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2016 SUBARU WRX 2.0-LITER TURBOCHARGED BOXER ENGINE NAMED TO WARDS 10 BEST ENGINES FOR 2016

- 268-hp 2.0-liter direct-injection turbocharged BOXER engine
- 258 lb.-ft. peak torque from 2,000-5,200 rpm
- Recognized for the second consecutive year

Cherry Hill, N.J., Dec 10, 2015 - Subaru of America, Inc. announced today that the 2016 WRX 2.0-liter turbocharged BOXER engine made the *Wards 10 Best Engines* list for the second year in a row.

Published by the respected automotive industry trade journal *WardsAuto*, the 22nd annual competition recognizes outstanding engines and the technology and engineering behind them. To be eligible for the list, an engine must be all-new or significantly re-engineered and available in the U.S. market with a base price not exceeding \$61,000. This year's pool of 31 nominees includes last year's 10 winners and 21 new entries. Editors score every engine based on horsepower, torque, drivability, noise and harshness mitigation, flexibility, observed fuel economy and onboard technology.

The rally-bred WRX, priced at \$26,595, is powered by a 2.0-liter, 4-cylinder BOXER engine that 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.

The 2016 model is available with either a 6-speed manual transmission or the Sport Lineartronic[®] automatic transmission with manual mode. New features available on the 2016 WRX include Blind Spot Detection/ Rear Cross Traffic Alert system with Lane Change Assist, as well as EyeSight[®] with Adaptive Cruise Control, Pre-Collision Braking and Lane Departure warning. Now standard on all WRX models is STARLINK[™] touch-screen multimedia system. Premium and Limited trims add new 18-inch alloy wheels and front suspension enhancements.

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) recently awarded the 2016 WRX, equipped with the optional EyeSight[®] Driver Assist Technology, the 2016 *TOP SAFETY PICK* and the 2016 *TOP SAFETY PICK+* for its crashworthiness evaluations of front small overlap, front moderate overlap, side impact, roof crush and rear impact as

well as front crash avoidance.

As of November 2015, Subaru has sold 513,693 vehicles, including 30,645 WRX models, thus clearing the path to another annual sales record. This year will mark the company's eighth year of sales growth and seventh successive sales record.

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