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THINK. About innovating. About safety. About uniting everything you want from a car with everything you need in an SUV. In engineering vehicles that go beyond the expected, we never stop thinking. To create new driving experiences. To design a vehicle to meet all your real-world demands. And to be true to what makes a Subaru, a Subaru.





Forester 2.5 XT Limited shown with Anthracite Black leather.

The Subaru Forester Its intelligent size and remarkable versatility redefines what a sport utility vehicle can do. Its safety scores have no equal. Its balanced and more powerful boxer engines, surefooted Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive and agile handling combine to take the SUV to new levels of drivability. Together, they all add up to provide the most valuable asset of all—peace of mind.



2.5X

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Motivated by a stout 173-horsepower engine and offering extravagant flexibility with generous cargo capacity, the Forester 2.5X is only modest in its price point.

2.5X | Premium Package

Along with all the convenience of the 2.5X, this optional package (shown above) has many additional features like an oversized moonroof, alloy wheels, automatic climate control and heated seats.

2.5X | L.L.Bean® Edition

With unique leather-trimmed upholstery, wood and leather-wrapped steering wheel and a durable cargo-area lining, it's as stylish as it is versatile. And it comes standard with a 4-speed automatic transmission.



2.5XT

2.5XT | Limited

The Forester flagship, with 230 turbocharged horsepower, leather-trimmed upholstery and luxurious features such as a premium audio system and panoramic moonroof.



Forester 2.5X L.L.Bean® Edition shown in Regal Blue Pearl/Steel Gray Metallic.

In everything you do, there is confidence.

FEEL.

In going where you want to go.

In being ready for whatever the road may hold.

In arriving in style.



Comfort

The Forester brings new levels of control not just on the road, but also over your environment. Its spacious cabin, complete with utility, convenience and premium features, lets you govern your surroundings to your exact preferences. Choose the upscale cloth upholstery or the luxury of leather. Find your ideal driving position with the available 8-way power driver's seat and take the chill off the morning frost with dual-stage seat heaters. Feel the beat from the available in-dash six-disc CD changer. And let your passengers enjoy the improved rear-seat comfort. Because every journey is enhanced when the family is content.



Panoramic moonroof The wide-open sky, available at the touch of a button. Significantly larger than conventional sunroofs, the available panoramic moonroof lets the sunshine and fresh air in for both the front and rear passengers. Enjoy the outdoors without leaving your car.

L.L.Bean® Edition Like its namesake, ruggedness meets stylishness. Inside the dual-toned exterior are seats trimmed in supple Desert Beige leather with perforated Alcantara® on the seat bolsters, L.L.Bean embossing, and a wood and leather-wrapped shifter handle and MOMO® brand steering wheel.

Automatic climate control Just set it and drive. It's easy to find the most comfortable environment for you and your passengers with available automatic climate control, which automatically adjusts the heat or air conditioner to maintain your chosen temperature. The air filtration system keeps harmful particles out, and seven fan settings let you customize the airflow.



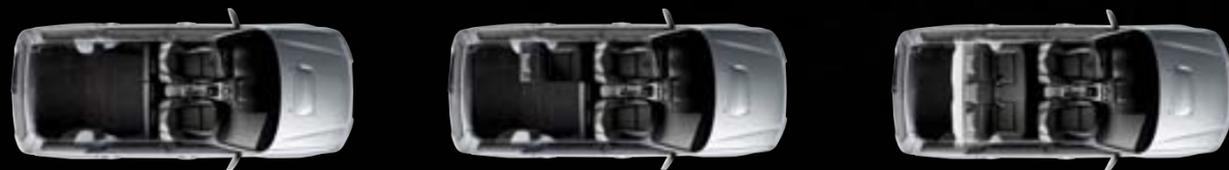


Forester 2.5X L.L.Bean Edition shown with Desert Beige leather/Alcantara.

Versatility



Inside the intelligently proportioned exterior is an interior just as thoughtfully designed. The ample, flexible space helps you carry the accoutrements of your busy life, and then some. Start with the spacious cargo area with low liftover height. Follow up with rear seats that are split 60/40 for greater versatility. A wide array of storage bins, pockets, tiedowns and hooks lets you organize and secure. And it comes with a roof rack that holds up to 150 lbs. Go ahead, bring everything you need.



Multifunction center console
Flip its lid, and rear-seat passengers get two extra cupholders. The dual-tiered center console also provides a 12V power outlet and a sliding armrest.

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

Cargo-area nets These accessory nets stretch to accommodate and secure such loose items as helmets, balls and shoes—things that would otherwise clutter up and move around in the storage space. Use four individual nets to line the front, rear and sides of the cargo area, or store them in the side bins when not in use. Tiedowns on the floor and hooks on the sides let you further customize your storage options and provide a handy anchor for grocery bags, maximizing the full potential of the versatile cargo area.

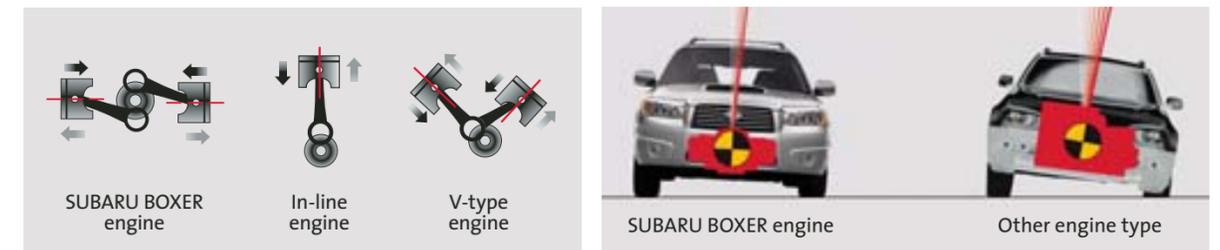




Subaru Boxer Engine

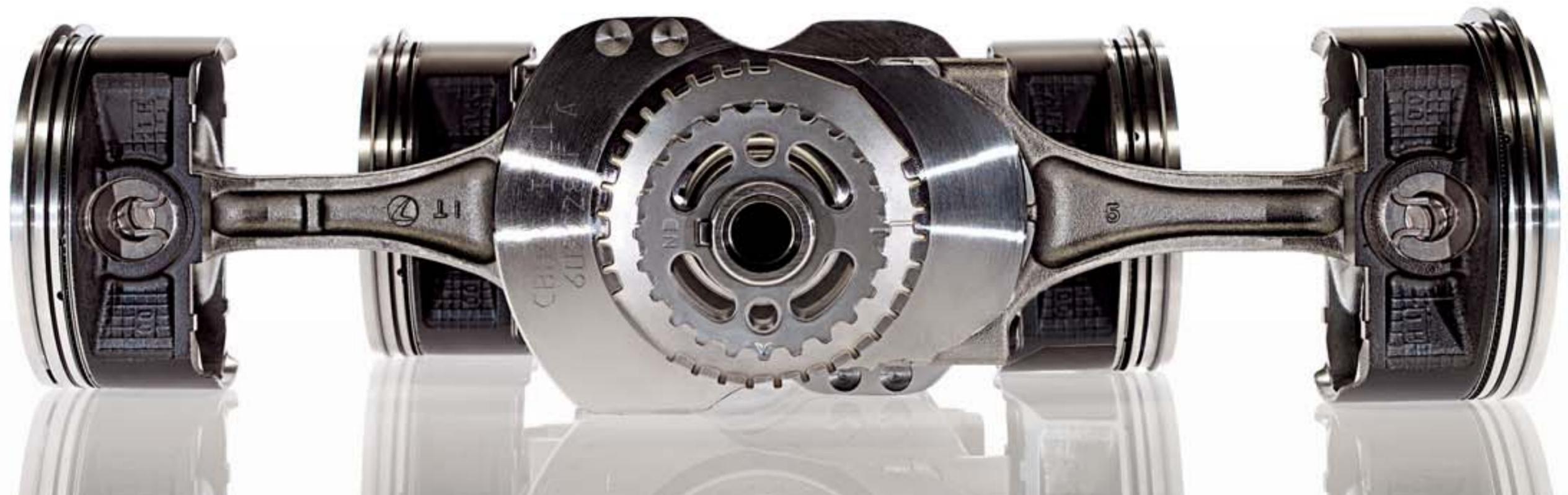
Press the accelerator to get outstanding power, along with a healthy dose of innovation. At the heart of the Forester is our legendary SUBARU BOXER engine, with pistons laid flat in horizontal opposition. Used in every Subaru, this design lowers the center of gravity, providing more precise handling while increasing durability and reducing vibration. Balance. Stability. Power. It's what makes a Subaru, a Subaru.

The roots of Subaru heritage lie in the aviation industry. It is only fitting, then, that the boxer engine was initially developed for use in aircraft—chosen and prized for its compactness, superior performance, inherent smoothness and reliability. It's a design that Subaru has used in its automobiles for almost 40 years, and remains the only configuration worthy of meeting our standards.



Less vibration The 180-degree boxer engine layout allows the pistons to move in exact horizontal opposition, effectively negating the vibrations of the opposing pistons. The result is smooth, seamless power delivery throughout the rev range.

Better balance The SUBARU BOXER engine's lightweight, compact design lets the engine fit lower in the chassis, providing a lower center of gravity that greatly improves handling and safety. Body roll is reduced during cornering, stability is improved and control maintained.



Performance



Forester engines are rally-proven for remarkable reliability. Constructed of aluminum-alloy for reduced weight and time-tested durability. Enhanced with i-Active Valve Lift System in the 2.5X and Active Valve Control System in the 2.5 XT Limited for increased horsepower and a broader torque curve. And they use Electronic Throttle Control (ETC) for a more precise response to your right foot. With such exceptional engines to motivate the Forester, imagine how the Forester will motivate you.



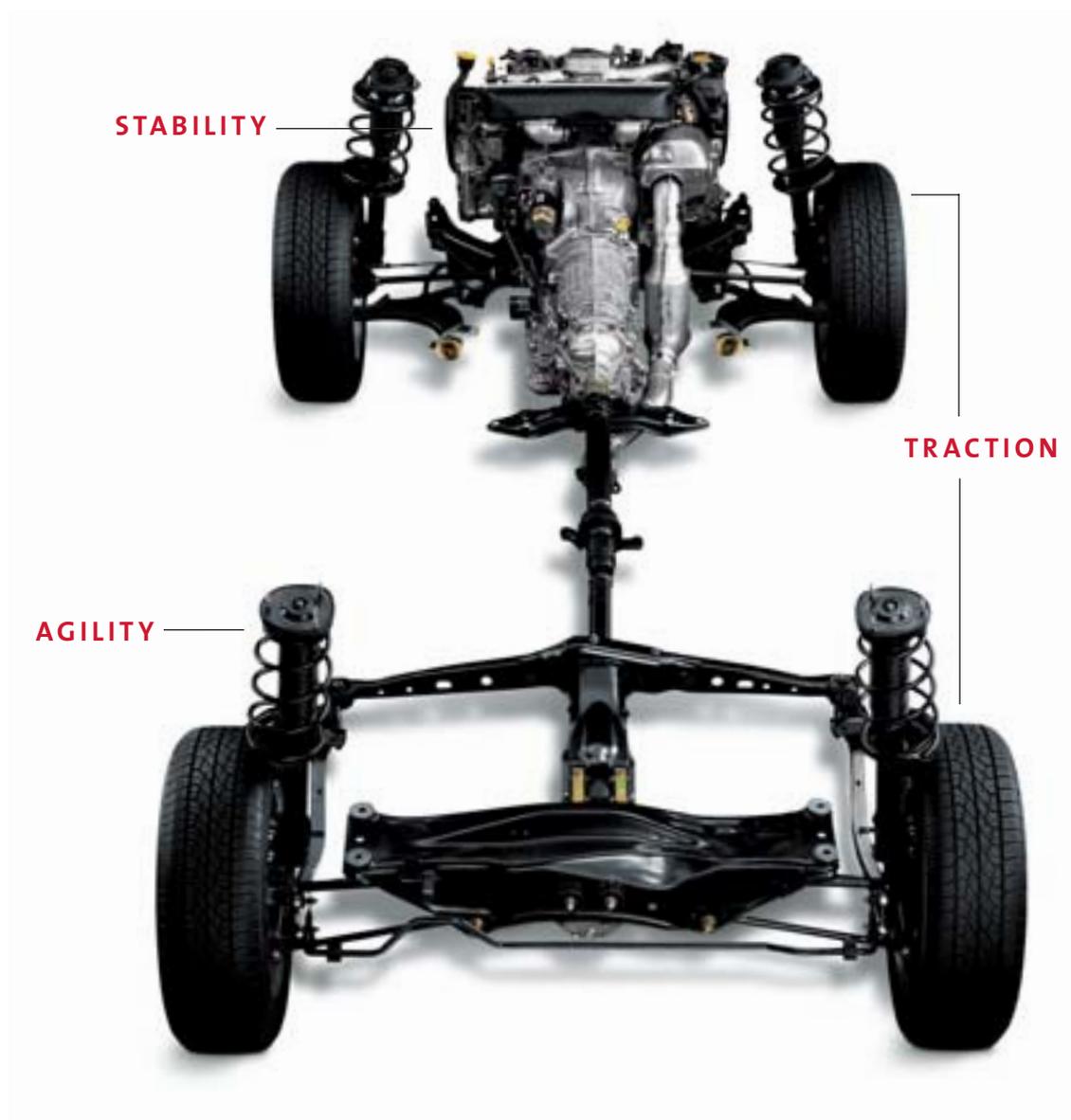
2.5X The naturally aspirated four-cylinder engine makes 173 horsepower for spirited acceleration, while providing a superior fuel economy of 22 city/29 highway mpg.¹

2.5 XT The functional hood scoop is the only external hint to the thrill that awaits you. Fortified by an intercooled turbocharger that raises horsepower to 230 and torque to 235 lb-ft, the 2.5 XT Limited delivers proven acceleration that rivals or bests that of many sports cars. They'll never see it coming.

¹ With 5-speed manual transmission.

Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive

All-wheel drive isn't unique. But Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive is. Its ideal balance ensures stability and poise. And its efficiency at transmitting power ensures greater grip and quick response to slippage. Providing more than just safety on slick roads, it delivers intensified performance on any road. All-wheel drive is not just our heritage, it is our passion.





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

Subaru offers two advanced All-Wheel Drive (AWD) systems in the Forester. With their symmetrical layout, power flows directly from the engine to the wheels for more efficient response to any slippage. Should the road surface suddenly change, the Forester instantly redirects power from the wheels that slip and delivers it to those with greater grip. Maximum adhesion. More control. Enhanced safety.



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 This smooth-shifting unit offers a Standard mode to maximize the Forester's impressive fuel economy, a Sport mode for peak performance and an adaptive feature for better drivability on hills.



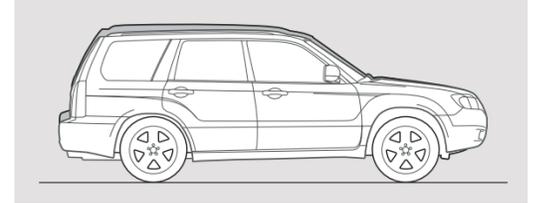
Continuous AWD Under normal conditions, power is split 50/50 between the front and rear wheels. Should wheel slippage occur, the viscous-center locking differential of the manual transmission automatically helps transfer power to the wheels with the most amount of traction.



Active AWD Paired with the available automatic transmission, the Active AWD system monitors parameters like wheel slippage and vehicle speed, adjusting power to the front or rear wheels with the most traction. This computer-controlled system anticipates and actually seeks to maintain optimal adhesion.

We didn't stop with the AWD system. Every drivetrain component and every chassis part has been engineered to optimally blend safety, performance and comfort. From the precise rack-and-pinion steering to the 4-wheel disc brakes¹ and independent suspension, it's all geared toward providing driving pleasure with no compromise on the confidence-inspiring security that defines the Forester.

Heavy-duty raised suspension Unlike most SUVs, the Forester provides nimble and agile handling thanks to its car-bred, SUV-optimized 4-wheel independent suspension. With revised geometry for 2006, it provides quicker response to steering input and a smoother ride, yet its ground clearance of 8.1 inches (7.9 in. for 2.5 XT Limited) is comparable to many truck-based SUVs.



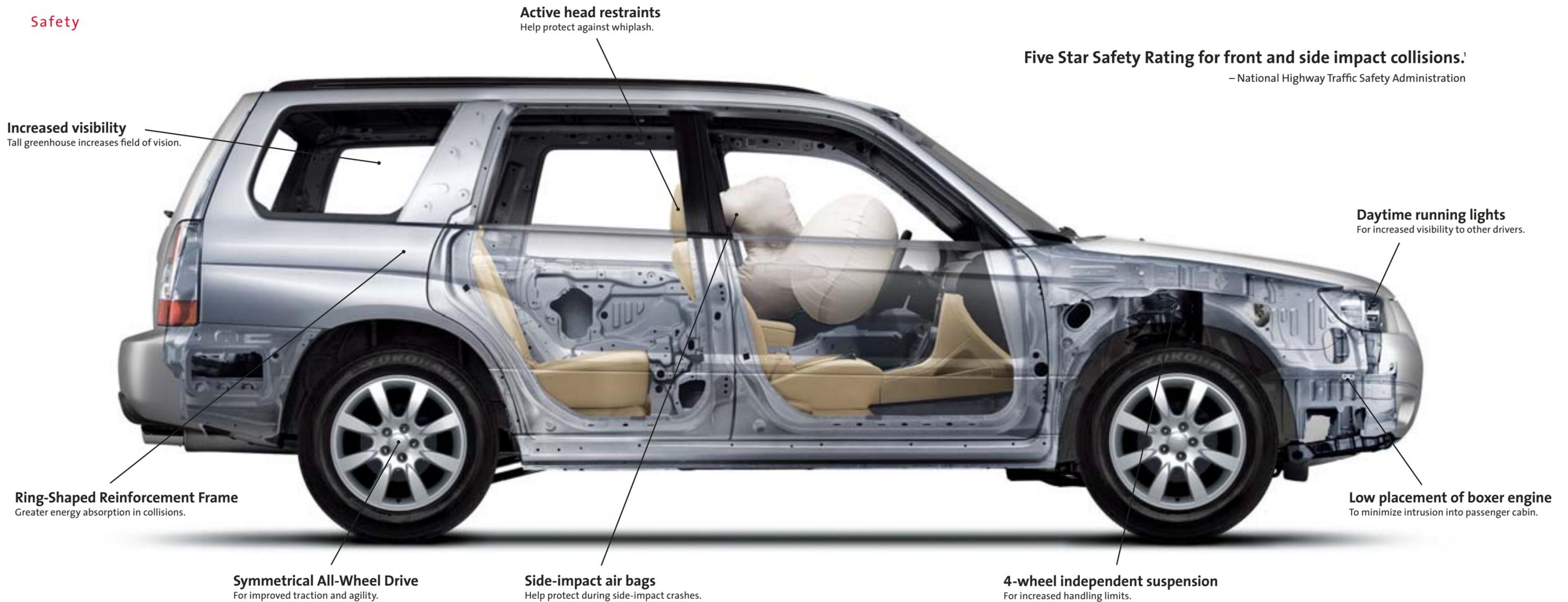
Self-leveling rear suspension Exclusive to the Forester 2.5X L.L.Bean[®] Edition, this system features self-adjusting rear struts that react to load weight to maintain optimum vehicle ride height. The result is consistent ground clearance and enhanced balance overall, even when you've filled its considerable space with gear. Or taken advantage of its 2,400-lb towing capacity.

¹ Not available on base Forester 2.5X.



Forester 2.5 XT Limited shown in Steel Gray Metallic.

Safety



Increased visibility
Tall greenhouse increases field of vision.

Active head restraints
Help protect against whiplash.

Five Star Safety Rating for front and side impact collisions.¹
– National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Daytime running lights
For increased visibility to other drivers.

Low placement of boxer engine
To minimize intrusion into passenger cabin.

Ring-Shaped Reinforcement Frame
Greater energy absorption in collisions.

Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive
For improved traction and agility.

Side-impact air bags
Help protect during side-impact crashes.

4-wheel independent suspension
For increased handling limits.

Accident Avoidance The least dangerous accident is the one that never happens. With this in mind, we've enhanced the Forester with numerous technologies to help keep you out of harm's way, like 4-wheel antilock disc brakes (ABS) with Electronic Brake-force Distribution (EBD) to increase stopping power.¹ And of course, our trademark Symmetrical AWD and lower center of gravity work in concert with the four-wheel independent suspension and rigid chassis for nimbleness and agility to help avoid danger. At Subaru, every innovation is designed with your safety in mind.

Impact Protection We never rest in our enduring effort to devise better ways to protect passengers. In Forester, the results are features like seatbelts with front pretensioners and load-limiters, crumple zones, side-impact beams and a Ring-Shaped Reinforcement Frame around the cabin to help better absorb the impact of a crash. And a full array of air bags offers protection for the front and sides.² Since its introduction, the Forester has consistently received the highest crash-test scores in its class.



Control Standard full-time AWD automatically adjusts power to all four wheels, helping to maintain greater traction, no matter what the road surface or the weather has in store. Unlike 2-wheel-drive vehicles, which may be prone to understeer or oversteer, AWD helps you maintain better control of your Forester.

Electronic Brake-force Distribution Working in conjunction with the 4-wheel Antilock Braking System, EBD maximizes stopping power by optimally apportioning power front to rear under heavy braking.



Side-impact air bags Mounted in the front seats to help provide the best protection no matter what your ideal seat position is. Designed to help protect both your head and torso, they helped the Forester achieve the highest crash-test safety scores in Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) testing.³

Active head restraints In the event of a rear-end collision, the active front-seat head restraints provide another layer of protection by automatically moving forward to cradle your head to help minimize the possibility of whiplash.



¹ Not available on base Forester 2.5X.

¹ Government star ratings are part of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA's) New Car Assessment Program. ² Always wear seatbelts. Children should be properly restrained in the rear seat. ³ For more information, contact the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety or visit their website at www.iihs.org.

Accessories



Outfit your Subaru to be as unique as your adventures. Backed by a 3-year/36,000-mile limited warranty,¹ Genuine Subaru Accessories give you the ability to take everything—and anything—you need.

Turbo Boost Gauge Illuminated turbo boost gauge mounts conveniently to side of steering column.

Cargo Tray Help protect the carpeted floor from your muddy gear with this rugged tray that lines the cargo area.

Autodimming Mirror with Compass When bright headlights from the rear are detected, the rearview mirror automatically darkens to reduce glare. Also includes electronic compass.

Available accessories

- Crossbar Set (Square)
- Roof-mounted Bike Attachment
- Roof Cargo Carriers
- Kayak Carrier
- Trailer Hitch
- Hitch-mounted Bike Attachment
- Cargo Bin
- Compartment Separator/Dog Guard
- Severe Weather Companion
- Cargo-area Spotlight
- Autodimming Rearview Mirror with Compass and HomeLink®
- Security System Shock Sensor
- 6-disc In-dash CD Changer
- Upgraded Speakers
- Tweeter Speaker Kit
- Subwoofer/Amplifier
- Leather Shift Knobs
- All-weather Mats
- Hood Protector
- Front Bumper Underguard

For a complete list of available accessories, log on to www.subaru.com



Heavy-duty Roof Cargo Basket

Shown with fork-mounted bike carrier and front-wheel holder (each sold separately). Accommodates up to 100 pounds. Vehicle also shown with splash guards and rear bumper cover.

¹ Accessories backed by 3-year/36,000-mile New Car Limited Warranty when installed at time of vehicle purchase. For complete details on warranty coverage and exclusions, see your Subaru dealer or log on to www.subaru.com

Ownership

Enjoying your Subaru for years to come—that's the promise of our comprehensive warranties and roadside assistance program. It's a fact attested by the nearly 97% of Subaru vehicles sold in the past 10 years that are still on the road today.¹ 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.

Wear Item 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.

The Subaru Roadside Assistance Program covers all 2006 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 United States.
- 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[®] could be 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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Colors

Paint



Aspen White



Champagne Gold Opal



Crystal Gray Metallic



Garnet Red Pearl



Obsidian Black Pearl



Regal Blue Pearl



Steel Gray Metallic



Aspen White/
Platinum Silver Metallic



Crystal Gray Metallic/
Steel Gray Metallic



Evergreen Metallic/
Steel Gray Metallic



Garnet Red Pearl/
Steel Gray Metallic



Obsidian Black Pearl/
Steel Gray Metallic

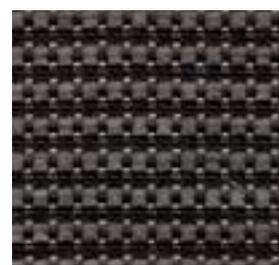


Regal Blue Pearl/
Steel Gray Metallic

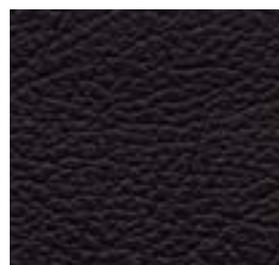
Upholstery



Desert Beige Cloth



Graphite Gray Cloth



Anthracite Black Leather



Desert Beige Leather

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Color Combinations

PAINT	2.5X		2.5X L.L.BEAN® EDITION	2.5 XT LIMITED		
	UPHOLSTERY	Desert Beige Cloth	Graphite Gray Cloth	Desert Beige Leather/Alcantara ¹	Anthracite Black Leather	Desert Beige Leather
Aspen White	-	-	●	-	●	-
Champagne Gold Opal	-	●	-	-	-	●
Crystal Gray Metallic	-	-	●	-	●	-
Garnet Red Pearl	-	●	-	-	-	●
Obsidian Black Pearl	-	●	-	-	-	●
Regal Blue Pearl	-	-	●	-	●	-
Steel Gray Metallic	-	-	●	-	●	-
Aspen White/Platinum Silver Metallic	-	-	-	●	-	-
Crystal Gray Metallic/Steel Gray Metallic	-	-	-	●	-	-
Evergreen Metallic/Steel Gray Metallic	-	-	-	●	-	-
Garnet Red Pearl/Steel Gray Metallic	-	-	-	●	-	-
Obsidian Black Pearl/Steel Gray Metallic	-	-	-	●	-	-
Regal Blue Pearl/Steel Gray Metallic	-	-	-	●	-	-

● Available - Not available

¹ Front seats feature Alcantara accents.

ENGINE AND DRIVETRAIN	2.5X	2.5X L.L.BEAN® EDITION	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. Iridium spark plugs. Sodium-filled exhaust valves.
Power	173 hp @ 6,000 rpm	173 hp @ 6,000 rpm	230 hp @ 5,600 rpm
Torque	166 lb-ft @ 4,400 rpm	166 lb-ft @ 4,400 rpm	235 lb-ft @ 3,600 rpm
Compression ratio	10.0:1	10.0:1	8.4:1
Bore and stroke	99.5 x 79.0 mm	99.5 x 79.0 mm	99.5 x 79.0 mm
Intake system	Aluminum-alloy intake manifold	Aluminum-alloy intake manifold	Aluminum-alloy intake manifold. Turbocharger with intercooler. Maximum boost pressure: 11.6 psi.
Fuel and ignition system	Sequential multiport fuel injection. Electronic Throttle Control (ETC). Engine management with integrated self-diagnostics and adaptive driving habits capability. Distributorless electronic ignition – 2.5X models. Direct ignition – 2.5 XT Limited.		
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 Tier 2 (LEV2)		

FUEL

Fuel economy (city/highway)	Manual: 22/29 mpg Automatic: 23/28 mpg	Manual: N/A Automatic: 23/28 mpg	Manual: 19/25 mpg Automatic: 21/26 mpg
Fuel requirement	Unleaded gasoline (87 octane) recommended	Unleaded gasoline (87 octane) recommended	Premium unleaded gasoline (91 octane) recommended

SYMMETRICAL ALL-WHEEL DRIVE

Continuous All-Wheel Drive	Models equipped with 5-speed manual transmission utilize a viscous-type locking center differential and limited-slip rear differential. ¹ 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	Models equipped with 4-speed automatic transmission utilize an electronically controlled variable multiplate transfer clutch and viscous-type limited-slip rear differential ¹ 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.		

CHASSIS

Steering	Engine-speed-sensing variable power-assisted rack-and-pinion. Turns lock-to-lock: 3.0. Turning circle: 34.8 ft. (2.5 XT Limited: 35.4 ft.).		
Suspension	4-wheel independent heavy-duty raised suspension		
	Front: Strut-type with internal rebound spring and lower L-arm. Antidive geometry. Front stabilizer bar.		
Brakes	Rear: Strut-type with internal rebound spring and parallel link. Antilift geometry. Rear stabilizer bar.	Rear: Strut-type with self-leveling feature. Antilift geometry. Rear stabilizer bar.	Rear: Strut-type with internal rebound spring and parallel link. Antilift geometry. Rear stabilizer bar.
	Standard: Front-wheel ventilated disc, rear-wheel drum. Optional: 4-wheel disc, ventilated front.	4-wheel disc, ventilated front	4-wheel disc, ventilated front
Brake dimensions	Standard: 4-channel, 4-sensor ABS. Optional: 4-channel, 4-sensor ABS with EBD.	4-channel, 4-sensor ABS with Electronic Brake-force Distribution (EBD)	
	Standard: 11.4 in. front/9.0 in. rear. Optional: 11.4 in. front/10.3 in. rear.	11.4 in. front/10.3 in. rear	11.4 in. front/10.3 in. rear

WHEELS AND TIRES

Wheels	Standard: 16 x 6.5" 5-spoke styled steel. Optional: 16 x 6.5" 8-spoke aluminum-alloy.	16 x 6.5" 5-split-spoke aluminum-alloy	16 x 6.5" cross-sport 6-spoke aluminum-alloy
Tires	215/60 R16 94H M+S all-season		

EXTERIOR DIMENSIONS

Length	176.6 in.		
Height	65.0 in. (includes roof rails and crossbars)		
Width	68.1 in.		
Wheelbase	99.4 in.		
Track (front/rear)	58.9 in./58.5 in.		
Curb weight (manual/automatic)	3,165 lbs./3,205 lbs.	N/A/3,230 lbs.	3,310 lbs./3,350 lbs.
Coefficient of drag (cd)	0.36	0.36	0.37
Ground clearance	8.1 in.	8.1 in.	7.9 in.
Angle of approach	22.3°	22.3°	22.4°
Breakover angle	18.9°	18.9°	18.7°
Angle of departure	20.7°	20.7°	19.5°
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.		
Cabin capacity	93.5 cu. ft. (with moonroof: 91.2 cu. ft.)		
Cargo capacity	32.0 cu. ft./57.7 cu. ft. with rear seat lowered (with moonroof: 29.6 cu. ft./56.4 cu. ft. with rear seat lowered)		

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	2.5X	2.5X L.L.BEAN® EDITION	2.5 XT LIMITED
Multireflector low-beam and high-beam headlights	●	●	●
Multireflector fog lights	●	●	●
Aluminum-alloy hood	●	●	-
Aluminum-alloy hood with functional hood scoop (feeds turbocharger intercooler)	-	-	●
Body-color painted front and rear bumpers	●	-	●
Steel Gray or Platinum Silver painted front and rear bumpers	-	●	-
Black side mirrors	●	-	-
Larger body-color painted side mirrors with integrated turn signals	○ ²	●	●
Black door handles	●	-	-
Body-color painted door handles	○ ²	●	●
Body-color painted protective side cladding	●	-	●
Steel Gray or Platinum Silver painted protective side cladding	-	●	-
Heated side mirrors and windshield wipers de-icer	○ ²	●	●
Two-speed windshield wipers with variable intermittent mode	●	●	●
Single-speed rear window wiper with fixed intermittent mode and de-icer	●	●	●
Black-finish raised roof rails with crossbars (150 lbs. capacity)	●	●	-
Aluminum-finish raised roof rails with crossbars (150 lbs. capacity)	-	-	●
Panoramic power sliding-glass moonroof with auto-open/close feature	○ ²	●	●

SEATING AND TRIM

6-way manually adjustable driver's seat with manually adjustable lumbar support. 4-way manually adjustable front-passenger seat.	●	-	-
8-way power adjustable driver's seat with manually adjustable lumbar support. 4-way manually adjustable front-passenger seat.	○ ²	●	●
Sport-design front seats	●	●	●
Dual-stage heated front seats	○ ²	●	●
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.	○ ²	-	●
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	○ ²	●	●
Silver metallic trim on dash and console	●	●	●
Aluminum front-door sill plates with Forester logos	-	-	●
Carpeted floor mats	●	●	●

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.	●	●	●
12-volt power outlets in center-console storage compartment and cargo area	●	●	●
Overhead console with dual maplights and sunglasses storage. Sun visors with concealed vanity mirrors.	●	●	●
Autodimming rearview mirror with compass	○ ³	●	○ ³
In-dash storage compartment	●	●	●
Retractable/removable cargo-area cover	●	●	●
Cargo-area-concealed multicompartiment under-floor storage tray	●	●	●
Durable hard lining on back of rear seatbacks and cargo-area floor and side walls	-	●	-
4 cargo-area utility hooks. 2 cargo-area utility bars. 4 cargo-area tiedown hooks. 2 cargo-area grocery bag hooks.	●	●	●

● Standard ○ Optional - Not available

INSTRUMENTATION

	2.5X	2.5X L.L.BEAN® EDITION	2.5 XT LIMITED
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

100-watt 4-speaker audio system with Weatherband and single-disc in-dash CD player	●	–	–
120-watt 4-speaker audio system with Weatherband and 6-disc in-dash CD changer	○ ²	●	–
120-watt 7-speaker premium audio system with Weatherband, subwoofer and 6-disc in-dash CD changer	–	–	●

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	○ ²	●	●

SECURITY

Keyless entry system with answer-back electronic chirp	●	●	●
Antitheft security system with answer-back electronic chirp (and glass shock sensor on 2.5X L.L.Bean Edition)	●	●	●
Engine immobilizer	–	–	●

SAFETY

Dual-stage deployment driver and front-passenger front air bags (SRS) ⁴	●	●	●
Front seat-mounted head/chest side-impact air bags (SRS) ⁴	●	●	●
Height-adjustable active front-seat head restraints	●	●	●
Three individual height-adjustable rear head restraints	●	●	●
Height-adjustable 3-point front seatbelts with pretensioners and force limiters. 3-point rear seatbelts 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 with hydroformed front subframe structure	●	●	●
Daytime Running Lights (DRL)	●	●	●

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

4-speed adaptive electronic direct-control automatic transmission	○	●	○
2.5X Premium Package:	○	–	–
16 x 6.5" 8-spoke aluminum-alloy wheels, 4-wheel disc brakes with Electronic Brake-force Distribution (EBD), Viscous-type limited-slip rear differential, Panoramic power-sliding glass moonroof with auto-open/close feature, Body-color door handles, Heated larger body-color side mirrors with integrated turn signals, Windshield wipers de-icer, Dual-stage heated front seats, 8-way power adjustable driver's seat with manually adjustable lumbar support, Perforated leather-wrapped steering wheel, shifter and parking-brake handle, Automatic climate control system, In-dash 6-disc CD changer			

● Standard ○ Optional – Not available

¹ Limited-slip rear differential not available on base Forester 2.5X.

² Optional as part of 2.5X Premium Package only. See optional equipment listing above.

³ Available as an accessory. See your dealer.

⁴ 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 seatbelts 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.

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