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SERVICE BULLETIN

APPLICABILITY: 2017-18MY Forester 2.5L

NUMBER: 09-84-22R

SUBJECT: Exhaust Pipe Front (EPF) Replacement &
Warranty Extension

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INTRODUCTION:

This bulletin announces Warranty Extension and design changes made to the front exhaust pipe and covers to address the concerns of some customers regarding a rattle-type noise or fluttering sound coming from the undercarriage, during acceleration. These noises may be caused by cracking in the front exhaust pipe. The pipe material has been changed from a ferritic stainless steel to austenitic stainless steel. The associated covers have incorporated a shape change to fit accordingly to the bellows section of the front pipe. If this described condition is confirmed, the front exhaust pipe and covers should be inspected and if determined necessary, replaced as a set.

PART INFORMATION:

Part Description	Part Number	Quantity
CONVERTER COMPLETE-FRONT	44620AE960	1
COVER COMPLETE-CONVERTER PIPE,FRONT UPR	44651AJ320	1
COVER COMPLETE-CONVERTER PIPE,FRONT LWR	44651AJ330	1
GASKET-EXHAUST PIPE FRONT	44616AA290	2
GASKET-EXHAUST PIPE REAR	44022AA123	1
GASKET-EXHAUST JOINT	44616AA330	1

NOTE: The parts listed above in gray are **one-time** use.

REMINDER: Always order the most up-to-date replacement parts based on the specific VIN being repaired.

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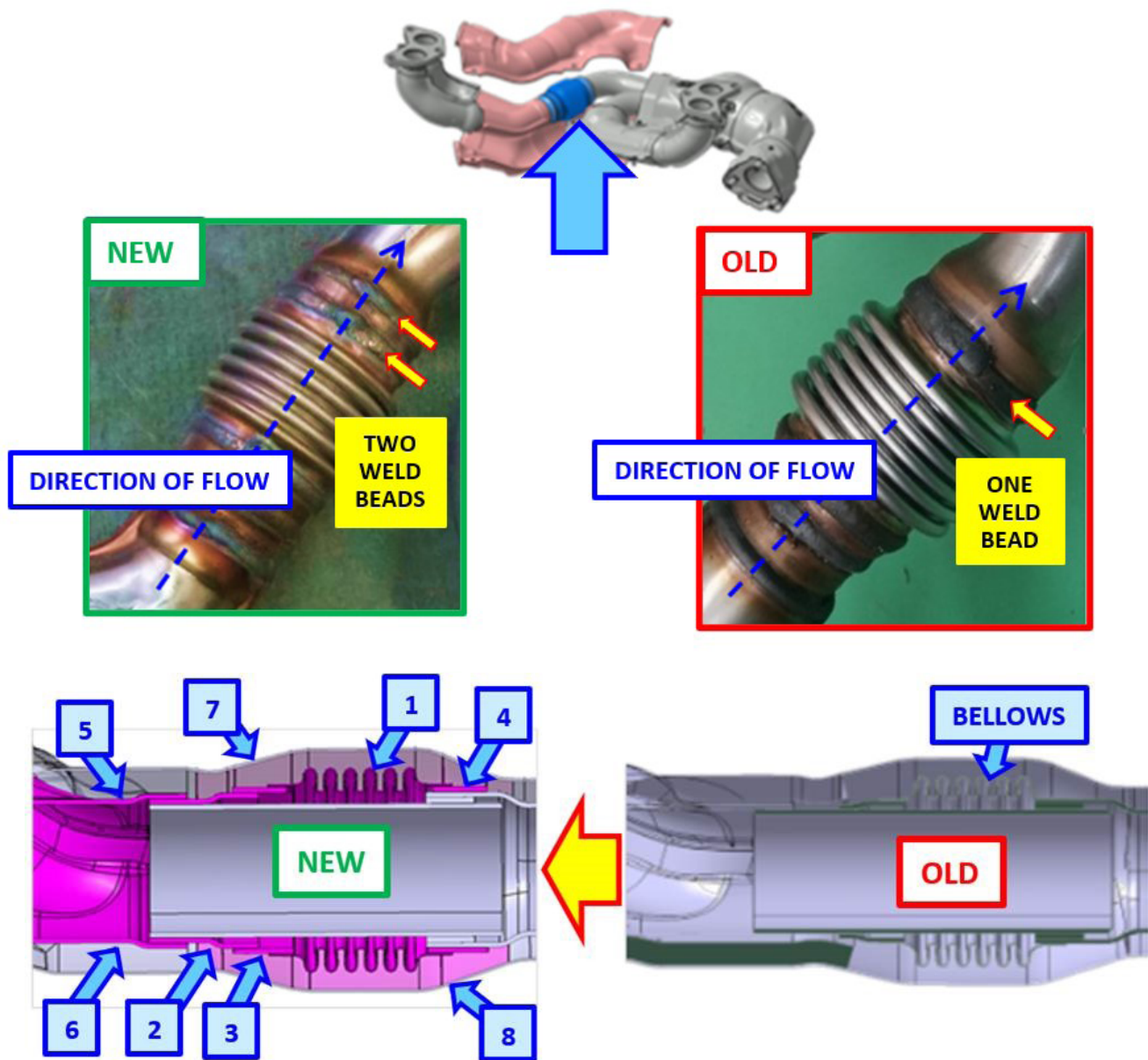
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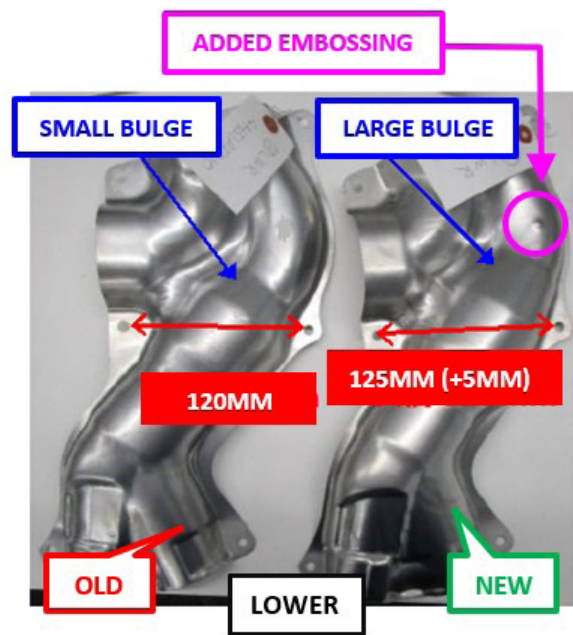
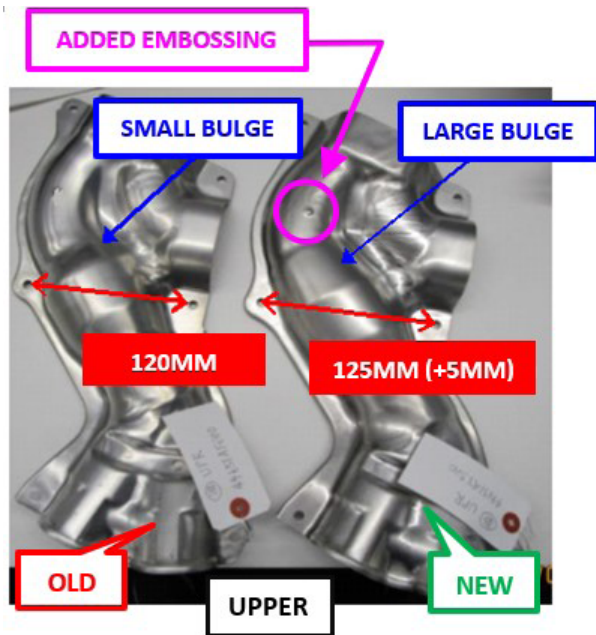
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Description of Changes:



Part Description	Number	Areas of Change	Details
Front Exhaust Pipe (CONVERTER COMPLETE-FRONT)	1	Bellows	Material Change
	2	Holder	Re-Shaped
	3	Upstream Holder	Re-Sized
	4	Downstream Holder	Re-Sized
	5	Upper Elbow	Re-Shaped
	6	Lower Elbow	Re-Shaped
Upper Cover (COVER COMPLETE-CONVERTER PIPE FRONT)	7	Upper Cover	Re-Shaped (Described Next Page)
Lower Cover (COVER COMPLETE-CONVERTER PIPE FRONT)	8	Lower Cover	Re-Shaped (Described Next Page)

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SERVICE PROCEDURE / INFORMATION:

REMINDER: Customer satisfaction and retention starts with performing quality repairs.

The service procedures for replacement of the front exhaust pipe & covers remain unchanged. Always refer to the applicable Service Manual and review the full requirements of the repair being performed. The Service Manual procedures contain information critical to performing an effective repair the first time, every time. This includes but is not limited to important SAFETY precautions, proper inspection criteria, necessary special tools, required processes and related **one-time use** parts needed for a complete and lasting repair.

Refer to the applicable Subaru Service Manual: Engine > EXHAUST > Front Exhaust Pipe

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- The NEW exhaust pipe **MUST** be replaced with BOTH covers **as a set**.
- The Service Manual uses a **black star (★)** in the component breakdown illustration to indicate **one-time use** parts.
- Refer to the applicable Service Manual and review: General Description > Repair Contents > Action required before & after Battery Disconnect. Additionally, record any stored seat position(s) before proceeding. Relearn any seat position memory after work is complete. If the power rear gate (PRG) height has been customized, that position must also be noted and relearned.
- Whenever reconnecting the ground cable terminal to the battery sensor, torque to 7.5Nm (5.5ft.-lbs. or 66inch-lbs.) while supporting the sensor with the other hand as outlined in the applicable Service Manual under: STARTING/CHARGING SYSTEMS > Battery Sensor

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WARRANTY CLAIM / EXTENSION INFORMATION:

The Warranty Extension for Front Exhaust Pipe will be extended to 15 Year (180 months) or 150,000 miles (240,000km).

Labor Description	Labor Operation #	Labor Time	Fail Code
EXHAUST PIPE FRONT/FR RT PIPE &/OR GASKET R&R	B229211	0.6	EAK-25
EXHAUST SYTEM NOISE/LEAK TEST	C229001	0.2	

States	Original Emission Warranty		Warranty Extension	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
US PZEV States (Under CA State Emission)	15 Years / 150K miles	7 Years / 70K miles	15 Years / 150K miles	15 Years / 150K miles
US Non-PZEV States	8 Years / 80K miles	8 Years / 80K miles	15 Years / 150K miles	15 Years / 150K miles

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- SOA strongly discourages the printing and/or local storage of service information as previously released information and electronic publications may be updated at any time.
- Always check for any open recalls or campaigns anytime a vehicle is in for servicing.
- Always refer to STIS for the latest service information before performing any repairs.