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# **SERVICE BULLETIN**

APPLICABILITY: 2014-22MY Forester

> 2013-21MY Crosstrek 2015-21MY WRX

2019-22MY Ascent 2017-22MY Impreza

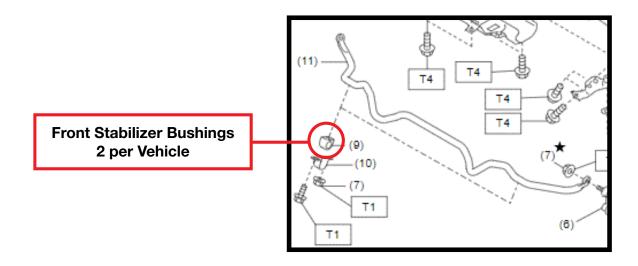
SUBJECT: Front Stabilizer Bushing- Design Change

Knocking / Squeaking Sound

2015-2019MY Legacy 2015-22MY Outback

# 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.



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#### 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	
Legacy	TBD	
Outback	TBD	
Impreza	TBD	
Ascent	TBD	

#### **PART INFORMATION:**

Model	Part Number	Part Description
Forester	20414SG001	
Crosstrek	20414SG001	
WRX	20414SG001	
Impreza Outback	20414FL00B	
	20414FL01B	BUSHING-STABILIZER
	20414XC00B	
	20414AL00B	
Ascent	20414XC00B	
Legacy	20414AL00B	

**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

## **IMPORTANT REMINDERS:**

- SOA strongly discourages the printing and/or local storage of service information as previously released information and electronic publications may be updated at any time.
- Always check for any open recalls or campaigns anytime a vehicle is in for servicing.
- Always refer to STIS for the latest service information before performing any repairs.

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