

- ATTENTION:**
- GENERAL MANAGER
  - PARTS MANAGER
  - CLAIMS PERSONNEL
  - SERVICE MANAGER

IMPORTANT - All Service Personnel Should Read and Initial in the boxes provided, right.

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**PRODUCT CAMPAIGN BULLETIN**

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| <b>APPLICABILITY:</b> | 2026MY Forester                                     | <b>NUMBER:</b>   | <b>WRG-25R</b>  |
|                       |   | <b>DATE:</b>     | 01/30/26        |
| <b>SUBJECT:</b>       | Safety Recall and Stop Sale: Rear Gate Stay Bracket | <b>REVISED:</b>  | <b>02/24/26</b> |
|                       |   | <b>NHTSA ID:</b> | <b>25V-889</b>  |

Subaru of America, Inc. (Subaru) has initiated a safety recall for certain 2026 model year Forester Vehicles to replace the rear gate stay and bracket.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE DEFECT AND SAFETY RISK**

The affected vehicles may have been manufactured with an incorrect and/or incorrectly oriented rear gate stay bracket which may cause the rear gate stay to become detached without prior warning during use.

A rear gate stay that detaches from the vehicle without prior warning during use may increase the risk of injury.

**REMEDY**

For all potentially affected vehicles, Subaru retailers will inspect the rear gate stay brackets and, if necessary, replace the stay and bracket at no cost to the customer.

**AFFECTED VEHICLES**

A total of 5,603 U.S. vehicles will be included in this safety recall as listed below. Not all vehicles in the production range listed are affected by this recall. Coverage must be confirmed by using the Vehicle Coverage Inquiry function on subarunet.com prior to repair.

| Model Year | Carline  | Production Date Range                 |
|------------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| 2026       | Forester | September 11, 2025 – October 30, 2025 |

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| <p><b>CAUTION: VEHICLE SERVICING PERFORMED BY UNTRAINED PERSONS COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY TO THOSE PERSONS OR TO OTHERS.</b></p> <p>Subaru Service Bulletins are intended for use by professional technicians ONLY. They are written to inform those technicians of conditions that may occur in some vehicles, or to provide information that could assist in the proper servicing of the vehicle. Properly trained technicians have the equipment, tools, safety instructions, and know-how to do the job correctly and safely. If a condition is described, DO NOT assume that this Service Bulletin applies to your vehicle, or that your vehicle will have that condition.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Subaru of America, Inc. is ISO 14001 Compliant</b></p> <p>ISO 14001 is the international standard for excellence in Environmental Management Systems. Please recycle or dispose of automotive products in a manner that is friendly to our environment and in accordance with all local, state and federal laws and regulations.</p> |
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## RETAILER RESPONSIBILITY

*Please be advised that it is a violation of Federal law for a dealer to deliver a new motor vehicle covered by a recall under a sale or lease until the defect is remedied. Therefore, any Authorized Subaru Retailer failing to perform the applicable service procedures to correct all affected vehicles in their inventory prior to the vehicle being placed in service may be subject to civil penalties of up to \$27,874 per violation (i.e., for each vehicle), as provided in 49 CFR §578.6 and will also be in breach of the Subaru Dealer Agreement.*

Any vehicles listed in any recall/campaign that are in retailer stock must be:

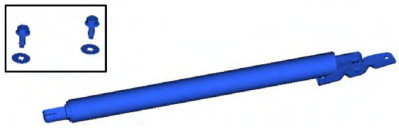

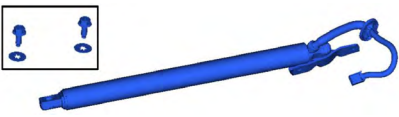
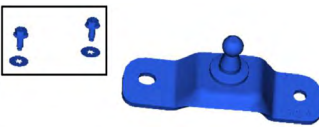
- Immediately identified
- Tagged or otherwise marked to prevent their delivery or use prior to repair
- Repaired in accordance with the repair procedures outlined in the Product Campaign Bulletin

Retailers are to promptly perform the applicable service procedures, to correct all affected vehicles in their inventory (used, demo & SSLP). Whenever a vehicle subject to this recall is taken into retailer inventory necessary steps should be taken to ensure the recall correction has been made before selling or releasing the vehicle.

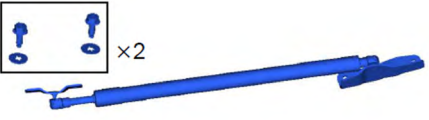

## OWNER NOTIFICATION

Subaru will notify affected vehicle owners by first class mail within 60 days. Retailers will be advised when owner notification is scheduled.

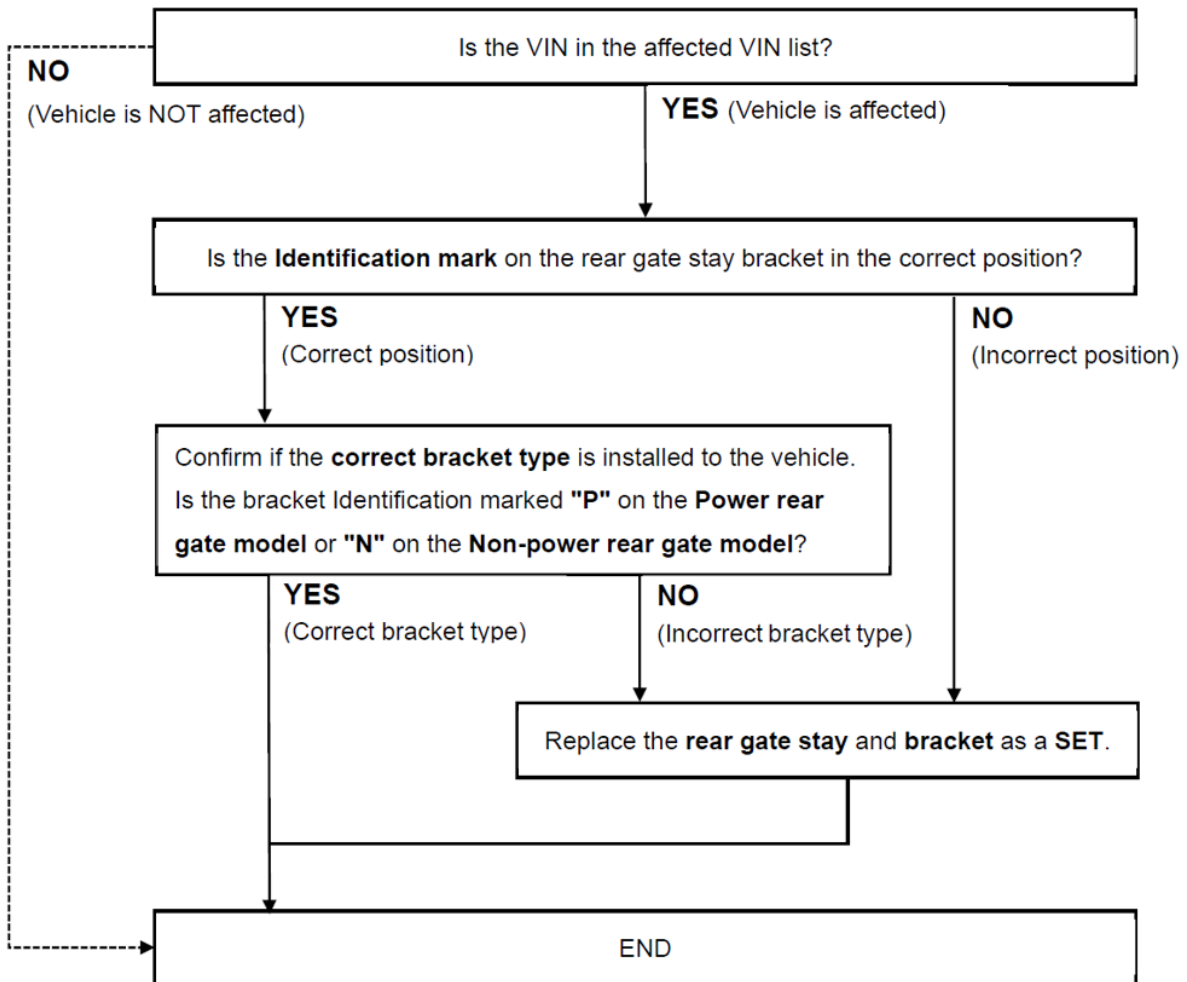
## PART INFORMATION:

| Power Rear Gate Model                                      |             |      |  |
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| Part Description   | Part Number | Qty. | Image  |
| Drive Unit AY C BRH<br>Power Gate Stay(Right Side)         | 63320SL00A  | 1    |  |
| Drive Unit AY BKTRH<br>Power Gate Stay Bracket(Right Side) | 63320SL02A  | 1    |  |
| Drive Unit AY (Left Side)                                  | 63320SL01A  | 1    |  |
| Drive Unit AY BKT LH(Left Side)                            | 63320SL03A  | 1    |  |

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| Non-power Rear Gate Model   |             |      |   |
|-----------------------------|-------------|------|---|
| Part Description            | Part Number | Qty. | Image   |
| Stay Assy RG RH(Right side) | 63269SL100  | 1    |  x2 |
| Stay Assy RG LH(Left side)  | 63269SL110  | 1    |  x2 |

### SERVICE PROCEDURE FLOW CHART:



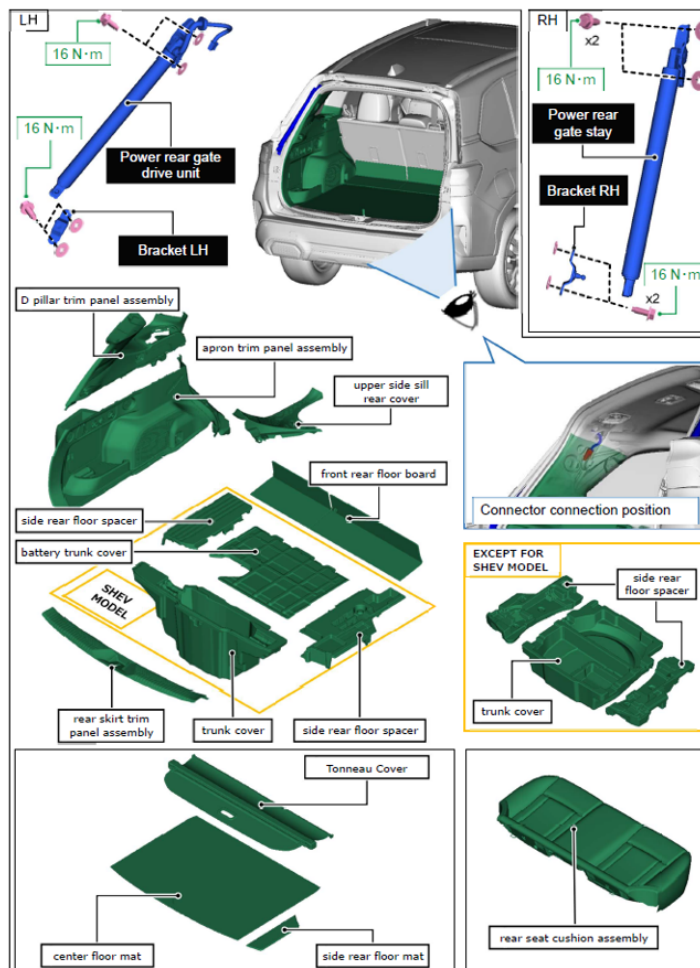
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## REQUIRED TOOLS & MATERIALS:

| Description        | Image   | Details                        |
|--------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| General hand tools |  |                                |
| Torque wrench      |  | Required for torquing hardware |
| Protective Tape    |  | Protect parts                  |
| Support Stand      |  | To support the rear gate       |

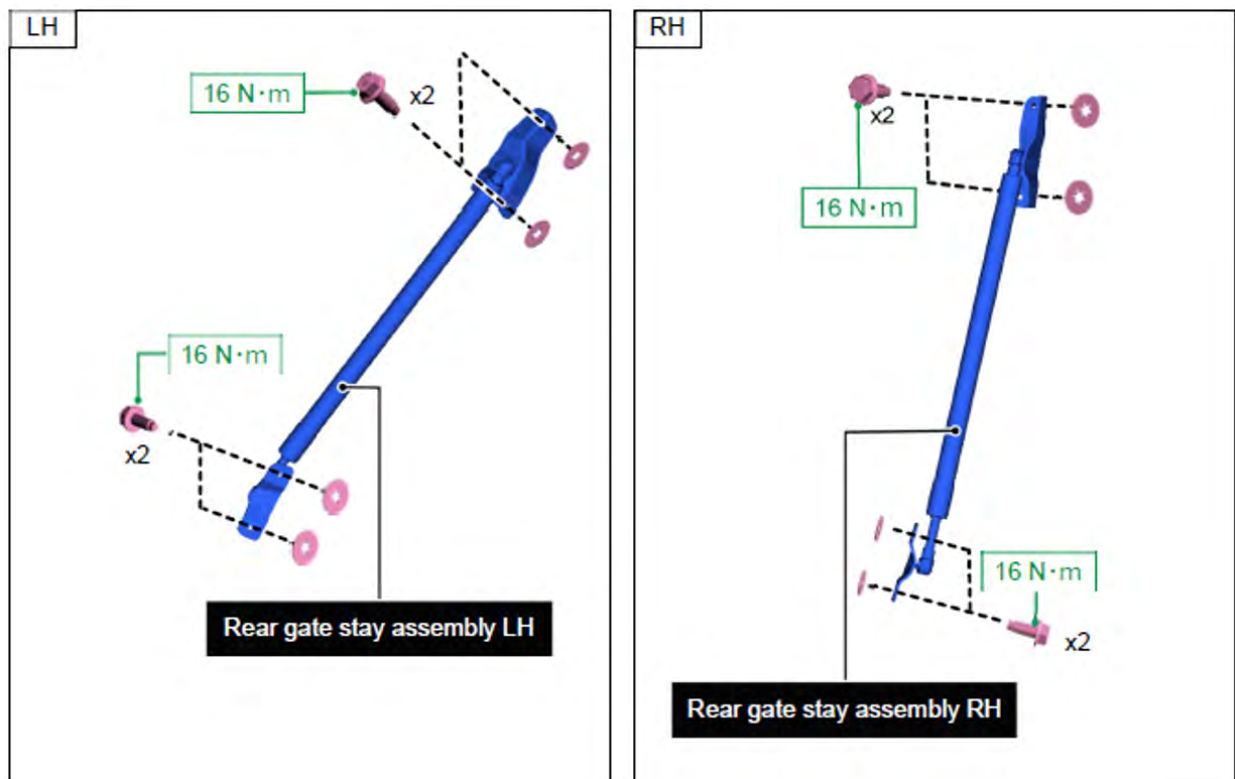
## COMPONENT CONFIGURATION:

Power rear gate model:



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Non-power rear gate model:



## SERVICE PROCEDURE / INFORMATION:

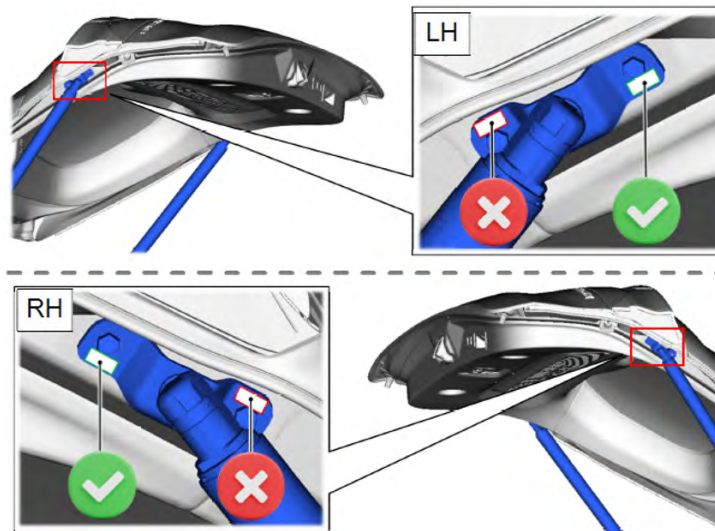
### Inspection Procedure

**Step 1)** Open rear gate, inspect the location of the bracket identification mark.

Is the mark at the top of the bracket with the gate open?

Yes – Go to step 2.

No – Go to replacement procedure for the applicable rear gate model.



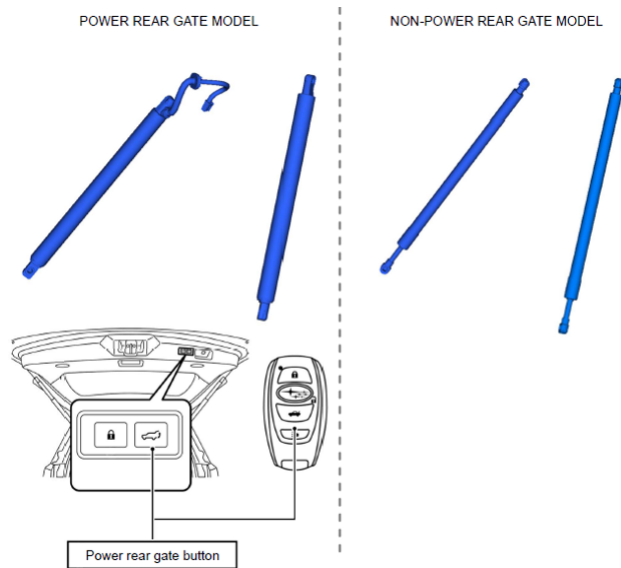
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**Step 2)** Inspect the rear gate stays.

Are they the correct stays for the rear gate model?

Yes – Go to step 3.

No - Go to replacement procedure for the applicable rear gate model.



**Step 3)** Inspect rear gate stay bracket identification mark to ensure it is correct for rear gate model.

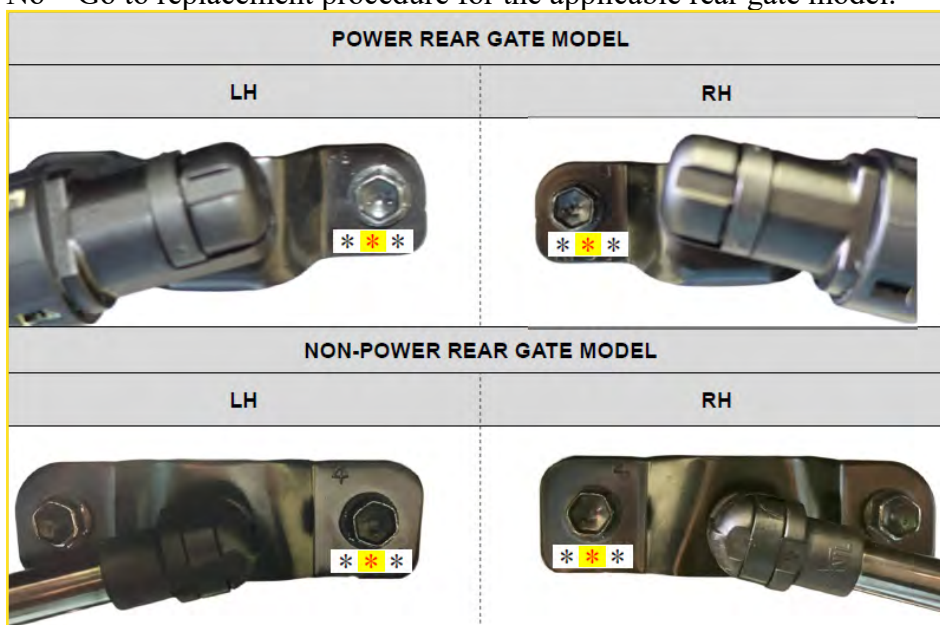
Check the middle digit of the identification mark:

The middle digit will be either P or N. P brackets are for power rear gates, and N brackets are for non-power rear gates.

Is the middle digit correct on both rear gate stay brackets?

Yes – Inspection is complete no repair is necessary.

No – Go to replacement procedure for the applicable rear gate model.



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## Replacement of power rear gate drive unit and/or stay procedure.

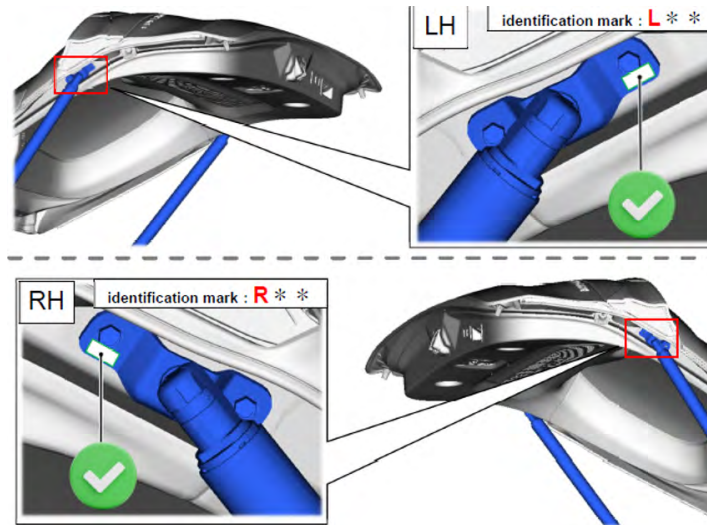
**Important: If either part fails the inspection, both the bracket and stay, or the bracket and drive unit, must be replaced.**

**Step 1)** Remove power rear gate drive unit assembly or power rear gate stay according to the service manual.

Refer to STIS: Body & Electrical/WIRING SYSTEM> POWER REAR GATE SYSTEM

**Step 2)** Install the bracket onto the rear gate on the appropriate side with the indication marks on the top.

**Note:** The first digit of the identification mark identifies the side it needs to be installed.

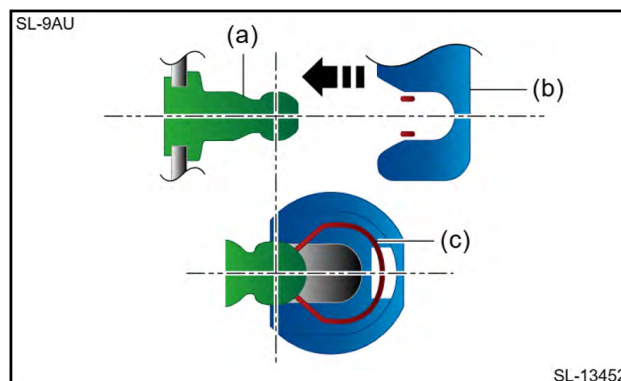


**Step 3)** Install drive unit assembly and/or stay on the body of the vehicle.

**Step 4)** Attach drive unit assembly and/or stay onto bracket installed on the rear gate.

### Caution:

- Insert the socket of the power rear gate drive unit straight into the ball joint section of the bracket.
- Check that the power rear gate drive unit is engaged with the ball joint portion and cannot be removed.



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**Step 5)** Torque the drive unit assembly and/or stay bolts on the rear gate panel side.

**Tightening torque:**

- VINs starting with 4S4: 16 N·m (1.6 kgf·m, 11.8 ft·lb)

**Step 6)** Torque the drive unit assembly and/or stay bolts on the vehicle body side.

**Tightening torque:**

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**Step 7)** Align the arrow on the harness grommet with the alignment mark on the vehicle body side and install the harness grommet and connect the connector.

**Replacement of non-power rear gate stays.**

Install rear gate stays as per the applicable service manual.

Refer to STIS: Body & Electrical/WIRING SYSTEM> EXTERIOR BODY PANELS> Rear Gate> INSTALLATION> REAR GATE DAMPER STAY

**CLAIM REIMBURSEMENT AND ENTRY PROCEDURES:**

Credit to perform this recall will be based on properly completed repair order information. Retailers may submit claims through [Subarunet.com](http://Subarunet.com).

| Power Rear Gate Model                       |                   |            |           |
|---|-------------------|------------|-----------|
| Labor Description                           | Labor Operation # | Labor Time | Fail Code |
| INSPECTION OF REAR GATE STAY & BRACKET      | B100-380          | .2         | WRG-25    |
| REPLACEMENT OF DRIVE UNIT ASSEMBLY PRG (LH) | C100-963          | .7         |           |
| REPLACEMENT OF PRG STAY ASSY (RH)           | C100-982          | .3         |           |

| Non-power Rear Gate Model                |                   |            |           |
|--|-------------------|------------|-----------|
| Labor Description                        | Labor Operation # | Labor Time | Fail Code |
| INSPECTION OF REAR GATE STAY & BRACKET   | B100-380          | .2         | WRG-25    |
| REPLACEMENT OF REAR GATE STAY (ONE SIDE) | C100-381          | .3         |           |
| REPLACEMENT OF BOTH REAR GATE STAYS      | C100-384          | .4         |           |

**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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**IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL**

This notice applies to the VIN identified in the address section printed below



**SUBARU**

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www.subaru.com

**Subaru Safety Recall WRG-25  
NHTSA Recall ID 25V-889  
January 2026**

**Dear Subaru Owner:**

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Subaru of America, Inc. (Subaru) has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2026 model year Forester vehicles.

You received this notice because our records indicate that you currently own one of these vehicles.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE DEFECT AND SAFETY RISK**

Your vehicle may be equipped with a rear gate stay bracket that is not the correct type or may be positioned incorrectly. This condition may cause the rear gate stay to become detached without prior warning during use. A rear gate stay that detaches from the vehicle without prior warning during use may increase the risk of injury.

**WHAT SUBARU WILL DO**

Subaru will inspect the rear gate stay brackets and, if necessary, replace the stay and bracket, free of charge.

**WHAT YOU SHOULD DO**

Please contact your Subaru retailer (dealer) immediately to schedule an appointment to have this safety recall completed at no cost to you.

**HOW LONG WILL THE REPAIR TAKE?**

The inspection of your vehicle for the defective condition will take approximately 15 minutes. If the stay and bracket need to be replaced, the replacement process can take up to 1.25 hours. However, it may be necessary to leave your vehicle for a longer period of time to allow your Subaru retailer flexibility in scheduling.

**OWNER INFORMATION**

Government regulations require that recall notifications be sent to the last known owner of record. That information is based primarily on state registration and title data. If you are a lessor of this vehicle, federal regulations require you to forward this notice to your lessee within ten days.

If you have moved or sold your vehicle, please go to <https://www.subaru.com/support/customer-support.html> to send us your information.

## **IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR A REPAIR**

If you have already paid for repairs associated with this condition, you may be eligible for reimbursement. Reimbursement consideration will be based on the amount an authorized Subaru retailer in your area would charge for the same repair.

Please submit the original service repair order, which has the name of the repair facility, date of repair, mileage at the time of repair, complete 17-digit vehicle identification number (VIN), and your name, with correct mailing address and telephone number online at [https://subaruclaims.autosolutionteam.com/app/subaru/Registration?\\$activepanel=EventConsignee](https://subaruclaims.autosolutionteam.com/app/subaru/Registration?$activepanel=EventConsignee), or send to the address listed below:

**Subaru of America, Inc.  
Attention: WRG-25 Recall  
2670 Executive Dr  
Indianapolis, IN 46241**

Please send original receipts only and retain a photocopy for your records. Please be assured that we will attempt to process your reimbursement request as quickly as possible, but it may take up to 60 days for this process to be completed.

## **IF YOU NEED FURTHER ASSISTANCE:**

To locate the nearest Subaru retailer, you can access our website at [www.subaru.com](http://www.subaru.com) and select 'Find a Retailer.'

For additional information, please go to: <http://www.wrg25.service-campaign.com>.

If you need additional assistance, please contact us directly:

- By e-mail: Go to <https://www.subaru.com/support/customer-support.html> and select 'Email Us'
- By telephone: 1-844-373-6614
- Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. ET  
By U.S. Postal mail:

Subaru of America, Inc.  
Attn: Customer Advocacy Department  
P.O. Box 9103, Camden, NJ 08101-9877

To subscribe to the NHTSA Recall Notification email System, please go to:

<https://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/nhtsa/subscriptions>.

Please contact us immediately if the Subaru retailer fails or is unable to make the necessary repairs free of charge.

If your dealer fails or is unable to remedy this defect without charge, or within a reasonable amount of time, you may submit a written complaint to: Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE, Washington, DC 20590 or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153) or go to <http://www.NHTSA.gov>.

Your continued satisfaction with your Subaru is important to us. Please understand that we have taken this action in the interest of your safety and your vehicle's proper operation. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this matter may cause and urge you to schedule an appointment as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Subaru of America, Inc.

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