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2015 SUBARU WRX® 2.0-LITER TURBOCHARGED BOXER ENGINE NAMED TO WARD'S 10 BEST ENGINES LIST FOR 2015

- New 268-hp 2.0-liter direct-injection turbocharged BOXER engine
- 258 lb.-ft. peak torque from 2,000-5,200 rpm makes performance accessible
- Teamed to new 6-speed manual or new Sport Lineartronic™ transmission with manual mode

Cherry Hill, N.J., Dec 9, 2014 - Subaru of America, Inc. has added yet another award to its expanding trophy case, with the 2015 WRX model's 2.0-liter turbocharged /intercooled 4-cylinder BOXER engine named to the prestigious Ward's 10 Best Engines list. Published by the respected automotive industry trade journal Ward's, and watched closely by auto industry insiders and consumers alike, Ward's 10 Best Engines is in its 21st year recognizing outstanding powertrain achievements in engineering, performance, drivability and efficiency.

The Subaru WRX, a global performance icon, was fully redesigned and re-engineered for 2015. The new-generation WRX debuted a new 268-horsepower 2.0-liter direct-injection turbo BOXER engine that's teamed to a choice of the model's first 6-speed manual transmission or a new, optional performance automatic transmission, the Sport Lineartronic® with manual mode. Each transmission is matched to a specific version of the brand's renowned Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive. Thomas J. Doll, president and chief operating officer of Subaru of America said: "We are proud of the new engine's performance and honored it has been recognized by Ward's."

The new WRX powertrain produces more power and torque from less displacement (2.0-liter vs. 2.5-liter in the previous model) and also yields higher fuel efficiency than the previous WRX (manual transmission). A stiffer, better handling chassis, a bold new wide-body sedan design and a roomier interior with upgraded cabin and new user technology make the 2015 WRX the most exhilarating ever. Active Torque Vectoring comes standard on all models.

Chosen from among a field of 37 powertrains evaluated by the Ward's editors, the 2015 Subaru WRX engine takes its place on a list that also includes some of the world's top sports and luxury cars. Notably, the naturally aspirated version of the Subaru FA Series 2.0-liter BOXER engine, which powers the BRZ sports car, was named a Ward's 10 Best Engine winner for 2013.

"Subaru delivers a new rally-car hotshot, the compact WRX sedan, and the 2.0L turbocharged 4-cyl. BOXER under the hood makes it, as one editor says, the best yet. Some editors achieved an outstanding 28 mpg (8.4 L/100 km), and this engine pairs up perfectly with a 6-speed manual that makes rowing through gears a thrill. This fleet-footed boxer steps into the ring with fire in its eyes," said Tom Murphy, Executive Editor of WardsAuto World digital magazine.

2015 WRX Boxer Details

The new WRX 2.0-liter, 4-cylinder BOXER engine uses a combination of direct fuel injection, high compression (10.6:1), Subaru Dual Active Valve Control System (D-AVCS), a twin-scroll turbocharger and an intercooler to achieve outstanding performance and high efficiency. The engine produces 268 horsepower at 5,600 rpm using 15.9 psi turbo boost, with a broad torque curve that peaks at 258 lb.-ft. over a 2,000-5,200 rpm engine speed range. With its equal 86mm bore and 86mm stroke dimensions, the WRX engine revs to a thrilling 6,700-RPM redline (6,500 rpm with Sport Lineartronic transmission) and sounds exciting through the special performance-tuned exhaust system.

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