



Subaru LEGACY Awarded “GRANDPRIX 09/10” in “JNCAP”

Tokyo, April 21, 2010 – Fuji Heavy Industries Ltd. (FHI), the manufacturer of Subaru automobiles, today announced that the LEGACY was awarded “GRANDPRIX 09/10” in JNCAP* for fiscal 2009. This is the third consecutive year Subaru received the honours, after the IMPREZA was awarded “GRANDPRIX” for fiscal 2007, and FORESTER and EXIGA were awarded “Excellent Car” for fiscal 2008.

*Japan New Car Assessment Program

The LEGACY is the only vehicle to be awarded the GRANDPRIX 09/10 of JNCAP. It was rated as the safest passenger car in the collision safety performance tests for driver’s and front passenger’s seats as well as pedestrian head protection performance test during fiscal 2009. The LEGACY reached level 4 in the rear seat passengers’ protection performance evaluation during a frontal offset collision test, and level 4 in the whiplash injury protection performance evaluation test respectively, which were both newly-adopted evaluations from this fiscal year. MLIT** and NASVA*** conduct new car assessment every fiscal year aiming at encouraging the use of safe automobiles by increasing users’ interests in automobile safety and by promoting the development of safer cars by manufacturers.

**Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

***National Agency for Automotive Safety & Victims’ Aid

This award adds up to a string of safety awards previously attributed to the Subaru LEGACY, and further establishes its global status as one of the safest passenger cars on the market. It was recently awarded 2010 “Top Safety Pick” by the Insurance Institute of Highway Safety (IIHS) in the US, and reached top 5-star for occupant safety in the latest round of crashworthiness testing by the Australasian New Car Assessment Program (ANCAP). It also got top 5-star rating in European New Car Assessment Programme (Euro NCAP).

For Subaru, it is essential to enhance not only “Passive Safety” but also to pursue “Active Safety”. Subaru is committed to offer confidence as well as sheer driving excitement to its customers, leveraged by the combination of its original Symmetrical All-Wheel-Drive system and Boxer Engine. Subaru will continue to provide peace of mind by further refining its distinctive safety technologies.

-Evaluation Results of LEGACY-

Overall Collision Safety Ratings: ★★★★★★ 6 + for Driver’s seat (highest rating)
★★★★★★ 6 + for Front Passenger’s seat (highest rating)
Pedestrian Head Protection Performance: Level 5 (highest rating)
Rear Seat Passengers’ Protection Performance during a Frontal Offset Collision Test: Level 4
Whiplash Injury Protection Performance Test: Level 4 (highest rating)



About Fuji Heavy Industries Ltd.

Fuji Heavy Industries Ltd. (FHI), the maker of Subaru automobiles, is a leading manufacturer in Japan with a long history of technological innovations that dates back to its origin as an aircraft company. While the automotive business is a main business pillar, FHI's Aerospace, Industrial Products and Eco Technologies divisions offer a diverse range of products from general-purpose engines, power generators, and sanitation trucks to small airplanes, crucial components for passenger aircrafts, and wind-powered electricity generating systems. Recognized internationally for its AWD (all-wheel drive) technology and Horizontally-Opposed engines in Subaru, FHI is also spearheading the development of environmentally friendly products and is committed to contributing to global environmental preservation.