

2015 Subaru Forester OBD Temperature Gauge

I really like my Forester, but the lack of a temperature gauge drives me nuts! It has a little blue thermometer icon that comes on when you start it to tell you that the engine is cold, but it is useless.

What is REALLY ironic is their display screen. It is obsessed with miles per gallon and every screen gives you MPG in some form or another.

I solved the problem by installing an Ancel Car OBD smart upgrade series gauge that I bought from Ali Express. Do a web search for “Car OBD Gauge” and you will find all sorts of them. I opted for one of the more basic models with a large display. The only downside is that it only displays engine temperature in Celsius, but I quickly got used to it.



Installation only took a few minutes. I thought about installing it on the dashboard behind the display window, but was unable to route the cable to that location. I discovered that the perforated plate in the bottom left corner of the windshield is removable by inserting a pocket knife blade in the right rear corner and gently prying it to unseat the little plastic latches that hold it in. From there it was easy to fish the cable to the OBD port. I drilled a half inch hole in the plate to run the USB cable through and attached the gauge to the plate using high temp Velcro. Regular Velcro adhesive turns to goo on a dashboard so it is important that you use the high temperature version.



When the Forester is at operating temperature it varies from 89° to 91° Celsius.