

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

23V-076

Manufacturer Name : Subaru of America, Inc.

Submission Date : FEB 13, 2023

NHTSA Recall No. : 23V-076

Manufacturer Recall No. : WRF-23



Manufacturer Information :

Manufacturer Name : Subaru of America, Inc.

Address : One Subaru Drive

Camden NJ 08103

Company phone : 844-373-6614

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 130

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2004-2005 Subaru Impreza

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : 4-DOOR

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : -Description of the issue: A third-party contractor was engaged to perform the mobile repair work for previously recalled frontal passenger-side airbag inflators. The replacement inflator may have been installed incorrectly.

-The basis for how the recall population was determined: The third-party contractor records had VIN-level traceability to the suspect repairs.

-How the recalled products differ from products that were not included in the recall: Only vehicles identified by the third-party contractor are potentially affected by this condition.

The recall population includes certain 2004-2005 model year Impreza 4-Door vehicles. The number of potentially affected Impreza 4-Door vehicles is 8.

Production Dates : MAR 04, 2003 - JAN 08, 2005

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

Not sequential

Vehicle 2 : 2004-2005 Subaru Impreza

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : STATIONWAGON

Power Train : GAS

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The recall population includes certain 2004-2005 model year Impreza Stationwagon vehicles. The number of potentially affected Impreza Stationwagon vehicles is 9.

Production Dates : FEB 06, 2003 - JAN 18, 2005

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

Not sequential

Vehicle 3 : 2004-2005 Subaru WRX

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : 4-DOOR

Power Train : GAS

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-How the recalled products differ from products that were not included in the recall: Only vehicles identified by the third-party contractor are potentially affected by this condition.

The recall population includes certain 2004-2005 model year WRX 4-Door vehicles. The number of potentially affected WRX 4-Door vehicles is 97.

Production Dates : JAN 14, 2003 - MAR 19, 2005

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

Not sequential

Vehicle 4 : 2004-2005 Subaru WRX

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : STATIONWAGON

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-How the recalled products differ from products that were not included in the recall: Only vehicles identified by the third-party contractor are potentially affected by this condition.

The recall population includes certain 2004-2005 model year WRX Stationwagon vehicles. The number of potentially affected WRX Stationwagon vehicles is 16.

Production Dates : JAN 22, 2003 - OCT 13, 2004

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

Not sequential

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : A third-party contractor was engaged to perform the mobile repair work for previously recalled frontal passenger-side airbag inflators. The replacement inflator may have been installed incorrectly.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : An incorrectly installed inflator may not properly inflate the passenger-side airbag, which could increase the risk of an injury during a crash.

Description of the Cause : A third-party contractor was engaged to perform the mobile repair work for previously recalled frontal passenger-side airbag inflators. The replacement inflator may have been installed incorrectly.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : None.

Involved Components :

Component Name 1 : Air Bag Inflator

Component Description : Passenger-Side Frontal Airbag Inflator

Component Part Number : 98279FE070

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : Not Applicable

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

Chronology :

January 31, 2023 – A third-party contractor responsible for canvassing and mobile repair for previously recalled inflators informed Subaru that two employees may have been incorrectly installing replacement inflators. Subaru immediately began investigating.

February 3, 2023 – The contractor was able to locate one previously repaired vehicle within the potentially affected population and confirmed an incorrect installation. Photographs and video were collected for engineering evaluation.

February 6, 2023 – Based on the investigation and out of an abundance of caution, Subaru decided to recall all vehicles identified by the third-party contractor. There are zero technical reports and zero warranty claims that relate or may relate to this condition. Subaru is not aware of any crashes or injuries that relate or may relate to this condition.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : For all potentially affected vehicles, Subaru will inspect the passenger-side inflator installation and, if necessary, install a new inflator kit at no cost to the customer.

Subaru will provide reimbursement to owners for repairs according to the general plan submitted in May 2022.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : Not Applicable.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : Not Applicable.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Owner notification will occur within 60 days. Dealer notification is scheduled to begin on or about February 14, 2023.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : FEB 14, 2023 - FEB 14, 2023

Planned Owner Notification Date : APR 14, 2023 - APR 14, 2023

* NR - Not Reported