

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

23V-723

Manufacturer Name : Subaru of America, Inc.**Submission Date :** OCT 26, 2023**NHTSA Recall No. :** 23V-723**Manufacturer Recall No. :** WRO-23**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Subaru of America, Inc.

Address : One Subaru Drive

Camden NJ 08103

Company phone : 844-373-6614

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 49

Estimated percentage with defect : 1 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2024-2024 Subaru Forester

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : SUV

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : Description of the issue:

The affected vehicles may have an insufficiently tightened engine water pipe attachment bolt(s).

The basis for how the recall population was determined: Affected vehicles were identified using vehicle production records.

How the recalled products differ from products that were not included in the recall: Vehicles not included in this recall were assembled with properly tightened bolts.

The recall population includes certain 2024 model year Forester vehicles. The number of potentially affected Forester vehicles is 49.

Production Dates : SEP 13, 2023 - SEP 14, 2023

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

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Description of the Defect : The affected vehicles may have an insufficiently tightened engine water pipe attachment bolt(s). Over time, a loose attachment bolt may result in the water pipe losing its seal and coolant may leak.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : If coolant were to leak, it could contact a hot exhaust pipe, increasing the risk of a fire.

Description of the Cause : An inadequate work instruction may have caused the water pipe attachment bolts to be insufficiently tightened during the engine assembly process.

Identification of Any Warning NR
that can Occur :

Involved Components :

Component Name 1 : WATER PIPE

Component Description : PIPE ASSY-WATER

Component Part Number : 14049AA851

Component Name 2 : WATER PIPE

Component Description : PIPE ASSY-WATER

Component Part Number : 14049AA831

Component Name 3 : WATER PIPE

Component Description : PIPE ASSY-WATER

Component Part Number : 14049AA821

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : Subaru

Address : NR

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Country : NR

Chronology :

September 13, 2023 – Subaru identified an insufficiently tightened water pipe attachment bolt on an engine assembly and opened an investigation.

September 14 - October 11, 2023 – Subaru identified a work instruction as the likely root cause. Subaru then identified the potentially affected production period and vehicle population.

October 19, 2023 – For the entire population of potentially affected vehicles, Subaru is not aware of any field reports, warranty claims, or VOQs related to this condition. However, out of an abundance of caution, Subaru decided to conduct a safety recall.

Subaru is not aware of any reports involving accident, fire or injury related to this condition.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : For all the potentially affected vehicles, Subaru will tighten the water pipe attachment bolts to the specified torque at its port processing facilities prior to delivery to Subaru dealers. None of the potentially affected vehicles have been sold to dealers or retail purchasers.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : Not Applicable.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : The recall condition was corrected in production on September 14, 2023.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : For all the potentially affected vehicles, Subaru will tighten the water pipe attachment bolts to the specified torque at its port processing facilities prior to delivery to Subaru dealers. None of the potentially affected vehicles have been sold to dealers or retail purchasers.

Dealer notification is expected to occur on October 27, 2023.

Owner notification is not required for this recall. A representative copy of the Part 577 owner notification letter will be uploaded to NHTSA within 60 days.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : OCT 27, 2023 - OCT 27, 2023

Planned Owner Notification Date : DEC 22, 2023 - DEC 22, 2023

* NR - Not Reported