

2004
SUBARU FORESTER



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NO-GUILT PLEASURE

It used to be if you wanted an SUV that gave you sporty performance, high technology, luxury features and sophisticated design, you were talking 50 grand and a big, bulky body. The 2004 Forester 2.5 XT blows that myth away, starting with the punch from a 210-horsepower 2.5-liter turbocharged boxer engine. Choose the Premium Package, and you're savoring the power through a new smooth-shifting, 4-speed electronic direct control automatic transmission. You're also sitting in soft, leather-trimmed upholstery and enjoying the view and fresh air through a positively huge power moonroof. Best of all, you get everything else that makes Forester 2.5 XT a big cut above other small SUVs. It's a look that stands apart from the crowd with a monotone body color, 16-inch aluminum-alloy 6-spoke design wheels with raised black letter tires and natural aluminum-finish roof rails. Inside, Forester 2.5 XT adds a 7-speaker sound system including a rear sub-woofer. That's on top of an already indulgent standard equipment list that includes an automatic climate control system, AM/FM/Weatherband stereo with 6-disc in-dash CD changer, and power windows with driver's auto-down. Plus there's a standard All-Weather Package that gives you dual-mode heated front seats, heated exterior mirrors, windshield wiper de-icer and a viscous limited-slip rear differential. Of course, you get the traction and safety of Full-Time All-Wheel Drive that always sends the power to the wheels with the best traction. It's still a Subaru, after all.



AMERICAN
CROSS COUNTRY





Handsome perforated leather-wrapped shifter handle on standard 5-speed manual transmission.



Optional armrest extension provides out-of-sight storage for your phone plus added comfort on long trips.



Perfect for charging your phone, the center console features an auxiliary 12V power outlet.



The overhead console features dual pop-down storage bins for easy access to your sunglasses.



THE INTELLIGENT USE OF POWER

Since the introduction of the Forester, we've called it the intelligent approach to the SUV. Why? Because we feel there's no reason for you to give up the comfort, handling and security of a car, just to get the flexibility and durability of an SUV. With Forester 2.5 XT you'll find a standard 5-speed manual transmission teamed with a powerful 210-horsepower, turbocharged engine that's quick to respond without being a gas guzzler. There's the impressive control and grip of Subaru All-Wheel Drive (AWD). The added traction of a standard limited-slip rear differential. A smooth ride from the fully independent raised suspension. And the security and control that comes with advanced 4-channel/4-sensor ABS with Electronic Brake-force Distribution (EBD) that automatically distributes brake force depending on how the Forester is loaded with passengers and cargo. And though it's bred for rough conditions, the 2.5 XT is extremely easy on the eyes, with uniquely designed 16-inch aluminum-alloy wheels, fully functional hood scoop, aluminum finish roof rails and a monotone color scheme with color-keyed door handles.



MOST VALUABLE

What's the point of an SUV that's so expensive you can't afford to put anything into it? Forester 2.5 XS balances the value equation in your favor, with standard air conditioning, cruise control, power windows, locks and mirrors, a remote keyless entry system and an AM/FM/Weatherband stereo with single-disc CD player. And even though it's loaded, there's still plenty of room, with a 60/40 split fold-down rear seatback for flexibility and over 62 cubic feet of cargo space with the rear seatback down. It's usable room thanks to low loading height and clever items like sub-floor storage compartments, cargo tie-down hooks, cargo area storage pockets, grocery bag hooks, a 12-volt cargo power outlet and a retractable cargo cover to keep it all out of sight. And to protect you, standard front seat head/chest side-impact air bags (SRS) and height-adjustable active front seat head restraints.*

* Always wear seatbelts. Children should be properly restrained in the rear seat.





An optional roof cargo basket with vinyl coated steel carrier provides versatile cargo carrying capacity and includes a nylon stretch net.



An available convenient 12 volt

GREAT OUTDOORS

Whether you need to carry bikes, kayaks, skis, snowboards or just want to give your Forester a custom look, Genuine Subaru Accessories are ready to outfit you for your next adventure. And since Subaru designs every accessory to have the same quality, durability, fit and finish as our cars, you get peace of mind knowing that they're covered by the basic vehicle 3-year/36,000-mile limited warranty when installed at the time of vehicle purchase. For complete warranty details, see your Subaru dealer.

*Bike hitch/attachment slides into trailer hitch to carry up to two bikes and is designed for easy dismounting of bikes without lifting.**

Trailer hitch is heavy-duty rated at 200 lbs. tongue weight, 2,000 lbs. towing capacity for automatic transmission and 2,400 lbs. for manual transmission. (Ball not included. Trailer brakes may be needed.)



Front-end cover (full) helps protect front of Forester from stone chips and dents and is also available for hood only. (Not applicable for XT models)



Kayak carrier attaches quickly and easily to cross bars and carries two kayaks.





*Roof cargo carrier provides up to
150 lbs. of additional storage capacity.*

*Durable vinyl splash guards
help protect paint finish and are
color-matched to side cladding*



2004 FORESTER SPECIFICATIONS

ENGINE	2.5 X	2.5 XS	2.5 XS Premium	2.5 XT	2.5 XT Premium
Type	Horizontally opposed 4-cylinder with die-cast aluminum-alloy block and aluminum-alloy cylinder heads			Horizontally opposed 4-cylinder intercooled turbo with die-cast aluminum-alloy block and heads and Active Valve Control System (AVCS) variable valve timing	
Displacement	2.5 liters (150 cubic inches)			2.5 liters (150 cubic inches)	
Horsepower	165 @ 5600 rpm			210 @ 5600 rpm	
Torque (lb.-ft.)	166 @ 4000 rpm			235 @ 3600 rpm	
Valvetrain	16-valve with Single Overhead Camshaft design (SOHC)			16-valve with Dual Overhead Camshaft design (DOHC)	
Fuel System	Sequential multi-port fuel injection system				
Ignition System	Low-maintenance distributorless electronic			Direct Ignition with iridium spark plugs	
Exhaust System	Standard Type			Turbo Type	
Engine Management	ECM Engine Control Module manages fuel injection and ignition systems and features learning, self-diagnosis, limp-home and anti-knock capabilities				
Fuel Tank Capacity	15.9 gallons			15.9 gallons	
2004 EPA Mileage Estimates (mpg, city/highway)	21/29 (manual) 22/27 (automatic)			18/23 (manual) 19/23 (automatic)	

DRIVETRAIN	2.5 X	2.5 XS	2.5 XS Premium	2.5 XT	2.5 XT Premium
Manual Transmission (Standard)	5-speed manual with overdrive			5-speed manual with overdrive (Manual N/A on 2.5 XT Premium Package)	
Automatic Transmission (Optional)	4-speed electronically controlled automatic with overdrive. Automatic power mode engages with rapid use of the accelerator pedal.			4-speed electronic Direct Control automatic (optional on 2.5 XT, standard on 2.5 XT Premium Package) Automatic power mode engages with rapid use of the accelerator pedal.	
All-Wheel Drive (AWD)	Full-Time AWD system automatically distributes power between front and rear wheels based on traction needs. Manual transmission models have a viscous-coupling locking center differential. Automatic transmission models have an electronically managed continuously variable transfer clutch. 2.5 XS and 2.5 XT models have a limited-slip rear differential.				

CHASSIS	2.5 X	2.5 XS	2.5 XS Premium	2.5 XT	2.5 XT Premium
Body Construction	Unitized with hydroformed front sub-frame, front and rear crumple zones and aluminum-alloy hood. 72% of body sheet metal is two-sided galvanized.				
Suspension	Fully independent, heavy-duty raised type with coil springs and struts Front: lower L-arms with liquid-filled rear bushings and stabilizer bar Rear: parallel links and stabilizer bar				
Brakes	Power-assisted with dual diagonal hydraulic circuits and 4-channel/4-sensor Anti-lock Braking System (ABS) Electronic Brake-force Distribution (EBD) (2.5 XS and 2.5 XT) Front: 11.4-inch ventilated discs with twin-piston calipers Rear: 9.0-inch drums (2.5 X); 10.3-inch discs (2.5 XS and 2.5 XT)				
Steering	Variable ratio rack-and-pinion with engine-speed-sensing power assist				
Turning Circle, Curb-to-Curb	34.8 ft.—all models				
Wheels	2.5 X: 16x6.5-inch styled steel with center cap 2.5 XS: 16x6.5-inch aluminum-alloy 5-spoke design 2.5 XT: 16x6.5-inch aluminum-alloy 6-spoke design				
Tires	215/60R16 94H M+S all-season radials with raised white letters and full-size spare			215/60R16 94H M+S all-season radials with raised black letters and full-size spare	

DIMENSIONS	2.5 X	2.5 XS	2.5 XS Premium	2.5 XT	2.5 XT Premium
Wheelbase/Length	99.4/175.2—all models				
Width/Height	68.3/65.0—all models				
Track, Front/Rear	58.9/58.5—all models				
Minimum Road Clearance	7.5 (at curb weight)—all models				
Headroom: Front/Rear	39.8 (39.0 with moonroof) 39.8 (37.9 with moonroof)				
Legroom: Front/Rear	43.6/33.7—all models				
Shoulder Room: Front/Rear	53.5/53.6—all models				
Curb Weight (pounds): Manual Transmission	3090 (2.5 X)	3095 (2.5 XS)	3130 (2.5 XS with Premium Package)	3210	N/A
Automatic Transmission	3135 (2.5 X)	3140 (2.5 XS)	3175 (2.5 XS with Premium Package) 3185 (2.5 XS with Premium Package and optional leather-trimmed upholstery)	3250	3300
EPA Interior Volume (cubic feet)	93.5 (91.2 with moonroof)				
EPA Cargo Volume (cubic feet)	32.0 (rear seat up) 29.6 (rear seat up with moonroof) 84.1 (rear seat down—SAE) 82.7 (rear seat down—SAE with moonroof)				
Maximum Towing	3000 Automatic Transmission (Class Opt.)				