

2018 Subaru What's New

Crosstrek

- All-new 2018 Crosstrek compact SUV built on Subaru Global Platform architecture that's designed to deliver significantly higher levels of driving pleasure, agility, crash protection and ride comfort.
- New Subaru design language, incorporating brand's signature hexagonal grille and C-shaped headlights onto a more sculptural body.
- New platform increases rigidity of the unitized body structure by over 70 percent to significantly enhance straight-line stability, agility and ride comfort while suppressing noise, vibration and harshness.
- Crash energy absorption improved by 40 percent over outgoing Crosstrek model.
- Revised 2.0-liter 4-cylinder SUBARU BOXER® engine gains direct fuel injection and other enhancements to boost performance and drivability.
- 6-speed manual transmission standard for 2.0i; available Lineartronic® CVT includes Low Shift Mode, X-MODE with Hill Descent Control; in Premium and Limited trims, the Lineartronic CVT replaces Low Shift Mode with 7-speed manual mode function with paddle shift control switches.
- Suspension, raised with Stablex dampers.
- Active Torque Vectoring standard on all models.
- New SUBARU STARLINK™ Multimedia systems with Apple CarPlay™, Android® Auto; Harman Kardon® premium audio available in Crosstrek for first time.
- Available EyeSight® Driver Assist Technology includes Adaptive Cruise Control, Automatic Pre-Collision Braking and Lane Departure and Sway Warning, plus a Lane Keep Assist function. Blind Spot Detection with Lane Change Assist and Rear Cross Traffic Alert with Lane Change Assist
- Reverse Automatic Braking available.
- Available Steering Responsive Headlights illuminate curves as the vehicle steers into them; Available High Beam Assist automatically activates and deactivates the high beam headlamps based on driving conditions.
- New available 4-way Tire Pressure Monitoring System can detect pressure drops at individual tires.

Forester

- Forester 2.5i Black Edition is an upgrade from the 2.5i Premium, with EyeSight; Lineartronic CVT featuring 6-speed manual shift mode, X-Mode with Hill Descent Control; 18-in. black alloy wheels; Steering Responsive Headlights; Sport front grille

with chrome frame; All-Weather Package; Auto-on/off headlights; Welcome Lighting; fog lights; Crystal Black Silica exterior badges and mirrors; cloth upholstery with simulated leather bolsters; leather-wrapped steering wheel and shift handle with silver stitching and chrome interior door handles.

- EyeSight Driver Assist Technology, Reverse Automatic Braking and High Beam Assist standard on 2.5i Touring and 2.0XT Touring.
- Active Torque Vectoring standard for 2.0XT Touring.
- Cargo area cover standard for 2.5i Limited and above.

Legacy

- Retuned suspension for smoother ride and retuned Electric Power Steering (EPS) for enhanced feel.
- Revised front and rear styling for sportier look, highlighted by C-shaped headlights with LED daytime running lights.
- New design LED fog lights on models so-equipped.
- Available Reverse Automatic Braking (RAB).
- Steering Responsive Headlight (SRH) system available in conjunction with LED headlights.
- Sound insulation front door glass is standard on all models.
- Standard Welcome Lighting automatically operates cabin illumination and exterior lights as the driver approaches or departs the vehicle.
- Automatic locking doors.
- Improved LATCH anchors for easier child seat installation.
- New high-contrast wheel designs and two new exterior colors: Magnetite Gray Metallic and Crimson Red Pearl.
- Redesigned exterior mirrors and sound-insulating glass for the front side windows among new noise-reducing features.
- New premium interior materials, including genuine stitching on the dash, seats and door panels and gloss black trim and silver-color bezels on Premium and higher trims; redesigned center console and new steering wheel.
- Clock display added to the combination meter display in the instrument cluster.
- Tire pressure monitoring system (TPMS) now detects pressure changes at individual tires.
- New STARLINK 6.5" and 8.0" multimedia systems feature Apple CarPlay and Android Auto and more smartphone-linked operations improve the multimedia experience. The top-level system includes TomTom® navigation with 3 years of free map updates. Both systems compatible with OTA (Over the Air) updates using WiFi.

- Improved voice recognition capabilities with two microphones and technology by Nuance®. Apps added for 2018 include Magellan® NAVI, eBird, BestParking, YELP® and more.
- USB power port on the back of the center console for rear seat passengers.
- Air conditioning system cools the cabin more quickly and provides more uniform temperature throughout the cabin.
- Retained interior power (vehicle systems off delay).

Outback

- Revised front and rear styling for sportier look, highlighted by C-shaped headlights with LED daytime running lights.
- New grille and redesigned bumpers.
- 18-in. machine finish wheels standard on 2.5 Limited and 3.6R Limited.
- USB power port on the back of the center console for rear seat passengers (except 2.5i base model)
- Redesigned exterior mirrors and sound-insulating glass for the front side windows among new noise-reducing features.
- Steering Responsive Headlight (SRH) system available in conjunction with LED headlights.
- Automatic locking doors.
- New premium interior materials, including genuine stitching on the dash, seats and door panels and gloss black trim and silver-color bezels on Premium and higher trims; redesigned center console and new steering wheel.
- Tire pressure monitoring system now detects pressure changes at individual tires.
- Auto-up/down power windows with anti-pinch protection on all doors standard on the 2.5i Touring and 3.6R Touring models.
- New STARLINK 6.5" and 8.0" multimedia systems feature Apple CarPlay and Android Auto and more smartphone-linked operations improve the multimedia experience. The top-level system includes TomTom navigation with 3 years of free map updates. Both systems compatible with OTA (Over the Air) updates using WIFI.
- Improved voice recognition capabilities with two microphones and technology by Nuance. Apps added for 2018 include Magellan NAVI, eBird, BestParking, YELP and more.
- Retained interior power (vehicle systems off delay).
- Clock display has been added to the combination meter display in the instrument cluster.

WRX

- Mesh-type front grille; redesigned front bumper with larger lower grille opening.
- Body color front and rear bumper on all trims.
- Optional Performance Package for WRX Premium with 8-way power driver's seat, Jurid® performance front brake pads and red-finish brake calipers; also includes Recaro® performance design front seats (including driver's 8-way power); moonroof delete. Available on models with manual transmission.
- WRX Limited equipped with EyeSight Driver Assist Technology adds new Auto Vehicle Hold with console-mounted on/off switch and EyeSight Assist Monitor head-up display
- Standard Steering Responsive Headlights and Welcome Lighting for WRX Limited.
- 18-inch dark gray finish wheels standard on WRX Premium and Limited.
- Carrier base crossbars available as an accessory roof attachment.
- Fold-down rear center armrest with cup holders.
- Sport Design instrument cluster with 3.5-in. color LCD display standard on all models; tachometer and speedometer illumination changed from red to white.
- 5.9-in. LCD multi-function display standard on all models.
- 10-way power driver's seat standard on WRX Limited.
- Anti-slip material for door grips; new black finish trim for steering wheel and center console.
- Standard security system now monitors hood.
- Heated exterior mirrors standard on all models.
- LED fog lights standard on WRX Limited.
- Redesigned LED headlights on WRX Limited (low and high beam) also includes parking lights and turn signals.
- Keyless Access with Push-Button Start and PIN Code Access standard on WRX Limited.

WRX STI

- Revised Brembo® Performance Brake System with lightweight monoblock front and rear calipers (now 6-piston on front vs. 4-piston on 2017 model); calipers painted yellow with black STI logo; larger vented discs (13.4 in. front and 12.8 in. rear) now also cross-drilled.
- New electronic Multi-Mode Driver Controlled Center Differential All-Wheel Drive system center differential in place of previous mechanical + electronic; the change provides optimum differential control for improved vehicle cornering, stability and handling.

- Numbered limited edition WRX STI® Type RA delivers increased performance through weight reduction, suspension and engine upgrades. New trim package comes standard with a carbon fiber roof panel, the removal of the spare tire, a carbon fiber pedestal wing and lightweight BBS® 19-in. forged alloy wheels with 245/35R19 Yokohama ADVAN Sport® tires.
- 19-in. alloy wheels with dark gray finish.
- Redesigned LED headlights (low and high beams) also includes parking lights and turn signals.
- Steering Responsive Headlights.
- Headlights on/off with windshield wipers in automatic mode position.
- STI Sport Design instrument cluster with color LCD multi-function display.
- Power windows with driver's and front passenger off-delay operation.
- Welcome Lighting.
- Standard security system now monitors hood.
- Heated exterior mirrors standard on all models.
- Carrier base crossbars available as an accessory roof attachment.
- New-design mesh front grille and new-design black fog light insert covers.
- Recaro brand performance design front seats with embossed STI logo are standard on STI Limited and SE models and optional for STI Base.
- Fold-down rear center armrest with cup holders.
- Red seatbelts.
- Black gloss door trim bezels and center console center panel.

Impreza

Impreza was all-new for 2017; for 2018, auto-on/off headlights with windshield wiper operation standard on Premium, Sport and Limited models.

BRZ

- tS model (tuned by STI) engineered for ultimate handling with specially tuned suspension and chassis reinforcements, 18-in. wheels with Michelin Pilot Sport® tires, Brembo brake system, exclusive aero body features including a carbon fiber rear spoiler, and unique cabin appointments, including black leather and Alcantara® upholstery with contrasting red stitching; limited to 500 units.
- Limited and tS models adopt STARLINK 7.0" Multimedia Navigation System, featuring Android Auto and Apple CarPlay.

- Premium adds standard heated exterior mirrors.
- All models add Welcome Lighting, one-touch lane change turn signal feature and headlights auto on/off with wipers.