

SUBARU FORESTER



APPLIES TO
All variants

BUILT FROM
May 2025

RATING CRITERIA
2023-2025

VEHICLE TYPE
Medium SUV

ON SALE FROM
June 2025

RATING EXPIRES
December 2031

ENGINE / MOTOR TYPES
Petrol + Hybrid

MODEL SERIES
S6

AIRBAGS
Dual frontal, side chest, side head,
centre, driver knee



ANCAP
SAFETY

TESTED
2024



The Subaru Forester was introduced in Australia and New Zealand in June 2025. This ANCAP safety rating applies to all variants.

Dual frontal, side chest-protecting and side head-protecting airbags and a driver knee airbag are standard. A centre airbag, which provides added protection to front seat occupants in side impact crashes, is also standard.

Autonomous emergency braking (Car-to-Car, Vulnerable Road User and Junction & Crossing) as well as a lane support system with lane keep assist (LKA), lane departure warning (LDW) and emergency lane keeping (ELK), and an advanced speed assistance system (SAS) with a speed sign recognition system are standard.

ASSESSMENT SCORES



Adult Occupant Protection

83%

33.52 out of 40



Child Occupant Protection

91%

44.72 out of 49



Vulnerable Road User Protection

86%

54.68 out of 63



Safety Assist

75%

13.65 out of 18

RATING APPLICABILITY*

VARIANT	BODY TYPE	ENGINE / POWERTRAIN	DRIVETRAIN	AUS	NZ
Subaru Forester	5 door SUV	2.5L Petrol	AWD	✓	✓
Subaru Forester Premium	5 door SUV	2.5L Petrol	AWD	✓	-
Subaru Forester Sport	5 door SUV	2.5L Petrol	AWD	✓	✓
Subaru Forester Touring	5 door SUV	2.5L Petrol	AWD	✓	✓
Subaru Forester Hybrid	5 door SUV	2.5L Hybrid	AWD	✓	✓
Subaru Forester Hybrid Sport	5 door SUV	2.5L Hybrid	AWD	✓	✓
Subaru Forester Hybrid Touring	5 door SUV	2.5L Hybrid	AWD	✓	✓

* Correct at time of publication. Subject to change. Check with manufacturer.



Adult Occupant Protection

83%

33.52 out of 40

FRONTAL OFFSET (MPDB)*
5.78 points out of 8

OBLIQUE POLE*
6.00 points out of 6

RESCUE & EXTRICATION
1.67 points out of 4

FULL WIDTH FRONTAL*
7.32 points out of 8

WHIPLASH PROTECTION
3.75 points out of 4

SIDE IMPACT*
6.00 points out of 6

FAR SIDE IMPACT
3.00 points out of 4

* Scaled scores. Total test scored out of 16.00 points.

The passenger compartment of the Subaru Forester remained stable in the **frontal offset (MPDB)** test. ADEQUATE protection was seen for the chest and lower legs of the driver. Protection for all other critical body regions for the driver and the front passenger was GOOD.

The front structure of the Subaru Forester presented a moderate risk to occupants of an oncoming vehicle in the MPDB test (which evaluates vehicle-to-vehicle compatibility), and a 3.48 point penalty (out of 8.00 points) was applied.

In the **full width frontal** test, protection of the driver dummy was GOOD for all critical body areas. Dummy readings of the rear passenger indicated WEAK protection of the chest, with GOOD protection of all other critical body areas.

In the **side impact** and **oblique pole** tests, protection offered to all critical body regions was GOOD and the Subaru Forester scored maximum points in these tests.

The Subaru Forester is equipped with a centre airbag to protect against occupant-to-occupant interaction in side impacts and it provided protection for the head of both front seat occupants. However, the performance of the centre airbag was not symmetrical, with reduced performance when the car was struck on the passenger's side. A penalty was applied. Prevention of excursion (movement towards the other side of the vehicle) in the **far side impact** tests was assessed as ADEQUATE for both the vehicle-to-vehicle impact scenario and the vehicle-to-pole scenario.

A Rescue Sheet, providing information for first responders in the event of a crash is available, and a multi-collision braking system is fitted. It was demonstrated that, if the car entered water, the doors and windows of the Subaru Forester would remain functional for the minimum required time period.

FRONTAL OFFSET (MPDB) TEST - 50km/h



	DRIVER	FRONT PASSENGER
Head / Neck	4.00 pts	4.00 pts
Chest	3.81 pts	4.00 pts
Upper Legs	4.00 pts	4.00 pts
Lower Legs	3.23 pts	4.00 pts
Deductions	Nil	Nil



COMPATIBILITY	
Deductions	-3.48 pts

FULL WIDTH FRONTAL TEST - 50km/h



	DRIVER	REAR PASSENGER
Head	4.00 pts	4.00 pts
Neck	4.00 pts	4.00 pts
Chest	4.00 pts	1.28 pts
Upper Legs	4.00 pts	4.00 pts
Deductions	Nil	Nil

SIDE IMPACT TEST - 60km/h



	DRIVER
Head	4.00 pts
Chest	4.00 pts
Abdomen	4.00 pts
Pelvis	4.00 pts
Deductions	Nil

OBLIQUE POLE TEST - 32km/h



	DRIVER
Head	4.00 pts
Chest	4.00 pts
Abdomen	4.00 pts
Pelvis	4.00 pts
Deductions	Nil



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FAR SIDE IMPACT TESTS - 60km/h and 32km/h



SIDE IMPACT (60km/h)	DRIVER
Head	4.00 pts
Neck	4.00 pts
Chest & Abdomen	4.00 pts
Pelvis	No penalty



OBLIQUE POLE (32km/h)	DRIVER
Head	4.00 pts
Neck	4.00 pts
Chest & Abdomen	4.00 pts
Pelvis	No penalty



OCCUPANT-TO-OCCUPANT	
Head Contact	-1.00 pts

WHIPLASH PROTECTION TESTS



	DRIVER / FRONT PASSENGER	REAR PASSENGER
Rear Impact	3.00 pts	0.75 pts

RESCUE & EXTRICATION



Rescue Sheet	●	No penalty
Door Opening / Extrication	✗	-1.00 pt penalty
Multi-Collision Braking	●	1.00 pt
Advanced eCall	✗	0.67 pt default
Vehicle Submergence		
- Door opening	●	0.50 pt
- Window opening	●	0.50 pt

● FITTED TO TEST CAR AS STANDARD ● NOT FITTED TO TEST CAR BUT AVAILABLE AS AN OPTION ✗ NOT AVAILABLE - N/A



Child Occupant Protection

91%

44.72 out of 49

DYNAMIC TEST (FRONT)
15.78 points out of 16

RESTRAINT INSTALLATION
11.81 points out of 12

DYNAMIC TEST (SIDE)
7.88 points out of 8

ON-BOARD SAFETY FEATURES
9.25 points out of 13

In the **frontal offset** test, protection of the neck of the 10 year dummy was ADEQUATE, while the protection offered to all other critical body regions of both the 6 and 10 year dummies was GOOD.

In the **side impact** test, protection of the head of the 10 year dummy was ADEQUATE, while that of other body areas of both the 6 year and 10 year dummies was GOOD.

The Subaru Forester is fitted with lower ISOFix anchorages on the rear outboard seats and top tether anchorages for all rear seating positions. An indirect child presence detection (CPD) system, which provides an alert when a child may have been left in the rear passenger seats of the vehicle, is fitted as standard.

Installation of typical child restraints available in Australia and New Zealand showed most child restraints could be accommodated in most rear seating positions, though one of the selected booster seats could not be correctly installed in the centre rear seating position.

FRONTAL OFFSET (MPDB) TEST - 50km/h



6 YEAR OLD

10 YEAR OLD

SIDE IMPACT TEST - 60km/h



10 YEAR OLD

6 YEAR OLD

ON-BOARD SAFETY FEATURES	FRONT PASSENGER	2nd ROW OUTBOARD	2nd ROW CENTRE	3rd ROW OUTBOARD	3rd ROW CENTRE
ISOFIX Anchorages	✗	●	✗	-	-
Top Tether Anchorage	✗	●	●	-	-
Airbag Disabling	●	-	-	-	-
Child Presence Detection 0.25 pts (out of 4.00pts)	✗	●	●	-	-

● FITTED AS STANDARD ✗ NOT AVAILABLE - N/A

CHILD RESTRAINT TYPE ^{^*}		FRONT ROW PASSENGER	2nd ROW			3rd ROW		
			L	C	R	L	C	R
BELTED	Rearward-facing capsule	✗	●	●	●	-	-	-
	Rearward-facing with harness - convertible (Model A)	✗	●	●	●	-	-	-
	Rearward-facing with harness - convertible (Model B)	✗	●	●	●	-	-	-
	Forward-facing with harness - convertible (Model A)	✗	●	●	●	-	-	-
	Forward-facing with harness - convertible (Model B)	✗	●	●	●	-	-	-
	Booster - 4 to 8 years	✗	●	●	●	-	-	-
	Booster - 4 to 10 years	✗	●	●	●	-	-	-
ISOFIX	Rearward-facing capsule	✗	●	-	●	-	-	-
	Rearward-facing with harness - convertible (Model A)	✗	●	-	●	-	-	-
	Rearward-facing with harness - convertible (Model B)	✗	●	-	●	-	-	-
	Forward-facing with harness - convertible (Model A)	✗	●	-	●	-	-	-
	Forward-facing with harness - convertible (Model B)	✗	●	-	●	-	-	-

● INSTALL WITHOUT PROBLEM ● INSTALL WITH CARE ● CANNOT BE FITTED SAFELY ✗ INSTALLATION NOT ALLOWED - N/A

GOOD ADEQUATE MARGINAL WEAK POOR NOT TESTED

NOTE: The child restraints fitted to vehicles tested by Euro NCAP are relevant to the European market. For Australasian consumers, this information should be used as a guide to vehicle features only. The Child Restraint Evaluation Program (CREP) provides an independent assessment on the safety of Australasian child restraints - see www.childcarseats.com.au.
 * Installation of each child restraint is assessed separately in each position. Installation of multiple restraints has not been assessed and may not be possible.
 ^ The list of child restraints has been selected to provide a general indication of the rated vehicle's ability to accommodate various CRS types. ANCAP does not endorse or recommend any one CRS brand or model, nor does it rate the safety of child restraints.



Vulnerable Road User Protection

86%

54.68 out of 63

HEAD PROTECTION (Adult, Child, Cyclist)
14.07 points out of 18

PELVIS PROTECTION
4.35 points out of 4.5

FEMUR PROTECTION
4.50 points out of 4.5

KNEE & TIBIA PROTECTION
9.00 points out of 9

AEB PEDESTRIAN (Forward)
6.75 points out of 7

AEB PEDESTRIAN (Backover)
0.00 points out of 2

AEB CYCLIST
8.00 points out of 9

AEB MOTORCYCLE
5.01 points out of 6

LSS MOTORCYCLE
3.00 points out of 3

In **pedestrian impact** tests, the bonnet and windscreen of the Subaru Forester provided GOOD protection to the head of a struck pedestrian over most of its surface, with MARGINAL and POOR results recorded on the stiff windscreen pillars and base of the windscreen.

Protection of the pelvis was GOOD or ADEQUATE, while protection of the femurs and lower legs was GOOD.

The autonomous emergency braking (AEB) system is capable of detecting and reacting to vulnerable road users such as pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists. Testing of this system showed GOOD performance in **AEB Pedestrian** tests, including turning scenarios, with collisions avoided or mitigated in most tests. An **AEB Backover** system is fitted, however this system was not able to avoid a collision in testing and no points were awarded.

GOOD performance was seen in **AEB Cyclist** test scenarios with collisions avoided or mitigated at all test speeds, including in turning scenarios. The vehicle does not provide any warning when a bicycle is approaching from behind (**cyclist anti-dooring**).

GOOD performance was seen in the **motorcyclist AEB** and **lane support** tests, including in most turning scenarios and in emergency lane keeping scenarios.

PEDESTRIAN & CYCLIST IMPACT TESTS



AUTONOMOUS EMERGENCY BRAKING (Cyclist, Pedestrian & Motorcycle)

System Name	EyeSight
Type	Autonomous emergency braking with forward collision warning
Operational From	1-200 km/h

	Cyclist traveling along road (25%)	Cyclist crossing from kerb (obstructed)	Cyclist traveling along road (50%)	Cyclist crossing (nearside)	Cyclist crossing (farside)	Cyclist crossing side road, car turning (nearside)	Cyclist crossing side road, car turning (farside)
	DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY
AEB CYCLIST TEST SCENARIOS (forward)							
PERFORMANCE	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD

CYCLIST DOORING

Information (driver door)	×
Warning (driver door)	×
Retention (driver door)	×
Warning or retention (all other doors)	×

● PASS × FAIL - N/A

■ GOOD
 ■ ADEQUATE
 ■ MARGINAL
 ■ WEAK
 ■ POOR / NOT TESTED DUE TO NO PERFORMANCE PREDICTED
 ■ NOT TESTED



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AEB PEDESTRIAN TEST SCENARIOS (reverse)	Child / Adult standing behind reversing vehicle (25% offset)	Adult / Child standing behind reversing vehicle (50% offset)	Child / Adult standing behind reversing vehicle (75% offset)	Adult / Child walking behind reversing vehicle (50% offset)
	DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY
4km/h				
8km/h				
PERFORMANCE	POOR			

AEB PEDESTRIAN TEST SCENARIOS (forward)	Adult walking along road		Adult crossing towards kerb (50%)		Adult crossing from kerb (25%)		Adult crossing from kerb (75%)		Child running (obstructed)		Adult crossing side road (farside), car turning		Adult crossing side road (nearside), car turning	
	DAY	NIGHT	DAY	NIGHT	DAY	NIGHT	DAY	NIGHT	DAY	NIGHT	DAY	NIGHT	DAY	NIGHT
PERFORMANCE	GOOD													

AEB MOTORCYCLE TEST SCENARIOS (forward)	Driving towards a stationary motorcycle			Driving towards a braking motorcycle (25% offset)			Turning across the path of an oncoming motorcycle		
	100% OFFSET			12m HEADWAY			TARGET MOTORCYCLE SPEED		
	40m HEADWAY						30km/h	45km/h	60km/h
AEB (10-50km/h)									
FCW (30-80km/h)									
PERFORMANCE	GOOD						ADEQUATE		

LANE SUPPORT SYSTEMS (Car-to-Motorcycle)

System Name	EyeSight
Operational From	60-200 km/h

EMERGENCY LANE KEEPING (ELK) TEST SCENARIOS Car-to-Motorcycle	Oncoming motorcycle	Overtaking motorcycle (EMT at 60km/h)		Overtaking motorcycle (EMT at 80km/h)	
		UNINTENTIONAL	INTENTIONAL	UNINTENTIONAL	INTENTIONAL
PERFORMANCE	GOOD				

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Safety Assist

75%

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SEAT BELT REMINDERS
1.00 points out of 1DRIVER MONITORING
1.50 points out of 2SPEED ASSISTANCE SYSTEMS
2.70 points out of 3AEB / AES (Car-to-Car)
3.73 points out of 4AEB / AES (Junction & Crossing)
1.73 points out of 4AEB / AES (Head-On)
0.00 points out of 1LANE SUPPORT SYSTEMS
3.00 points out of 3

The Subaru Forester is fitted with an autonomous emergency braking (AEB) system capable of functioning at highway speeds, and a lane support system (LSS) with lane keep assist (LKA) and emergency lane keeping (ELK) functionality, and blind spot monitoring (BSM).

Tests of the **AEB (Car-to-Car)** system showed GOOD performance with collisions avoided or mitigated in all forward and turning (**Junction**) test scenarios. The vehicle also avoided a collision in some **AEB Crossing** scenarios, where the test vehicle can autonomously brake to avoid crashes when crossing the path of another vehicle. The AEB system does not respond to **Head-On** test scenarios.

Tests of **lane support system** functionality showed GOOD performance, including in the more critical emergency lane keeping test scenarios.

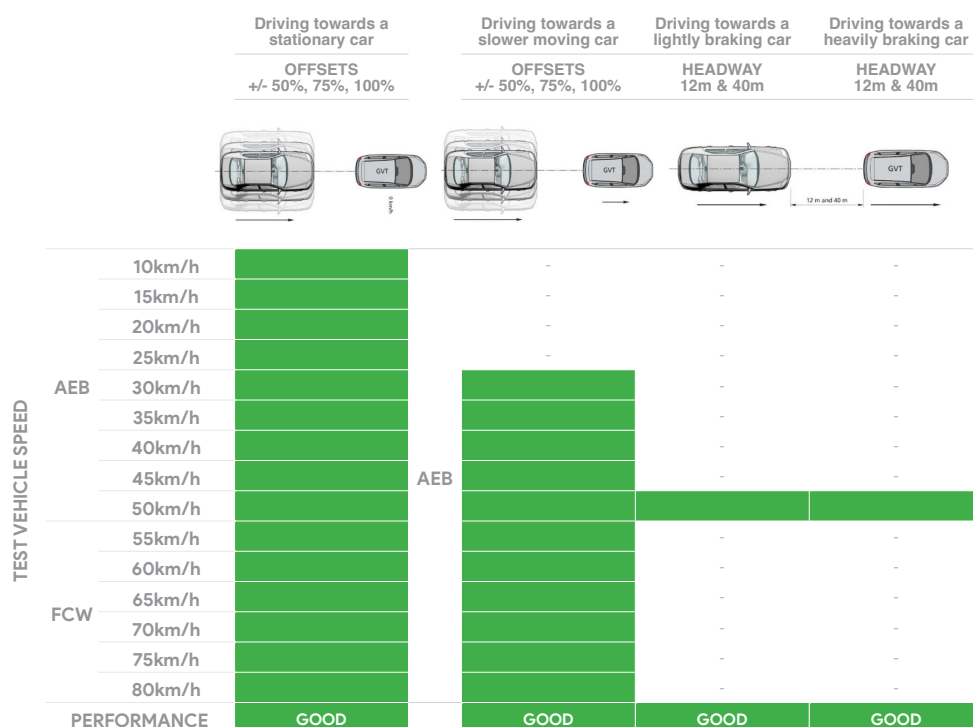
A speed assistance system (SAS) with speed limit information function (SLIF), intelligent adaptive cruise control (iACC) and intelligent speed limiter (ISL) are standard, informing the driver of the local speed limit and automatically changing the set speed accordingly.

A seatbelt reminder system with occupancy detection is fitted to all seating positions.

A direct driver monitoring system (DMS) that can detect driver drowsiness and distraction is fitted as standard. The system provides a warning to the driver and can adjust driver assistance parameters.

AUTONOMOUS EMERGENCY BRAKING (Car-to-Car)

System Name	EyeSight
Type	Autonomous emergency braking with forward collision warning
Operational From	1-200 km/h



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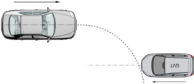
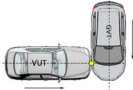











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AUTONOMOUS EMERGENCY BRAKING (Car-to-Car Junction, Crossing and Head-On)

		JUNCTION ASSIST Turning across the path of an oncoming vehicle			CROSSING (T-BONE) Crossing the path of another vehicle				
TARGET VEHICLE SPEED		30km/h	45km/h	60km/h	20km/h	30km/h	40km/h	50km/h	60km/h
									
TEST VEHICLE SPEED	Start from stop	-	-	-					
	10km/h				-	-	-	-	-
	15km/h				-	-	-	-	-
	20km/h								
	30km/h	-	-	-					
	40km/h	-	-	-					
	50km/h	-	-	-					
	60km/h	-	-	-					
PERFORMANCE		GOOD			WEAK				

			HEAD-ON In the path of oncoming vehicle			
			50km/h	70km/h		
TEST VEHICLE SPEED	Travelling straight	TARGET VEHICLE SPEED	50km/h			-
		70km/h		-		
	Lane change	50km/h			-	
		70km/h		-		
			PERFORMANCE			
					POOR	

LANE SUPPORT SYSTEMS (Car-to-Car)

System Name	EyeSight
Operational From	60-200 km/h

		Dashed line		Solid line	
LANE KEEP ASSIST (LKA) TEST SCENARIOS Car-to-Car					
PERFORMANCE					
		GOOD			

		Oncoming vehicle		Overtaking vehicle (GVT at 72km/h)		Overtaking vehicle (GVT at 80km/h)		Road edge		Solid line	
		UNINTENTIONAL	INTENTIONAL	UNINTENTIONAL	INTENTIONAL	UNINTENTIONAL	INTENTIONAL				
EMERGENCY LANE KEEPING (ELK) TEST SCENARIOS Car-to-Car											
PERFORMANCE											
		GOOD									

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OCCUPANT STATUS

WARNING TYPE	DRIVER	FRONT PASSENGER	REAR PASSENGERS
Occupant Detection	-	●	●
Seat Belt Reminder (Visual)	●	●	●
Seat Belt Reminder (Audible)	●	●	●

DRIVER MONITORING

	WARNING	INTERVENTION
Distraction	●	●
Fatigue	●	●
Unresponsive Driver	-	✗

SPEED ASSISTANCE SYSTEMS (SAS)

FEATURE	
Speed Limit Information Function (SLIF)	Camera & map
Manual Speed Limiter	●
Intelligent Adaptive Cruise Control (iACC)	●
Intelligent Speed Limitation (ISL)	●

HUMAN MACHINE INTERFACE (HMI)

FEATURE	
AEB: Supplementary Warning	●
AEB: Restraint activation / dynamic retractors / emergency steering support	✗
Lane Departure Warning (LDW)	●
Blind Spot Monitoring (BSM): Car-to-Car & Car-to-Motorcycle	●

SAFETY FEATURES & TECHNOLOGIES

SAFETY FEATURE / TECHNOLOGY*	AUS	NZ
Seat belt pre-tensioners (front seats)	●	●
Seat belt pre-tensioners (rear outboard seats) - 2nd row	●	●
Seat belt pre-tensioners (rear centre seat) - 2nd row	●	●
Seat belt pre-tensioners (rear outboard seats) - 3rd row	-	-
Seat belt pre-tensioners (rear centre seat) - 3rd row	-	-
Intelligent seat belt reminder (driver)	●	●
Intelligent seat belt reminder (front passenger)	●	●
Intelligent seat belt reminder (2nd row seats)	●	●
Intelligent seat belt reminder (3rd row seats)	-	-
Airbag - dual frontal (driver & front passenger)	●	●
Airbags - side, chest protection (front seats)	●	●
Airbags - side, chest protection (2nd row seats)	✗	✗
Airbags - side, chest protection (3rd row seats)	-	-
Airbags - side, head protection (front seats)	●	●
Airbags - side, head protection (2nd row seats)	●	●
Airbags - side, head protection (3rd row seats)	-	-
Airbag - centre	●	●
Airbag - knee (driver)	●	●
Airbag - knee (front passenger)	✗	✗
Airbag - pedestrian (external)	✗	✗
Airbag disabling switch - automatic (front passenger)	●	●
Airbag disabling switch - manual (front passenger)	✗	✗
Autonomous emergency braking (AEB) - Car-to-Car	●	●
Autonomous emergency braking (AEB) - Vulnerable Road User		
- AEB Pedestrian	●	●
- AEB Backover	●	●
- AEB Cyclist	●	●
- AEB Motorcycle	●	●
Autonomous emergency braking (AEB) - Junction		
- AEB Junction (Car)	●	●
- AEB Junction (Pedestrian)	●	●
- AEB Junction (Cyclist)	●	●
- AEB Junction (Motorcycle)	●	●
Autonomous emergency braking (AEB) - Crossing	●	●
Automatic emergency call (eCall)	✗	✗
Blind spot monitor (BSM)	●	●
Child presence detection / alert	●	●
Cyclist dooring detection / alert	●	●
Driver monitoring system - Indirect	●	●
Driver monitoring system - Direct	●	●
Forward collision warning (FCW)	●	●
Lane departure warning (LDW)	●	●
Lane keep assist (LKA)		
- LKA (Car-to-Car)	●	●
- LKA (Car-to-Motorcycle)	●	●
Secondary / multi-collision brake	●	●
Speed assistance - intelligent adaptive cruise control (iACC)	●	●
Speed assistance - auto / intelligent speed limiter	●	●
Speed assistance - manual speed limiter	●	●
Speed assistance - speed sign recognition & warning	●	●
Vehicle-to-infrastructure communication (V2I)	✗	✗
Vehicle-to-vehicle communication (V2V)	✗	✗

● STANDARD ● AVAILABLE ON HIGHER VARIANTS ● OPTIONAL ✗ NOT AVAILABLE - NOT APPLICABLE

* Correct at time of publication. Subject to change. Check with manufacturer.

TESTED MAKE / MODEL
Subaru Forester 2.0i-L Eu LHD

TESTED VEHICLE ENGINE
2.0L petrol hybrid

RATING UPDATED
December 2025

TESTED BODY TYPE
5 door SUV

RATING PUBLISHED
July 2025