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Engine Noises

Engines in some 1997 and later Subaru vehicles have been fitted with solid valve lifters. These lifters help increase the power of the engines. Some of these engines use a lifter setup that requires the use of a shim to adjust the clearance. A characteristic of this setup is a slight tapping noise, heard especially at idle. The intensity of the noise may vary with engine temperature. Typically, this noise is not apparent in the passenger compartment. No attempt should be made to repair this noise because it is a characteristic of the system.