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Oil Viscosity For 1996 Subaru Vehicles

Engine oil viscosity for all 1996 Subaru Legacy and Subaru Legacy Outback vehicles is specified as 5W-30 to improve fuel economy. This is a different viscosity rating than used in earlier production engines.

At the present time, it is not recommended that a 5W-30 weight oil be used in Subaru vehicles calling for a different grade and viscosity.

The oil used must meet the requirements for grade and viscosity as noted in the Owner's Manual.