

2010 FORESTER Owner Reference Guide



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A BALANCE OF COMFORT, UTILITY AND CAPABILITY For 2010, we expanded upon our initial credo – “Sports Utility Tough, Car Easy®.” The enhancements we’ve made are intended to provide you with more driving pleasure, comfort, convenience, and security. The exterior boasts bold new styling. The interior provides enhanced comfort and function. The cargo area has been designed to make even better use of the available room. The stronger body structure adds to passive safety; stronger body structure combined with reduced vehicle weight makes for improved handling – a factor in active safety. Forester for 2010 is the essence of Subaru. We look forward to providing you with a satisfying owner experience.

INSTRUMENT PANEL

1 PANEL ILLUMINATION

When the headlight switch is in the  or  position, you can adjust the brightness of the instrument panel illumination for better visibility. To brighten, turn the control dial upward. To darken, turn the control dial downward.

2 HOOD RELEASE

To open your hood, pull the hood release lever located under the left side of the instrument panel.

3 HEADLIGHTS

Daytime running lights are standard on your vehicle. To turn on parking lights or headlights, twist the end of the turn signal lever forward. To change headlights from low beam to high beam, push the turn signal lever forward; to return to low beam, pull the lever back. To flash the headlights, pull the lever toward you and then release it.

4 FOG LIGHTS (IF EQUIPPED)

Your fog lights will only operate when your headlights are on low beam. To turn the fog lights on, turn the dial up. To turn the fog lights off, turn the dial back down.

5 COOLANT TEMPERATURE

Illumination in BLUE indicates insufficient warming up of the engine. Illumination in RED indicates overheating condition of the engine.

6 CHECK ENGINE LIGHT

If this light comes on and stays on, see your Subaru dealer as soon as possible. There may be a problem with your emission control system. NOTE: If you have recently fueled your vehicle, the "CHECK ENGINE" light may stay on due to a missing or loose fuel filler cap. (The cap should be tightened until it clicks.)

7 LOW FUEL

WARNING LIGHT

If this light appears, refuel promptly; your tank is nearly empty. Approximately 2.6 U.S. gallons of fuel remain.

8 ABS WARNING LIGHT

If the ABS (Anti-lock Brake System) light comes on and stays on after the vehicle speed exceeds approximately 8 mph, the ABS system may not be working properly. (The conventional brake system will continue to operate normally.) Have the ABS system checked by your Subaru dealer at the first available opportunity.

9 CRUISE CONTROL

SET Push the "CRUISE" button located on the steering wheel. The "CRUISE" indicator light on the instrument panel will turn on. Press the accelerator pedal until your vehicle reaches the desired speed. Push the "SET/COAST" button and release. Ease off the accelerator

pedal. Your vehicle will maintain the desired speed.

TEMPORARY CANCEL There are four ways to temporarily cancel cruise control: depress the brake pedal; push the "CANCEL" button; press the clutch pedal (manual transmission); or, shift the selector lever into the "N" position (automatic transmission).

RESUME Push the "RES/ACC" button with the vehicle speed approximately 20 mph or more.

SHUT OFF To quit cruise control, push the main "CRUISE" button again, or, when the vehicle is stopped, turn the ignition switch to the "ACC" or "LOCK" position.

INCREASE SPEED Push the "RES/ACC" button, hold until your vehicle reaches the desired speed, and release. To increase speed using the accelerator pedal, press the pedal until you reach the desired speed. Push the "SET/COAST" button to set the speed.

DECREASE SPEED Push and hold the "SET/COAST" button, until your vehicle slows to the desired speed, then release. To decrease the speed using the brake pedal, press the pedal to release cruise control temporarily. When the speed decreases to the desired rate, push the "SET/COAST" button.

10 WINDSHIELD WIPERS

To turn wipers on, press the wiper control lever down one level for intermittent, two levels for low, or three levels for high speed. Return the lever to the "OFF" position to stop wipers. For a single wipe/mist, pull the lever toward you. To spray washer fluid spray, press the washer button at the end of the wiper control lever. To operate the rear wiper, turn the knob on the end of the control lever forward to intermittent, continuous, or wash position. Turn the end of the lever backward for wash operation when the rear wiper is not in use.

11 PASSENGER FRONTAL AIRBAG ON/OFF INDICATORS

These indicators, located next to the clock, show the status of the front seat passenger's SRS frontal air bag. If the air bag is enabled, the frontal air bag ON indicator light will illuminate. If the air bag is disabled (not activated to deploy in an accident), the OFF indicator will illuminate. Please refer to your Owner's Manual for complete details.

12 HAZARD WARNING FLASHERS

Press the hazard button to turn flashers on to warn other drivers when you are experiencing emergency conditions. Press again to turn flashers off.

ADDITIONAL FEATURES



TILT/TELESCOPIC STEERING COLUMN

The tilt and telescopic lever is underneath the steering wheel on the lower left side of the steering column. Push it down firmly to adjust the vertical and lengthwise position of the wheel; push it back up firmly to lock the wheel in place. When adjusting the steering wheel, there are cases in which the lever cannot be pushed back to the fixed position. In such cases, readjust the steering position and push the lever back to the fixed position again. Do not adjust while driving.



SEAT HEATERS (IF EQUIPPED)

Located (on the center console) between the driver and passenger seats, turn the dial forward to the desired position. An indicator light next to the dial will turn on. Turn the switch off before exiting the vehicle.



AUXILIARY POWER SOCKETS

Located in the center console compartment, rear cargo area sidewall and under the climate controls. NOTE: Electrical power (12V DC) from the battery is on tap at the socket when the ignition switch is in either the "ACC" or "ON" position. You can use an in-car electrical appliance by connecting it to the socket.



CENTER CONSOLE ARMREST

The center console can be used as an armrest or additional storage space. To use the center console as an armrest, move the armrest part of the console top to the desired position. Adjust the armrest to suit your driving position. To use the center console as additional storage space, raise the console top to the vertical position.



REMOTE KEYLESS ENTRY

TO LOCK ALL DOORS (AND REAR GATE)

Briefly press "LOCK/ARM." An electronic chirp will sound one time and the hazard lights will flash one time. If any of the doors (or the rear gate) are not fully closed, an electronic chirp will sound five times and the hazard lights will flash five times to alert you that the doors (or the rear gate) are not properly closed. If all doors are properly closed, the system will automatically lock the vehicle.

UNLOCK DRIVER'S DOOR

Briefly press "UNLOCK/DISARM." An electronic chirp will sound two times, the hazard lights will flash two times, and the security system will be disarmed. To unlock all doors and the rear gate, briefly press the "UNLOCK/DISARM" button a second time within five seconds.

DEACTIVATE OR ACTIVATE ELECTRONIC CHIRP

(1) Sit in the driver's seat and shut all doors and rear gate. (2) Hold down the rear side (unlock side) of the power door locking switch. (3) While holding down the unlock side of the power door locking switch, remove and insert the key from the ignition switch at least 6 times within 10 seconds after Step 2. (4) Open and close the driver's door once within 10 seconds after Step 3. (5) The hazard warning flashers will flash three times to indicate completion of the setting.

VEHICLE FINDER FUNCTION

This function can help you find your vehicle when it is parked among many vehicles in a large parking lot, provided you are within 30 feet of the vehicle. Press the "LOCK" button three times within five seconds. The horn will sound one time and the hazard lights will flash three times.



FUEL FILLER LID RELEASE LEVER

Located on the floor near the driver's door. To open the fuel filler lid, pull the lid release lever up and release.

ALARM SYSTEM

The alarm sounds when the doors are opened to warn of an unauthorized entry. To arm: Press the LOCK button of the keyless transmitter. To disarm: Press the "UNLOCK" button of the keyless transmitter.

IMMOBILIZER

When the security alarm is activated, the immobilizer interrupts the starter motor to prevent an intruder from starting your vehicle without a registered key.

SAFETY FEATURES



CHILD SAFETY LOCKS

Child safety locks are located on the rear inside edges of the rear doors. In the locked position, rear doors can only be opened from the outside.



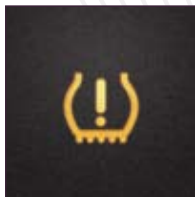
SEATBELTS

To fasten your seatbelt: adjust your seatback to the upright position and position yourself an appropriate distance from the steering wheel in order to maintain full vehicle control. Sit well back in the seat. Insert the tongue plate into the buckle until you hear a click. The shoulder belt anchor height should be adjusted to the position best suited for your comfort. To unfasten your seatbelt: push the button on the buckle. Seatbelts must be worn at all times.



CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEM

For maximum safety, first carefully read and follow the instructions from the device manufacturer, as well as the installation instructions in your Owner's Manual, to properly install the restraint system using the appropriate seatbelts or anchorages provided in your vehicle. Children ages 12 and under must properly occupy the rear seat at all times.



TIRE PRESSURE MONITORING SYSTEM (TPMS)

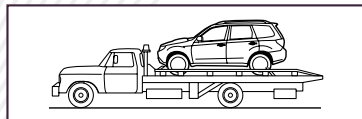
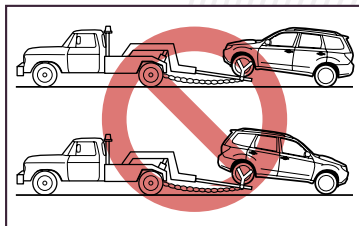
When the Tire Pressure Monitoring System detects that one or more of your tires is significantly under-inflated, the warning light will blink, then illuminate steadily. You should stop and check your tires as soon as possible, and inflate them to the proper pressure as soon as possible. **If the tire pressure is set in a warm garage and the vehicle is moved to a cold temperature, the tire pressure drops, which could cause the tire pressure warning lamp to illuminate.** Under these circumstances,

increase the tire pressure by 1 psi for every 10°F. Tire pressure should be checked after tires cool down from driving.



TOWING YOUR ALL-WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLE

Since All-Wheel Drive (AWD) distributes engine power to all four wheels, improper towing will severely damage your AWD system. A flatbed truck is the best way to properly transport your AWD vehicle. If towing is necessary, it is best done by your SUBARU dealer or a commercial towing service.





HOURS OF LISTENING AT YOUR FINGERTIPS Your Forester is equipped with a standard FM/AM stereo and either a single-disc or six-disc CD changer for hours of listening enjoyment at your fingertips.

AUDIO CONTROLS

1 POWER/VOLUME/BRIGHTNESS

Push the dial to turn the radio ON or OFF. Turn the dial counterclockwise to decrease volume and clockwise to increase volume. The brightness of the radio display dims when the light switch is in the  or  position. If this makes the display difficult to read, press the volume dial for more than 2 seconds to return display to original brightness.

2 FM/AM

Push the "FM/AM" button to select FM1, FM2, FM3 or AM reception.

3 SOUND/TUNE CONTROL DIAL

Each brief press of the "SOUND" control dial changes BASS, MIDDLE, TREBLE, FADER or BALANCE. Once the desired mode is selected, turn the dial clockwise to increase BASS, MIDRANGE, TREBLE and VOLUME. Turning clockwise while in FADER mode will increase front speaker volume and decrease rear speaker volume. While in BALANCE mode, turning clockwise will increase right speaker volume and decrease left speaker volume. Turning counterclockwise while in desired mode will decrease BASS, MIDRANGE, TREBLE and VOLUME. Turning counterclockwise while in FADER mode will increase rear speaker volume and decrease front speaker volume. While in BALANCE mode, turning dial counterclockwise will increase left speaker volume and decrease right speaker volume. For manual tuning, turn

the "SOUND/TUNE" control dial clockwise to increase frequency and turn the dial counterclockwise to decrease frequency.

4 PRESETS

You can save up to six favorite stations for each band – FM1, FM2, FM3 and AM. Select a frequency and station. Press one of the preset buttons for at least 1.5 seconds to store it. After setting your presets, you can get a favorite station easily by pressing the desired preset button.

5 SCAN

Press the "SCAN" button to begin previewing the first 5 seconds of the next highest frequency upward through the band. Press "SCAN" again to stop scanning and select a station you enjoy.

6 SEEK

Press the right arrow to increase the tuning frequency. Press the left arrow to decrease the tuning frequency.

7 SAT (IF EQUIPPED)

Press the "SAT" button to select the satellite radio mode. See your Owner's Manual for detailed information.

8 CAT

Press the "CAT" button for more than 2 seconds to turn category mode on. Radio operations (channel selection and

channel scan) are performed only in that selected category.

9 LOAD

Press the "LOAD" button. After the DISC indicator begins to blink, "IN" will appear on the display. You have 15 seconds to insert your disc. Insert the disc slowly and it will automatically be drawn in and playback will begin. Repeat these steps to insert up to six discs. To load the entire magazine, press the "LOAD" button for more than 2 seconds. The disc number indicator associated with the idle position will blink. You have 15 seconds to load the first disc. Once that's completed, the next disc indicator will blink. When the magazine is full, playback begins with the disc that was inserted first.

10 TRACK SELECTION

Briefly press the "^" button to skip to the beginning of the next track. Each time this button is pressed, the indicated track number will increase. Briefly press the "v" button to skip to the beginning of the current track. Each time this button is pressed, the indicated track number will decrease.

11 DISC SELECTION BUTTONS

Press the "CD/AUX" button to turn on the CD. Select and press one of the desired disc selection buttons to hear

the selected CD. Press the "CD/AUX" button to select the AUX mode (when the AUX unit is connected to the AUX terminal). The AUX terminal is located in the center console.

12 TEXT

Press the "TEXT" button for more than 2 seconds for song or track. You will see 12 scrolling characters at a time.

13 REPEAT/RANDOM

Briefly press the "RPT" button and release while a song is playing to play the song repeatedly. To cancel the repeat mode, press the button again. Press the "RDM" button and hold it for more than 2 seconds while the disc is being played. The RDM indicator will come on and all songs on the disc will be played in random order. To cancel the random mode, press the "RDM" button again.

14 EJECT CD

Press the disc select button of the disc you wish to eject. Press "EJECT" to remove the disc. To eject all discs from the magazine, press and hold the "EJECT" button for more than 2 seconds. Remove each disc as it is ejected from the changer.



MAINTAIN COMFORT IN ANY CONDITION For hot, cold and everything in between, Subaru climate control systems allow you to maintain comfort in any condition. With the automatic climate control system, the "AUTO" feature automatically controls air temperature, fan speed, and distribution of air flow at the touch of a button.

CLIMATE CONTROLS

AUTOMATIC CLIMATE CONTROL (IF EQUIPPED)

When the climate control system is set to AUTO, the outlet air temperature, fan speed, air flow distribution, air inlet control and air conditioner compressor operation are all automatically controlled to maintain a constant, comfortable temperature inside the vehicle. The automatic climate control system utilizes several delicate sensors. If damaged, the system may not be able to control the interior temperature correctly. Do not subject the sensors to impact, keep water away from them and do not cover them.

1 FAN SPEED CONTROL DIAL

Turn the dial to AUTO (recommended setting) to automatically adjust the fan speed in accordance with the air temperature inside and outside the vehicle. Turn the dial past AUTO to select the desired fan speed. Turn the dial to the OFF position to turn the fan off.

2 AIR INLET SELECTION BUTTON

Select this function for fast cooling with the air conditioner or when driving on a dusty road. Press the button to turn ON the air inlet and recirculate air inside the vehicle. The indicator light illuminates. When the interior has cooled to a comfortable temperature or the road is no longer dusty, press the button again to turn OFF the air inlet and allow

outside air to flow into the vehicle. Press the button again to cancel the AUTO mode. To prevent fogging, do not stay in the recirculated mode for any extended period of time. When both the air flow control dial and the fan speed control dial are in the AUTO position, the air inlet is set to the AUTO mode. Operating the air inlet selection button in this state cancels the AUTO mode. To return to the AUTO mode, turn the air flow control dial or the fan speed control dial to a position other than the AUTO position. Then turn to the AUTO position.

3 AIR FLOW CONTROL DIAL

This dial has six positions. Subaru recommends using the AUTO position, which adjusts the air flow automatically in accordance with the air temperature inside and outside the vehicle. The dial can also be set to distribute air through the instrument panel outlets; the instrument panel outlets and foot outlets simultaneously; the foot outlets; the windshield defroster outlets and foot outlets simultaneously; or solely through the windshield defroster outlets.

4 REAR WINDOW DEFOGGER BUTTON

Press the rear window defogger button to clear the rear window of fog or frost. The indicator light will illuminate while activated. To turn the rear defogger

off, press the button again. The rear defogger will shut off automatically after approximately 15 minutes. This button also operates the outside mirror defogger (if equipped) and the windshield wiper de-icer (if equipped).

5 WINDSHIELD DEFROST/DEFOG

To clear the windshield and side windows of fog or frost, set the air flow control to the defrost position, turn the temperature control dial fully clockwise and set the fan speed control to the fastest speed. When the dial is set to the windshield defrost or simultaneous foot outlet and windshield defrost position, the air conditioner compressor operates automatically to defog the windshield quickly. At the same time, the air inlet selection is automatically set to outside air mode.

6 TEMPERATURE CONTROL DIAL

This dial is used to set the desired interior temperature. Turn the dial fully counterclockwise for maximum cooling performance. Turn fully clockwise for maximum heating.

7 AIR CONDITIONING BUTTON

When the fan speed control dial is in a position other than OFF and the A/C button is pushed, the cooling/dehumidifying function will start operating and the indicator light will illuminate. To stop the function, push

the A/C button again. When both the air flow control dial and the fan speed control dial are in the AUTO position, the cooling/dehumidifying function is set to the AUTO mode. Operating the air conditioner button in this state cancels the AUTO mode of the cooling/dehumidifying function. To return to the AUTO mode, turn the air flow control dial or the fan speed control dial to a position other than the AUTO position. Then turn to the AUTO position.



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ALL-WEATHER FLOOR MATS

Custom-fitted, heavy-gauge floor mats help protect your vehicle's carpet from sand, dirt and moisture. Not intended for use over top of carpeted floor mats.



CARGO NET

New and improved design neatly holds cargo and prevents it from sliding around while the vehicle is in motion.



AUTO-DIMMING MIRROR WITH COMPASS

Mirror darkens when headlights are detected from behind the vehicle. Includes built-in electronic compass.



MOONROOF AIR DEFLECTOR

Helps reduce wind noise and sun glare.

Cannot be used in conjunction with Extended Roof Cargo Carrier.



REVERSE ASSIST SENSORS

When reversing, audible warnings alert the driver as the vehicle approaches large objects in its path.



iPod INTERFACE

Allows extensive control of your iPod through the vehicle's head unit and steering wheel controls (if equipped). Not compatible with Satellite Radio.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS



FRONT SEAT ADJUSTMENT ELECTRIC (IF EQUIPPED)

Use the bottom switch to adjust the seat forward or backward, or to adjust the angle of the seat cushion. Use the top switch to adjust the seatback angle. Use the switch on the right to adjust lower back support. Push the front of the switch to increase support or the rear of the switch to decrease support.



REAR SEAT CENTER TABLE (IF EQUIPPED)

A dual cup holder is located on the rear seat center table.



AUX UNIT

To hear sounds from portable audio player through vehicle speakers, connect the player to the AUX jack and press "AUX". AUX jack is located inside the console box.



REAR SEAT RECLINING (IF EQUIPPED)

Press in and adjust the rear seatback to the desired position.

SALES AND SERVICE

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