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SUBJECT: New Subaru & Genuine Subaru Alternative Engine Oil Filter Replacement

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INTRODUCTION:

This bulletin announces availability of the NEW genuine Subaru engine oil filter. This oil filter replaces the genuine Subaru alternative engine oil filter implemented in response to supply chain challenges. This new filter is the permanent supply solution. The genuine Subaru alternative oil filter and the NEW genuine Subaru engine oil filter have some features that differ from other Subaru filters. Features, important notes on handling, and oil filter installation instructions are outlined in this bulletin for technician reference.

PART INFORMATION:

Part Description	Part Number	Color	Seal	Image
NEW SUBARU OIL FILTER	15208AA20A	Black	Round	
	15208AA100	Black	Round	
ORIGINAL SUBARU OIL FILTER	15208AA15A	Blue	Round	
	15208AA12A	Blue	Round	
GENUINE SUBARU ALTERNATIVE OIL FILTER	SOA6351520815	Blue	Square Cut	
	SOA6351520812	Blue	Square Cut	

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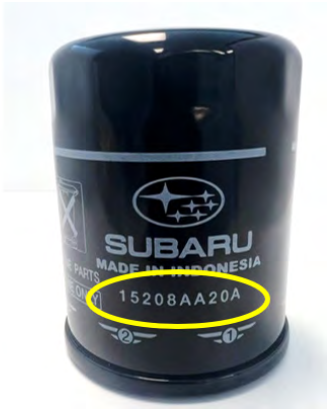
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SERVICE PROCEDURE / INFORMATION:

NEW Genuine Subaru Engine Oil Filter (BLACK in color) Engine Oil and Filter Replacement:

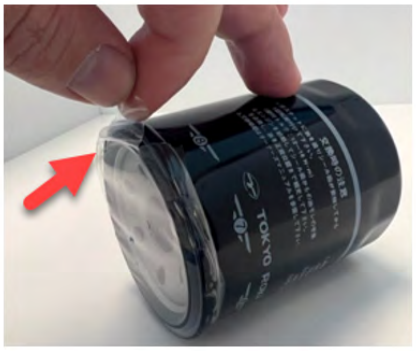
The **NEW** genuine Subaru engine oil filters have a round seal, are black in color, and have the part number printed on the side.





1. Turn the engine OFF. Remove the old oil filter and drain the engine oil thoroughly. Once the oil has been removed, reinstall and torque drain plug to specification using a **NEW** gasket.

2. Prepare the **NEW** engine oil filter by **CARFULLY** removing the protective plastic wrapping around threaded area. Be mindful to not dislodge the seal while removing the wrapping.





IMPORTANT NOTE: If the oil filter seal is out of position or not thoroughly lubricated, it is possible for the seal to become pinched or misaligned during installation. If this situation occurs the oil filter **MUST** be discarded and replaced with a new one. Always apply a LIBERAL application of engine oil to the seal contact surface and fill any gaps between the gasket and the inner lip with fresh engine oil. This helps with gasket retention once the filter is inverted for installation.



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3. Replace the engine oil filter with a NEW Subaru engine oil filter.

- Clean the engine contact surfaces for the oil filter. Remove all oil and possible contaminates.
- Thread the new oil filter by hand until the gasket seats against the surface. Further tighten the oil filter one full turn. Use **CAUTION** not to damage the filter seal.
- Torque the oil filter 12-16 Nm (9-12 ft-lbs.).
- Clean any residual oil from around the base of the filter.

IMPORTANT NOTE: There should be no gap between the filter case and the installation surface.



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Genuine Subaru Alternative Engine Oil Filter (blue in color) Engine Oil and Filter Replacement:

The genuine Subaru alternative filters have a square cut seal, are blue in color, and have the part number printed on the top.

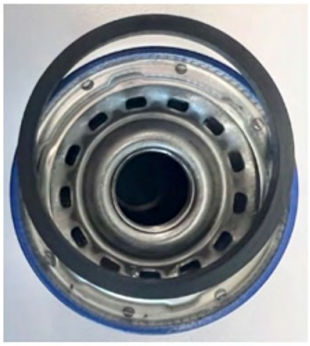




1. Turn the engine OFF. Drain the engine oil thoroughly. Once the oil has been removed, reinstall and torque drain plug to specification using a NEW gasket.

IMPORTANT NOTE: It is possible for the oil filter seal to become dislodged or misaligned during shipping and handling (see example images below). If this situation occurs, inspect the seal and matting surface for any visible damage.



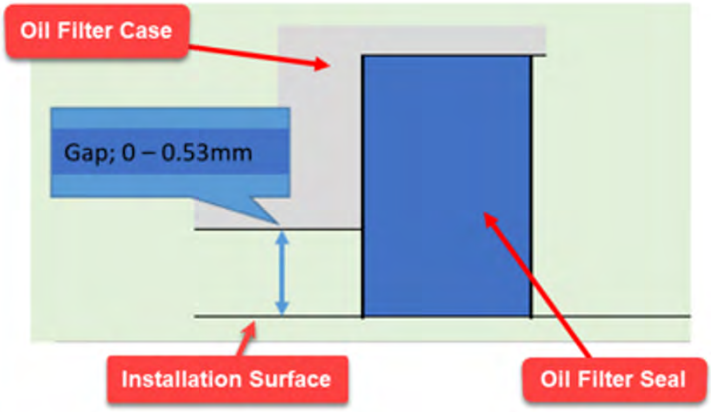
If any damage is found, replace the filter. If no damage is found, the seal may be refitted to the filter and installed on the vehicle.

2. Replace the engine oil filter with a genuine Subaru alternative filter.
   - Clean the engine contact surfaces for the oil filter. Remove all oil and possible contaminates.
   - Apply a thin coat of fresh engine oil to the rubber seal.
   - Thread the new oil filter by hand until the gasket seats against the surface. Use CAUTION not to damage the filter seal.
   - Further tighten the oil filter, approximately ¾ of a turn. Confirm the filter security when complete.
   - Clean any residual oil from around the base of the filter

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IMPORTANT NOTE: When properly installed, there will be a gap between the filter case and the installation surface (0-0.0209 inch / 0-0.53mm). This is a normal condition. Further verification can be achieved with the use of a 0.022 inch (0.56mm) sized feeler/thickness gauge. This sized gauge should be unable to be inserted in this gap.





3. Install the new engine oil applicable to the vehicle's type and quantity specifications.

4. Start the engine and check for any oil leaks around the base of the engine oil filter. Confirm there are no leaks found.

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