drip directly onto the TPMS control module, eventually causing internal damage as seen in the bottom photo of a damaged ciruit board. If you verify this concern, make sure to thoroughly clean and fully re-seat the pass through harness cover and re-check to verify any water leak has been repaired. To complete the repair, it will be necessary to replace the TPMS control module and re-register all the transmitters.



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01 Solterra DTC's Resulting from Service or Maintenance Activities: P0A1B1F, P0A1C1F, U113B87

When servicing the Solterra, it is possible to cause DTCs to set inadvertently by not following the correct service procedures outlined in STIS. Below are examples of DTC's that may set and how to prevent them from occurring.

DTC P0A1B1F (Generator Control Module Circuit Intermittent), P0A1C1F (Drive Motor "B" Control Module Circuit Intermittent) Detection

DTCs P0A1B1F and P0A1C1F may be set during the following work activities:

- 1. <u>Disconnecting the 12V battery (auxiliary battery) terminal(negative) with EV mode</u> <u>Ready-ON.</u>
- 2. Disconnecting the 12V battery terminal while the System Main Relay (SMR) is in overheat protection mode.

SMR overheat protection mode is started when Ready-ON ← Ready-OFF is repeated many times in a short period of time. This could include several quick ON/OFF cycles as the vehicle is written up in the service drive, moved to the parking lot and then moved into the service bay.

The SMR remains ON several minutes after Ready-OFF (IG-OFF) for overheat protection.

If you disconnect the 12V battery during this time, these DTC's may set.

Note that even if these DTC are detected, they do not affect driving and can be cleared by using the SSM.

Observe the two points below.

- (1) Do not disconnect the 12V battery during Ready-ON (see Fig 1).
- (2) When disconnecting the 12V battery, wait 3 minutes after IG-OFF as described in the service manual (see Fig 2).



Fig 1: Ready-ON is displayed in the red circle.

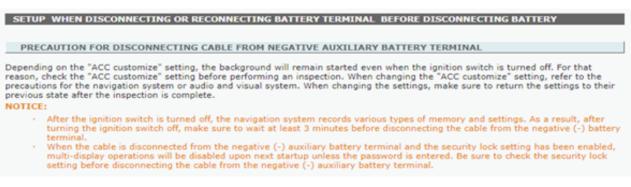


Fig 2: Service Manual Excerpts

DTC U113B87 (Lost Communication with Charging Communication Module Missing Message) Detect During PDI

During PDI, a warning message (Plug-in Charge System) may display on the instrument panel (Fig 3) and U113B87 might be detected. This DTC indicates a failure in the CAN BUS between the Plug-in ECU and the Communication ECU (the unit used to communicate with the charging stand).

When the DC cut fuse (30A) is not installed (Fig 4), the power supply to the communication ECU is cut off.

If the Plug-in ECU tries to communicate with the Communication ECU, U113B87 will be set, and a warning message will be displayed on the instrument panel.

The Plug-in ECU communicates with the communicating ECU at the following two points.

(1) When the 12V battery is reconnected and first IG-ON.

*When the 12V battery is disconnected, the Communication ECU part number information on the Plug-in ECU is cleared, so it must record it again following the first IG-ON.

(2) When DC charging and DC CUT FUSE (30A) is removed (see Fig 4).

If U113B87 is detected, or was detected in the past, you can clear it using the SSM.



Figure 3: Warning message on the instrument panel.

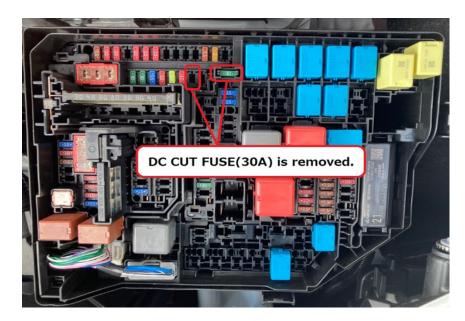
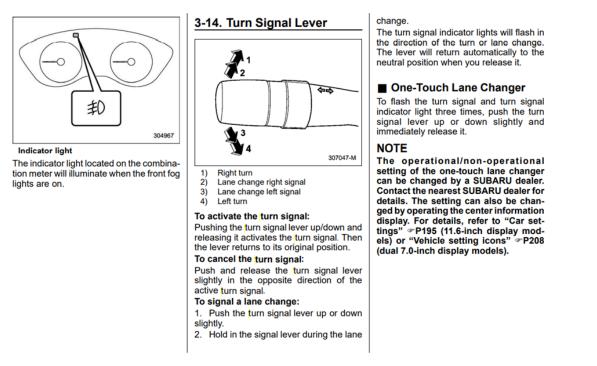


Figure 4: DC CUT FUSE (30A) is removed.

01 22MY WRX One Touch Turn Signal Operation

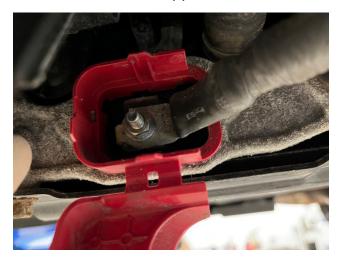
With the introduction of the 2022 WRX, a new feature has been added to the turn signal operation. If faced with a customer concern about the turn signal lever operation, take note that it now incorporates one-touch usage. Please see the excerpt from the Owner's Manual about operation.

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07 2019MY(+) Hybrid Inverter Cable Installation

When installing a new Inverter Cable on a Hybrid Crosstrek, it may be tempting to use dielectric grease or some other kind of protectant when installing the cable. Research performed by the SOA engineering department discovered that applying grease may accelerate corrosion and cause unfavorable results. The terminal end and cable should be clean and free of debris. Be sure to always follow STIS closely for the proper installation process and do not add unapproved chemicals/sealants to this cable terminal.



00 STIS New Releases

ITEM CODE	ITEM TYPE	TITLE	CREATED DATE
15-303-22	Technical Service Bulletin	Valet Mode Operation and Passc	20-Sep-22
E101SFL002	Accessory Installation Guide	2017-24MY Impreza (all trims)	19-Sep-22
E101SFL100	Accessory Installation Guide	2018-24MY Crosstrek (all trims	19-Sep-22
01-175-16R	Technical Service Bulletin	E-Mailing Files to Techline an	19-Sep-22
09-80-21R	Technical Service Bulletin	DTC # P2682 & P26Ax** / Thermo	14-Sep-22
16-136-22R	Technical Service Bulletin	Vibration & Possible Judder Co	14-Sep-22
03-89-22	Technical Service Bulletin	DTC B280B VDC Brake Fluid Pres	13-Sep-22
04-28-22R	Technical Service Bulletin	Squeaking Sound Occurs When Tu	13-Sep-22
15-301-22	Technical Service Bulletin	Reprogramming File Availabilit	9-Sep-22
DCA-8000-F	Other/Miscellaneous	DCA-8000 Diagnostic Battery Ch	9-Sep-22
DCA-8000-S	Other/Miscellaneous	DCA-8000 Diagnostic Battery Ch	9-Sep-22
DCA-8000	Other/Miscellaneous	DCA-8000 Diagnostic Battery Ch	9-Sep-22
DSS-5000-F	Other/Miscellaneous	DSS-5000 User Guide (French)	9-Sep-22
DSS-5000-S	Other/Miscellaneous	DSS-5000 User Guide (Spanish)	9-Sep-22
DSS-5000	Other/Miscellaneous	DSS-5000 User Guide	9-Sep-22
07-207-22R	Technical Service Bulletin	Subaru Battery Drain Product L	6-Sep-22
18-225-22R	Technical Service Bulletin	Diagnostics Procedure Addition	6-Sep-22
WRB-22R	Subaru Product/Campaign Bulletin	PCV Vacuum Hose Clamp Lock Fai	2-Sep-22
WRA-22R	Subaru Product/Campaign Bulletin	WRX EyeSight® Reprogramming	2-Sep-22
WRE-22	Subaru Product/Campaign Bulletin	Safety Recall – Back-Up Lamp S	2-Sep-22
07-209-22R	Technical Service Bulletin	EyeSight® Reprogramming DTC B2	2-Sep-22

All revised publications are highlighted in yellow.

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