OVERALL SCORE 87

2020 Subaru Outback CR MPG Overall 24/ City 16/ Hwy 34 mpg #1 of 9 All-Wheel Drive Wagons

ALERTS
There is one recall on this vehicle. Learn more.

ROAD TEST
PREDICTED RELIABILITY
4.5

PREDICTED OWNER SATISFACTION
4.5

SAFETY FEATURES
Forward Collision Warning
Standard
Automatic Emergency Braking (City)
Standard
Automatic Emergency Braking (Highway)
Standard

Owner Reports
Reliability History


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

Engine Major
N/A

Engine Minor
N/A

Engine Cooling
N/A

Owner Satisfaction
This car is new and detailed owner satisfaction will be available at a later date.


Driving Experience
N/A

Comfort
N/A

Value
N/A

Road Test
The Outback is a raised wagon with standard all-wheel drive that serves as a smart alternative to more traditional SUVs. This redesigned model doesn’t stray from its successful formula. It is again a comfortable, functional vehicle that’s well suited for daily commutes and weekend adventures. Its size and capabilities allow the Outback to compare favorably with small and midsize SUVs.

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Whether opting for the standard 2.5-liter or 2.4-liter turbo engine, we don’t have to power masks some of the common quirks, such as revs rising much more rapidly. The CVT faithfully mimics traditional gear shifts, and the turbocharged engine replaced the previous six-cylinder.

Some controls (AEB), forward collision warning (FCW), lane departure warning (LDW), lane centering. It also includes adaptive cruise control (ACC). Blind spot warning and rear cross traffic warning are optional.

Notable changes:

- The redesigned Outback is based on Subaru's latest platform and shares most components with the Legacy. A 260-hp, 2.4-liter four-cylinder turbocharged engine replaced the previous six-cylinder.

Best Version to Get
Whether opting for the standard 2.5-liter or 2.4-liter turbo engine, we would gravitate toward the Limited trim level for the more supportive leather seats, power passenger seat, and power rear gate. Shoppers drawn to the lower Premium trim should choose the optional blind spot warning.

Highs

- Ride
- Transmission
- Seat comfort
- Driving position
- Integrated cross bars
- Visibility

Lows

- Some controls