

Subaru Launches the All-New Forester e-BOXER in Europe

- Chassis rigidity increased by 10% for improved driving dynamics
- Optimised custom-built e-BOXER hybrid powertrain and permanent S-AWD as standard
- Class-leading 220 mm ground clearance and improved X-MODE
- Upgraded EyeSight Driver Assist with 5 new functions
- Redesigned exterior and interior design
- Improved ride comfort with 44% less head-swaying and 39% less cabin sound pressure



Zaventem, 01 October 2024 – Subaru Europe, the European subsidiary of SUBARU CORPORATION, today announced the launch of the all-new Forester in Europe.

The Forester has been a key model in the SUBARU lineup since it was first launched in February 1997. With over 5 million units sold globally for the past 27 years^{*1,2}, and currently the third-best-sold SUBARU model in Europe, the all-new Forester preserves the legacy of this capable, go-anywhere-anytime SUV, and comes redesigned in a more mature, sophisticated and refined package.

The all-new Forester package features improved on-road driving dynamics and off-road capabilities. It preserves the distinctive combination of **Permanent Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive** with the unique custom-built **e-BOXER mild-hybrid powertrain** and an optimised direct-injection 2.0-litre horizontally opposed four-cylinder **NA engine**^{*4} and Lineartronic transmission^{*5} to enhance dynamic quality, reliability and efficiency.

^{*1} 369,000 units sold in Europe

^{*2} In the past 5 years, the Forester accounted for about 25-30% of the global sales, and 28% of the sales in Europe

^{*4} 24 improvements have been made

^{*5} 5 improvements have been made

The **Subaru Global Platform (SGP)** has been further optimised through the adoption of a full inner frame construction, wider application of structural adhesive^{*6} and increased rigidity of suspension mounting points, resulting in a more rigid and lighter body for improved driving dynamics. The chassis **torsional rigidity** has been increased by 10% compared to the previous model. The new **dual-pinion electric power steering** with optimised EPS tuning results in a direct and natural steering feel with no response delays whilst the optimised **brake pedal** stroke ensures better controllability. With major parts such as the front air outlet, the texture of the engine undercover and fins placed on various sections, **aerodynamics** have been improved providing better driving stability.

The all-new Forester is standard equipped with the **dual-function X-MODE** with the motor assist now also applied when reversing, as well as the **Hill Descent Control** which maximises control and traction on slippery surfaces or steep inclines. It offers flexibility in a wider range of activities suited for off-road driving with a class-leading **ground clearance of 220 mm**, along with **ample road clearance angles**^{*7}. It maintains its ample **towing capacity** of 1870 kg.

The standard equipped **EyeSight Driver Assist Technology** is upgraded with a newly added wide-angle monocular camera and new front radar, improving its recognition performance significantly. It comes with 15 functions (5 new, 7 improved). New functions include the **Emergency Driving Stop System** (first time for SUBARU), which reduces the risk of accidents if the driver can no longer operate the vehicle (i.e. due to a medical emergency).

The standard-equipped **Driver Monitoring System (DMS)** comes with improved and newly added safety and convenience functions.

The all-new Forester provides optimised levels of **all-around visibility** with strategically designed pillars and a large glass area, including new features such as the 360° **Multi-View Monitor** (first time for SUBARU), **aspherical door mirrors** and **LED cornering lamps** for better visibility at night.

The all-new Forester comes standard with a total of **nine airbags** including a new far-side airbag for the driver's seat that reduces the severity of collisions between occupants, or between occupants and interior objects.

The all-new Forester's **exterior** has been significantly redesigned. The wider and sharper-looking front features a boldly shaped grille that connects to the thin signature lamps and blackout headlamps. The strong bulging fenders and the prominent side-line emphasise the refined rugged SUV styling, whilst the rear's high-positioned line connects the taillights and the rear gate features an engraved model logo for a studier and cleaner design. The all-new Forester is available in 11 exterior **body colours**, of which 2 are new (including the brand-new developed River Rock Pearl colour), and with 18-inch and 19-inch **wheels**.

The **interior design** has been enhanced with the use of 3D moulding that creates a strong horizontal line across the cabin. Seamless contours run from the instrument panel through the doors to enhance the spaciousness of the interior. The trapezoidal cross-section of the instrument panel and trim further contribute to the high-quality appearance.

^{*6} The coated length between spot-weld areas has been extended from approximately 8 m to approximately 27 m for the new model

⁷ Max. approach / ramp breakover / departure angles: 20.4° / 25.7° / 21.0°

It features a **spacious and refined interior** for both the front and rear passengers. Ride comfort and usability have been enhanced thanks to the integration of **head-shaking-preventing front seats**^{*8*9} that reduce back and neck pain as well as road sickness on long journeys. Various parts have been tweaked which also allowed the **reduction of cabin sound pressure**^{*10}, **road noise** and **engine noise**. In addition, the **slimmed-down headrest and shoulder area of the front seats** provide better visibility and access to the rear seats.

The all-new Forester provides an ample **trunk space** large enough to accommodate four large suitcases (**min. 508 L to max. 1,720 L** with the rear seats folded down) and comes with newly added hooks and anchor points further improving the vehicle's practicality and convenience

Kick sensor-activated Hands-Free Power Rear Gate is available (first time for SUBARU) for easier loading and unloading. The all-new Forester comes equipped with a new 11.6-inch Full HD **infotainment system** that offers improved operability. Hardware switches for selected functions continue to be provided to minimise driver's distraction while driving. It features enhanced **connectivity**, including wireless Apple CarPlay^{*11} and Android AutoTM^{*12}, along with improved navigation that now supports Apple Maps^{*13} and what3words^{*14}. A 10 W rapid **wireless charger** is available in the centre tray, while both Type-C and Type-A terminals have been made available for the front and rear seats.

^{*8} Reduction of head movement relative to vehicle body swaying by approx. 15% vs. prev. model

^{*9} Head swaying reduced by approx. 44% vs. prev. model

^{*10} Sound damping improved by 39%, while clarity of conversations improved by 3.4% in the front and 12.5% in the rear vs. prev. model

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