

## Subaru Forester 2.0i e-BOXER SK

2019-2024 · 2.0i e-BOXER (150 hp) flat-four mild hybrid with CVT and symmetrical AWD

Est. annual maintenance cost: €850-1,600

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Mileage \_\_\_\_\_ Price \_\_\_\_\_ Seller \_\_\_\_\_

**What matters most:** The thermo control valve is the biggest known defect on 2019-2021 cars. Subaru extended warranty coverage to 15 years, so confirm whether the updated part has been fitted.

### BEFORE THE VIEWING

#### Recall and warranty status

Contact Subaru with the VIN to confirm the fuel pump recall (WRD-20/WRG-21) and rear stabilizer bolt recall (WRD-21) are completed. Also check if the thermo control valve extended warranty (15 years / 240,000 km) still applies.

#### Service records and CVT fluid

Ask for the full service history. The Lineartronic CVT benefits from fluid changes every 40,000 km. Missing or late CVT fluid changes can lead to torque converter shudder and expensive valve body repairs.

#### 12V battery usage pattern

Ask the seller how often the car is driven. The e-BOXER's hybrid electronics drain the 12V battery faster than normal. If the car sits unused for a week or more regularly, the battery may already be weakened.

### AT THE CAR

#### Tyres and exterior condition

This car uses 225/55 R18 tyres. AWD requires all four tyres to be within 2 mm of each other in tread depth, so uneven wear or mismatched tyres can point to drivetrain stress. Check date codes on each tyre sidewall.

#### Windshield inspection

Look closely for chips, hairline cracks, or stress marks, especially near the wiper area and the black perimeter band. The acoustic glass on this model is fragile and cracks can spread quickly. Replacement runs €700-1,200 including EyeSight recalibration.

#### Cold engine start

Start the engine from cold. Listen for unusual rattling from the flat-four and watch the dashboard for any check engine light or EyeSight warnings. The hybrid system should engage smoothly without hesitation or warning messages.

#### Thermo control valve status

Ask whether the thermo control valve (TCV) has been replaced with the updated part. On 2019-2021 cars, the original valve corrodes internally and triggers a check engine light. If a warning light is on, request a fault code readout for P2682 or P26A codes.

### DURING THE DRIVE

#### CVT behavior at low speed

Drive at 20-40 km/h with gentle throttle and feel for shuddering or hesitation. This is where the torque converter locks and unlocks. A light vibration during gentle acceleration can point to worn CVT fluid or a torque converter issue.

#### EyeSight system stability

Keep an eye on the dashboard during the drive. The EyeSight system should stay active without warning messages. Repeated deactivations can point to camera misalignment or windshield damage that is not visible from outside.

#### Infotainment and Bluetooth

Connect your phone via Bluetooth or Apple CarPlay during the drive. The Starlink system on this model is known for screen freezes, random reboots, and Bluetooth dropouts. A full head unit replacement costs €800-1,500 if the hardware has failed.

### NOTES

#### THIS CAR AT A GLANCE

Mild hybrid compact SUV, built 2019-2024. The FB20 boxer engine and AWD are well-proven, but the thermo control valve, battery drain, and fragile windshield add ownership cost.

#### KNOWN WEAK POINTS

##### Thermo control valve

Internal corrosion, 2019-2021 models  
€1,000-1,500

##### 12V battery drain

Hybrid draw flattens battery in days  
€200-400

##### Windshield cracking

Fragile acoustic glass, EyeSight recal  
€700-1,200

##### CVT torque converter

Shudder at low speed, fluid-dependent  
€500-2,500

##### EyeSight deactivation

Camera misalignment or condensation  
€200-800

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