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## **SUBARU OF AMERICA ANNOUNCES PRICING ON UPDATED 2018 WRX® AND WRX STI® MODELS**

- Revised front styling for a more aggressive look on both models
- Suspension optimized for better handling and ride comfort
- New 19-inch wheels, upgraded Brembo® brakes for WRX STI
- New available Recaro® seats
- Performance Package option for WRX models
- New EyeSight® Driver Assist Technology safety features
- Upgraded interior materials and quieter cabin

Cherry Hill, N.J. – April 20, 2017- Subaru of America, Inc., which this month posted its 64<sup>th</sup> consecutive month of record-breaking sales, today announced pricing on the updated 2018 WRX and WRX STI models. Each debuts performance, comfort, design and safety enhancements for a more rewarding driving experience. The new models reach Subaru retailers this Spring.

### **WRX for 2018**

With its 268-hp, 2.0-liter direct injection turbocharged BOXER engine, Symmetrical All Wheel Drive and Active Torque Vectoring, the rally-bred WRX is a performance and value benchmark in the high-performance AWD sport-compact segment. The WRX comes standard with a 6-speed manual transmission and offers an optional performance automatic transmission, the Sport Lineartronic® CVT with manual mode. Standard trim 2018 WRX models begin at \$26,995.

The 2018 WRX debuts a more aggressive front-end design with a larger lower grille opening. The WRX features new front and rear suspension tuning for improved steering stability and ride comfort, while retaining the car's high cornering performance capability. Subaru significantly enhanced shifter feel for the 6-speed manual transmission, with a new synchro design and reduced friction, along with smoother clutch take-up. The WRX electric power steering (EPS) was revised to provide an even

smoother, more natural feel, while integrating the steering motor and electronic control unit reduces weight.

New measures that reduce unwanted noise include thicker door glass, revised door sealing and a foam-filled windshield header beam. A new, larger high-definition multi-function display (5.9-inch vs. 4.3-inch before) makes it easier to see vehicle functions at a glance. The standard WRX adds heated exterior mirrors (already standard on others), while the WRX Premium upgrades to a SUBARU STARLINK™ 7.0" multimedia audio unit from the previous STARLINK 6.2" unit.

Additional upgrades on all models are a new sport design instrument cluster with color LCD display, power window with off delay on front driver and passenger windows, and dual rear seat armrest cupholders. Premium trim WRX models receive new 18-inch alloy wheels. The Premium trim models are well-priced from \$29,295.

A new optional Performance Package for the WRX Premium features Recaro® performance design 8-way power front driver seat, red-painted front and rear brake calipers with upgraded JURID® brake pads, and deletes the moonroof to reduce weight. The Performance Package is competitively priced at \$2,050 and offered exclusively on 6-speed manual transmission WRX Premium.

Priced from \$31,595, the WRX Limited comes standard with a 6-speed manual transmission. A Sport Lineatronic® CVT with steering wheel paddle shift controls is also available. WRX Limited models now feature 10-way power driver seat with power lumbar adjustment. The WRX Limited has redesigned LED Steering Responsive Headlights as well as LED fog lights help improve nighttime visibility. A navigation package including Harman/Kardon® audio and Blind Spot Detection and Rear Cross Traffic Alert is optional on WRX Limited 6MT models for \$2,100.

Subaru's EyeSight Driver Assist Technology is available on WRX Limited with CVT. Updated for 2018, EyeSight now features Auto Vehicle Hold (AVH), and a new EyeSight Assist Monitor (EAM). The EAM uses LED indicators to display EyeSight status and alerts on the windshield, allowing the driver to see them without diverting eyes from the road. The AVH feature replaces the Hill Holder and Hill Start Assist functions and offers greater functionality, holding the vehicle on all road grades, not only inclines. The suite of EyeSight safety technologies plus navigation is available for \$3,300.

In addition to Keyless Access with Push Button Start and Pin Code Access, the Limited offers automatic LED low and high beam height adjustment control and auto on/off windshield wiper operation when headlights are in automatic mode. A new High Beam Assist system automatically switches between high and low beams and is standard with EyeSight.

## **WRX STI for 2018**

Powered by a 305-hp 2.5-liter turbocharged BOXER engine, the WRX STI brings rally-bred performance technology to the road with Multi-Mode Driver Controlled Center Differential (DCCD) Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive. Standard handling technologies include Active Torque Vectoring and Multi-Mode Vehicle Dynamics Control.

Comprehensive handling improvements for the 2018 WRX STI include the revised suspension tuning as featured on the WRX, plus a revised DCCD AWD system, significantly upgraded brakes and this model's first-ever 19-inch wheels. The DCCD system, which previously used a combination of mechanical and electronic center limited slip differential control, now uses electronic control for quicker and smoother response. The 19-inch alloy wheels feature a striking Y-shaped spoke design and carry 245/35R19 tires that help raise cornering performance while giving the WRX STI an even more aggressive stance. The 2018 WRX STI pricing begins at \$36,095.

The yellow-painted brake calipers identify a significantly upgraded Brembo® Performance Brake System that now uses stronger monoblock 6-piston calipers in front, monoblock 2-piston calipers in the rear and larger, drilled rotors all around for better heat dissipation. New brake pads provide significantly greater surface area for improved braking feel and fade resistance.

Additional highlights to the updated WRX STI include an STI Sport Design instrument cluster with LCD, Steering Responsive Headlights (SRH), auto on/off windshield wipers and Welcome Lighting. Also, new to WRX STI is auto LED low and high beam height adjustment control.

The everyday usability that has contributed the WRX STI's popularity gets even better for 2018. All models feature upgraded interior materials, rear seat armrest with cup holders, redesigned interior door grips and faster remote trunk opening. The WRX STI also offers Recaro® seats (standard on STI Limited, optional for standard trim). For greater versatility, all WRX and WRX STI models now feature new roof rack mounting brackets.

2018 SUBARU WRX AND WRX STI				
Model/Trim	Transmission	Applicable Option Code	MSRP	MSRP + destination and delivery
<b>WRX MODELS</b>				
Standard WRX	6MT	'01	\$26,995	\$27,855
WRX Premium	6MT	11, 12	\$29,295	\$30,155
WRX Premium	CVT	11	\$30,495	\$31,355
WRX Limited	6MT	21, 22	\$31,595	\$32,455
WRX Limited	CVT	21, 23	\$32,795	\$33,655
<b>WRX STI MODELS</b>				
Standard WRX STI	6MT	'02 '03	\$36,095	\$36,955
WRX STI Limited- Wing	6MT	21	\$40,895	\$41,755
WRX STI- Low Profile Trunk Spoiler	6MT	21	\$40,895	\$41,755

2018 WRX and WRX STI Option Packages	
<b>WRX Models</b>	
CODE 01 Standard Model	N/A
CODE 11 Standard WRX Premium	N/A

CODE 12 Performance Package: Recaro® Front Seats, Red-Painted Brake Calipers, Moonroof Delete	\$2,050
CODE 21 Standard WRX Limited	N/A
CODE 22 Navigation + Audio w/ Harman/Kardon® Amplifier and Speakers + Blind Spot Detection/ Rear Cross Traffic Alert	\$2,100
CODE 23 EyeSight®+ Navigation + Audio w/ Harman/Kardon® Amplifiers and Speakers + Blind Spot Detection/ Rear Cross Traffic Alert	\$3,300
<b>WRX STI Models</b>	
CODE 02 Standard WRX STI	N/A
CODE 03 Recaro® Front Seats + Keyless Access with Push-Button Start	\$2,500
CODE 21 Standard WRX STI Limited	N/A

Destination & Delivery is \$860 and may vary in the following states: CT, HI, MA, ME, NH, NJ, NY, RI and VT. D&D is \$1,010 for dealers in Alaska.

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