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READY FOR YOUR LIFE.

IT'S WHAT MAKES A SUBARU, A SUBARU.











# THE SUBARU FORESTER

## THE MOST AWARD-WINNING SUV. EVER.



It's always nice when everyone agrees. Say, in determining the best in class. The Subaru Forester is the winner of more awards than any other compact SUV in the past five years. It consistently receives the highest safety ratings of any vehicle on the road. And its easy drivability and practical versatility fits in ideally to the many facets of your life. Even your passengers will agree that they're riding in one of the best vehicles in its class. Now, if you can only decide where to go for dessert.





> CONTROL  
TO KEEP YOU SAFE





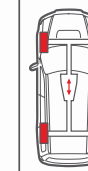
## SUBARU SYMMETRICAL ALL-WHEEL DRIVE

Sleet. Gravel. Gigantic potholes. You never know what's coming. So give yourself the adhesive advantage of the standard Subaru Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive (AWD) system to keep all four tires sticking to the road. Its uniquely balanced configuration helps ensure stability and poise. Its efficiency at transmitting power delivers greater grip and quick response to slippage. And we've been perfecting AWD for over 30 years. Giving you the confidence to handle virtually any road on your own terms.

# NON-SLIP GRIP

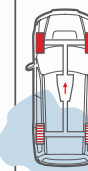


### CONTINUOUS AWD



Forester models equipped with the 5-speed manual transmission use a viscous-locking center differential. Should wheel slippage occur, it helps transfer power to the front or rear wheels with the most traction.

### ACTIVE AWD



Matched to the 4-speed automatic, the Active AWD system monitors parameters such as wheel slippage and vehicle speed, actively adjusting power to the front or rear wheels for optimal adhesion.

### VTD AWD



2.5 XT models with the optional 4-speed automatic transmission use the Variable Torque Distribution (VTD) system that normally splits power 45% front and 55% rear for a sporty feel, and dynamically reapportions torque for maximum grip.



## HANDLING AND CONTROL

Safety hasn't traditionally been synonymous with driving enjoyment. But the Forester proves that you can have the best of both. Every drivetrain component and every chassis part has been engineered to optimally blend control, performance and comfort. You'll feel it in the quick, precise rack-and-pinion steering. The responsive 4-wheel disc brakes. And the control of the fully independent suspension. They're all geared toward providing driving pleasure, with no compromise to the confidence-inspiring security that defines the Forester.



**8.1** INCHES OF  
GROUND  
CLEARANCE

With up to 8.1 inches of ground clearance (7.9 inches on the 2.5 XT models), the Forester gives you the ability to clear obstacles and travel over rocky surfaces. It puts many destinations with unpaved roads within reach.

### 4-WHEEL INDEPENDENT SUSPENSION

Unlike most SUVs, the Forester provides nimble and agile handling, thanks to its car-bred, SUV-optimized 4-wheel independent suspension. While making quick work out of irregularities in the road, it provides swift response to steering input.

### BRAKES

Every Forester is equipped with Electronic Brake-force Distribution (EBD). It's a system that works in conjunction with the Anti-lock Brake System (ABS) to provide more even and stable braking by optimally apportioning stopping power to the front and rear wheels.



Forester 2.5X in Garnet Red Pearl with optional Premium Package and accessory roof-mounted crossbars with ski/snowboard attachment.



> POWER

BOTH POTENT AND EFFICIENT

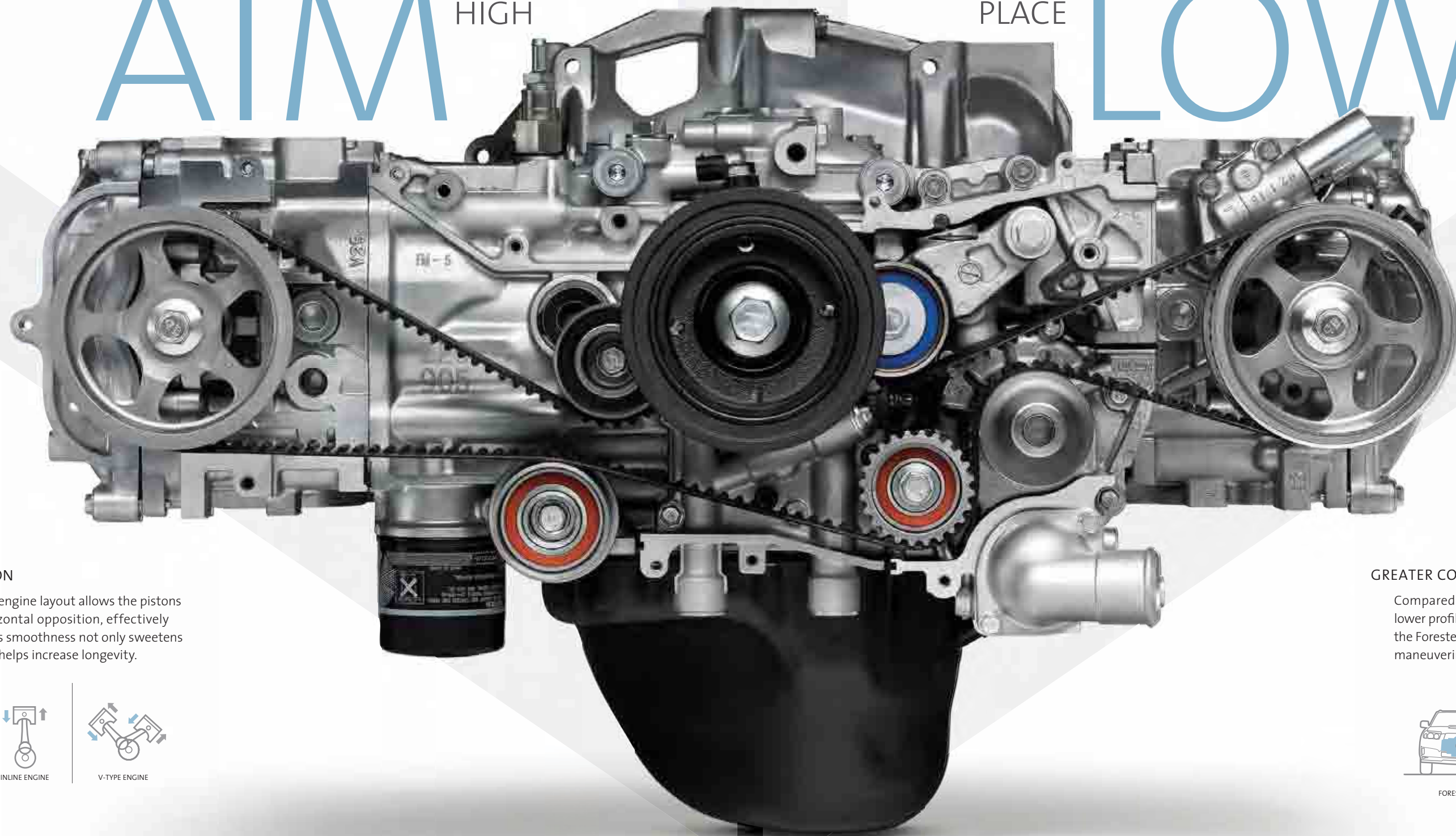




## SUBARU BOXER ENGINE

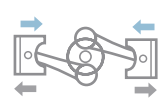
Every engine generates power. But the unique SUBARU BOXER engine gives you so much more. The flat, horizontally opposed configuration empowers the Forester with a lower center of gravity, delivering precise handling and enhanced stability. The result is a car that goes where you want it to, especially when changing directions quickly, impressing driving enthusiasts and safety experts alike. And its layout ensures smooth, plentiful power, matched with the efficiency and durability you need for everyday driving. Performance. Safety. Reliability. Much like the jabbing motion of a boxer's arms that it's named after, it packs quite a punch.

AIM HIGH PLACE LOW



### SMOOTHER OPERATION

The 180-degree boxer engine layout allows the pistons to move in exact horizontal opposition, effectively negating vibrations. Its smoothness not only sweetens power delivery, it also helps increase longevity.



SUBARU BOXER ENGINE



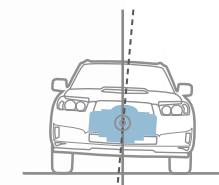
INLINE ENGINE



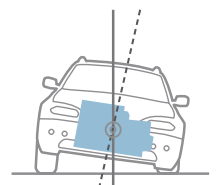
V-TYPE ENGINE

### GREATER CONTROL

Compared to other types of engines, the lower profile of the SUBARU BOXER engine helps the Forester lean less around curves and while maneuvering, giving you greater control overall.



FORESTER



COMPETITOR





Forester Sports 2.5 XT in WR Blue Mica.

## PERFORMANCE

Feel the passion and knowledge derived from our rally heritage, every time you press the accelerator. Start with the SUBARU BOXER engine's aluminum alloy construction that helps reduce its weight and increases durability. Add Electronic Throttle Control (ETC) for a more precise response to your right foot. And top it off with sophisticated valve technology for an ideal blend of smooth, powerful propulsion and efficiency. When motivated by such exceptional engines, imagine how the Forester will motivate you.

### 2.5X

The naturally aspirated four-cylinder engine makes 173 horsepower for spirited acceleration, while providing a superior fuel economy of up to 20 city/27 highway mpg. And it meets some of the highest emissions standards in the country.

### 2.5 XT

The functional hood scoop is the only external hint to the thrill that awaits you. Fortified by an inter-cooled turbocharger that raises horsepower to 224 and torque to 226 lb.-ft., 2.5 XT models deliver proven acceleration that rivals or bests that of many sports cars. They'll never see it coming.

### 5-SPEED MANUAL TRANSMISSION

For those who prefer to shift on their own. Fully synchronized to deliver smooth and precise shifts, our manual transmission also features a Hill Holder system to help minimize rolling backwards on inclines.

### 4-SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION

Around town, this smooth-shifting unit maximizes fuel economy. For more spirited driving, the transmission adapts to your driving patterns for better drivability.







> **VERSATILITY**  
FOR YOU AND YOUR PASSENGERS



## COMFORT

With the refined interior and the premium amenities available in the Forester, “Are we there yet?” becomes “Are we there already?” You and your passengers can find ideal contentment with roomy accommodations for all. Keep the tunes flowing from your iPod® or satellite radio. Maintain your chosen temperature with the automatic climate control.

Enjoy the dual-stage heated front seats and the 8-way power driver’s seat. And let in the sunshine and fresh air for your front and rear passengers with the panoramic power moonroof. Because you’ll find that your passengers’ grumble level is inversely proportional to their comfort level.



Forester 2.5X L.L.Bean Edition with Desert Beige leather.

### SATELLITE RADIO

Listen to rock, jazz, classical or any channel in digital-quality sound, wherever your journey may take you. The Forester is pre-wired for SIRIUS™ Satellite Radio that lets you access over 130 channels of satellite feed.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> With your paid subscription and additional equipment.

### AUXILIARY JACK

Keep your playlist close by with the auxiliary audio jack, which will accommodate your iPod or virtually any portable media player. Just plug it in and your tunes will flow through the speakers.

### L.L.BEAN EDITION

Inside the interior are seats trimmed in supple leather with exclusive Alcantara® accents. And a wood and leather-wrapped steering wheel and shifter wait for your input.







## VERSATILITY

Your friends. All their bags, suitcases, sports equipment, and enough food to feed the horde. The smartly proportioned Forester gives you intelligent solutions to carry your passengers in comfort and their cargo in order. Start with the generous rear storage space that's easy to load. Add 60/40 split-folding rear seats. A wide array of storage bins, pockets, available accessory nets, tiedowns and hooks to secure them all. And just in case you can't get it all inside, it even comes with a roof rack that can hold up to 150 pounds.

### CARGO-AREA UNDER-FLOOR STORAGE

Under the cargo-area floor, you'll find a compartmentalized tray that's perfect for organizing small items prone to sliding around. And they're kept out of sight, away from prying eyes.



### MULTIFUNCTION CENTER CONSOLE

Have access to the items you want close to you during the drive. Flip its lid, and rear-seat passengers get two extra cupholders. And the dual-tiered center console provides a 12-volt power outlet and a sliding armrest.



# 60:40

SPLIT-FOLDING REAR SEATS

The 60/40 split-folding rear seats give you flexibility to fit your passengers and cargo. Put both seatbacks up to carry three passengers. Put one of the seats down to carry one or two passengers and a long item. Or fold both down for full access to the 68.6 cu. ft. of cargo space.

# 68.6

CU. FT. OF CARGO SPACE





> **ENGINEERING**  
TO AVOID AND PROTECT



# STRENGTH AT ITS CORE



Our multidimensional approach to safety is integrated into every Subaru. Every part, from advanced control technologies right down to the welds of the reinforced structure, has been engineered to provide the greatest amount of protection. Providing you with the peace of mind that is the essence of every Subaru experience.

Image above shown for illustration purposes only.

“Top Safety Pick”<sup>1</sup> - Insurance Institute for Highway Safety

★★★★★ for front and side impact collisions.<sup>2</sup>

- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

## ACTIVE SAFETY

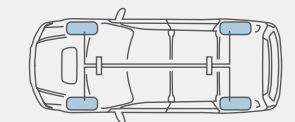
Keeping you safe begins with the traction of Subaru Symmetrical AWD and responsive handling to help keep your vehicle in control. These inherent Subaru advantages are supported by a comprehensive array of features to help you in an emergency. At Subaru, every innovation is designed with your protection in mind.

### ELECTRONIC STABILITY CONTROL



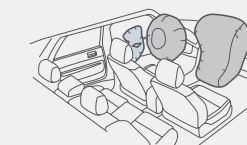
The computer sensors of the available Vehicle Dynamics Control (VDC) system continually monitor driving conditions to detect and help correct unintended deviations in the vehicle's trajectory and help set you back on the correct path.

### TRACTION



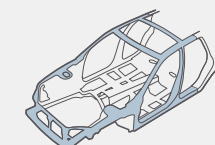
Standard full-time AWD automatically adjusts power front and rear, helping to maintain greater traction, no matter what the road surface or the weather has in store, helping you to maintain better control of your Forester.

### FRONT AND SIDE AIR BAGS<sup>3</sup>



An intelligent front air bag system senses front-passenger seat occupancy to determine the safest deployment level. Front side-impact air bags help protect front seat occupants.

### REINFORCED CONSTRUCTION



Engineered for exceptional strength to help maintain the integrity of the cabin structure, the innovative Subaru ring-shaped reinforcements around the passenger compartment also help absorb crash-impact energy away from occupants.

## PASSIVE SAFETY

Subaru innovations not only help you evade a collision. They help you and your passengers avoid injury, thanks to features like side-impact beams, active front head restraints and the Subaru safety pedal system. And a full array of air bags and a Ring-Shaped Reinforcement Frame around the cabin help dissipate the energy of an impact. Together, they help the Forester achieve top ratings in crash tests.

<sup>1</sup> Ratings for 2007 Forester. Rating based on Insurance Institute for Highway Safety 40-mile-per-hour frontal crash test, 31-mile-per-hour side-impact test, and 20-mile-per-hour rear-impact test. For more information, contact the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety or visit their website at [www.iihs.org](http://www.iihs.org).

<sup>2</sup> Ratings for 2007 Forester. Government star ratings are part of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA's) New Car Assessment Program. Visit [safecar.gov](http://safecar.gov) for more information.

<sup>3</sup> Always wear seat belts. Children should be properly restrained in the rear seat.



YOUR SUBARU. YOUR WAY.



#### 2.5 X

Value doesn't have to mean compromise with the 2.5X. Motivated by a stout 173-horsepower engine, it's replete with all the convenience and versatility that defines the Forester. Pick the Premium Package for features like an in-dash 6-disc CD changer, a panoramic moonroof and heated front seats.

#### 2.5 X L.L.BEAN EDITION

Style meets function with the L.L.Bean Edition. Enjoy the special leather-trimmed upholstery, a wood and leather-wrapped steering wheel and a useful L.L.Bean-embossed cargo tray. And it comes standard with an automatic transmission.

#### SPORTS 2.5 X AND 2.5 XT

Get aggressive styling inside and out with the Forester Sports. You'll notice the dramatically different front fascia and Sports 2.5 XT 12-spoke 17" STI-style wheels. Step inside to find aluminum pedal covers and unique black accents to match the Anthracite Black cloth upholstery.



#### 2.5 XT LIMITED

Be thrilled by the 224 turbocharged horsepower of the 2.5 XT Limited. It delivers all of the amenities Forester has to offer as standard features. Mate it to the smooth shifting 5-speed manual or get the convenience of the automatic transmission that comes with the Vehicle Dynamics Control (VDC) system.



# Forester Specifications

ENGINE AND DRIVETRAIN	2.5 X AND SPORTS 2.5 X	2.5 X L.L.BEAN® EDITION	SPORTS 2.5 XT AND 2.5 XT LIMITED
Engine	2.5-liter SOHC aluminum-alloy 16-valve horizontally opposed 4-cylinder SUBARU BOXER engine with i-Active Valve Lift System	2.5-liter SOHC aluminum-alloy 16-valve horizontally opposed 4-cylinder SUBARU BOXER engine with i-Active Valve Lift System	2.5-liter DOHC intercooled, turbocharged aluminum-alloy 16-valve 4-cylinder horizontally opposed SUBARU BOXER engine with Active Valve Control System.
Power	173 hp @ 6,000 rpm (PZEV: 170hp) <sup>1</sup>	173 hp @ 6,000 rpm (PZEV: 170hp) <sup>1</sup>	224 hp @ 5,600 rpm
Torque	166 lb-ft @ 4,400 rpm (PZEV: 167 lb-ft)	166 lb-ft @ 4,400 rpm (PZEV: 167 lb-ft)	226 lb-ft @ 3,600 rpm
Manual transmission	Standard fully synchronized 5-speed manual with Hill Holder system and clutch pedal-controlled starter interlock	Not available	Standard fully synchronized 5-speed manual with Hill Holder system and clutch pedal-controlled starter interlock
Automatic transmission	Optional 4-speed adaptive electronic direct-control automatic	Standard 4-speed adaptive electronic direct-control automatic	Optional 4-speed adaptive electronic direct-control automatic
Emissions	Certified Low Emission Vehicle (LEV2) <sup>1</sup>		

FUEL			
Fuel economy (city/highway)	Manual: 20/27 mpg Automatic: 20/26 mpg	Manual: N/A Automatic: 20/26 mpg	Manual: 19/24 mpg Automatic: 18/23 mpg
Fuel requirement	Unleaded gasoline (87 octane)	Unleaded gasoline (87 octane)	Premium unleaded gasoline (91 octane) recommended <sup>2</sup>

SUBARU SYMMETRICAL ALL-WHEEL DRIVE	
Continuous All-Wheel Drive	2.5X and 2.5XT models equipped with 5-speed manual transmission utilize a viscous-type locking center differential and limited-slip rear differential. <sup>3,4</sup> Torque distribution normally configured at a 50/50-split front-to-rear. If wheel speed differs between front and rear axles, the system helps distribute power to the wheels with the most traction.
Active All-Wheel Drive	2.5X models equipped with 4-speed automatic transmission utilize an electronically controlled variable multiplate transfer clutch and viscous-type limited-slip rear differential <sup>3,4</sup> to distribute power to where traction is needed. Sensors monitor parameters such as wheel slippage, throttle position and braking to help determine torque distribution to the wheels with optimum traction.
Variable Torque Distribution (VTD) All-Wheel Drive	2.5XT models equipped with 4-speed automatic transmission utilize an electronically controlled variable transfer clutch in conjunction with a planetary-type center differential, and a viscous-type limited-slip rear differential. Torque distribution is normally configured at a performance-oriented rear-wheel-biased 45/55 split front-to-rear. Sensors monitor parameters such as wheel slippage, throttle position and braking to help determine torque distribution and direct it to the wheels with optimum traction.

STABILITY AND TRACTION	
Vehicle Dynamics Control (VDC)	VDC electronic stability control utilizes sensors which constantly monitor wheel speed, steering angle, brake pressure, vehicle yaw rate and lateral g-forces. If VDC detects a difference between the driver's intended path and the one the vehicle is actually taking, VDC applies braking power and/or reduces engine torque to help correct vehicle path. <b>Sports 2.5 XT and 2.5XT Limited:</b> Standard with optional automatic transmission.
Traction Control System (TCS)	VDC also incorporates an all-wheel, all-speed traction control system which senses a loss of traction and applies braking force to the slipping wheel or wheels as necessary to maintain vehicle motion.

CHASSIS			
Steering	Engine-speed-sensing variable power-assisted rack-and-pinion. Turns lock-to-lock: 3.0. Turning circle: 34.8 ft. (Sports 2.5 XT and 2.5 XT Limited: 35.4 ft.).		
Suspension	4-wheel independent suspension		
	Front: Strut-type with internal rebound spring and lower L-arm. Antidive geometry. Front stabilizer bar.		
	Rear: Strut-type with internal rebound spring and parallel link. Antilift geometry. Rear stabilizer bar.		
Brakes	Standard: Front-wheel ventilated disc, rear-wheel drum. Optional: 4-wheel disc, ventilated front. <sup>4</sup>	4-wheel disc, ventilated front	4-wheel disc, ventilated front
	Standard: 4-channel, 4-sensor ABS with Electronic Brake-force Distribution (EBD).		
Brake dimensions	Standard: 11.6 in. front/9.0 in. rear. Optional: 10.5 in. rear. <sup>4</sup>	11.6 in. front/10.5 in. rear	11.6 in. front/10.5 in. rear

WHEELS AND TIRES			
Wheels	Standard: 16 x 6.5" steel with 5-spoke alloy-style covers. Optional: 16 x 6.5" 8-spoke aluminum-alloy. <sup>4</sup> Sports 2.5 X: 16 x 6.5" 6-spoke aluminum-alloy	16 x 6.5" 5-split-spoke aluminum-alloy. Gray finish.	2.5 XT Limited: 17 x 7.0" 5-spoke aluminum-alloy Sports 2.5 XT: 17 x 7.0" 12-spoke STI aluminum-alloy.
Tires	215/60 R16 94H M+S all-season		215/55 R17 93H M+S all-season

EXTERIOR DIMENSIONS			
Length / Height / Width	176.6 in. / 65.0 in. (includes roof rails and crossbars) / 68.3 in.		
Wheelbase	99.4 in.		
Track (front/rear)	58.9 in./58.5 in.		
Curb weight (manual/automatic)	3,140 lbs./3,185 lbs.	N/A/3,205 lbs.	3,320 lbs./3,360 lbs.
Coefficient of drag (cd)	0.36	0.36	0.36 (2.5 XT Limited: 0.37)
Ground clearance	8.1 in.	8.1 in.	7.9 in.
Towing capacity (Class I)	2,400 lbs.		

INTERIOR DIMENSIONS	
Headroom (front/rear)	39.8 in./39.8 in. (with moonroof: 39.1 in./37.0 in.)
Legroom (front/rear)	43.6 in./33.7 in.
Shoulder room (front/rear)	53.5 in./53.6 in.
Passenger volume	95.4 cu. ft. (with moonroof: 91.5 cu. ft.)
Cargo volume	30.7 cu. ft./68.6 cu. ft. with rear seat lowered (with moonroof: 28.9 cu. ft./64.5 cu. ft. with rear seat lowered)

# Forester Equipment

EXTERIOR	2.5X	SPORTS 2.5 X	2.5X L.L.BEAN® EDITION	SPORTS 2.5 XT	2.5 XT LIMITED
Fog lights	●	–	●	–	●
Aluminum-alloy hood	●	●	●	–	–
Aluminum-alloy hood with functional hood scoop (feeds turbocharger intercooler)	–	–	–	●	●
Body-color painted front and rear bumpers	●	●	–	●	●
Body-color or Steel Silver painted front and rear bumpers (depending on exterior color)	–	–	●	–	–
STI front-lip spoiler <sup>5</sup>	–	–	–	●	–
Black side mirrors	●	–	–	–	–
Larger body-color painted side mirrors with integrated turn signals	○ <sup>4</sup>	●	●	●	●
Black door handles	●	●	–	–	–
Body-color painted door handles	○ <sup>4</sup>	–	●	●	●
Body-color painted protective side cladding	●	●	–	●	●
Body-color or Steel Silver painted protective side cladding (depending on exterior color)	–	–	●	–	–
Heated side mirrors and windshield wipers de-icer	○ <sup>4</sup>	–	●	–	●
Two-speed windshield wipers with variable intermittent mode	●	●	●	●	●
Single-speed rear window wiper with fixed intermittent mode and de-icer	●	●	●	●	●
Rear spoiler	–	–	–	●	–
Black-finish raised roof rails with crossbars (150 lbs. capacity)	●	–	●	–	●
Silver-finish raised roof rails	–	●	–	●	–
Panoramic power sliding-glass moonroof with auto-open/close feature	○ <sup>4</sup>	–	●	●	●

SEATING AND TRIM					
6-way manually adjustable driver seat with manually adjustable lumbar support. 4-way manually adjustable front-passenger seat.	●	●	–	●	–
8-way power adjustable driver seat with manually adjustable lumbar support. 4-way manually adjustable front-passenger seat.	○ <sup>4</sup>	–	●	–	●
Sport-design front seats	●	●	●	●	●
Dual-stage heated front seats	○ <sup>4</sup>	–	●	–	●
Cloth upholstery	●	●	–	●	–
Leather-trimmed upholstery	–	–	–	–	●
L.L.Bean-embossed leather-trimmed upholstery with perforated Alcantara® accents on seat bolsters.	–	–	●	–	–
60/40-split flat-folding rear seatback with center armrest	●	●	●	●	●
3-spoke steering wheel with manually adjustable tilt column	●	–	–	–	–
Perforated leather-wrapped 3-spoke steering wheel with manually adjustable tilt column. Perforated leather-wrapped shifter handle.	○ <sup>4</sup>	●	–	●	●
Wood and leather-wrapped 3-spoke MOMO® brand steering wheel with manually adjustable tilt column. Wood and perforated leather-wrapped shifter handle.	–	–	●	–	–
Perforated leather-wrapped parking-brake handle	○ <sup>4</sup>	●	●	●	●
Silver metallic trim on dash and console	●	●	●	●	●
Aluminum front-door sill plates with Forester logos	–	–	–	●	●
Aluminum alloy pedal covers	–	●	–	●	–

CONVENIENCE FEATURES					
Power front and rear windows with driver's auto-down	●	●	●	●	●
Power mirrors	●	●	●	●	●
Electronically controlled cruise control	●	●	●	●	●
Center console with sliding armrest, tray and storage compartment	●	●	●	●	●
Dual cupholders in front area of center console. Dual cupholders in underside of center-console armrest for rear passengers (rotating armrest 180° reveals cupholders). Dual retractable rear cupholders at base of rear-center console area. Bottle holder in each front door pocket.	●	●	●	●	●
12-volt power outlets in dash, center-console storage compartment and cargo area	●	●	●	●	●
Overhead console with dual maplights and sunglasses storage. Sun visors with concealed vanity mirrors.	●	●	●	●	●
Auto-dimming rearview mirror with compass	○ <sup>6</sup>	○ <sup>6</sup>	●	○ <sup>6</sup>	○ <sup>6</sup>
In-dash storage compartment	●	●	●	●	●
Retractable/removable cargo-area cover	●	●	●	●	●
Removable L.L.Bean-embossed cargo-area tray	–	–	●	–	–
Cargo-area-concealed multicompartment under-floor storage tray	●	●	●	●	●
4 cargo-area utility hooks. 2 cargo-area utility bars. 4 cargo-area tiedown hooks. 2 cargo-area grocery bag hooks.	●	●	●	●	●

INSTRUMENTATION					
Analog speedometer, tachometer, coolant temperature and fuel gauges with silver trim rings	●	●	●	●	●
Illuminated red gauge needles on black faces with white indicators	●	●	●	●	–
Sport-design instrumentation with illuminated red gauge needles on gray faces with white indicators	–	–	–	●	●
Digital display of odometer including dual-mode trip odometer, ambient temperature gauge and automatic transmission gear position (if equipped). Digital clock.	●	●	●	●	●



AUDIO SYSTEMS	2.5X	SPORTS 2.5X	2.5X L.L.BEAN® EDITION	SPORTS 2.5XT	2.5 XT LIMITED
100-watt 4-speaker audio system with single-disc in-dash CD player	●	-	-	-	-
120-watt 4-speaker audio system with 6-disc in-dash CD changer and MP3/WMA player	○ <sup>4</sup>	-	-	-	-
120-watt 7-speaker audio system with subwoofer, 6-disc in-dash CD changer and MP3/WMA player	-	●	●	-	-
155-watt 7-speaker premium audio system with subwoofer, 6-disc in-dash CD changer and MP3/WMA player	-	-	-	●	●
SIRIUS™ Satellite Radio capability <sup>6</sup>	○ <sup>4</sup>	●	●	●	●
Auxiliary audio jack for portable media players	○ <sup>4</sup>	●	●	●	●

#### CLIMATE CONTROL

Manually adjustable CFC-free air conditioning system with air filtration system, rotary controls for temperature, 4-speed fan and airflow direction	●	-	-	-	-
Automatic climate control system with CFC-free air conditioning, air filtration system, rotary controls for temperature, 7-speed fan and airflow direction	○ <sup>4</sup>	●	●	●	●

#### SECURITY

Keyless entry system with answer-back electronic chirp	●	●	●	●	●
Antitheft security system	●	●	●	●	●
Engine immobilizer	-	-	-	●	●

#### SAFETY

##### ACTIVE

Subaru Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive (AWD)	●	●	●	●	●
SUBARU BOXER engine	●	●	●	●	●
Vehicle Dynamics Control (VDC) and Traction Control System (TCS) <sup>7</sup>	-	-	-	●	●
4-wheel antilock brakes (ABS) with Electronic Brake-force Distribution (EBD)	●	●	●	●	●
Daytime Running Lights (DRL)	●	●	●	●	●

##### PASSIVE

Dual-stage deployment driver and front-passenger front air bags (SRS) <sup>8</sup>	●	●	●	●	●
Front seat-mounted head/chest side-impact air bags (SRS) <sup>8</sup>	●	●	●	●	●
Height-adjustable active front-seat head restraints	●	●	●	●	●
Three individual height-adjustable rear head restraints	●	●	●	●	●
Height-adjustable 3-point front seat belts with pretensioners and force limiters. 3-point rear seat belts at all seating positions.	●	●	●	●	●
Rear child-safety door locks	●	●	●	●	●
LATCH system: Lower Anchors and Tethers for CHildren	●	●	●	●	●
Safety brake pedal system	●	●	●	●	●
Energy-absorbing collapsible steering column	●	●	●	●	●
Ring-Shaped Reinforcement Frame body structure	●	●	●	●	●

#### OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

4-speed adaptive electronic direct-control automatic transmission	○	○	●	○	○
Antitheft security system with answer-back electronic chirp and shock sensor	○	○	○	○	○
2.5X Premium Package:	○	-	-	-	-

16" 8-spoke aluminum-alloy wheels, 4-wheel disc brakes, Limited-slip rear differential, Panoramic moonroof, Body-color door handles, Heated larger body-color side mirrors with integrated turn signals, Windshield wipers de-icer, Heated front seats, Power adjustable driver seat, Leather-wrapped steering wheel, shifter and parking-brake handle, Automatic climate control system, Audio system speakers upgrade, 6-disc CD changer, MP3/WMA player, Auxiliary audio jack, SIRIUS™ Satellite Radio capability<sup>6</sup>

● Standard ○ Optional - Not available

<sup>1</sup> 2008 Forester 2.5X models are certified as Partial Zero Emission Vehicle (PZEV) that are sold, registered and operated in California, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New York, Rhode Island or Vermont, all emission parts are covered for 15 years/150,000 miles, whichever comes first. For complete warranty information, see your Subaru dealer. <sup>2</sup> Regular unleaded gasoline with an octane rating of 87 AKI or greater may be used. Using regular unleaded gasoline could result in reduced engine performance. See Owner's Manual for more detailed information. <sup>3</sup> Limited-slip rear differential not available on base Forester 2.5X or Sports 2.5X. <sup>4</sup> Optional as part of 2.5X Premium Package only. See optional equipment listing above. <sup>5</sup> The front-lip spoiler decreases front ground clearance and approach angle. Extra care must be taken to avoid damaging the spoiler in certain driving conditions. See Owner's Manual for more detailed information. <sup>6</sup> Auto-dimming mirror and satellite radio available as accessories. Satellite radio hardware and required monthly subscription sold separately. See your dealer. <sup>8</sup> The Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) (air bags) affords the driver and the front passenger additional protection in moderate to severe frontal and side-impact collisions. This system provides supplemental protection only, and seat belts must be worn in order to avoid injuries to out-of-position occupants upon bag deployment and to provide the best combined protection in a serious accident. Children should always be properly restrained in the rear seat. <sup>7</sup> Standard with optional automatic transmission only.

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## Colors

### Paint



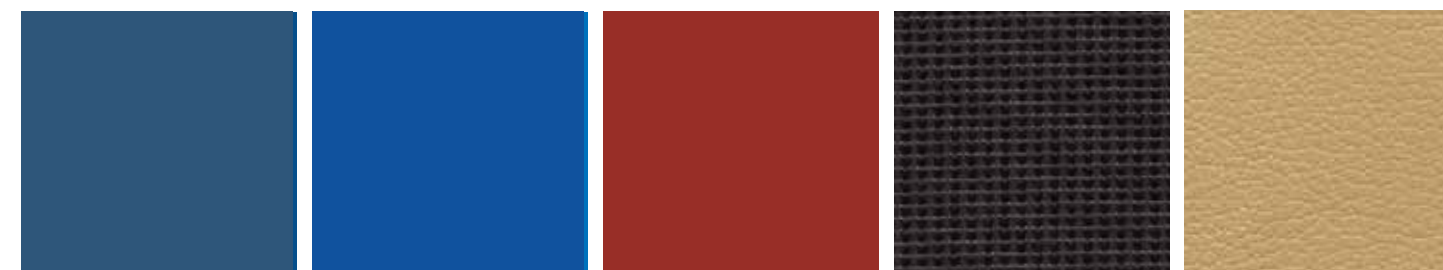
Aspen White

Steel Silver Metallic

Topaz Gold Metallic

Desert Beige Cloth

Graphite Gray Cloth



Newport Blue Pearl

WR Blue Mica

Garnet Red Pearl

Anthracite Black Cloth

Desert Beige Leather



Dark Gray Metallic

Obsidian Black Pearl

Satin White Pearl/  
Steel Silver Metallic

Desert Beige Leather/Alcantara®

Anthracite Black Leather



Evergreen Metallic/  
Steel Silver Metallic

Newport Blue Pearl/  
Steel Silver Metallic

Garnet Red Pearl/  
Steel Silver Metallic

Dark Gray Metallic/  
Steel Silver Metallic

### FORESTER

#### Color Combinations

	2.5X		SPORTS 2.5X	2.5X L.L.BEAN® EDITION	SPORTS 2.5 XT	2.5 XT LIMITED	
UPHOLSTERY	Desert Beige Cloth	Graphite Gray Cloth	Anthracite Black Cloth	Desert Beige Leather/Alcantara <sup>1</sup>	Anthracite Black Cloth	Anthracite Black Leather	Desert Beige Leather
PAINT							
Aspen White	●	-	●	-	●	-	●
Steel Silver Metallic	-	●	●	-	●	●	-
Topaz Gold Metallic	●	-	-	●	-	-	●
Newport Blue Pearl	●	-	-	-	-	-	●
WR Blue Mica	-	-	●	-	●	-	-
Garnet Red Pearl	●	-	●	-	●	-	●
Dark Gray Metallic	-	●	●	-	●	●	-
Obsidian Black Pearl	-	●	-	-	-	●	-
Satin White/Steel Silver Metallic	-	-	-	●	-	-	-
Evergreen Metallic/Steel Silver Metallic	-	-	-	●	-	-	-
Newport Blue Pearl/Steel Silver Metallic	-	-	-	●	-	-	-
Garnet Red Pearl/Steel Silver Metallic	-	-	-	●	-	-	-
Dark Gray Metallic/Steel Silver Metallic	-	-	-	●	-	-	-

● Available - Not available

<sup>1</sup> Front and rear seats feature Alcantara accents.



## GENUINE SUBARU ACCESSORIES

Make a Subaru your Subaru with Genuine Subaru Accessories. From styling enhancements to storage solutions, you can outfit your Subaru to be as unique as your adventures, giving you the versatility to take everything—and anything—you need. And backed by a 3-year, 36,000 limited warranty, they're built with Subaru reliability in mind.

### <sup>1</sup> AUTO-DIMMING MIRROR WITH COMPASS AND HOMELINK®

The rearview mirror darkens to help reduce glare when headlights are detected from behind the vehicle. It also features an integrated electronic compass display.

### <sup>2</sup> KAYAK CARRIER

This kayak carrier cradles and helps securely transport most kayak hull shapes. Includes straps with padded buckles.

### <sup>3</sup> ROOF CARGO CARRIER

Get 13 cubic feet and up to 100 lbs. of lockable storage capacity. This roof cargo carrier opens from rear to accommodate loading from three sides. Measures 56" L x 36" W x 18" H.

### <sup>7</sup> MOONROOF AIR DEFLECTOR

This air deflector helps reduce wind noise and cuts sun glare.

Cannot be used in conjunction with the Extended Roof Cargo Carrier.

### <sup>8</sup> SPLASH GUARDS

The durable polymer material helps protect vehicle from stones and road grime. Finish matches lower vehicle color. Available in a set of four.

### <sup>9</sup> REAR SPOILER

This color-matched, rear gate spoiler adds a sporty look to your Forester.

### <sup>10</sup> TRAILER HITCH

Heavy-duty rated at 200 pounds tongue weight and 2,400 pounds towing capacity, this hitch is built strong.

Ball not included. Trailer brakes may be needed.



### <sup>4</sup> ROOF MOUNTED BIKE ATTACHMENT

Transport two bicycles in secure fashion. This bike attachment can hold bicycles that have 1" to 2-1/8" downtubes.

Subaru Fork-mounted Bike Carrier recommended for bikes that have carbon fiber frames.

### <sup>5</sup> CARGO NETS

Neatly hold cargo and prevent it from sliding while the vehicle is in motion.

### <sup>6</sup> CARGO TRAY

Help protect cargo area from dirt and spills with the cargo tray. Can be easily removed and rinsed clean.

### <sup>11</sup> REAR BUMPER COVER

Protect the upper surface of the rear bumper from scratches and dings with a rugged rear bumper cover.

### <sup>12</sup> ALL-WEATHER FLOOR MATS

Custom-fitted, heavy-gauge protective floor mats help protect your vehicle carpet from sand, dirt and moisture. The mats are available for 5- and 7-passenger applications.

### <sup>13</sup> SIRIUS™ SATELLITE RADIO

Over 130 digital channels of commercial free programming including music, sports, news, talk, lifestyle, and more.

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Enjoying your Subaru for years to come—that's the promise of our comprehensive warranties and roadside assistance program. It's a fact attested to by 95% of Subaru vehicles sold in the past 10 years that are still on the road today<sup>1</sup>. It's the confidence you feel when you get behind the wheel.

### NEW CAR LIMITED WARRANTY

3 years or 36,000 miles, whichever comes first.

### POWERTRAIN LIMITED WARRANTY

5 years or 60,000 miles, whichever comes first.

### RUST PERFORATION LIMITED WARRANTY

5 years, unlimited mileage.

### WEAR ITEM LIMITED WARRANTY

3 years or 36,000 miles, whichever comes first. We cover you where others don't. Repairs to the following items will also be covered under warranty.

- Brake Pads
- Clutch Linings
- Shoe Linings
- Wiper Blades
- Transmitter Batteries



### THE SUBARU ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

This comprehensive package covers all 2008 Subaru vehicles during the first 3 years or 36,000 miles, whichever comes first. By calling the toll-free number in the Owner's Information Kit, Subaru owners can take advantage of any of the following benefits:

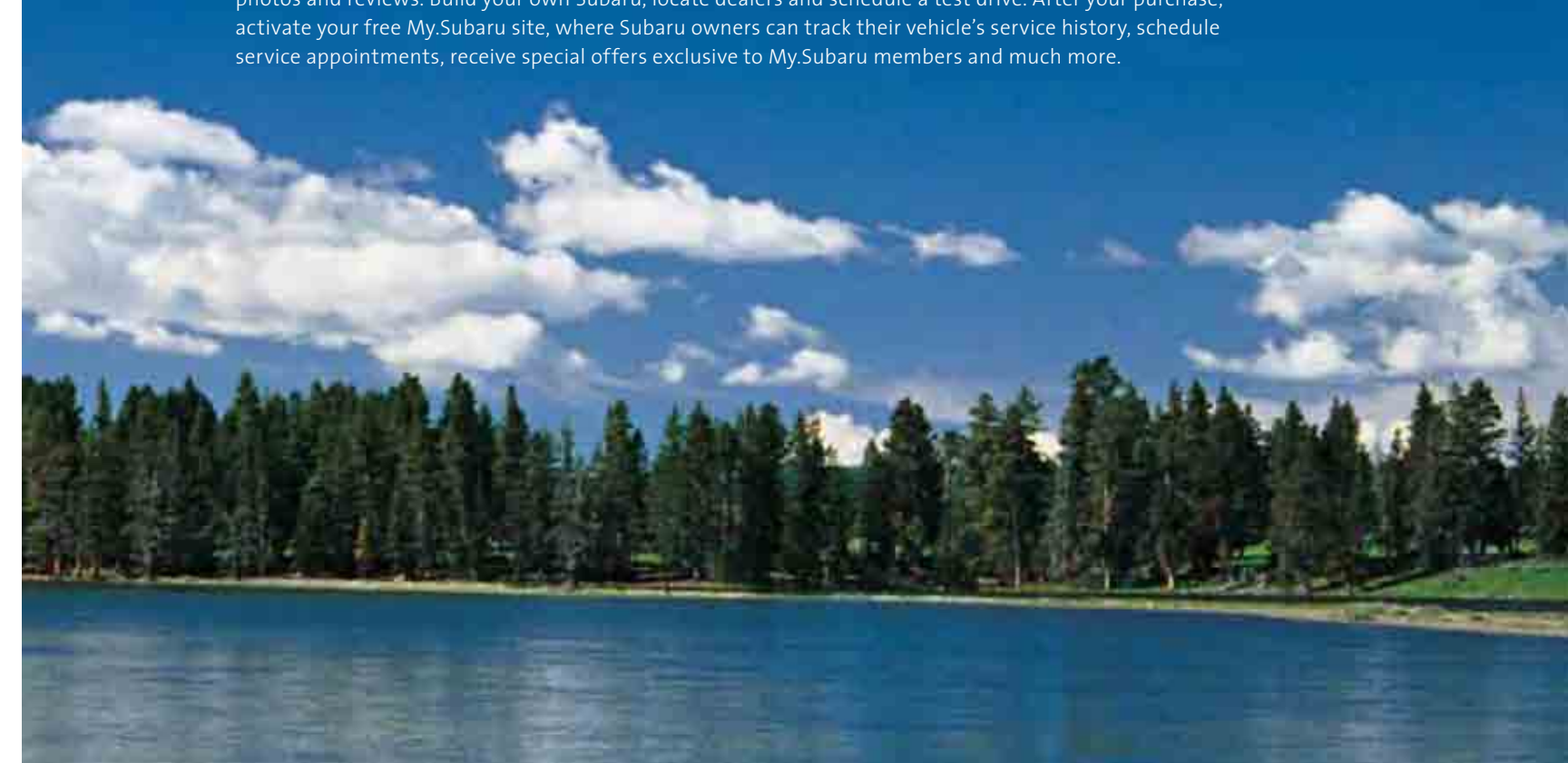
- 24-hour Roadside Assistance, seven days a week, 365 days a year, throughout the continental United States including Alaska.
- Emergency Towing Service to the nearest authorized Subaru dealer.
- Emergency Roadside Assistance for jump starts, gasoline (up to two gallons), flat tire change, emergency lockout service (lost key or key is locked in the vehicle) and emergency fluid replacement.

### SUBARU ADDED SECURITY®

It's possibly the most important option you choose. Protect your investment with a Subaru Added Security extended service contract—the only one backed by Subaru of America, Inc. Ask your salesperson for coverage details and assistance in selecting the plan that's best for you, up to 7 years or 100,000 miles.

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## SHARE THE EARTH

Integral to the Subaru ownership experience is understanding our never-ending commitment to finding innovative ways of preserving the environment. It's about leaving as small a footprint as possible—respecting the Earth, respecting the future, and respecting the consumer. Resulting in technology with real-world benefits that everyone can enjoy.



As a corporation, we feel that it is essential to be responsible citizens of Planet Earth. Our dedication to ease the burden on the environment at every stage begins from the time that a vehicle is conceptualized to when it's fully integrated into your life. During the process, we've become the first U.S. auto assembly plant to achieve zero landfill status, with the entire plant generating less waste than the average U.S. household. We've received ISO 14001 certification for recycling and waste reduction in every stage of manufacturing, marketing and sales. And we offer a full array of vehicles that meet PZEV (Partial Zero Emissions Vehicle) classification<sup>2</sup>. Some of our most popular models have available engines that have received the EPA's stringent SmartWay designation, which means they emit lower amounts of pollutants that cause smog. Spew less of the carbon dioxide that causes global warming. And have impressive fuel economy compared to other vehicles in their class. We think that owning a Subaru should be as rewarding as driving one.

<sup>1</sup> Based on R. L. Polk & Co. registration data in the U.S. 1997 to 2006. <sup>2</sup> For 2008 Outback 2.5i, Legacy 2.5i and Forester 2.5X models certified as Partial Zero Emission Vehicles (PZEV) that are sold, registered and operated in California, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New York, Rhode Island or Vermont all emission parts are covered for 15 years/150,000 miles, whichever comes first. For complete warranty and program information, including coverage and disclosures see your Subaru dealer or log on to [www.subaru.com](http://www.subaru.com).







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