

Subaru Forester driver maxes out odometer at 1 million kilometres

- **Subaru Forester owner clocks up 1 million kilometres with no breakdowns**
- **Subarus are built to last with 97% of cars built in the last ten years still on the road*¹**

Zaventem, 14 November 2018. Musician Jerner Jung from Slovenia has reached 1 million kilometres – the equivalent of driving 25 laps around the world – in the first generation Subaru Forester he bought on a friend's recommendation back in 1998.

Jerner, also known as Jerry, recalls the moment he reached 1 million kilometres while driving in his hometown of Ljubljana as the car's odometer clicked round and got stuck on 999,999 kilometres: "I was constantly checking the odometer because I thought it would be automatically restarted to 0 kilometres. So I took pictures before because I expected no one would believe me. To my pleasant surprise it got stuck at 999,999 kilometres."

Two decades since buying the vehicle, and after driving in all kinds of weather conditions and road environments, Jerry's Forester has never broken down. "I always paid attention to its regular maintenance and this car still retains about 70% of its original parts to this day."

Jerry also acquired a third generation Forester a few years ago which already has more than 150,000 kilometres on the clock.

Subaru Europe President and CEO, Masamichi Kudo said: "We congratulate Jerry for this great achievement and also for taking good care of his Subaru. This Forester reaching the 1 million kilometre mark is further proof of our cars' longevity, built to last longer."

Subaru has established a reputation for making tough cars to withstand the effects of both the elements and time. Over 97% of the Subaru vehicles sold in Europe in the last 10 years are still on the road today*¹.

Subaru is an SUV pioneer, the first car manufacturer to introduce a compact crossover with the launch of Outback in 1995. After this, Subaru Forester debuted in 1997 as one of the first compact crossover SUVs. It combined the strong points of a sports utility vehicle (SUV) and a passenger car as a vehicle of a new genre based on the "best of both" concept.



The current, fourth generation Subaru Forester received top ratings in crash safety evaluation programmes worldwide. This includes winning the highest five-star overall rating in the European New Car Assessment Programme (Euro NCAP)*² safety performance test in 2012.

The combination of Subaru's core technology, Symmetrical All-wheel Drive, Boxer Engine and X-mode feature with Hill Descent Control, gives to the latest Forester in Europe the capability needed on challenging road and weather conditions.

Ideally sized and packaged for European customers, the latest model features a high-quality interior, spacious passenger cabin and a versatile cargo compartment of 505 litres*³ to accommodate up to four large suitcases.

Subaru has continued evolving the latest Subaru Forester with enhanced safety features. It is available with EyeSight Driver Assist Technology, Subaru Rear Vehicle Detection (SRVD)*⁴ and adds to its increased safety package, the Side View Monitor*⁵.

The Subaru SUV*⁶ range makes up 87% of the total sales volume in Europe. While the Subaru XV is the best-selling model today, the Forester has been leading the pack in Europe for over 20 years with over 330,000 units sold across the region since its launch in 1997. Forester's global accumulated production exceeds 3.7 million units.

(*¹) 1 Based on IHS Markit European vehicles in operation as of end December 2016

(*²) 2 Euro NCAP is an independent agency composed of European governments and European motoring and consumer organizations, assessing new car safety performance since 1997

(*³) 3 with the seats up

(*⁴) 4 Radar sensors installed on the rear of the vehicle detect vehicles and other objects behind the vehicle

(*⁵) 5 a camera mounted in the passenger side mirror helping the driver to maneuver under various situations in poor visibility

(*⁶) 6 Forester, Outback, Subaru XV

Subaru Forester models (European specs.)

	<p>1st Generation 1997-2002</p>	<p>Body size:(Overall length / width / height): 4460 / 1735 / 1595 mm Wheelbase: 2525 mm Min. ground clearance: 190 mm Engine Boxer Displacement 1994 cc Maximum output 92 kW (123ps) / 5600rpm Maximum torque 184Nm (18.8kgfm) / 3600 rpm Transmission 5MT Drive train AWD Tire size 215 / 60R16</p>
	<p>2nd Generation 2002-2008</p>	<p>Body size:(Overall length / width / height): 4485 / 1735 / 1590 mm Wheelbase: 2525 mm Min. ground clearance: 205 mm Engine Boxer Displacement 1994 cc Maximum output 116kW (158ps) / 6400rpm Maximum torque 186Nm (19.0kgfm) / 3200 rpm Transmission 5MT Drive train AWD Tire size 215 / 60R16</p>
	<p>3rd Generation 2008-2013</p>	<p>Body size: (Overall length / width / height): 4560 / 1780 / 1675 mm Wheelbase: 2615 mm Min. ground clearance: 220 mm Engine Boxer Displacement 1994 cc Maximum output 110kW (150ps) / 6000rpm Maximum torque 196Nm (20.0kgfm) / 3200 rpm Transmission 4AT Drive train AWD Tire size 225 / 60R17, 225 / 55R18</p>
	<p>4th Generation 2013 - Present</p>	<p>Body size: (Overall length / width / height): 4595 / 1795 / 1735 mm Wheelbase: 2640 mm Min. ground clearance: 220 mm Engine: Boxer Displacement 1995 cc Maximum output 110kW (150ps) / 6200rpm Maximum torque 198Nm (20.2kgfm) / 4200 rpm Transmission Lineartronic Drive train AWD Tire size 225 / 60R17, 225 / 55R18</p>

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