Brake fluid

Checking the fluid level

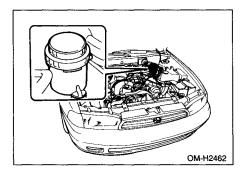
• Brake fluid absorbs moisture from the air. Any absorbed moisture can cause a dangerous loss of braking performance.

• If the vehicle requires frequent refilling, there may be a leak. If you suspect a problem, have the vehicle checked at your SUBARU dealer.

• If your vehicle is equipped with ABS/TCS (anti-lock brakes/traction control system), a different type of brake bleeding procedure is required. For that reason, it is strongly recommended that you have your brake fluid changed only by a SUBARU dealer.

A CAUTION Never use different brands of brake fluid together. When brake fluid is added, be careful not to allow any dirt into the tank. Never splash the brake fluid over painted surfaces or rubber parts. Alcohol contained in the brake fluid may damage them.

Check the fluid level monthly.



Check the fluid level on the outside of the reservoir. If the level is below "MIN", add the recommended brake fluid to "MAX". Use only brake fluid from a sealed container.

Changing the fluid

Replace the brake fluid according to the maintenance schedule in the warranty and maintenance booklet. If the vehicle is subject to rough driving, or used on hilly roads or under other demanding conditions, replace the fluid more frequently than recommended in the maintenance schedule.

Recommended brake fluid

FMVSS No. 116, fresh DOT 3 or 4 brake fluid

Brake booster

Checking brake booster operation

If the brake booster does not operate as described below, have it checked by your SUBARU dealer.

1. With the engine off, depress the brake pedal several times, applying the same pedal force each time. The distance the pedal travels should not vary.

2. With the brake pedal depressed, start the engine. The pedal should move slightly down to the floor.

3. With the brake pedal depressed, stop the engine and keep the pedal depressed for 30 seconds. The pedal height should not change.