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### **SUBARU TO DEBUT NEW RALLYCROSS FIGHTER FOR 2015 AT NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW**

Cherry Hill, N.J., Mar 30, 2015 - After a year of secret development, the cover comes off Subaru Rally Team USA's new 2015 WRX STI rallycross car at the 2015 New York Auto Show, set to compete in Red Bull Global Rallycross and X Games Rallycross.

Dubbed VT15x, this is the third evolution of an STI-based Rallycross car for Subaru in four years built by technical partner Vermont SportsCar. "We made huge strides in durability and competitiveness last season," stated Vermont SportsCar Team Principal Lance Smith. "The VT15x is almost entirely-new technology. This car is a revolution, not just an evolution."

Debuting in Bucky Lasek's new livery, the VT15x features a 580 Horsepower 2.0L Subaru Boxer engine, a 6-speed SADEV® sequential gearbox and all-wheel drive. Other features include a rallycross-spec widebody, and METHOD® Race Wheels. The VT15x is capable of 0-60 in just two seconds. The new car will meet GRC and FIA Rallycross homologation standards.

Updates and revisions to the VT15x are widespread compared to the VT14x version ran by Subaru Rally Team USA last year. Optimizing weight balance, center-of-gravity, suspension geometry, and aerodynamics were key focuses to improve handling; while increased engine power and response led to gains in overall speed and launching capability at the start. "The foundation of every great race car is the chassis you start with. Using the 2015 WRX STI, we have seen gains in handling and cornering in both our stage rally and rallycross cars; which is a testament to advancements in design from the factory" stated Smith.

Subaru Tecnica International (STI), the performance company for the brand, has stepped up their technical support of rallycross development with Vermont SportsCar; bringing their WRC and circuit racing expertise to the Subaru rallycross program. "STI is increasing their support of our U.S. based efforts in rallycross. Their expertise and development resources will take our program to an even more competitive level," stated Rob Weir, Subaru Motorsports Marketing Manager.

Subaru Rally Team USA showed a steady rise in performance last season, claiming five Red Bull GRC podiums including a Silver Medal at X Games, and victory for Sverre Isachsen at the GRC Seattle round. Bucky Lasek and Sverre Isachsen will again lead the factory race effort with Travis Pastrana joining them at X Games, and select rounds to be announced soon. "Confidence is high within the Subaru camp that we have a winning package of driver talent driving faster cars for this season," said Weir. "Our goal in 2014 was getting to the front row of every final and being on

the podium. This year, our only goal is winning.”

Subaru Rally Team USA will begin their 2015 rallycross season at the first Red Bull Global Rallycross round May 31 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Immediately followed by X Games June 5 in Austin, TX. For more details visit [subaru.com/rally](http://subaru.com/rally). Full coverage of Subaru Rally Team USA is available on the Subaru Motorsports App. To download from the iTunes App store, [click here](#), for Android App on Google Play store, [click here](#). Follow the team on Instagram @srtusa and Twitter @srtusa.

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