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Forester P0440 Codes

If you encounter a 1998-99 Subaru Forester with a P0440 diagnostic trouble code (DTC), determine whether the vehicle is equipped with a trailer hitch. The canister drain hose may have become disconnected from the canister during hitch installation, and may have water in it.

It is necessary to drop the canister to install the Forester trailer hitch. The canister drain hose doesn't have a clamp on it (the other two hoses have clamps), and the drain hose can become disconnected while moving the canister. So if you install a trailer hitch on a Forester, be sure this hose is connected when you complete the job. If the hitch was previously installed elsewhere, check the drain hose installation.

Hose obstructions that appear as small as spider webs can cause refueling problems. Clearing out the debris should correct the problem.