#### OMB Control No.: 2127-0004

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

## 14V-763

**Manufacturer Name:** Subaru of America, Inc.

**Submission Date:** APR 23, 2018 **NHTSA Recall No.:** 14V-763 **Manufacturer Recall No.:** WQP-51



#### **Manufacturer Information:**

Manufacturer Name: Subaru of America, Inc.

Address: One Subaru Drive

Camden NJ 08103

Company phone: 856-488-8500

## **Population:**

Number of potentially involved: 4,175 Estimated percentage with defect: NR

#### **Vehicle Information:**

Vehicle 1: 2004-2004 Subaru Baja

Vehicle Type: LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style: SUV Power Train: GAS

Descriptive Information: Information Regarding Manufacturer of Defective Component: • Identification of

Component: Front passenger airbag inflator • Component Manufacturer: TK Holdings,

Inc. • Address: 888 16th Street NW – Suite 800 Washington, DC 20006 • Phone

Number: (202)729-6332 • Component's Country of Origin: Mexico

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Vehicle 2: 2005-2005 Subaru Baja

Vehicle Type: LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : SUV Power Train : GAS

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Vehicle 7:	2003-2003 Suba	aru Outback				
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## **Description of Defect:**

Description of the Defect: Subaru of America, Inc. (Subaru) is conducting a recall of certain model year

2003-2005MY Subaru Legacy, Outback, and Baja vehicles, certain

2004-2005MY Subaru Impreza (including WRX/STI) vehicles and certain 2005MY Saab 9-2X vehicles, that are currently or have ever been registered in the following areas of high absolute humidity: Hawaii, Florida and counties adjacent to it in Southern Georgia, as well as the coastal areas of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas as well as Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands,

Guam, Saipan, and American Samoa. The air bag inflators in the front passenger air bags for these vehicles could be susceptible to rupture and the front passenger air bag could deploy abnormally in a crash. The cause of the potential for ruptured inflators and the influence of high absolute humidity are

under investigation.

FMVSS 1: NR FMVSS 2: NR

Description of the Safety Risk: In the event of a crash necessitating deployment of the passenger side frontal

air bag, the inflator could rupture with metal fragments striking and

potentially seriously injuring the vehicle occupants.

Description of the Cause: NR

Identification of Any Warning NR

that can Occur:

## **Supplier Identification:**

## **Component Manufacturer**

Name: NR Address: NR

NR

Country: NR

## **Chronology:**

July 3, 2014: Subaru submitted Part 573 Safety Recall Report for a known safety defect related to improperly manufactured propellant wafers used in certain front passenger airbag inflators (NHTSA Recall No. 14V-399; Subaru No. WQL-48).

August 19, 2014: Subaru notified NHTSA it was initiating a voluntary, regional parts collection campaign to cooperate with NHTSA and the Supplier's (TK Holdings, Inc./Takata) ongoing investigation of the risk of failure of the passenger airbag inflators installed on certain vehicles that are currently or have ever been registered in Florida, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands (NHTSA Recall No. 14V-471; Subaru No. WQM-49).

November 10, 2014: Takata submitted a Part 573 Safety Recall Report (NHTSA Recall No. 14E-073)

November 21, 2014: NHTSA suggested that Subaru consider moving from a voluntary campaign (NHTSA Recall No. 14V-471; Subaru No. WQM-49) to a Part 573 safety recall as well as expanding the geographic coverage.

November 25-26, 2014: NHTSA and Subaru had follow-up discussions regarding the information shared on November 21, 2014.

November 27, 2014: FHI concluded that Subaru will move from a voluntary campaign (NHTSA Recall No. 14V-471; Subaru No. WQM-49) to a Part 573 safety recall as well as expanding the geographic coverage.

#### **Description of Remedy:**

Description of Remedy Program: The remedy plan calls for dealers to replace the passenger airbag inflator with a newly manufactured one.

> 2004-05 Subaru Impreza (including WRX/STI) and 2005 Saab 9-2x vehicles were closed from this recall (NHTSA Recall No. 14V-763; Subaru No. WQP-51) and superseded to Subaru No.: WQR-53. Accordingly, 6,278 vehicles were removed from the affected count for this recall.

2005 Subaru Legacy and Outback vehicles were closed from this recall (NHTSA Recall No. 14V-763) and superseded to NHTSA Recall No. 15V-323. Accordingly, 2,116 vehicles were removed from the affected count for this recall.

How Remedy Component Differs NR from Recalled Component :

Identify How/When Recall Condition NR was Corrected in Production :

## **Recall Schedule:**

Description of Recall Schedule: NR

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NR - NR Planned Owner Notification Date : NR - NR

<sup>\*</sup> NR - Not Reported