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15 *IMMOBILIZER CODE / SUBARU LOCK INFO SITE (SLIS) INFORMATION*

If you are having trouble accessing the SLIS web site, please be aware that at the bottom of the SLIS homepage, there is a step-by-step guide available. Click on "Contact Us" link, and this will bring up a file of all the information you will need to either log on for the first time, or reset your password. Please do not call into the Techline for this information, as you will only be directed to this information link.

02 *WWM-96 REAR SUSPENSION SUB FRAME CORROSION CAMPAIGN*

We have received requests from dealers located outside the salt belt states requesting the spray equipment to perform the rear suspension sub-frame corrosion campaign WWM-96 (see STIS for details). The following is a list of the tool part numbers available for the spray gun equipment. These part numbers should be ordered through normal SOA parts channels and <u>not</u> SPX / Kent-Moore. The first part number is for the complete spray gun kit. The remaining numbers are repair parts for the spray gun.

SOA876001 – Complete Spray Gun Kit (with wands) SOA876002 – 90 degree hook spray wand SOA876003 – 360 degree flexible spray nozzle/wand SOA876005 – Pressure Regulator SOA876006 – 0-Rings SOA876007 – Spray wand quick disconnect/coupler

15 *IPOD INTERFACE INFORMATION, 08-09 IMPREZA & 09 FORESTER*

If you receive a customer concern of their iPod not functioning properly, inspect the black dock cable and bus cable connections at the interface module located behind the audio head unit. Proper routing of the cables as shown is also important. The bus cable needs to be routed behind the bracket as shown in the photo to the right. This dock cable is secured by connector pressure and a wire tie as shown. Failure to make a good connection of either cable will result in a lost audio signal from the customer's iPod and the vehicle's speakers. Additionally, in some cases, "Detached" may be displayed on the audio unit display.



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If you encounter a 2009 Forester with a customer complaint of a buzzing or rattle-type noise from the front doors with the radio on using low bass tones or over bumps, check for loose baffles located on the inner door skin as shown. You can tap on the baffle and re-create the noise or play the radio with a low bass tone and feel the baffles vibrating.



Remove the baffle and apply a suitable anti-rattle tape or flocked tape in the areas shown in the picture below. Place it around the edges of the inner door skin opening then re-install the baffle. This will tighten the fit of the baffle against the inner door skin and keep it from rattling. Be sure to confirm your repairs before re-installing the door trim.



Thanks to Jason McDade, FTM, SDC, for the tip!

12 FORESTER SUNROOF NOT CLOSING PROPERLY

Should you receive a Customer concern of the sunroof panel not closing properly or reversing, refer to Service Bulletin, 15-134-08 for updated repair information. The spacers / repair kits are now available through normal ordering procedures as part# 65409-SA-030. Each repair kit (one per car) includes one l/hand and one r/hand spacer.

14 ISSUES WITH USING SMART (SUBARU LMS SYSTEM)

If you experience any problems with trying to register for or taking a Web-based Training (WBT) course in SMART, please contact the SOA Help Desk at 1-800-SOA-STAR (762-7827).

Questions about the SMART system should not be directed to the Techline. The Owner's Manual for the 2009 Forester has been updated with a clarification regarding channel selection when using the audio unit in the SAT mode (pg. 5-14). Both manual versions can be seen below, with the updated area outlined in red (for instructional purposes). The old version of the manual was released on 11/07, and the new version was released on 3/08. The Owner's Manual Issue Date can be found on the outside, back cover of either book.



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