

Subarunet Announcement

To: All Subaru Retailers

From: Subaru of America, Inc.

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New Safety Recall: WRJ-22 Forester left front seat belt installed as a replacement part

Subaru of America, Inc. (Subaru) is initiating a new safety recall for certain 2009-2013 model year Forester vehicles, in which a defective left front seat belt may have been installed as a replacement part.

Description of the Defect and Safety Risk

A left front seat belt assembly, installed in vehicles as a replacement part, may have been assembled with a force limiter torsion bar that was not manufactured to specification. In the event of a crash, the seat belt assembly may not function as intended, increasing the risk of injury.

Remedy

For all potentially affected vehicles, Subaru retailers will inspect the identification number on the seat belt tag and, where necessary, replace it with a new one, at no cost to the customer.

Affected Vehicles

A total of 16 U.S. Forester vehicles will be included in this recall, as listed below:

Model Year	Carline	Production Date Range
2009-2013	Forester	January 10, 2008 – November 14, 2012

Not all vehicles in the production range listed above are affected by this recall. Coverage must be confirmed by using the Vehicle Coverage Inquiry function on subarunet.com prior to repair. This information is now available.

Service, Parts, and Claim Instructions

For detailed service, parts, and claim instructions, please refer to the WRJ-22 Product Campaign Bulletin which is now available on STIS.

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 \$22,423 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 is in the process of obtaining current vehicle registration data, and will notify affected vehicle owners by first class mail within 60 days. Retailers will be advised when the notification is scheduled.