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IMPORTANT - All Service Personnel Should Read and Initial



SERVICE BULLETIN

APPLICABILITY: 2002MY Legacy Vehicles
SUBJECT: Legacy VIN Scheme

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A small number of 2002MY Legacy Outback vehicles were produced with a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) scheme that is not consistent with the typical VIN scheme for this model. This variation does not affect any regulatory compliance, but may present some confusion if using only the last six (6) digits (Sequential Number) of the VIN for model identification.

In the past, the Sequential Number identified Outback Wagons in the “600001 and after” range. The Legacy Wagon was identified in the “300001 and after” range. For the 2002MY, *some* Outback Wagons will be included in the Legacy Wagon range of “300001 and after.”

To identify a Legacy Wagon from an Outback Wagon, use position 7 (Model Type / Trim Level) from the full 17 character VIN. Numbers 3, 4, and 5 refer to Legacy Wagons. Numbers 6, 7, 8, 9 and 0 refer to Outback Wagons.

Review the attached VIN scheme for 2002MY Legacy vehicles.



CAUTION: VEHICLE SERVICING PERFORMED BY UNTRAINED PERSONS COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY TO THOSE PERSONS OR TO OTHERS.

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Digit	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Character	4	S	3	B	E	6	3	5	X	2	7	2	0	0	0	0	1

Sequential Number

200001 and after: 4 Door Sedan and Outback Sedan
 300001 and after: Station Wagon
 300001 and after: Outback Wagon (2002MY Only)
 600001 and after: Outback Wagon

Plant of Manufacture (POM), transmission and postal car

POM	Transmission Type
SIA	
6	Full-time AWD 5MT
7	Full-time AWD 4AT

Model Year

2: 2002 3: 2003 4: 2004

Check Digit

0 through 9 and X

Restraint System

5: Manual seat belts with driver & passenger air bags
 6: Manual seat belts with driver & passenger air bags and side air bags

Model Type / Trim Level

2: Brighton 3: L
 4: GT 5: GT - LTD
 6: Outback 7: Outback - Cold Weather
 8: Outback - LTD
 9: Outback - 6 cylinders
 0: Outback - 6 cylinders L.L. Bean

Engine and Drive Type

6: 2.5 Liter engine AWD
 8: 3.0 Liter engine AWD

Body Type

E: 4 Door Sedan and Outback Sedan
 H: Station Wagon and Outback Wagon

Line

B: Subaru Legacy

WMI

4S3: Assembled by SIA, passenger car