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## SERVICE BULLETIN

**APPLICABILITY:** 2014-15MY Forester 2.5L NA Models **NUMBER:** 11-148-14R  
**SUBJECT:** Reprogramming File Availability for Oil Level Detection **DATE:** 10/28/14  
**REVISED:** 03/25/15

### INTRODUCTION

This bulletin announces the availability of reprogramming files and a revised oil level switch to optimize the ECM logic for engine oil level detection in the event of false or premature low engine oil level warning lamp illumination. Should a customer present a concern with a low engine oil warning lamp illumination and the diagnosis indicate the oil level is full or nearly full (oil level between the full and add marks/holes on the dipstick) and the customer has not added any engine oil, the ECM must be updated with this new logic and the oil level switch replaced. The new oil level switch part number supplied in this bulletin must be used. If the customer has added oil, determine how much was added. Based upon the information provided, estimate where the oil level was when the lamp illuminated in order to determine if additional action is required beyond what is described in this bulletin (e.g an oil consumption test). The ECM must still be updated with this new logic and the oil level switch replaced.

### COUNTERMEASURE IN PRODUCTION

This new ECM logic was incorporated into production October 4, 2014 starting with VIN F\*527971.

### PART INFORMATION

PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
11136AA140	Oil Level Switch

### PACK FILE APPLICABILITY

MODEL YEAR/ MODEL	TRANSMISSION	PAK FILE NAME	NEW ECM PART NUMBER	OLD ECM PART NUMBERS	EMISSION SPEC.	NEW CID NUMBER
2014MY Forester 2.5L NA	MT	22765AE192.pak	22765AE192	22765AE190, 191	FED	EA1M502C
	CVT	22765AE202.pak	22765AE202	22765AE200, 201		EA1M502D
	MT	22765AE212.pak	22765AE212	22765AE210, 211	CAL	EA1M502A
	CVT	22765AE222.pak	22765AE222	22765AE220, 221		EA1M502B

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MODEL YEAR/ MODEL	TRANSMISSION	PAK FILE NAME	NEW ECM PART NUMBER	OLD ECM PART NUMBERS	EMISSION SPEC.	NEW CID NUMBER
2015MY Forester 2.5L NA	MT	22765AG722.pak	22765AG722	22765AG720, 721	FED	EA1M702C
	CVT	22765AG732.pak	22765AG732	22765AG730, 731		EA1M702D
	MT	22765AG742.pak	22765AG742	22765AG740, 741	CAL	EA1M702A
	CVT	22765AG752.pak	22765AG752	22765AG750, 751		EA1M702B

## SERVICE PROCEDURE / INFORMATION

**Step 1** - Reprogram the ECM using the applicable pak file from the table above.

### NOTES:

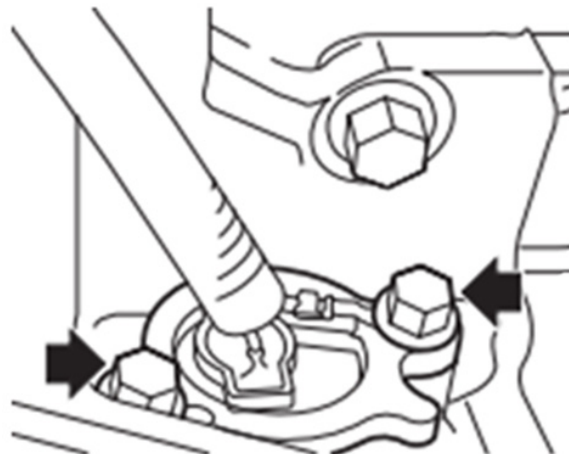
SOA now highly recommends connecting the Midtronics GR8 Diagnostic Battery Charger to the vehicle and utilizing the Power Supply Mode feature anytime a vehicle control module is being reprogrammed. Once the GR8 is connected to the vehicle, as long as the battery is fully charged, it takes less than 3 minutes to boot-up the charger, select the Power Supply Mode, and have the battery voltage stabilized and ready for reprogramming.

**VERY IMPORTANT:** This information is applicable to the Midtronics GR8 Diagnostic Battery Charger **ONLY**. It does not apply to any other brand / type of “generic” battery charger whatsoever. **ONLY** the GR8 and its Power Supply Mode feature has been tested and approved by Subaru of America, Inc. (SOA).

- If the GR8 indicates the vehicle’s battery must be charged, charge the battery using the GR8 before proceeding to reprogram the vehicle while using the Power Supply Mode.
- Control module failures as a result of battery discharge during reprogramming are not a matter for warranty. Should any DTCs reset after the reprogramming update is performed, diagnose per the procedure outlined in the applicable Service Manual.

**Step 2** - Always confirm any low oil level lamp false illumination is not a result of a poor electrical connection or grounding concern. Inspect the circuit following the diagnosis found in the applicable Service Manual to insure no other related concern exists.

**Step 3** - Once the ECM reprogramming has been completed and the oil level switch wiring has been confirmed to be OK, proceed with replacing the oil level switch assembly shown in the illustration below following the procedure outlined in the applicable Service Manual. Torque the 2 retaining bolts to 6.4 Nm (56 inch-pounds).



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**Step 4** - Confirm the engine oil level has been restored to the FULL mark on the dipstick before releasing the vehicle.

#### **WARRANTY / CLAIM INFORMATION**

For vehicles within the Basic New Car Limited and / or Emissions Warranty period, this repair may be submitted using the following claim information:

<b>LABOR DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>LABOR OPERATION #</b>	<b>FAIL CODE</b>	<b>LABOR TIME</b>
ECM Reprogramming & Diagnosis for Oil Level Detection As Found In Applicable Service Manual	B455-278*	UST-48	0.4
Oil Level Switch Replacement	C455-270		1.8

\*Up to 6 quarts of motor oil (SOA635045) may be claimed with this labor operation when required.

**NOTE:** The pack file listings provided in this bulletin are the latest available at the time of publishing. Updates are often released thereafter without revision to the bulletin. For this reason, it is critical to always have the latest version of Select Monitor III software installed on your system. You can confirm if a later version is available by entering the CID listed in this bulletin into FlashWrite. If a newer CID is shown as available in FlashWrite, reprogram using that file.

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