

ATTENTION:

- GENERAL MANAGER
- PARTS MANAGER
- CLAIMS PERSONNEL
- SERVICE MANAGER

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SERVICE BULLETIN

APPLICABILITY: 2026MY Outback **NUMBER:** 18-242-26
SUBJECT: Seat Belt Warning / **DATE:** 05/19/26
 Service Manual Update

INTRODUCTION:

This service information bulletin announces a change in the seat belt warning buzzer intervals in the inspection procedure found in the Service Manual. Due to a change in the combination meter assembly, the warning intervals have been changed from 15 seconds to 25 seconds. These updates will be added to the Service Manual in a future update.

SERVICE PROCEDURE / INFORMATION:

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

The Service Manual is revised as below. Change point is colored red as old and green as new. Airbag System & Seat Belt System > SEAT BELT SYSTEM > Seat Belt Warning System > INSPECTION

4. CHECK DRIVER-SIDE SEAT BELT WARNING BUZZER

1. Lift up the vehicle.
2. Turn the ignition switch to ON and start the engine.
3. Drive the vehicle at 6.1 — 19 km/h (4 — 12 mph) while the driver-side seat belt tongue plate is not inserted into the buckle. Check that the buzzer in the instrument cluster (volume: low) sounds intermittently and the warning light blinks. After ~~15 seconds~~ 15 seconds or 25 seconds, check that the buzzer (volume: high) sounds.
4. Turn the ignition switch to OFF and start the engine again. Drive the vehicle at 20 km/h (12 mph) or more while the driver’s seat belt tongue plate is not inserted into the buckle. Check that the buzzer in the instrument cluster (volume: high) sounds intermittently and the warning light blinks.
5. Insert the driver-side seat belt tongue plate into the buckle to stop the buzzer.
6. After the buzzer stops, check steps 3 — 4.
7. After performing step 5, drive the vehicle at 6.1 — 19 km/h (4 — 12 mph). Check that the buzzer (volume: low) sounds again when the seat belt is unfastened.

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8. Drop the vehicle speed to 1.75 km/h (1 mph) or less within ~~15 seconds~~ 15 seconds or 25 seconds after the buzzer (volume: low) sounds to stop the buzzer.
9. Insert the seat belt tongue plate into the buckle and then drive the vehicle at 20 km/h (12 mph) or more. Check that the buzzer (volume: high) sounds again when the seat belt is unfastened.
10. After performing step 5, move the select lever to the “R” position, and then move it to the “D” position. Check that the buzzer (volume: low) sounds again by driving the vehicle at 6.1 — 19 km/h (4 — 12 mph) while the seat belt tongue plate is not inserted in the buckle.
11. Drop the vehicle speed to 1.75 km/h (1 mph) or less within ~~15 seconds~~ 15 seconds or 25 seconds after the buzzer (volume: low) sounds to stop the buzzer.
12. After moving the select lever to the “R” position, move it to the “D” position. Check that the buzzer (volume: high) sounds again by driving the vehicle at 20 km/h (12 mph) or more while the seat belt tongue plate is not inserted into the buckle.

5. CHECK PASSENGER-SIDE SEAT BELT WARNING BUZZER

1. Lift up the vehicle.
2. Turn the ignition switch to ON and start the engine.
3. Insert the driver’s seat belt tongue plate into the buckle.
4. Sit in the passenger-side seat and drive the vehicle at 6.1 — 19 km/h (4 — 12 mph) while the passenger-side seat belt tongue plate is not inserted into the buckle. Check that the buzzer in the instrument cluster (volume: low) sounds intermittently and the warning light blinks. After ~~15 seconds~~ 15 seconds or 25 seconds, check that the buzzer (volume: high) sounds.
5. Turn the ignition switch to OFF and start the engine again. Drive the vehicle at 20 km/h (12 mph) or more while the passenger-side seat belt tongue plate is not inserted into the buckle. Check that the buzzer in the instrument cluster (volume: high) sounds intermittently and the warning light blinks.
6. Insert the passenger-side seat belt tongue plate into the buckle to stop the buzzer.
7. After the buzzer stops, check steps 4 — 5.
8. After performing step 6, drive the vehicle at 6.1 — 19 km/h (4 — 12 mph). Check that the buzzer (volume: low) sounds again when the seat belt is unfastened.
9. Drop the vehicle speed to 1.75 km/h (1 mph) or less within ~~15 seconds~~ 15 seconds or 25 seconds after the buzzer (volume: low) sounds to stop the buzzer.
10. Insert the seat belt tongue plate into the buckle and then drive the vehicle at 20 km/h (12 mph) or more. Check that the buzzer (volume: high) sounds again when the seat belt is unfastened.
11. After performing step 6, move the select lever to the “R” position, and then move it to the “D” position. Check that the buzzer (volume: low) sounds again by driving the vehicle at 6.1 — 19 km/h (4 — 12 mph) while the seat belt tongue plate is not inserted in the buckle.
12. Drop the vehicle speed to 1.75 km/h (1 mph) or less within ~~15 seconds~~ 15 seconds or 25 seconds after the buzzer (volume: low) sounds to stop the buzzer.

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13. After moving the select lever to the “R” position, move it to the “D” position. Check that the buzzer (volume: high) sounds again by driving the vehicle at 20 km/h (12 mph) or more while the seat belt tongue plate is not inserted into the buckle.

6. CHECK REAR SEAT BELT WARNING BUZZER

1. Lift up the vehicle.
2. Turn the ignition switch to ON and start the engine.
3. Insert the driver’s seat belt tongue plate into the buckle.
4. Sit in the corresponding rear seat and drive the vehicle at 6.1 — 19 km/h (4 — 12 mph) while the rear seat belt tongue plate is not inserted into the buckle. Check that the buzzer in the instrument cluster (volume: low) sounds intermittently and the warning light blinks. After ~~15 seconds~~ 15 seconds or 25 seconds, check that the buzzer (volume: high) sounds intermittently for approximately 35 seconds and the warning light blinks.
5. Turn the ignition switch to OFF when the buzzer stops, and start the engine again. Drive the vehicle at 20 km/h (12 mph) or more while the seat belt tongue plate is not inserted into the buckle. Check that the buzzer in the instrument cluster (volume: high) sounds intermittently for approximately 35 seconds and the warning light blinks.
6. Turn the ignition switch to OFF when the buzzer stops, and start the engine again. Check that the buzzer (volume: low) sounds again by driving the vehicle at 6.1 — 19 km/h (4 — 12 mph) while the seat belt tongue plate is not inserted in the buckle. After 15 seconds, check that the buzzer (volume: high) sounds intermittently for approximately 35 seconds.
7. Turn the ignition switch to OFF when the buzzer stops, and start the engine again. Check that the buzzer (volume: high) sounds intermittently for approximately 35 seconds again by driving the vehicle at 20 km/h (12 mph) or more while the seat belt tongue plate is not inserted into the buckle.
8. Insert the seat belt tongue plate into the buckle and then drive the vehicle at 6.1 — 19 km/h (4 — 12 mph). Check that the buzzer (volume: low) sounds intermittently again and the warning light blinks when the seat belt is unfastened. After ~~15 seconds~~ 15 seconds or 25 seconds, check that the buzzer (volume: high) sounds intermittently for approximately 35 seconds and the warning light blinks.

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.