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Interior Trunk Release**

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NHTSA No. C55503**

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## **1.0 PURPOSE OF COMPLIANCE TEST**

The purpose of this compliance test was to determine whether the subject vehicle, a 2005 Subaru Impreza WRX STI, meets the performance requirements of FMVSS 401, Interior Trunk Release.

The test was conducted in accordance with the U. S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Laboratory Test Procedure TP-401-01.

The test was conducted by NHTSA Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance test engineers on 1/27/2005.

### **Test Location:**

Subaru Dealer in Rockville, MD

## **2.0 TEST PROCEDURE AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS**

Based on the test performed, the Vehicle: 2005 Subaru Impreza WRX STI, NHTSA No. C55503 appeared to meet the requirements of FMVSS 401.

The vehicle was tested by entering the trunk and closing the lid. The release slide lever was easily observed in the darkened, enclosed trunk. A force gauge was attached to the release handle and 3 separate attempts were made to exit the trunk by applying a load to the instrument. For each attempt, the trunk released from the single latching position at a force level of approximately 49 newtons (11 lbs.) or less.

3.0 COMPLIANCE TEST DATA

DATA SHEET 1  
FMVSS 401 - VEHICLE DESCRIPTION

VEHICLE MY/MAKE/MODEL/BODY STYLE: 2005 Subaru Impreza WRX STI  
VEH. NHTSA NO.: C55503 ; VIN: JF1GD70665L514060

DATE OF TEST: 1/27/2005 TEST LAB: BY OVSC @ DEALER

GVWR: 1880 KG MANUFACTURED DATE: 08/04

TRUNK LOCATION: ☒ REAR ☐ FRONT  
If Front, Front Opening?

NUMBER OF TRUNK LID LATCHING POSITIONS: 1

INTERIOR TRUNK RELEASE: ☒ MANUAL ☐ AUTOMATIC ☐ BOTH

POWER OPERATED CLOSURE: No

OWNER'S MANUAL DESCRIPTION OF TRUNK RELEASE: ☒ YES ☐ NO

REMOVABLE EQUIPMENT DELIVERED IN TRUNK:

SPARE TIRE: ☒ (SIZE) \_\_\_\_\_

TIRE JACK: ☒

LUG WRENCH: ☒

TOOL BOX: ☐ (SIZE) \_\_\_\_\_

PARTITIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS:

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**3.0 DATA SHEETS....Continued****DATA SHEET 2 (1 of 2)**

**FMVSS 401 - All trunks except for front trunk compartments with front opening hoods**  
**MANUAL TRUNK RELEASE OPERATION**

**VEHICLE MY/MAKE/MODEL/BODY STYLE:** 2005 Subaru Impreza WRX STI

**VEH. NHTSA NO.:** C55503 ; **VIN:** JF1GD70665L514060

**DATE OF TEST:** 1/27/2005

**Method used to actuate interior trunk release:** Rotating Handle

**Other:**

**Can test personnel enter trunk and be closed within:** ☒ Yes ☐ No

**If Yes, size of occupant:** At least 50<sup>th</sup> percentile male

**Is there access to the trunk compartment by folding down rear seat or partition:** ☐ Yes

☒ No

**Does Release Mechanism require electric power:** ☐ Yes ☒ No

**Can release mechanism be easily seen inside the closed trunk:** ☒ Yes ☐ No

**Describe method used by vehicle manufacturer to ensure that release mechanism is visible in a closed trunk compartment:** Phosphorescence (Phosphorescence, auxiliary lighting, etc)

**Describe laboratory test method used to determine visibility of release mechanism:**

Trunk entry (Trunk entry, darkened room, etc.)

Vehicle Stationary (0 km/h)	Force Required to Release Trunk Lid (Newtons) [no requirement]	Trunk Released from <u>All</u> latching positions	Pass/Fail
<b>NO KEY IN IGNITION</b>			
Attempt 1	49	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Pass <input type="radio"/> Fail
Attempt 2	49	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Pass <input type="radio"/> Fail
Attempt 3	49	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Pass <input type="radio"/> Fail
Average -	49		



## 3.0 DATA SHEETS....Continued

## DATA SHEET 2 (2 of 2)

## FMVSS 401 - MANUAL TRUNK RELEASE OPERATION (continued)

**NOTE: Interior Trunk Release is a totally mechanical system with its operation and functioning not dependent upon engine operation or vehicle speed. The release mechanism will function identical to that of the stationary vehicle with the no key in the ignition (as previously tested) and thus the following tests were not required to be conducted.**

Vehicle Stationary (0 km/h)	Force Required to Release Trunk Lid (Newtons) [no requirement]	Trunk Released from All latching positions	Pass/Fail
ENGINE IDLING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable			
Attempt 1		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
Attempt 2		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
Attempt 3		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
Average -			

Vehicle Speed (km/h)	Force Required to Release Trunk Lid (Newtons) [no requirement]	Trunk Released from All latching positions	Pass/Fail
10		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
20		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
30		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail

Describe method used to propel vehicle:

☐ Pass ☐ Fail

REMARKS:

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### 3.0 DATA SHEETS....Continued

#### DATA SHEET 3 FMVSS 401 -TEST SUMMARY

	PASS	FAIL	COMMENTS
Automatic or Manual release mechanism inside the trunk compartment. S4.1	Ⓟ	Ⓢ	Manual release.
If manual release, lighting feature is included. S4.2(a)	Ⓟ	Ⓢ	Self lighting (Phosphorescence).
If automatic release, unlatches trunk lid within 5 minutes. S4.2(b)	Ⓢ	Ⓢ	N/A
Except as provided by S4.3(b), actuation of release mechanism required by S4.1 completely releases trunk lid from all latching positions of the trunk lid latch. S 4.3(a)	Ⓟ	Ⓢ	
For front trunk compartments, front opening hoods, when vehicle is stationary latch releases trunk lid from all locking positions. When moving forward at a speed less than 5km/h, must release the primary latch and may release all latches. At speeds greater than 5km/h must release the primary latch only. S4.3(b)	Ⓢ	Ⓢ	N/A

Ⓟ Pass      Ⓢ Fail

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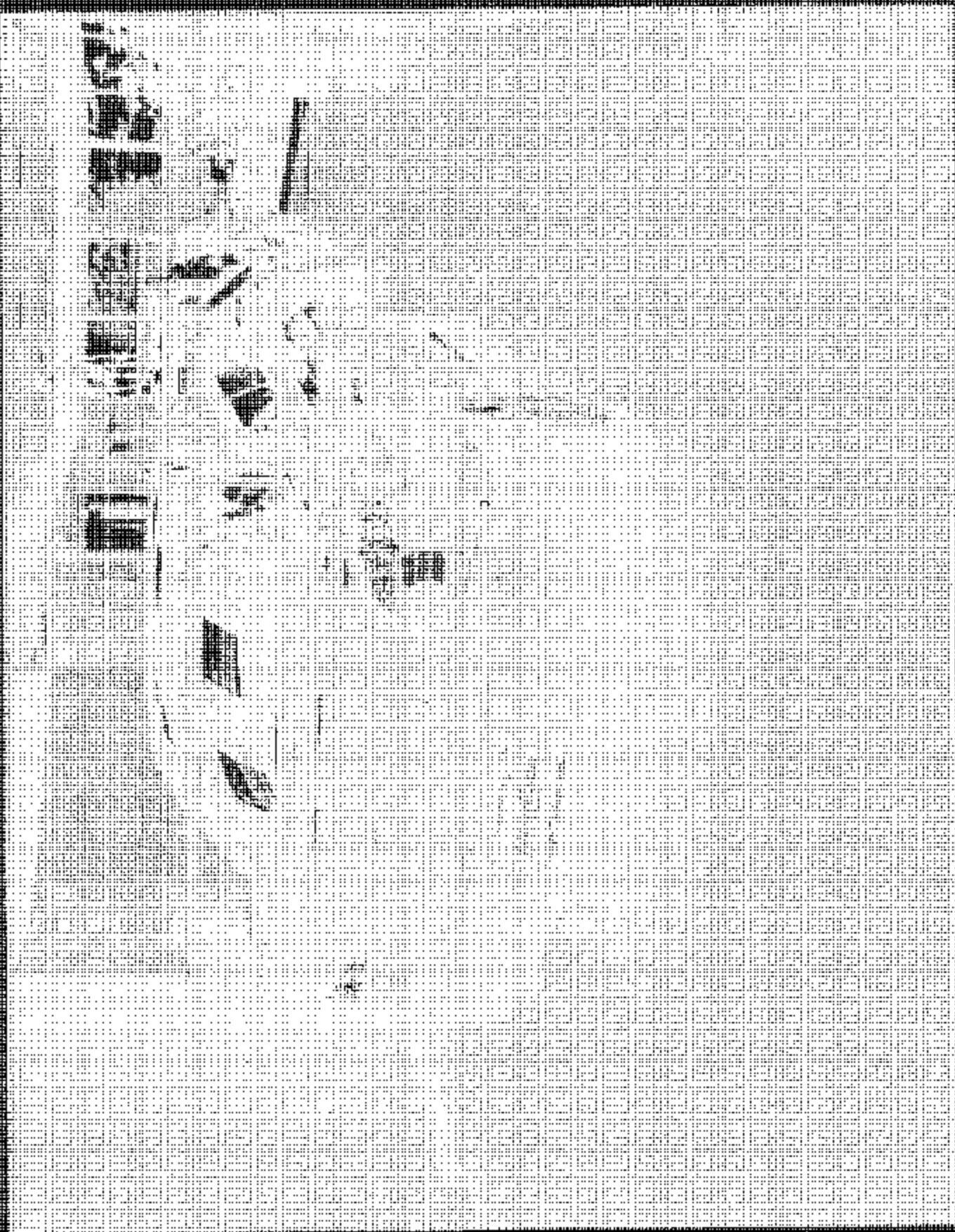
#### 4.0 - Test Equipment List and Calibration Information

EQUIPMENT	DESCRIPTION	MODEL/SERIAL NO.	CALIBRATION DATE	NEXT CAL. DATE
Force Transducer	Shimpo Force Gauge	Model MF-50 KG	12/09/03	Manufacturer

## 5.0 - Photographs

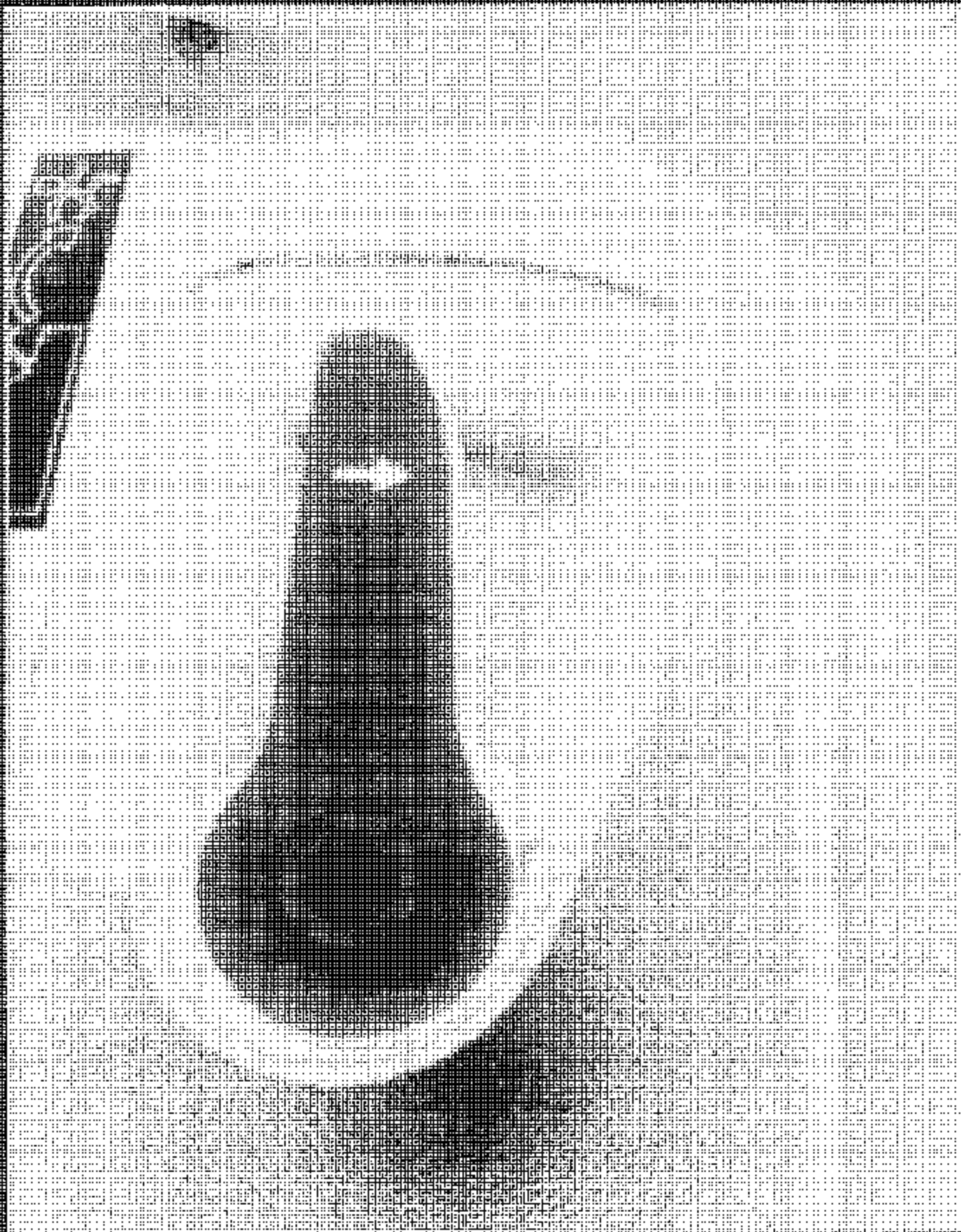


Vehicle Front



Vehicle Rear

Certification Label



Think Release Handle Lever





