



2012-2016 Subaru Forester Oil and Oil Filter Replacement

A guide to replace an oil filter and change the oil for a ~2015 Subaru Forester. Other 2012-2016 models should be similar.

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INTRODUCTION

Replacing your oil can be a rewarding and enjoyable process. With the necessary tools and parts anyone can conduct an oil change in their driveway.

TOOLS:

- [Funnel](#) (1)
 - [17 mm Socket Wrench](#) (1)
 - [Latex or nitrile gloves](#) (1)
 - [Soft Cloth](#) (1)
 - [Oil Filter](#) (1)
 - [Oil Drain Pan](#) (1)
 - [Milk Jug](#) (1)
 - [Used Oil Filter Bag](#) (1)
 - [Torque Wrench](#) (1)
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Step 1 — Oil and Oil Filter



- Park your car on a level surface.
- ⚠ Make sure to put the car in park (first gear for manual transmissions) with the emergency break engaged.
- ⚠ Do not change oil within 2 hours of driving the car to allow the oil time to cool.

Step 2



- Place the oil pan under the oil drain plug. (this is located under the front end of the car)
- ⓘ You may choose to protect the ground with a tarp or piece of cardboard.

Step 3



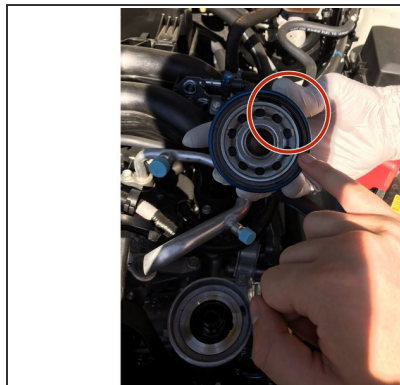
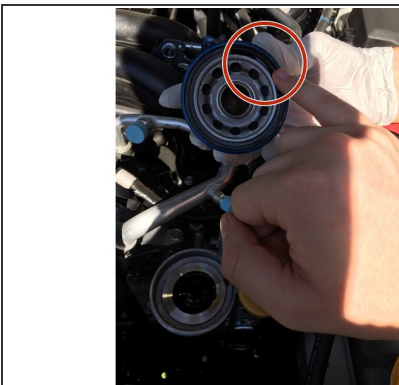
- Unscrew the oil drain plug with the 17mm wrench. This is located under the front of the car in the gap in the bottom panel.
 - Adjust the placement of the oil pan if necessary.
 - Allow the oil to completely drain into the oil pan.
- ☒ Wear clothes that you would not mind getting oil on.

Step 4



- After letting the oil drain for 10 minutes unscrew and remove the oil filter. This is located to the right of the engine when the hood is opened.
- Place the old oil filter in the oil filter disposal bag.

Step 5



- Coat the o-ring of the new filter with oil to ensure a good seal.
- Screw the new filter into place.

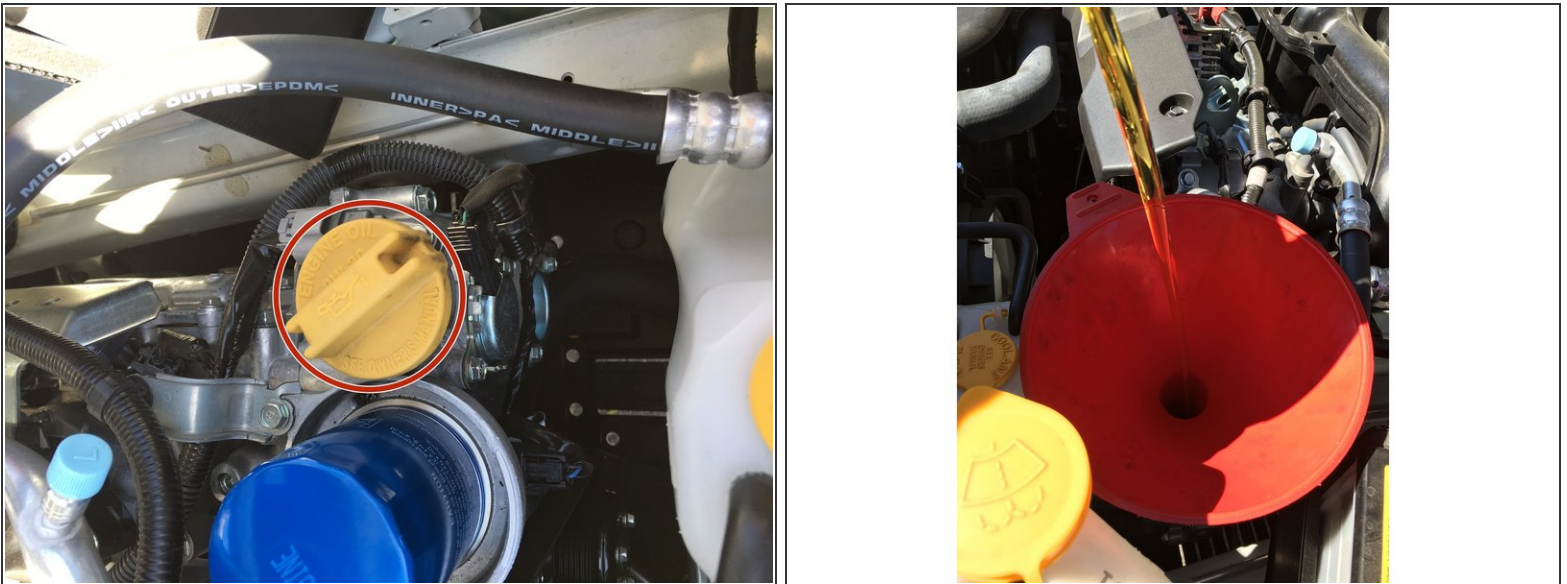
Step 6



✦ When reinstalling the oil drain plug, replace the crush washer (part# 803916010) .

- Tighten the oil drain plug to 32 ft/lbs of torque.

Step 7



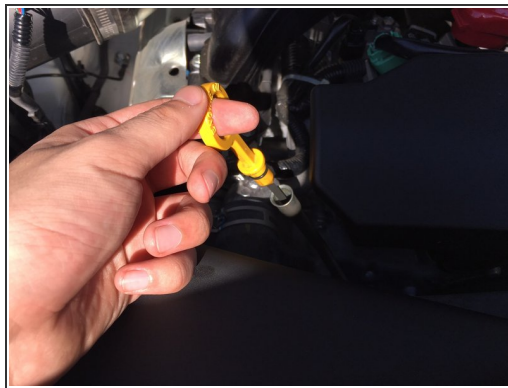
- Unscrew cap for engine oil. This is located directly to the left of the oil filter.
- Place a clean funnel in the tube.
- Slowly fill with the 5.1 quarts of engine oil.
- Screw the engine oil cap back on.

Step 8



- Pour the oil from the pan into the empty milk jug.
- Your local waste disposal company will recycle this for you.

Step 9



- Allow the car to run for 10 minutes in idle.
- Check the oil level with the dipstick. This is located to the right of the engine when the hood is opened.
- Check under the car for any dripping liquids.
- You have completed an oil and filter change on your 2015 Subaru Forester.

To reassemble your vehicle, follow these instructions in reverse order.