

## 10. Rear Gate

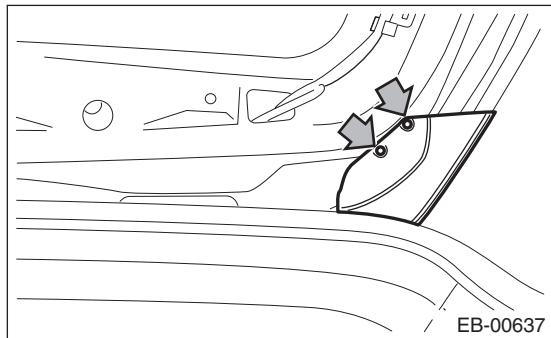
### A: REMOVAL

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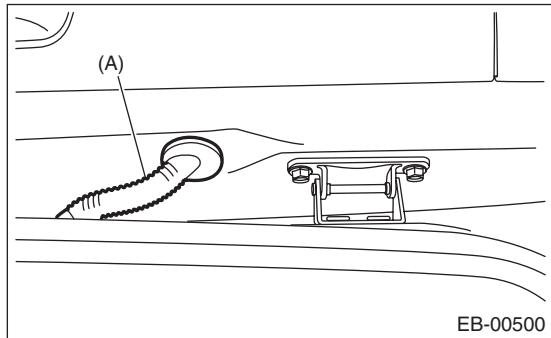
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#### 1. REAR GATE PANEL

- 1) Disconnect the ground cable from battery.
- 2) Remove the following parts. <Ref. to EI-164, REMOVAL, Rear Gate Garnish.>
  - Rear gate trim
  - Rear wiper arm assembly and rear wiper motor assembly
  - Rear gate garnish
- 3) Remove the high-mounted stop light assembly and rear washer nozzle. <Ref. to WW-43, REMOVAL, Rear Washer.>
- 4) Remove the rear finisher light assembly. <Ref. to LI-53, OUTBACK MODEL, REMOVAL, Rear Finisher Light Assembly.>
- 5) Remove the rearview camera assembly. <Ref. to ET-43, OUTBACK MODEL, REMOVAL, Rearview Camera System.>
- 6) Remove the rear gate latch&actuator assembly. <Ref. to SL-49, REMOVAL, Rear Gate Latch and Actuator Assembly.>
- 7) Remove the clips, and then remove the rear gate drip rubber.



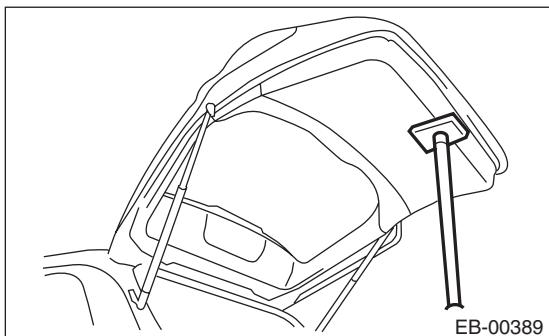
- 8) Disconnect the rubber duct (A) connection.



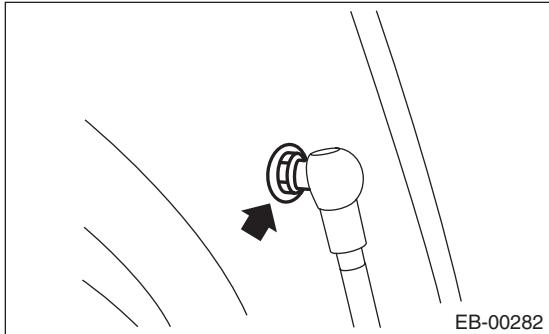
- 9) Pull out the harnesses and washer hose from the rear gate.
- 10) Remove harness clip of each connector from the rear gate panel.
- 11) Before removing the rear gate damper stay, prevent the rear gate from closing using prop or the like.

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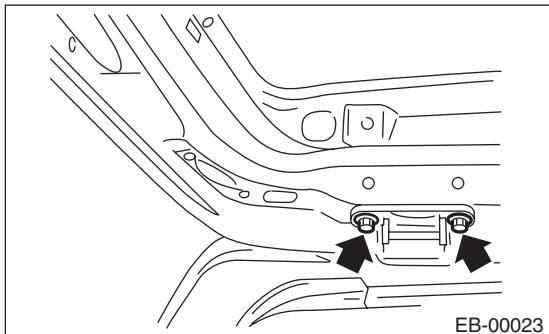
12) Remove the mounting bolt of rear gate damper stay.



13) Remove the rear gate hinge bolt, and remove the rear gate panel.

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14) Remove the rear gate hinge from the vehicle.

## 2. REAR GATE DAMPER STAY

**CAUTION:**

- Do not damage piston rods and oil seals.
- Never disassemble cylinders: They contain gas.
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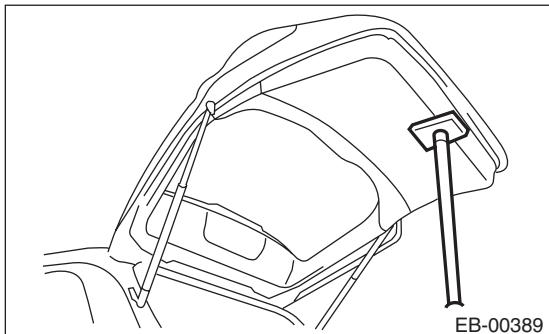
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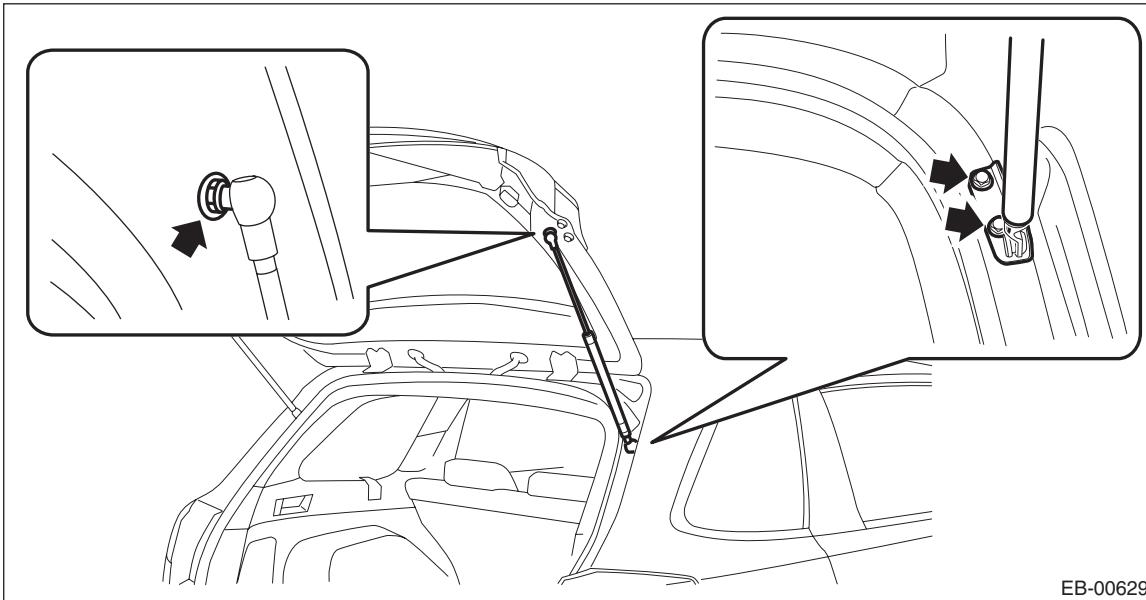
### EXTERIOR BODY PANELS

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- 2) Remove the rear gate damper stay by removing mounting bolts.



## B: INSTALLATION

### 1. REAR GATE PANEL

#### CAUTION:

Rear gate panels are heavy. When removing and installing them, always work in a team of two or more persons.

- 1) Install the rear gate hinges to the vehicle body.
- 2) Temporarily install the rear gate panel to the rear gate hinges.

#### NOTE:

When installing, make sure that a uniform clearance is created around the rear gate panel.

- 3) Adjust the clearance around the rear gate panel. <Ref. to EB-51, ADJUSTMENT, Rear Gate.>
- 4) Tighten the rear gate hinge bolts.

#### Tightening torque:

25 N·m (2.55 kgf·m, 18.4 ft·lb)

- 5) Install each part in the reverse order of removal.

#### Tightening torque:

Rear gate parts: <Ref. to EB-7, REAR GATE, COMPONENT, General Description.>

Rear gate garnish: 4.5 N·m (0.46 kgf·m, 3.3 ft·lb)

Rear wiper motor & rear wiper arm: <Ref. to WW-4, REAR WIPER, COMPONENT, General Description.>

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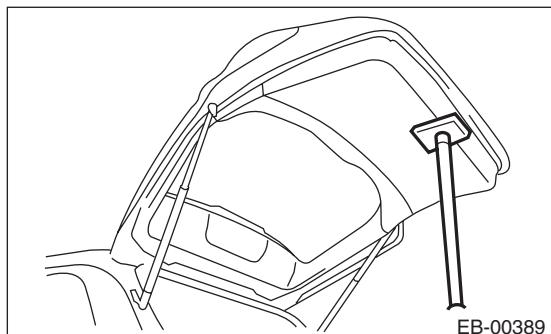
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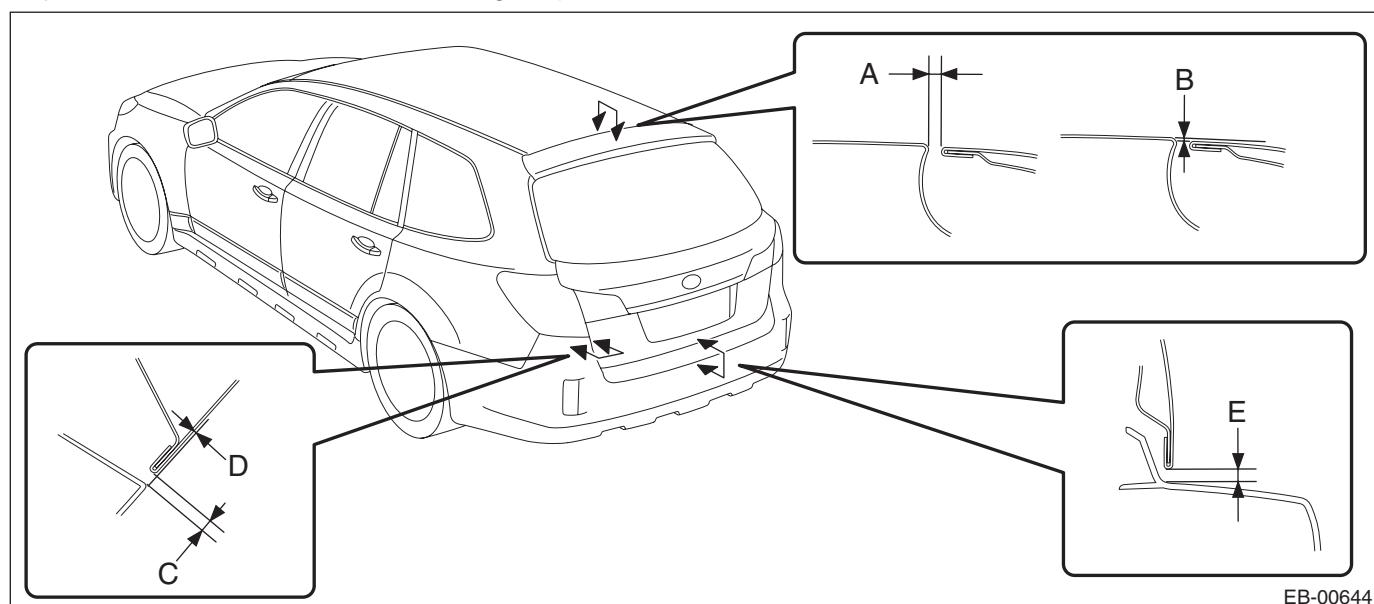
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### Tightening torque:

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## C: ADJUSTMENT

Adjust the clearance around the rear gate panel as follows.

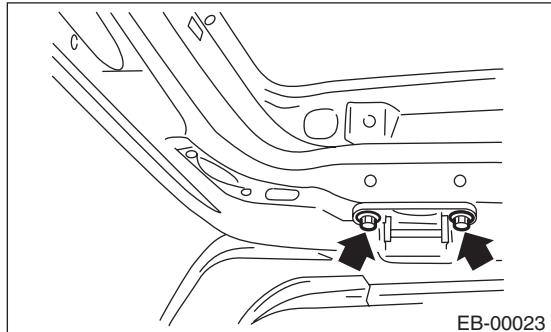


Part	Standard
A Rear gate panel to Roof panel	$6.6+1.0, -0.5$ mm ( $0.26+0.04, -0.02$ in)
B Surface level gap between rear gate panel and roof panel	$1.0\pm1.0$ mm ( $0.04\pm0.04$ in)
C Rear gate panel to Rear bumper	$5.0\pm1.0$ mm ( $0.20\pm0.04$ in)
D Surface level gap between rear gate panel and rear bumper	$0.4\pm1.0$ mm ( $0.02\pm0.04$ in)
E Rear gate panel to Rear bumper	$8.0\pm1.5$ mm ( $0.31\pm0.06$ in)

## Rear Gate

### EXTERIOR BODY PANELS

- 1) Align the rear gate panel longitudinal and lateral position.

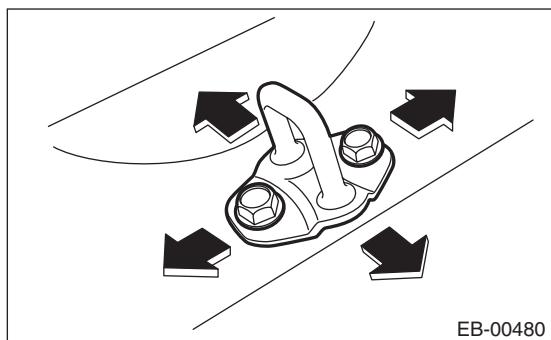


- (1) Loosen the hinge attaching bolts.
- (2) Align the rear gate panel longitudinal and lateral panel dimension.

**Tightening torque:**

**25 N·m (2.55 kgf·m, 18.4 ft-lb)**

- 2) Adjust the gap between rear gate panel and body surface.



- (1) Loosen the bolt.
- (2) Tap striker using plastic hammer to adjust the gap between rear gate panel and body surface.

**Tightening torque:**

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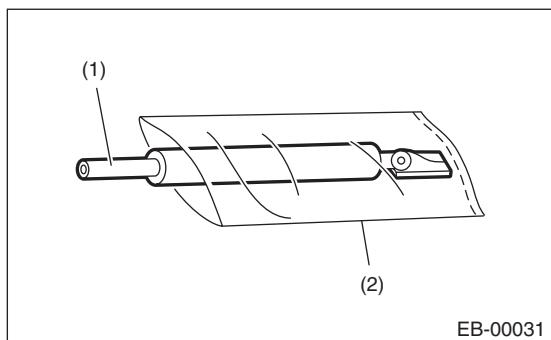
## D: DISPOSAL

### 1. REAR GATE DAMPER STAY

**CAUTION:**

**Gas is colorless, odorless, and harmless. However, gas pressure may spray cutting powder or oil. Be sure to wear dust-resistant goggles.**

- 1) Cover with a vinyl sack as shown in the figure.



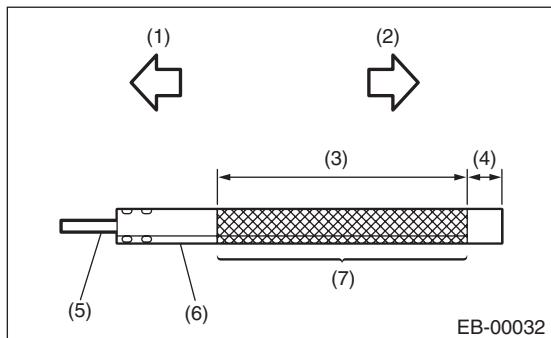
(1) Rear gate damper stay

(2) Vinyl sack

**NOTE:**

Prevent the vinyl sack from being caught by drill cutting edge.

2) Lift the body side slightly with piston rods fully extended, and secure the body side with vise. Drill a hole in 2 to 3 mm (0.08 to 0.12 in) diameter at a point 10 to 200 mm (0.39 to 7.87 in) from body side, and bleed the rear gate damper stay gas completely.



- (1) Door side
- (2) Body side
- (3) 190 mm (7.48 in)
- (4) 10 mm (0.39 in)
- (5) Piston rod
- (6) Cylinder
- (7) Portion to be drilled