Subarunet Announcement

To: All Subaru Retailers
From: Subaru of America, Inc.
Date: July 3, 2014

Subject: New Subaru Recall Campaign: Front Passenger Air Bag Inflators WQL-48

Subaru of America, Inc. has determined that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, may exist on the following potentially affected vehicles. The subject vehicles are equipped with front passenger air bag inflators which could have been assembled with improperly manufactured propellant wafers.

Affected Vehicles

This condition may exist on certain 2003-2004 model year Legacy, Outback, and Baja vehicles, and certain 2004 model year Impreza, WRX, and STI vehicles.

Model Year	Model	Starting production date	Ending production date
2003	Legacy	01/22/2003	05/14/2003
2004	Legacy	03/17/2003	02/10/2004
2003	Outback	02/18/2003	04/15/2003
2004	Outback	02/28/2003	02/11/2004
2003	Baja	01/22/2003	05/06/2003
2004	Baja	03/03/2003	07/21/2004
2004	Impreza, WRX, STI	01/08/2003	05/15/2003

Not all vehicles within these production date ranges are affected by this recall. Coverage for all affected vehicles must be confirmed by using the Vehicle Coverage Inquiry function on subarunet.com. This data will be available when owner notification begins.

Description of the Safety Defect and Safety Hazard

In the event of a crash necessitating deployment of the passenger side frontal air bag, improperly manufactured propellant wafers inside the inflator could cause the inflator to rupture with metal fragments striking and potentially seriously injuring the vehicle occupants.

Description of the Remedy

Although the percentage of affected vehicles is unknown, replacement of the vehicle's front passenger air bag inflator will be performed on all of the potentially affected vehicles.

Retailer Program Responsibility

Retailers are to promptly perform the applicable service procedures to correct all affected vehicles in their inventory (new, used, demo & SSLP). Additionally, whenever a vehicle subject to this recall is taken into retailer new or used inventory, or in for service, necessary steps should be taken to ensure the recall correction has been made before selling or releasing the vehicle.

New, used, demo or SSLP vehicles listed in a recall/campaign that are in retailer stock must be:

- Immediately identified.
- Tagged or otherwise marked to prevent their delivery or use prior to inspection and/or repair.
- Repaired in accordance with the repair procedures outlined in the Product Campaign Bulletin, which will be issued shortly.

Please be advised that it is a violation of Federal law for a retailer to deliver a new motor vehicle covered by a recall under a sale or lease until the defect is remedied. Therefore, any Authorized Subaru Retailer failing to perform the applicable service procedures to correct all affected vehicles in their inventory (new, used, demo) prior to the vehicle being placed in service may be subject to civil penalties of up to $7,000 per violation (i.e., for each vehicle), as provided in 49 CFR §578.6 and will also be in breach of the Subaru Dealer Agreement.

Owner Notification

Subaru is in the process of acquiring replacement parts necessary to remedy the condition. When available, Subaru will notify potentially affected vehicle owners by first class mail. This is expected to occur within the next 60 days. Retailers will be advised when owner notification begins.