

AT-A-GLANCE

2012 Subaru Forester®

2.5X • 2.5X Premium • 2.5X Limited • 2.5X Touring • 2.5XT Premium • 2.5XT Touring

- Third-generation Forester is Subaru's most popular model in the United States.
- Sport Utility Tough, Car Easy® crossover design blends positive SUV attributes such as a high seating point and interior versatility and off-pavement capability with passenger-car comfort, handling and fuel efficiency.
- Standard Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive and Vehicle Dynamics Control (VDC) give Forester models outstanding all-weather traction and stability.

New for 2012

- New standard height-adjustable passenger front seat on all models
- New optional navigation system available for 2.5X Limited and Touring and 2.5XT Touring models; package includes: Touch-screen navigation system with 6.1-inch display, rear vision camera (accessory on Limited and standard on Touring), AM/FM stereo with HD Radio™, single-disc CD player with MP3/WMA file capability, 6 speakers (7, including subwoofer on Touring), voice-activated controls, Bluetooth® hands-free phone connectivity and audio streaming, iPod® control capability, iTunes® tagging, USB port, 3.5mm auxiliary input jack, SMS text messaging capability, XMV Satellite Radio (requires subscription)

Key Facts

- Sophisticated chassis featuring double-wishbone rear suspension provides outstanding crash-worthiness and offers crisp handling and smooth ride.
- Two different versions of Symmetrical AWD, depending on transmission: Models

with 5-speed manual transmission feature Continuous AWD with a viscous-coupling locking center differential that splits power 50:50 front to rear. Models with 4-speed automatic transmission use Active Torque Split AWD with electronically managed continuously variable transfer clutch that actively manages the power split based on acceleration, deceleration and available traction. Both systems power all four wheels and will transfer power to the wheels with the best grip.

- Incline Start Assist (5-speed models) can momentarily prevent the vehicle from rolling backward when being driven away from a stop on an incline.
- IIHS Top Safety Pick.
- Ring Shaped Frame Reinforcement body structure provides outstanding occupant protection. Standard safety features include 3-point seatbelts for all seating positions, front seatbelt pretensioners and force limiters, Subaru Advanced Airbag System, curtain side air bags, front seat side-impact air bags and rear seat headrests for all three seating positions. Active front head restraints can help reduce the potential for whiplash injury in a rear collision, and a safety brake pedal system can help reduce lower leg injury in a frontal collision.

Basic Specifications

Body	5-passenger SUV
Wheelbase	103.0 in.
Length	179.5 in.
Height	66.9 in. (65.9 in. for 2.5X)
Width	70.1 in.
Base weight:	3,250 lbs.

Engine:

Forester 2.5X	DOHC 4-cyl. 2.5-liter Boxer (new for 2011)
Horsepower	170 hp @ 5,800 rpm
Torque	174 lb.-ft. @ 4,100 rpm
Transmission	5-speed manual or 4-speed automatic
Forester 2.5XT	DOHC 4-cyl. 2.5-liter Boxer, turbocharged with intercooler
Horsepower	224 hp @ 5,200 rpm
Torque	226 lb.-ft. @ 2,800 rpm
Transmission	4-speed automatic

Key Standard Features

- 4-wheel disc brakes with ABS and Brake Assist
- 12-volt cargo area power outlet
- 16x6.5-inch steel wheels with full covers
- 24-hour roadside assistance for new-car limited warranty period
- 60/40 split fold down rear seatback
- Air conditioning with air filtration
- AM/FM stereo system with single-disc CD player, XM[®] or SIRIUS[®] Satellite Radio capability and four speakers
- Cargo light and tie-down hooks
- Carpeted floor mats
- Cruise control
- Fuel economy gauge (average mpg)
- Headlights/parking lights auto-off with ignition switch
- Height-adjustable driver's and front passenger's seats
- Incline Start Assist (5-speed manual transmission)
- Interior accent lighting
- Multi-information display with digital clock and trip computer
- Overhead console with sunglasses holder and dual map lights
- Power door locks
- Power side mirrors
- Power windows with driver's one-touch auto down
- Rear window wiper with washer
- Rear seat armrest
- Remote keyless entry / security system and engine immobilizer

- Tilt-adjustable steering column
- Tire Pressure Monitoring System
- Vehicle Dynamics Control (VDC)
- Variable intermittent windshield wipers

Optional:

- 4-speed automatic transmission
- Alloy-Wheel Value Package (includes 16-in. alloy wheels and roof rails with black finish.)

2.5X Premium adds:

- 10-way power driver's seat
- 17-in. alloy wheels with 225/55 R17 tires
- AM/FM stereo with single-disc CD player; 3.5mm auxiliary input jack; Bluetooth hands free calling and audio streaming; iPod control capability; USB port and Sirius Satellite Radio capability.
- Auto up/down driver's window with pinch protection
- Body-color mirrors
- Chrome door handles
- Dark tint privacy glass
- Panoramic power moonroof
- Reclining rear seatback
- Rear seat bottom retractable tray
- Roof rails
- Steering wheel audio and Bluetooth control switches
- Tilt/telescoping steering column

Optional:

- 4-speed automatic transmission
- All-Weather Package (heated front seats, heated exterior mirrors, and a windshield wiper de-icer)
- TomTom Navigation System includes removable/portable touch screen navigation system with 4.3-inch screen; AM/FM stereo with single-disc CD/DVD player and six speakers; 3.5mm auxiliary input jack; Bluetooth hands free calling; iPod control capability, USB port and traffic information (by subscription); a rear-vision camera is available as an accessory with this system.

2.5XT Premium adds over 2.5X Premium

- 224-hp 2.5-liter DOHC intercooled/turbocharged Boxer engine

- 4-speed automatic transmission
- Aluminum alloy pedal covers, including driver's footrest
- Functional hood scoop (supplies outside air to intercooler)
- Rear roof spoiler

2.5X Limited adds over 2.5X Premium

- 4-speed automatic transmission
- Automatic climate control system
- All-Weather Package
- Rear-vision camera available as accessory
- Cargo area tray
- Fog lights
- Leather-wrapped steering wheel and shifter handle
- Perforated leather-trimmed upholstery
- Stainless steel tailpipe tips

Touring adds over Limited (note: 2.5XT available as Premium and Touring only)

- Rear-vision camera
- Dual-zone automatic climate control system
- Electroluminescent instrumentation
- Exterior mirrors with integrated turn

signals

- HID low-beam headlights
- One-touch folding rear seatback
- Roof rails with silver finish
- Subwoofer

Optional for Limited and Touring:

- New optional navigation system available for 2.5 X Limited and Touring and 2.5 XT Touring models; package includes: Touch-screen navigation system with 6.1-inch display, rear vision camera (accessory on Limited and standard on Touring), AM/FM stereo with HD Radio™, single-disc CD player with MP3/WMA file capability, 6 speakers (7, including subwoofer on Touring), voice-activated controls, Bluetooth hands-free phone connectivity and audio streaming, iPod control capability, iTunes® tagging, USB port, 3.5mm auxiliary input jack, SMS text messaging capability, XMV Satellite Radio (requires subscription)

Please see Forester Standard Equipment section in this press kit for further details.

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