INTRODUCTION:

This bulletin announces a design change to the clutch release bearing. The change will address customer concerns of a chirping-type sound which may be heard following initial start-up after a cold soak. The sound normally dissipates after 2-3 minutes of operation.

PRODUCTION CHANGE INFORMATION:

The new clutch release bearing was incorporated into production starting with VIN H9824973.

PART INFORMATION:

The part number for the new clutch release bearing is: 30502AA160. The photos below show the differences between the old and new-style parts. The shape of the outer race has been changed.
SERVICE PROCEDURE / INFORMATION:

When replacing the clutch release bearing, follow the procedure in the applicable Service Manual.

IMPORTANT NOTES:
(for Anytime the Clutch Assembly and/or Release Bearing are serviced or replaced)

- Always inspect for any excessive or abnormal wear on the release fork pivot point, operating cylinder rod and release lever pivot points, and the pivot ball.
- Always use the proper grease (Nichimoly N-130, Conoco-Philips Multiplex Red #2 or Subaru p.n. 000041000) when lubricating the contact points of the release bearing and related components as specified in the Service Manual and shown below.
WARRANTY / CLAIM INFORMATION:

For vehicles within the Basic New Car Limited Warranty period or covered by an active Subaru Added Security Gold plan, this repair may be submitted using the following claim information:

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- SOA strongly discourages the printing and/or local storage of service information as previously released information and electronic publications may be updated at any time.
- Always check for any open recalls or campaigns anytime a vehicle is in for servicing.
- Always refer to STIS for the latest service information before performing any repairs.