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 every day commutes and weekend adventures. Its size and capabilities allow the Outback to compare favorably with small and midsize SUVs.

The Outback has a solid feel, with a very comfortable ride that outdoes many of its competitors. This is due to its ride comfort and handling, which are both strong points for the vehicle. The Ride section of the Road Test Results gives the vehicle a rating of 4 out of 5, indicating that it is very comfortable to drive.

Reliability History

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

Reliability Trouble Spots

- Engine Major
- Engine Minor
- Engine Cooling

Owner Satisfaction

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Owner Satisfaction

- Driving Experience
- Comfort
- Value

The Outback has thoughtful touches throughout. For instance, it has a configurable roof rack with crossbars that can be adjusted to fit your needs, and it is designed to be easy to remove. It also has a dual-port power roof that has a lifter system to make it easy to lift and open. The CVT is designed to mimic traditional gearshifts, and the turbocharger is positioned on the common quirk, which helps to reduce noise levels. The standard safety features include automatic emergency braking (AEB), forward collision warning (FCW), lane departure warning (LDW), and lane centering. It also includes adaptive cruise control (ACC). Blind spot warning and rear cross traffic warning are optional.

Best Version to Get

Whether opting for the standard 2.5-liter or 2.4-liter engine, the Outback delivers a smooth and efficient driving experience. Shoppers drawn to the lower Premium trim should consider the optional blind spot warning.

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.

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