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National Highway
Traffic Safety
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Part 573 Safety Recall Report

25V419

Manufacturer Name: Subaru of America, Inc.

Submission Date: Jun 19, 2025

NHTSA Recall No.: 25V419

Manufacturer Recall No.: WRC-25

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: Subaru of America, Inc.

Address: One Subaru Drive
Camden NJ, 08103

Total number of potentially involved: 2,938

Estimated percentage with defect: 100%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2025-2025 SUBARU FORESTER

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Multipurpose Passenger Vehicle

Fuel / Propulsion: Hybrid Electric Vehicle

Production Dates: Nov 28, 2024 - Mar 05, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 2,938

Descriptive Information:

-Description of the issue:

The affected vehicles may have been manufactured with insufficiently tightened child seat anchor bolt(s).

-The basis for how the recall population was determined:

Affected vehicles were identified using vehicle production records.

-How the recalled products differ from products that were not included in the recall:

Vehicles not included in this recall were manufactured with properly tightened child seat anchor bolts.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

The affected vehicles may have been manufactured with insufficiently tightened child seat anchor bolt(s). Over time, an affected attachment bolt may become loose, leading to possible separation from the vehicle frame.

FMVSS1:

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FMVSS2:

Description of the safety risk, including crash, fire, death, injury:

If a child seat is installed using the ISO FIX anchors in a location where an anchor bolt has separated, the child seat may not be anchored properly during a crash, increasing the risk of injury.

Description of the cause:

An inadequate work instruction may have caused the child seat anchor attachment bolts to be insufficiently tightened during the assembly process.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier:

Supplier Type:

Name: Subaru

Address:

Country:

Involved Components

Component Name 1: CHILD SEAT ANCHOR

Component Description: PLATE ANCH LWR CP

Component Part Number: 96252SJ000

Chronology

March 5, 2025 – Subaru identified an insufficiently tightened child seat anchor bolt and opened an investigation. An additional torque check procedure was added on the assembly line.

March 6, 2025 to mid-May, 2025 – Subaru conducted an investigation and identified the cause as being new product introduced to the line on February 13, 2025 having higher panel rigidity in the relevant area due to a difference in panel shape, and larger panel gaps due to differences in panel assembly precision.

Mid-May, 2025 to June 11, 2025 – Subaru conducted safety evaluation based on CAE analytics including bolt separation as the worst-case scenario.

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June 12, 2025 - Subaru is not aware of any field reports, warranty claims, or VOQs related to this condition. However, out of an abundance of caution, Subaru decided to conduct a safety recall. Subaru is not aware of any reports involving accident, fire or injury related to this condition.

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type:

Consumer Advisories: ☐ Do Not Drive ☐ Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

For all potentially affected vehicles, Subaru dealers will inspect the child seat anchor bolts and if necessary, tighten to the specified torque at no cost to the customer.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

N/A

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

The recall condition was corrected in assembly production on March 5, 2025.

Reimbursement Plan

Manufacturer used general reimbursement plan on file.

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

Dealer notification is expected to occur June 20, 2025

Owner notification will occur within 60 days.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Jun 20, 2025 - Jun 20, 2025

☐ No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:

☐ No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Aug 15, 2025 - Aug 15, 2025

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Date when VIN will be searchable: Jun 20, 2025