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## SERVICE BULLETIN

**APPLICABILITY:** 2010- 2021 Forester  
**SUBJECT:** Service Manual Corrections

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### INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide a description of current changes to Service Manuals available via the Subaru Technical Information System (STIS) web site. The tables contained within this bulletin are to be used as guides for becoming aware of the latest changes. We advise you to always refer to the STIS web site when looking for the latest Service information. Printed pages will **not** be made available to update printed Service Manuals.

**Paper manuals may have different page numbering then what is reflected below, based on multiple new and revised pages. Please refer to the information contained on the STIS web site for all future, update service manual information.**

YEAR	MODEL	SECTION	SUB-SECTION	PAGE or CHAPTER	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE
2010	Forester	FU(H4S0)	FU(H4S0)	14,15	Inspection notes were added and instructions were changed
		FU(H4DOTC)	FU(H4DOTC)	16, 17	Inspection notes were added and instructions were changed
		SP(H4S0)	SP(H4S0)	5	A note was added
2011	Forester	FU(H4S0)	FU(H4S0)	18 & 20	Inspection notes were added and instructions were changed
		FU(H4DOTC)	FU(H4DOTC)	17, 18	Inspection notes were added and instructions were changed
		SP(H4S0)	SP(H4S0)	7	A note was added
2012	Forester	Engine	Fuel Injection	Throttle Body >Inspection >Throttle Sensor	Inspection notes were added and instructions were changed
			Speed Control Systems	Accelerator Pedal >Inspection >Check Accelerator Pedal Sensor Area	A note was added

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2013	Forester	Engine	Fuel Injection	Throttle Body >Inspection >Throttle Sensor	Inspection notes were added and instructions were changed
			Speed Control Systems	Accelerator Pedal >Inspection >Check Accelerator Pedal Sensor Area	A note was added
2014	Forester	Airbag System & Seat Belt System	Airbag System	Roll Connector >Adjustment	The adjustment procedures were changed
		Brakes	Brake	Master Cylinder >Installation	The master cylinder installation procedure was changed
2015	Forester	Brakes	Brake	Master Cylinder >Installation	The master cylinder installation procedure was changed
				Brake Booster >Installation	The brake booster installation procedure was changed
2016	Forester	Body & Electrical/ Wiring System	Security & Locks	Function Setting >Procedure >Stopping KAS Function by Using Access Key	A note about the secret code was added
		Brakes	Brake	Master Cylinder >Installation	The master cylinder installation procedure was changed
2017	Forester	Body & Electrical/ Wiring System	Security & Locks	Function Setting >Procedure >Stopping KAS Function by Using Access Key	A note about the secret code was added
		Brakes	Brake	Master Cylinder >Installation	The master cylinder installation procedure was changed
2018	Forester	Body & Electrical/ Wiring System	Security & Locks	Function Setting >Procedure >Stopping KAS Function by Using Access Key	A note about the secret code was added
		Brakes	Brake	Master Cylinder >Installation	The master cylinder installation procedure was changed
				Brake Booster >Installation	The brake booster installation procedure was changed
				Stop Light Switch >Installation >Inspection >Adjustment	Installation, Inspection, and Adjustment procedures were changed

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YEAR	MODEL	SECTION	SUB-SECTION	PAGE or CHAPTER	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE
2019	Forester	Diagnostics	Power Seat Memory Diag	Control Module I/O >Electrical Specification >Power Seat & Memory Control Mirror CM	A note was changed in the Electrical Specification table
			Engine	Diagnostic Procedure w/ DTC >P26A3	Chnages were made to the TT procedure
		Engine	Cooling	Thermo Control Valve Assembly >Inspection >Check Thermo Valve Assy	The TT was changed
		Body & Electrical/ Wiring System	Security & Locks	Function Setting >Procedure >Stopping KAS Function by Door Open/ Close Procedure >Stopping KAS Function by Using Access Key	Changes were made to the door open close procedure and a note about the secret code was added
			Exterior/ Interior Trim	General Description >Component >Rear Gate Garnish	The rear gate illustrations were changed
				Rear Gate Garnish >Replacement >Protector Up	The Protector Upper removal procedure was changed
		Diagnostics	Headlight/ Foglight Diag	Data Monitor >List	SRH Setup Status was added to the list
				Diagnostics w/ Phenomenon >Inspection >The Auto Headlight Beam Leveler Does Not Operate	A step was removed from the TT
		Brakes	Brake	Master Cylinder >Installation	The master cylinder installation procedure was changed
				Brake Booster >Installation	The brake booster installation procedure was changed
		Suspension	Front Suspension	General Description >Component >Front Suspension	The illustration and descriptions were changed
			Rear Suspension	General Description >Component >Rear Suspension	The illustrations and descriptions were changed

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2020	Forester	Diagnostics	Power Seat Memory Diag	Control Module I/O >Electrical Specification >Power Seat & Memory Control Mirror CM	A note was changed in the Electrical Specification table
			Engine	Diagnostic Procedure w/ DTC >P26A3	Chnages were made to the TT procedure
		Engine	Cooling	Thermo Control Valve Assembly >Inspection >Check Thermo Valve Assy	The TT was changed
		Body & Electrical/ Wiring System	Security & Locks	Function Setting >Procedure >Stopping KAS Function by Using Access Key	A note about the secret code was added
			Exterior/ Interior Trim	General Description >Component >Rear Gate Garnish	The rear gate illustrations were changed
		Rear Gate Garnish >Replacement >Protector Upr		The Protector Upper removal procedure was changed	
		Diagnostics	Headlight/ Foglight Diag	Data Monitor >List	SRH Setup Status was added to the list
				Diagnostics w/ Phenomenon >Inspection >The Auto Headlight Beam Leveler Does Not Operate	A step was removed from the TT
		Brakes	Brake	Master Cylinder >Installation	The master cylinder installation procedure was changed
				Brake Booster >Installation	The brake booster installation procedure was changed
2021	Forester	Diagnostics	Power Seat Memory Diag	Control Module I/O >Electrical Specification >Power Seat & Memory Control Mirror CM	A note was changed in the Electrical Specification table
			Headlight/ Foglight Diag	Data Monitor >List	SRH Setup Status was added to the list
		Diagnostics w/ Phenomenon >Inspection >The Auto Headlight Beam Leveler Does Not Operate		A step was removed from the TT	