

## **Subarunet Announcement**

**To: All Subaru Retailers**

**From: Subaru of America, Inc.**

**Date: February 7, 2020**

### **UPDATE: Owner Notification WUK-96 DIT Exhaust Pipe Front (EPF) Nut Torque Service Campaign/Voluntary Emissions Recall**

#### ***Owner Notification***

Subaru will begin to notify affected Forester vehicle owners by first class mail in phases starting on February 11, 2020. These notifications will be mailed in conjunction with the WUT05 and WUM98 notifications that affect the same vehicles. Affected VIN lists will be distributed to the Regional offices next week.

The owner notification for affected WRX vehicles will be scheduled at a later date. Retailers will be advised of that notification schedule before it begins.

Subaru of America, Inc. (Subaru) is initiating a service campaign/voluntary emissions recall for certain 2015-2018 Forester 2.0L Turbo and 2016-2018 WRX models which may experience a loosening of the front exhaust pipe nuts.

#### ***Affected Vehicles***

This recall will affect 93,141 vehicles.

<b>Model Year</b>	<b>Carline</b>	<b>Affected Production Dates</b>
2015-2018	Forester XT	5/11/2015-3/20/2018
2016-2018	WRX	5/09/2015-10/04/2017

Coverage for this campaign must be confirmed by using the Vehicle Coverage Inquiry function on subarunet.com.

#### ***Background***

On certain affected vehicles, the six (6) front exhaust pipe nuts at the cylinder heads may not have been tightened sufficiently due to variations in production. As a result, these nuts may become loose during use and cause exhaust leakage. A leak occurring at the front exhaust pipe may result in deterioration of emission performance. As a result, affected vehicle may fail to meet emission levels certified by the EPA and/or California ARB.

#### ***Description of the Remedy***

Subaru retailers will inspect the 6 nuts securing the front exhaust pipe to the cylinder heads on all affected vehicles. If any of the 6 nuts are found to be loose or lost and / or exhaust gas leakage is identified at either of the connections to the cylinder heads, the retailer should replace the front exhaust pipe.

***Retailer Responsibility***

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). Additionally, 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.

***Service, Parts, and Claim Instructions***

For detailed service, parts, and claim information, please refer to the WUK-96 Service Program Bulletin on STIS.