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- PARTS MANAGER
- CLAIMS PERSONNEL
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**SERVICE BULLETIN**

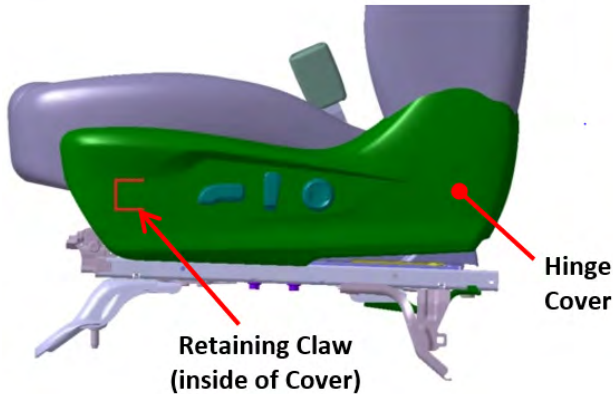
**APPLICABILITY:** 2019-21MY Forester  
 2020-22MY Outback & Legacy  
 2018-21MY Crosstrek  
 2022-23MY WRX

**NUMBER:** 12-299-20R  
**DATE:** 09/04/2020  
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**SUBJECT:** 6/8-way and Driver's Seat Hinge Cover-  
 Design Change

**INTRODUCTION:**

This bulletin announces a design change made to the outer hinge cover on the driver's 10-way adjustable power seats. The change has been made to address several reports about the cover coming loose over time as a result of getting into and out of the driver's seat. The retaining claw portion securing the cover to the seat frame has been changed to improve its strength and durability.



Enlarged View of Damaged Claw

**PRODUCTION CHANGE INFORMATION:**

The new Hinge Cover was incorporated into production as listed below:

- Forester: MH408966
- Crosstrek: M8251680
- Outback & Legacy: TBD

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## PART INFORMATION:

Description	Part Number	Application
COVER-HINGE FRONT SEAT OUTER LEFT	64115SJ232VH	For 10-way power seat
	64115AN15B	
	64115FL311VH	For 6/8-way power seat
COVER-HINGE FRONT SEAT OUTER RIGHT	64115SJ201VH	For 8-way power seat
	64115AN16B	

**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 hinge cover replacement 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, 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.

## 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 #	Labor Time	Fail Code
SEAT TRIM R&R, ONE OR ALL	A913-871	0.2	YCD-02

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