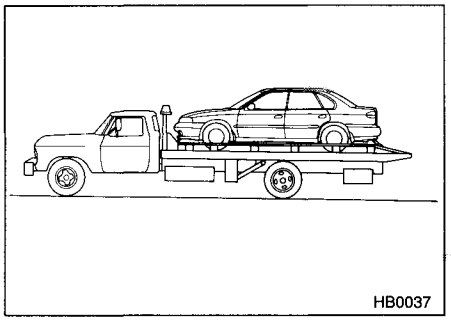
Towing

If towing is necessary, it is best done by your SUBARU dealer or a commercial towing service. Observe the following procedures for safety.

■ Transporting your vehicle using a flat-bed truck



This is the best way to transport your vehicle. Use the following procedures to ensure safe transportation.

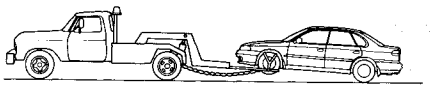
1. Shift the selector lever into the "P" position for automatic transmission vehicles or "1st" for manual transmission vehicles.
2. Pull up the parking brake lever firmly.
3. Secure the vehicle onto the carrier properly with safety chains. Each of safety chain should be equally tightened and care must be taken not to pull the chains so tightly that the suspension bottoms out.

■ Towing with the front wheels raised off the ground

⚠ WARNING

Never tow manual transmission AWD vehicles with the front wheels raised off the ground while the rear wheels are on the ground. This will cause the vehicle to spin away due to the operation or deterioration of the viscous coupling.

⚠ CAUTION
When transmission failure occurs, transport your vehicle on a flat-bed truck.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1. Check the transmission and differential oil levels and add oil to bring it to the upper level if necessary.
2. Release the parking brake and put the transmission in neutral.
3. The ignition switch should be in the "ACC" position while the vehicle is being towed.
4. Take up slack in the towline slowly to prevent damage to the vehicle.

■ Towing with all wheels on the ground

⚠ WARNING
- **Never turn the ignition switch to the "LOCK" position while the vehicle is being towed because the steering wheel and the direction of the wheels will be locked.**
- **Remember that the brake booster and power steering do not function when the engine is not running. Because the engine is turned off, it will take greater effort to operate the brake pedal and steering wheel.**

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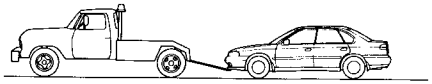
⚠ CAUTION

- **When transmission failure occurs, transport your vehicle on a flat-bed truck.**
- **For AWD vehicles or FWD vehicles with automatic transmission, the traveling speed must be limited to less than 20 mph (30 km/h) and the traveling distance to less than 31 miles (50 km). For greater speeds and distances, transport your vehicle on a flat-bed truck.**
- **For OUTBACK, SUS and GT models, be sure to use a flexible cable or rope for towing purpose and wrap the towing cable or rope with cloth to prevent damage to the bumper.**



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We do not recommend this method of towing. Use this method only when towing service by a SUBARU dealer or a commercial towing service is not available.

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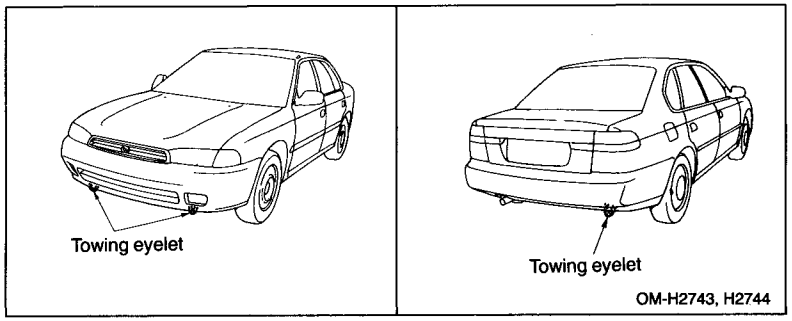
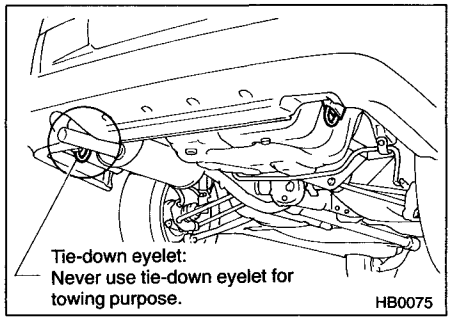
2. Release the parking brake and put the transmission in neutral.
3. The ignition switch should be in the "ACC" position while the vehicle is being towed.
4. Take up slack in the towline slowly to prevent damage to the vehicle.

■ Towing eyelet

⚠ CAUTION

- **Never use the tie-down eyelet under the vehicle for towing purposes.**
- **Do not apply excessive lateral load to the towing eyelets.**





The towing eyelets should be used only in an emergency (e.g., to free a stuck vehicle from mud, sand or snow).