



**Subarunet Announcement**

**To: All Subaru Retailers**  
**From: Subaru of America, Inc.**  
**Date: December 1, 2014**

**Subject: New Subaru Recall Campaign: Front Passenger Air Bag Inflators WQP-51**

This is a geographic expansion of the current WQM-49 limited regional recall. Details of the transition from WQM-49 to WQP-51 will be provided in future communications.

Subaru will be conducting a recall of certain model year 2003-2005MY Subaru Legacy, Outback, and Baja vehicles, and certain 2004-2005MY Subaru Impreza (including WRX/STI) vehicles, that are currently or have ever been registered in the following areas of high absolute humidity: Florida, the counties of Georgia adjacent to Florida, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, Saipan, American Samoa, as well as the coastal areas of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

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.

***Affected Vehicles***

Not all vehicles within the following production date ranges are covered by this recall. Coverage for all affected vehicles must be confirmed by using the Vehicle Coverage Inquiry function on subarunet.com. This data will be available when owner notification begins.

Model Year	Model	Starting production date	Ending production date
2003	Legacy	2/18/2003	6/6/2003
2004	Legacy	3/17/2003	3/1/2004
2005	Legacy	2/23/2004	1/26/2005
2003	Outback	2/18/2003	6/11/2003
2004	Outback	3/13/2003	3/15/2004
2005	Outback	2/6/2004	10/6/2004
2003	Baja	2/18/2003	6/6/2003
2004	Baja	4/7/2003	7/21/2004
2005	Baja	3/16/2004	10/27/2004
2004	Impreza, WRX, STI	1/28/2003	2/13/2004
2005	Impreza, WRX, STI	2/11/2004	12/10/2004

***Geographical Expansion***

The earlier regional recall included vehicles with registration history in: Florida, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Consistent with other automotive manufacturers involved in regional recalls of Takata front passenger air bag inflators, Subaru's new regional recall will include additional areas of high absolute humidity based on the annual mean dew point temperature of 60.0 degrees Fahrenheit or more, and locations within 125 miles of these areas.

This regional recall will include certain 2003-2005MY Subaru Legacy, Outback and Baja vehicles, and certain 2004-2005MY Subaru Impreza (including WRX/STI) vehicles, currently or previously registered in the following locations:

- The following States and U.S. Territories:
  - Florida
  - Hawaii
  - Puerto Rico
  - U.S. Virgin Islands
  - Guam
  - Saipan
  - American Samoa
- The counties of Georgia which are adjacent to Florida
- The coastal areas of:
  - Alabama
  - Louisiana
  - Mississippi
  - Texas

***Description of the Safety Hazard***

In the event of a crash necessitating deployment of an affected passenger frontal air bag, the inflator could rupture with metal fragments striking and potentially seriously injuring the vehicle occupants.

***Description of the Remedy***

The front passenger air bag inflator will be replaced.

***Retailer Program Responsibility***

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

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

- Immediately identified.
- Tagged or otherwise marked to prevent their delivery or use prior to inspection and/or repair.
- Repaired in accordance with the repair procedures outlined in the Product Campaign Bulletin, which will be issued shortly.

***Owner Notification***

Subaru is in the process of identifying the affected vehicles based on current and historical vehicle registration data. Once identified, Subaru will notify potentially affected vehicle owners by first class mail. This is expected to occur within the next 45 days. Retailers will be advised when owner notification begins.