

Subaru What's New for 2021

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Ascent

The Subaru Ascent is a full-size, 3-row SUV with brand core technology including Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive, EyeSight® Driver Assist Technology and a 260-hp turbocharged BOXER engine standard on all models.

- LED Steering Responsive Headlights (low and high beam) now standard on all trim levels (previously standard only on Limited and Touring); includes automatic low and high beam height control. With this addition, all 2021 Ascent models earn the IIHS TOP SAFETY PICK+ award.
- High Beam Assist standard on all models (previously standard only on Limited and Touring)
- Standard EyeSight enhanced for 2021 with Advanced Adaptive Cruise Control featuring Lane Centering
- Touring model adds second upholstery choice: Slate Black perforated leather with silver stitching available on 7-passenger model with certain exterior colors
- Passenger Seatbelt Warning Light and Chime standard- Second and third-row seat belt reminder chime added to all models
- Tire pressure monitoring system now has a wheel transmitter ID self-registration function. The system will automatically register the transmitter ID for each changed wheel on the vehicle.

Crosstrek

The second-generation Crosstrek is Subaru's most affordable SUV model. Crosstrek is available in Base, Premium, Limited and the *all-new* Sport trim levels.

- New Crosstrek Sport model debuts with 182-horsepower 2.5-liter engine, unique exterior trim, new StarTex® seat material, and dual-function X-MODE® with Hill Descent Control. The latter uses increased Active All-Wheel Drive engagement for enhanced capability in a wider range of environmental conditions and offers driver-selectable SNOW/DIRT and DEEP SNOW/MUD settings.
- StarTex upholstery on Sport is a lightweight, urethane material made without animal contents, polyvinyl chloride (PVC), phthalates, or chlorine. The backing is made from 25% recycled materials.
- Limited trim also gains new 182-horsepower 2.5-liter engine.
- Standard EyeSight for all models with CVT is enhanced for 2021 with Advanced Adaptive Cruise Control featuring Lane Centering.
- Redesigned front fascia on all trims.
- New-design front grille for all trims: details vary by trim.

- Suspension has been retuned, with coils and dampers optimized for better ride, handling, and steering response.
- New humidity sensor for automatic climate control system.

Crosstrek Hybrid

A plug-in hybrid version of the popular compact SUV was introduced for 2019. The Hybrid features the Subaru StarDrive[®] Technology that uniquely integrates electric motors, a 2.0-liter direct-injection SUBARU BOXER[®] engine, Subaru Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive and Lineartronic CVT (Continuously Variable Transmission).

- Redesigned front bumper and grille
- Suspension has been retuned, featuring coils and dampers optimized for better ride, handling, and steering response.

Forester

The Subaru Forester was a pioneer in the compact SUV category, and the fifth-generation Forester is the roomiest, most capable ever, featuring segment-exclusive technology as well as core technology including Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive and a SUBARU BOXER[®] engine. Base, Premium, Sport, Limited and Touring trims available.

- LED Steering Responsive Headlights (low and high beam) now standard on all models (previously standard only on Limited and Touring)
- High Beam Assist standard on all models (previously standard only on Sport, Limited and Touring)
- Limited trim adds 7-speed manual mode for Lineartronic[®] CVT (continuously variable transmission)
- Premium trim and above add new rear center console storage tray

Impreza

Subaru Impreza is the only compact car in America with all-wheel drive standard on all model grades. It's available in sedan and 5-door models in Base, Premium, Sport and Limited trim levels.

- Premium trim adds Subaru Intelligent Drive (SI-Drive) engine performance management system and a gloss black trim ring around the instrument cluster for a more modern look.

Legacy

The seventh generation of Subaru's midsize sedan remains the only sedan in its class in the U.S. market with all-wheel drive standard on all models.

- LED Steering Responsive headlights (low and high beam) now standard on all models (previously standard on only Limited, Limited XT and Touring XT); includes automatic low and high beam adjustment
- Passenger Seatbelt Warning Light and Chime standard
- Rear Seat Reminder

Outback

The sixth generation of the iconic Subaru sport-utility vehicle is the roomiest, most capable Outback ever, debuting new powertrains and safety technology. Subaru Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive is standard on all models.

- LED Steering Responsive headlights (low and high beam) now standard on all models (previously standard only on Limited, Limited XT, Touring and Touring XT); includes automatic low and high beam adjustment
- Passenger Seatbelt Warning Light and Chime standard
- Rear Seat Reminder

WRX

Iconic Subaru high-performance sedan featuring bold wide-body design, 268-horsepower turbocharged BOXER engine and Subaru Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive.

- Keyless Access w/ Pushbutton standard on WRX Premium
- Performance Package discontinued

WRX STI

- The WRX STI continues as Subaru's flagship performance model with 310-horsepower turbocharged BOXER engine and exclusive Driver Controlled Center Differential (DCCD) All-Wheel Drive.

BRZ

- A second generation BRZ will debut as a 2022 model year.