

Subarunet Announcement

To: All Subaru Retailers

From: Subaru of America, Inc.

Date: October 27, 2023

New Safety Recall: WRO-23 Water Pipe Bolt Tightening

Subaru of America, Inc. (Subaru) has initiated a safety recall for certain 2024 model year Forester vehicles.

Description of the Defect and Safety Risk

The vehicles included in this recall may have 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. If coolant were to leak, it could contact a hot exhaust pipe, increasing the risk of a fire.

Remedy

For all 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 retailers.

Affected Vehicles

A total of 49 U.S. vehicles will be included in this recall as listed below. Not all vehicles produced on the same production date are affected by this recall. None of the potentially affected vehicles have been sold to retailers or retail purchasers. This information will be available later today.

Model Year	Carline	Production Date
2024	Forester	September 13, 2023

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 \$26,315 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.

Service, Parts, and Claim Instructions

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