2010-2014 Subaru Outback - Headlight Replacement

2010-2014 Subaru Outback | Easy | 20-30 minutes | $15 DIY

TOOLS

Replacement low-beam bulb (H7 - verify against your owner's manual) Flathead screwdriver or trim tool Flashlight Clean gloves or a cloth for handling the bulb

PARTS

H7 Halogen Headlight Bulb H7-55W $15.00
H7 LED Headlight Bulb H7-LED $50.00

STEPS

1. **Turn the wheel and get set up - The low beam on the 2010-2014 Outback lives behind the** front wheel-well liner, not under the hood, so turning the wheel is the move that makes this job possible.
2. **Peel back the fender lining - You may need a flashlight - it is dark in there. Do not** tear the liner off completely; folding it aside is plenty.
3. **Pop the round dust cover off - Turn the cover counterclockwise a short twist and pull it** off.
4. **Unplug the harness - Pull gently on the wiring harness at the back of the bulb to unplug** it from the bulb itself. Note the routing of the harness so you can tuck it back the same way during reassembly.
5. **Release the wire retainer spring - With the spring released, the old H7 bulb slides** straight out of the housing. Note the tab on the bulb and the slot it came from.
6. **Seat the new bulb without touching the glass - Holding the new H7 bulb by its base only -** never touch the glass, since skin oil makes the glass burn hotter and kills the bulb early - slide it in so its tab drops into the housing slot exactly as the old one sat.
7. **Button everything back up and test - Reconnect the wiring harness, twist the dust cover** back on clockwise until it seats, and fold the fender liner back into place with its clips. Turn the headlights on and confirm the new low beam lights evenly.

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