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SERVICE BULLETIN

APPLICABILITY: 2025MY Impreza & Crosstrek
2025MY Forester

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SUBJECT: DTC P0A12 / Reprogramming Files

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INTRODUCTION:

This bulletin announces the availability of reprogramming files for the Transmission Control Module (TCM). These files contain enhanced logic to prevent DTC P0A12 from being set unnecessarily in the TCM memory. If DTC P0A12 is found in the TCM memory, follow the procedures outlined below.

PRODUCTION CHANGE INFORMATION:

APPLICABLE VEHICLE	STARTING VIN
FORESTER	SH505292
IMPREZA & CROSSTREK (JAPAN PRODUCED)	S8253370
IMPREZA & CROSSTREK (SIA PRODUCED)	S3761706

CAUTION: VEHICLE SERVICING PERFORMED BY UNTRAINED PERSONS COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY TO THOSE PERSONS OR TO OTHERS.

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PFC FILE INFORMATION:

MY	Model	Specification	File Description	Old Part Number	NEW CID
25	Forester	2.5L NA CVT	30919AK242.PFC	30919AK240 30919AK241	3A12246572L
			30919AK252.PFC	30919AK250 30919AK251	3A12346572L
	Impreza	2.0L NA CVT without Paddle shift	30919AK521.PFC	30919AK520	4111046370L
			30919AK531.PFC	30919AK530	4111146370L
			30919AK541.PFC	30919AK540	4112146370L
	Crosstrek	2.0L NA CVT without Paddle shift	30919AK551.PFC	30919AK550	4111246370L
			30919AK561.PFC	30919AK560	4111346370L
		2.5L NA CVT with Paddle shift	30919AK571.PFC	30919AK570	4112346370L
			30919AK58B.pfc	30919AK58A	4112356370L
	Crosstrek Wilderness	2.5L NA CVT with Paddle shift	30919AK59B.PFC	30919AK59A	4112376370L

SERVICE PROCEDURE / INFORMATION:

REMINDER: Customer satisfaction and retention starts with performing quality repairs.

- Reprogram the TCM Control Module following the normal SSM5-R procedure.
- Detailed information regarding the SSM5-R reprogramming procedures can be found in TSB 14-28-21R.

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Subaru of America, Inc. (SOA) highly recommends utilizing either the Subaru Midtronics DCA-8000 Dynamic Diagnostic Charging System or the Subaru Midtronics GR8-1100 Diagnostic Battery Charger to the vehicle and utilizing the Power Supply Mode feature anytime a vehicle control module is being reprogrammed. Once the Midtronics charger is connected to the vehicle, if the battery is fully charged, it takes less than three (3) minutes to boot-up the charger, select the Power Supply Mode, and have the battery voltage stabilized and ready for reprogramming.

NOTES:

- For instructions on using the Power Supply Mode, reference the applicable User Manual for the Midtronics DCA-8000 Dynamic Diagnostic Charging System and the Midtronics GR8-1100 Diagnostic Battery Charger on STIS
- Confirm all electrical loads such as lights, audio, HVAC, seat heaters, and rear defroster are all switched OFF before setting up the charger for Power Supply Mode.

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- Select the correct battery type (Enhanced Flooded, Flooded, Gel, AGM or AGM Spiral).
- Input the CCA which matches the vehicle's battery. **NOTE:** OE and replacement batteries have different CCA ratings. Always confirm the battery's CCA rating before proceeding.
- If using a DCA-8000 Dynamic Diagnostic Charging System, set the power supply voltage to 13.5 Volts.
- DO NOT connect the DST-i or DST-010 until the Power Supply mode function has completed its battery test mode and the Charging Voltage has dropped to and shows a steady 13.5 Volts on the display.
- Once Power Supply Mode reaches a steady 13.5 Volts, connect the DST-i or DST-010 to the OBD connector and proceed with initiating the normal SSM5-R reprogramming process.
- Amperage will fluctuate based upon the vehicle's demand for power. **NOTE:** If the voltage rises beyond 14 Volts while programming is in process, the procedure will abort. This can indicate a need to test or charge the vehicle battery before any further attempt at programming is made.
- ALWAYS set the power supply voltage to 13.5 Volts when using Power Supply Mode. NEVER turn the ignition switch on when charging at voltages 15 Volts or higher.

REMINDER: If the DCA-8000 or GR8-1100 indicates the vehicle's battery must be charged, charge the battery fully before proceeding to reprogram the vehicle while using the Power Supply Mode.

NOTE: Control module failures resulting from battery discharge during reprogramming are not a matter for warranty. Should any DTCs reset after the reprogramming update is performed, diagnose per the procedure outlined in the applicable Service Manual.

WARRANTY / CLAIM INFORMATION:

WARRANTY / CLAIM INFORMATION: For vehicles within the Powertrain Warranty period or covered by an active Subaru Added Security Powertrain*, Classic or Gold plan, this repair may be submitted using the following claim information:

LABOR DESCRIPTION	LABOR OPERATION #	LABOR TIME	FAIL CODE
TRANSMISSION CONTROL MODULE REPROGRAMMING	A860-086	.5	MJZ-48

*For vehicles registered in CalLEV states repair covered by California Emissions Extended Defect Warranty.

IMPORTANT: Always note the original Calibration Identification number (CID) / ROMID the vehicle came in with on the repair order **before** reprogramming and, make sure to list the **NEW** CID / ROMID for any newly installed programming (as confirmed from the actual control module **AFTER** installation). The **NEW** CID / ROMID **MUST** also be noted on the repair order as this information is required for entry in the Miscellaneous Detail field during claim submission. These numbers can be read using SSM5-R.

NOTE: The pfc file listings provided in this bulletin are the latest available at the time of publishing. Updates are often released thereafter without revision to the original bulletin. For this reason, it is critical to always have the latest version of Select Monitor software installed on your system. You can confirm if a later version is available by entering the CID listed in this bulletin into SSM5-R. If a newer CID is shown as available in SSM5-R, reprogram using that file.

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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.