### 2018 Subaru Forester

**Ratings**

- **OVERALL SCORE**: 84
- **Satisfaction**: 85/100
- **Safety**: 85/100
- **Road Test**: 85/100
- **Reliability**: 85/100

**Performance**

- **Rating**: 85/100
- **Comfort/Convenience**: 85/100
- **Safety**: 85/100
- **Value**: 85/100

**Road Test**

Subaru’s popular Forester continues to put function in front of form. It stands out from the crowd, resisting the contemporary trend toward making SUVs look like sports coupes with descending rooflines and curvaceous bodies. Instead, the Forester abides by the fundamentals of a space-efficient design, large windows, and big square doors. That recipe allows the Forester to aces the fundamentals with a space-efficient layout and ample passenger room for five adults. The ride is supple—one of the best in the segment. Handling is responsive and very secure, but the Forester isn’t as agile as say, the Ford Escape or Mazda CX-5. Don’t expect luxury inside; interior trim remains quite austere, with several especially cheap-looking touches. It’s not particularly quiet inside either, with noticeable engine noise, especially when accelerating. Updates for 2016 included a new touch-screen infotainment system that significantly improves the Forester’s connectivity quotient; previous Foresters fell behind the tech curve. 2017 brings more luxury features, like a heated steering wheel and blind-spot monitoring, plus added noise insulation and engine tweaks for minor fuel economy improvements.

**Key to the Ratings**

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**Safety**

- **Front Endal Crash Prevention**: 85/100
- **Forward Collision Warning (FCW)**: Optional
- **Automatic Emergency Braking (AEB) City**: Optional
- **Automatic Emergency Braking (AEB) Highway**: Optional

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