

SUBARU

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Office of NHTSA Administrator (NOA-010)
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue
Washington, DC 20590
Attention: VIN Coordinator

RE: Part 565 – Vehicle Identification Number 2009 Subaru Forester Models

Dear VIN Coordinator:

Pursuant to 49 CFR 565.7(d), Fuji Heavy Industries USA, Inc. submits the attached information necessary for NHTSA to decipher the characters contained in the vehicle identification numbers ("VINs") on model year 2009 Forester vehicle sold in the United States.

Please contact me by at (856) 488-3115 if you have questions or should need additional information.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

VIN SCHEME FOR 2009MY FORESTER

Digit	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Character	J	F	2	S	H	6	3	6	X	9	G	7	0	0	0	0	1

Sequential Number
700001 and after: FORESTER wagon

Plant of manufacture and transmission type

Plant of manufacture	Transmission type
FHI Gunma	
G	Full-time AWD 5MT S/R
H	Full-time AWD 4AT

Model year
9: 2009 A: 2010 B: 2011

Check digit
0 through 9 and X

Restraint system
6: Manual seat belts with driver & passenger
air bags and side air bags

Trim level
1: 2.5X 4: 2.5X LTD
2: 2.5XS 5: 2.5XT
3: 2.5XS PLUS 6: 2.5XT LTD

Engine and drive type
6: 2.5 liter engine AWD

Body type
H: Wagon

Line
S: SUBARU FORESTER

WMI
JF2: Assembled by FHI, MPV