### 2020 Subaru Forester

#### OVERALL SCORE

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**Compact Sport-utility Vehicles**

#### ROAD TEST

**Standard AEB**

**Easy Controls**

**Fuel economy**

The latest infotainment system is intuitive and responds quickly. It is also compatible with Android Auto and Apple CarPlay.

On the utility front, the split seats fold nearly flat, leaving a slightly inclined surface for cargo. Opening the power liftgate exposes a wide, square-shaped space that can swallow a fair amount of bulky warehouse-store items. There’s even enough space with the rear seat folded down to fit a bicycle with both wheels on.

The Forester falters only when it comes to refinement. Despite upgraded soft-touch surfaces and additional padding, some interior materials look cheap. But what the SUV lacks in panache it makes up for in practicality.

#### Owner Reports

**Reliability History**

This car is new and detailed reliability trouble spots will be available at a later date.

**Reliability Trouble Spots**

The Eyesight suite of advanced safety features is now standard on all trims.

**Best Version to Get**

The premium trim is a good place to start since it comes with a power driver’s seat, rear air vents, sunroof, and the All-Weather package (which brings heated front seats). We’ve also get blind spot warning.

For additional convenience and luxury items such as leather upholstery, bigger infotainment screens, and dual-zone automatic climate control, the Limited trim is the way to go.

**Notable changes**

The Forester was all new for 2019. We’re pleased to see that Subaru’s Eyesight suite of advanced safety features is now standard on all trims. Updates for 2020 include a standard rear-seat reminder system, and new functions added to the lane keeping assistance feature.

To read the full road test go to [https://www.consumerreports.org/cars/subaru-forester/2020/road-test/?pagetop](https://www.consumerreports.org/cars/subaru-forester/2020/road-test/?pagetop)

#### Predicted Reliability

- **Predicted reliability is our forecast of how well a new model is likely to hold up, derived from our latest Annual Car Reliability Survey.** We averaged a model’s Reliability Verdict, whether the model had more or fewer problems overall than the average model of that year, for the newest three years, provided the model did not change significantly during that time. Refer to Reliability History for more detailed explanation.

- **Predicted Owner Satisfaction**

- **Based on the percentage of owners who would definitely purchase that same vehicle again.**

- **Road Test Score**

- **Road test score is a composite based on more than 50 tests and evaluations at our 327-acre test facility in Colchester, Conn., on cars that Consumer Reports has purchased. Among the many tests are assessments of emergency-handling, braking capabilities, fuel economy, ride, seat comfort, headlamps, and safety equipment.**

- **CR’s Overall Mileage**

- **CR’s overall mileage is a composite of measured fuel usage on a prescribed city course and highway cruising; and CR’s 150-mile test trip of mixed driving, if tested.** In recent road tests, we’ve discontinued the 150- mile trip test.

- **Acceleration: 0-60** - The time in seconds that a vehicle takes to reach 60 mph from a standstill with the engine idling.

- **Braking from 60 MPH** - The distance in feet a vehicle takes to stop from 60 mph on dry pavement.

- **Routine Handling**

- **Our expert judgment reflects how agile the vehicle is on the road by the amount of body lean and steering response. Also includes turning circle, the bumper clearance needed to make a complete U-turn.**

- **Emergency Handling**

- **Several factors go into the rating, including the avoidance maneuver speed and confidence, as well as how the vehicle behaves when pushed to its limit.**

- **Ride**

- **Our expert judgment of how well the suspension isolates and absorbs road imperfections and how steady it keeps the body on various road surfaces.**

- **Noise**

- **Our expert judgment of the vehicle’s interior noise level in everyday driving.**

#### Road Test Results

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#### Highs

- Fuel economy
- Great visibility
- Roomy interior
- Easy Controls
- Standard AEB

#### Lows

- Engine noise

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