By any measure, Subaru® owners are a special breed. While they value utility and comfort in what they drive, their active lifestyles require cars that can help satisfy their cravings for adventure. And whether that pursuit involves skiing a fast slope, canoeing a slow stream, or simply taking the family for a weekend trip, it brings with it a unique set of needs. As you’re about to discover, Subaru has created a full range of vehicles to meet those needs. Take the Subaru Outback®, The World’s First Sport-Utility Wagon®. Or the new 1998 Forester™. It’s easy to drive, easy to park and easy to get into and out of, unlike a typical SUV. How about a car that was tough enough to win the 1995 and 1996 World Rally Manufacturers’ Championships. And don’t forget the Legacy®. Its reliability and performance have made the Subaru Legacy the best-selling All-Wheel Drive car in America.* And every Subaru is built around the Subaru All-Wheel Driving System, the legendary system that helps maximize traction and handling on almost any road, in any kind of weather. All the time providing the driver with a sense of control and confidence. This system reflects the Subaru longtime commitment to active safety: A safe vehicle is the one that helps you avoid an accident, not merely survive one. And in the event that an accident is unavoidable, every Subaru has passive safety features, too. All Subaru vehicles meet the latest federal passenger-car safety standards with features such as front and rear crumple zones, dual front air bags and rigid unibody construction.

* The Subaru All-Wheel Driving System that road may take you. And that, after all about: helping people get more out nurses, physicians and educators — they drive — own a Subaru. And even aren’t the same as in the World Rally of Subaru All-Wheel Drive cars sold road; and are daily participants in makes it a blast to drive on any road, wherever all, is what the Subaru driving philosophy is of their lives. This is why so many engineers, people who demand a lot from the cars though the roads in your daily commute Championship, keep in mind that 93% in the last ten years are still on the their owners’ active lives.

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1 Based on The Polk Company retail registration statistics as of 12/31/96.
2 According to The Polk Company retail registration statistics as of 7/1/96.
3 According to The Polk Company statistics for the 1996 model year, the Subaru Legacy ranked highest for having Subaru Legacy owning households return to Subaru to purchase another Subaru Legacy.
The Subaru All-Wheel Driving System has been proven in the world's toughest rallies, winning the 1995 and 1996 World Rally Championship Manufacturers' titles. Subaru started 1997 strong, winning four out of the first six rounds including the Monte Carlo and Safari rallies.

The new Forester has already proven its performance mettle. A specially prepared Forester won the prestigious Holman Trophy by setting a 24-hour endurance speed record at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.
Every Subaru vehicle features the Subaru All-Wheel Driving System as standard equipment. A boxer engine, the

THE BEAUTY OF ALL-WHEEL DRIVE.

time All-Wheel Drive and long travel 4-wheel independent suspension. Powering the Subaru All-Wheel Driving System is our horizontally opposed boxer engine. Its inherent, precise balance provides quiet, vibration-free power. Subaru All-Wheel Drive (AWD) is a full-time 4-wheel drive system. There are no levers to flip or buttons to push. (Also, no decisions to make.) At all times, at any speed, Subaru AWD continuously distributes engine power to all four wheels, providing control and traction for slogging through mud, mushing through snow or just commuting home on a wet and slippery night. And to further enhance safety, Subaru AWD can sense any loss of traction and transfer power from the wheels that slip to the wheels that grip. Regardless of the terrain, the advanced 4-wheel independent suspension helps ensure that each wheel is firmly on the ground where it belongs. That means maximum traction and a smooth, comfortable ride that won’t rattle your nerves like truck-based SUVs. The Subaru All-Wheel Driving system always helps to maximize power, performance and handling.

The Subaru boxer engine’s pistons are arranged in a flat plane, allowing lower placement of the engine and a lower center of gravity. This positioning gives improved handling, stability and makes it less vulnerable to body roll on curves.
Subaru AWD delivers power to all four wheels. If the front wheels start slipping on a slick surface, their power is instantly redirected to the rear wheels. If the rear wheels slip, their power is transferred to the front wheels. Plus, there is no need to manually engage Subaru AWD.

When a car is braking, weight shifts forward, reducing rear traction. When accelerating, the opposite is true. On curves, dynamics are always changing. Whether you’re braking, accelerating or cornering, traction is there when you need it. In all cases, Subaru AWD responds by transferring power from the wheels that slip to the wheels that grip.
You've always wanted the freedom, ruggedness and utility of a sport-utility vehicle (SUV) is known for, but missed the ease, comfort and drivability of a passenger car.

Finally, it's all combined in one vehicle: the new 1998 Subaru Forester. In fact, Automobile Magazine said, "The Forester seems perfectly placed in the market, the result of a sound concept followed up by brilliant execution." One feature that has undoubtedly inspired such accolades is the 165-hp 2.5-liter horizontally opposed boxer engine, standard on all Forester models. Its lower profile gives the Forester a lower center of gravity for more stability, and its precise balance allows for virtually vibration-free power. Enough power, as a matter of fact, to tow up to 2,000 pounds. And because Forester isn't burdened with the typical SUV's ponderous, hulking size, it's easy to get into, easy to get out of, and most important, easy to drive.

Automobile Magazine, 4/97.
Tows up to 2,000 lb. with approved hitch and trailer brakes.

Forester S shown in Acadian Green Metallic with optional equipment.

Forester S shown in Canyon Red Pearl with optional equipment.
If the idea of a typical "sport-utility" leaves you with an image of too much utility and not enough comfort, try OUTBACK. THE WORLD'S FIRST SPORT-UTILTY WAGON.

In Outback. There are three Outback models to choose from: the groundbreaking Legacy Outback, the luxurious Legacy Outback Limited and the fun-loving Impreza Outback Sport. Each is a versatile combination of car-like ride, comfort and fuel economy, along with the toughness of a sport-utility. With AWD, heavy-duty raised suspension, 4-channel ABS and a powerful boxer engine, these Outback models are impressive. But in spite of its rugged nature, an Outback won't be hard on you. With loads of cargo space and an array of conveniences like an AM/FM cassette stereo, a 60/40 split folding rear seat, roof rack and 12-volt outlet in the cargo area. With the Outback limited you'll find luxury amenities such as leather interior, CD player and heated seats, and an optional dual moonroof package. And all Outback models provide a roomy interior for passenger comfort. In fact the Outback and Outback Limited get...high marks for headroom, legroom, cargo space....

Automobile Magazine, 3/97.

Outback Limited Dual Moonroof shown in Black Granite Pearl.

Outback Sport shown in Glacier White with optional equipment.
Reliability, performance and comfort are just part of the Subaru Legacy record. A record so solid that the Subaru

**LEGACY.**

**PERFORMANCE TAKES ON A WHOLE NEW PERSPECTIVE.**

Legacy has been recognized by The Polk Company for the highest household loyalty in the Midsize Car Segment or the 1996 model year. Perhaps all this is due to the Subaru All-Wheel Driving System, which puts a Legacy in a whole different footing than any two-wheel drive vehicle. Every Legacy is powered by our advanced, horizontally opposed boxer engine - the 2.2-liter in the Legacy Brighton and L, and the 165-hp 2.5-liter in the 2.5 GT and 2.5 GT Limited. Combine this with an advanced suspension, available ABS and more, and the Legacy offers a powerfully appealing driving experience.

We made Legacy Sedans and Wagons great to drive because driving isn’t only about getting from point A to point B. It’s about enjoying the trip.

According to The Polk Company's statistics for the 1996 model year, the Subaru Legacy ranked highest for having Subaru Legacy-owning households return to Subaru to purchase another Subaru Legacy.
Torn between the need for a car with sensible room, reliability and safety versus something that makes your pulse race? We have an inviting solution: the 1998 Subaru Impreza. It has the Subaru All-Wheel Driving System, a dynamic look and the ability to satisfy both sides of your brain. Whichever Impreza you select — whether it’s the smart Sedan, energetic Coupe, the spirited Sport Wagon or the new 2.5 RS Coupe — it’s related to the car that won the World Rally Manufacturers' Championship two years in a row. And what we learned about performance and safety on the challenging courses of the World Rally Championship, we’ve engineered into every Subaru.

- Impreza L Sedan, Coupe and Sport Wagon are powered by a quick 2.2-liter engine. And the 2.5 RS Coupe comes standard with a 165-hp 2.5-liter engine. Inside, here’s a quiet, comfortable cabin with lots of standard equipment including power windows and door locks, air conditioning and AM/FM cassette stereo. Plenty of space for five adults, not to mention cargo space galore.
1998 SUBARU FEATURES.

FORESTER

TRIM LEVELS
• Forester, Forester L, Forester S

MECHANICAL FEATURES
• 2.5-liter, 165-hp, DOHC boxer engine
• 5-speed manual transmission with overdrive
• 4-speed electronically controlled automatic transmission (Optional: L, S)
• All-Wheel Drive (AWD)
• Fully independent, heavy-duty, raised suspension
• 4-channel Anti-lock Braking System (ABS) (L, S)
• 15-inch styled steel wheels
• 16-inch aluminum-alloy wheels (S)
• EPA mileage est. (city/hwy.): 21/27 (Manual trans.); 21/26 (Automatic)

INTERIOR & EXTERIOR FEATURES
• Meets all federal passenger-car safety standards
• Dual front air bags (Supplemental Restraint System = SRS)¹
• Side-impact door beams
• Child safety rear door locks
• Fog lights with stone shields
• Rear window washer/wiper
• Power door mirrors (S)
• Roof rails and crossbars
• Reclining front seats with adjustable head restraints
• Driver’s seat height & lumbar adjustments
• Reclining 55/45 split fold-down rear seatback
• Tilt-adjustable steering column
• Power windows
• Power door locks (L, S)
• Overhead console with sunglasses storage, map lights & clock
• 4 cup holders
• Air conditioning
• 80-watt AM/FM cassette stereo sound system with 4 speakers
• 3 cargo area underfloor storage compartments
• Cruise control (S)

Warranties²

Basic Warranty: 3 years or 36,000 miles, whichever comes first.
Powertrain Warranty: 5 years or 60,000 miles, whichever comes first.
Rust Perforation Warranty: 5 years, unlimited mileage.

OUTBACK

TRIM LEVELS
• Outback Sport, Outback, Outback Limited

MECHANICAL FEATURES
• 2.2-liter, 137-hp, 16-valve boxer engine
• Outback Sport
• 2.5-liter, 165-hp, DOHC boxer engine
• Outback, Outback Limited
• 5-speed manual transmission with overdrive
• 4-speed electronically controlled automatic transmission (Optional)
• All-Wheel Drive (AWD)
• Fully independent, heavy-duty, raised suspension
• 4-channel Anti-lock Braking System (ABS)
• 15-inch aluminum-alloy wheels (Outback, Outback Limited)
• EPA mileage est. (city/hwy.): 23/30 (Outback Sport); 21/27 manual transmission, 21/26 automatic transmission (Outback, Outback Limited)

INTERIOR & EXTERIOR FEATURES
• Meets all federal passenger-car safety standards
• Dual front air bags (Supplemental Restraint System = SRS)¹
• Side-impact door beams
• Child safety rear door locks
• Halogen fog lights (Outback, Outback Limited)
• Rear window washer/wiper
• Power door mirrors
• Roof rack
• Reclining front seats with adjustable head restraints
• Driver’s seat height & lumbar adjustments (Outback, Outback Limited)
• Leather-trimmed upholstery (Outback Limited)
• 60/40 split fold-down rear seatback
• Tilt-adjustable steering column
• Power windows & door locks (L, 2.5 GT, 2.5 GT Limited)
• Leather-wrapped steering wheel & shift knob (2.5 GT, 2.5 GT Limited)
• Woodgrain patterned interior trim (2.5 GT, 2.5 GT Limited)
• Dual cup holders
• Air conditioning
• AM/FM cassette stereo sound system
• Compact disc player and 8 speakers (Outback Limited)
• Retractable cargo cover
• Cruise control (Outback, Outback Limited)
• Dual moonroof (Optional: Outback Limited)

NOTES

¹ The Supplemental Restraint System (air bags) protects the driver and front passenger additional protection in a frontal collision. This system provides supplemental protection only, and seat belts must be worn in order to avoid injuries to out-of-position occupants upon bag deploy- ment and provide the best combined protection in a serious accident. Children should always be properly restrained in the rear seat.

² The above warranties are provided by Subaru of America, Inc., and are subject to the terms and conditions contained in the warranties themselves. For complete warranty information, please contact Subaru of America, Inc. at 1-800-704-7000.
**IMPREZA**

**TRIM LEVELS**
- L, 2.5 RS

**MECHANICAL FEATURES**
- 2.2-liter, 137-hp, 16-valve boxer engine (L)
- 2.5-liter, 165-hp, DOHC boxer engine (2.5 RS)
- 5-speed manual transmission with overdrive
- 4-speed electronically controlled automatic transmission (Optional)
- All-Wheel Drive (AWD)
- Fully independent suspension
- Sport-tuned suspension (2.5 RS)
- 4-channel Anti-lock Braking System (ABS) (2.5 RS)
- 16-inch gold aluminum-alloy wheels (2.5 RS)
- EPA mileage est. (city/hwy.): 23/30 (L); 22/28 (2.5 RS)

**INTERIOR & EXTERIOR FEATURES**
- Meets all federal passenger-car safety standards
- Dual front air bags (Supplemental Restraint System – SRS)¹
- Side-impact door beams
- Projector beam fog lights (2.5 RS)
- Rear window wiper/washer (Sport Wagon)
- Power door mirrors
- Rear spoiler (Coupe)
- Hood scoop, 2.5 RS-type rear spoiler and aerodynamic ground effects bodywork (2.5 RS)
- Reclining front seats with adjustable head restraints
- Front seat walk-through feature (Coupe)
- Tilt-adjustable steering column
- Power windows & door locks
- Leather-wrapped steering wheel & shift knob (2.5 RS)
- Dash-mounted retractable cup holder
- Air conditioning
- 80-watt AM/FM cassette stereo sound system with 4 speakers
- Power sunroof (2.5 RS)

**NOTES**

¹ For complete warranty information including coverage and exclusions, see your Subaru dealer.

² Rally Blue Pearl has limited availability.

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