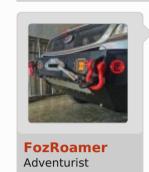
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## Subaru Forester rear/front bumper build (pics)

Discussion in 'General Vehicle Modifications' started by FozRoamer, Apr 25, 2016.



Feb 23,

2016

I have been lurking for a few months now and started to really like the content I found on this forum and the overall community. I thought I would share a few pics of my Forester build as of late. I have been working with Leadfoot Offroad in La Verne on some bumper designs. They are an amazing high quality shop that does quality fabrication and they are one of the few who was willing to work with me in regards to my Subaru build. I am def a unicorn when it comes to build like this but they are becoming more common on newer subbies as people get into more outdoor overlanding type lifestyles.

Rear bumper was completed a few months ago and the front bumper is currently at the shop getting built. The winch plate is heavily reinforced and connect to vehicle using 1/4" steel plates and the winch sits on a 1/4" steel plate as well. The winch in the pic is used for mock reasons as mine will be similar but synthetic. I know a lot of guys who don't run Subarus have a lot of respect for them and thats awesome. Most of the time I am out traveling or on the trails I get nothing but love. I just found that I wanted to build something different but was very capable and rather unique.

Edit\*: Here sis my complete mods list (for the most part) if anyone is interested.



Rear Bumper Subaru Forester 🗗



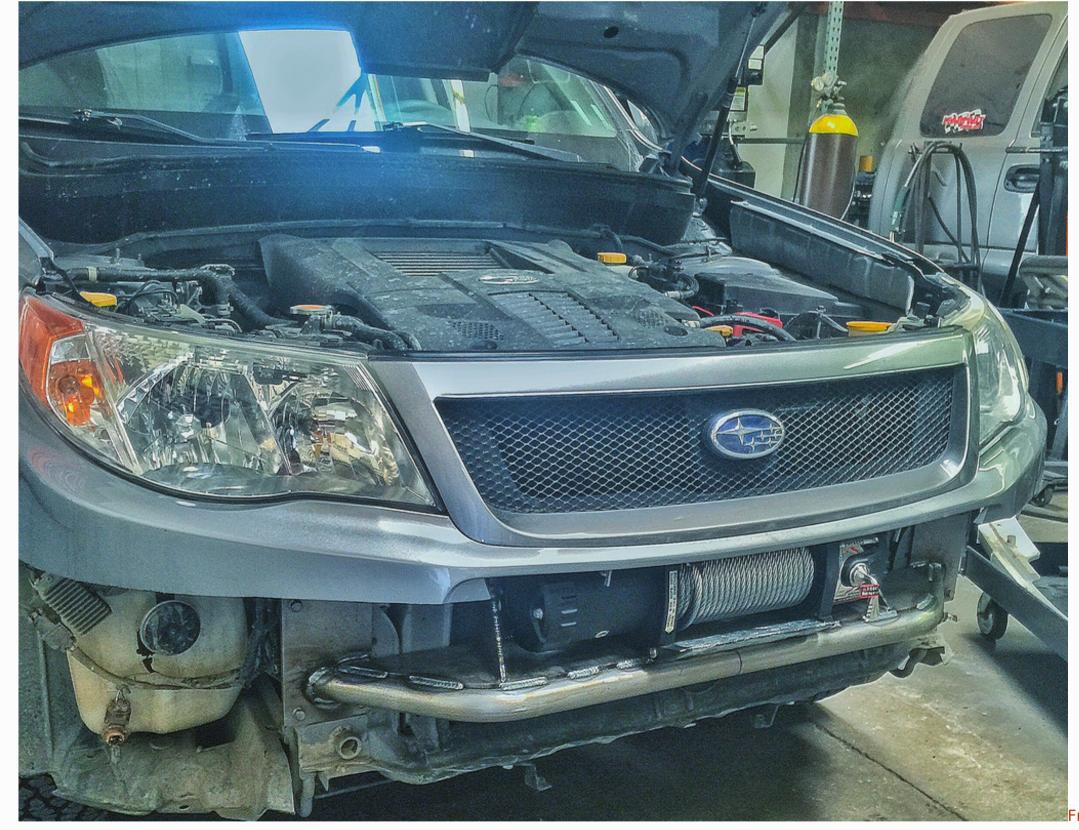
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Frontwinchmount2 🗗



Frontwinchmount1 🗗

Last edited: Apr 25, 2016

FozRoamer, Apr 25, 2016

hove102, frenziedpace, TangoBlue and 3 others like this.



Very nice build, quality fab work

woody, Apr 25, 2016

Jul 26, Joined: 2013 Messages: 1,661 Location: RAMONA

FozRoamer likes this.



Scott Adventurist

Jan 28, 2014 2,926 Messages Location

Lake Arrowhead,

Ca

Man every time I see a built subie, it makes me want to buy one even more than I already do. Nice rig.

Sent from my LG-H810 using Tapatalk

Scott, Apr 25, 2016

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hove102 and FozRoamer like this.

**FozRoamer** Adventurist

Feb 23, 2016 68 Messages:

@Scott Thats awesome. Really been blown away by how capable they are for Overlanding rigs. The only challenging part is there not being a lot of aftermarket options in regards to building offroad type rigs...they exist but they are just limiting.

FozRoamer, Apr 25,

4x4x4doors Adventurist

Apr 30, 2013 187 Location: MaryLand

Nice. Neighbor followed me all over the OBX sand in his 2016 this weekend. Was very impressed with how well it did. Respect. (I'll be sending him the link to your build.)

4x4x4doors, Apr 27, 2016

FozRoamer likes this.

**Gallowbraid** 

Adventurist Mar 28, 2015 1,243 Messages: Media: 3 NE Georgia A friend of mine just quit his job, bought a Forrester and is traveling the US full time. I have nothing but respect for these things. Looking forward to more build updates.

Gallowbraid, Apr 27, 2016

Dani Layne and FozRoamer like

@Gallowbraid that is amazing..something my lady and i have talked about doing for some time. I think deep down this is one of the reasons I am getting this rig ready to go. I need to escape the rat race for a year or two and figure out a different path in life being a software engineer just isn't my passion anymore..haha

**FozRoamer** Adventurist

Feb 23, Joined: 2016 68 Messages

FozRoamer, Apr 27, 2016

Grumps likes this.

JACKASS BOARD

Nice work!

Keep an eye on the hinge spindle. My buddy made bumpers for Jeeps using a similar looking spindle. One of the Jeeps he mounted one on had the spindle crack and the whole spare tire/rack assembly fell off on the highway. We determined that it was the rack shaking/oscillating that caused the metal fatigue of the hinge spindle.

bob91yj, Apr 28, 2016

FozRoamer likes this.

Founding Member Mar 13,

bob91yj

Adventurist

2013 Messages: 3,971 Media: 49 Location:

Escondido, CA

Really impressive work with the rear bumper too. Particularly how well it's blended into the OE bumper cover pieces. It looks factory and I love seeing work that looks that

good. 😊 🕯 📴 😊

**BoldAdventure** 

Adventurist

Apr 14, 2013 Messages: 676 Location: Nomadic

BoldAdventure, Apr 28, 2016

FozRoamer likes this.



Al Swope Adventurist #10 2016

I would not be overly concerned with the swing out hinge. Those tires a relatively small. The people who have issues are typically running 37+ tires. I assume your jerry

FozRoamer likes this.

Joined: Mar 10, 2013 Messages: 854 Location:

Founding Member

Inner City Warriors Mark, PA

FozRoamer Adventurist

> Joined: Feb 23, 2016 Messages: 68

Al Swope said: ↑

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yep..working on new exhaust..currently have too many projects going on at once..its on the list..i know the rear mufflers look pretty bad, not to mention doesnt help my departure angle.

FozRoamer, Apr 29, 2016 #11

FozRoamer Adventurist

Joined: Feb 23, 2016 Messages: 68 Finally got my rig back from Leadfoot after two grueling weeks. Some nice goodies were added 🙂

-Winch plate is mounted with reinforced with heavy duty 1/4" steel plates and winch sits on 1/4" steel plate.

- -The front bumper is 1/8" steel, Hi-Lift jack compatible, dual D-Rings for recovery.
- -The winch is a 9500lb synthetic Smittybuilt.

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- -The roof rack is a custom low profile stainless steel material. I will be getting this powder coated next week.
- -The rear bumper add-ons: Treds 1100 recover mount rack for attached to rear tire, foldable camp table, swing arm stop was also installed that stops the swing arm from freely swinging open.
- -New Magnaflow exhaust (got rid of the hideous dual OEM mufflers)
- -New 30" LED light bar from GG Lighting
- -New front LED square lights (amber) from GG Lighting

Any questions...just ask. Weight for front bumper is about 125 lbs with everything. The new stiffer King Springs aren't budging under the added weight.



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frontbumper1 🗗



frontbumper2 🗗



newExhaust 🗗



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FozRoamer, May 5, #12 2016

Code Red, Chazz Layne,  $\operatorname{BoldAdventure}$  and 1 other person like this.

Herbie Adventurist

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Location: San Diego, CA Niiiiiiiiiice.

Herbie, May 5, 2016

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**FozRoamer** Adventurist

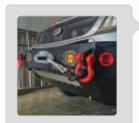
Joined: Feb 23, 2016 Messages: 68 @Herbie Yes I am over the moon! 🙂 Just gotta get @Goose Gear to install the new drawer system/fridge slide to complete this build.

FozRoamer, May 5, 2016

**FozRoamer** Adventurist

Feb 23, 2016 Messages: 68 @Al Swope Exhaust has officially been tucked

FozRoamer, May 5, #15 2016



@Mikekey Thanks man..! wanted to go for a very "Subaru" look but still aggressive.

**FozRoamer** Adventurist

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FozRoamer, May 5,

#16 2016

Looking good! Amazing how little these little beasts change from generation to generation.

Oh, and I blame you for inspiring the switch to a swing-out on our Foz. 🌐

Chazz Layne, May 5, 2016



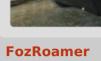
Chazz Layne Adventurist

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Location: Prescott, AZ

@Chazz Layne Oh thats awesome..Would love to see a pic of that swing arm.

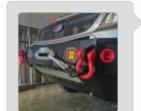
A few more after my free car wash.. haha



**FozRoamer** Adventurist

Feb 23, Joined: 2016 Messages:

FozRoamer, May 5, 2016 #18



**FozRoamer** Adventurist

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#17



FozRoamer, May 6, 2016

ArkansasDon likes this.

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