

Case-Study: From Junkyard to Running Strong: A Customer's Experience Rebuilding a Salvaged Vehicle

Client Success Story – Car Engine Guru



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Client Overview

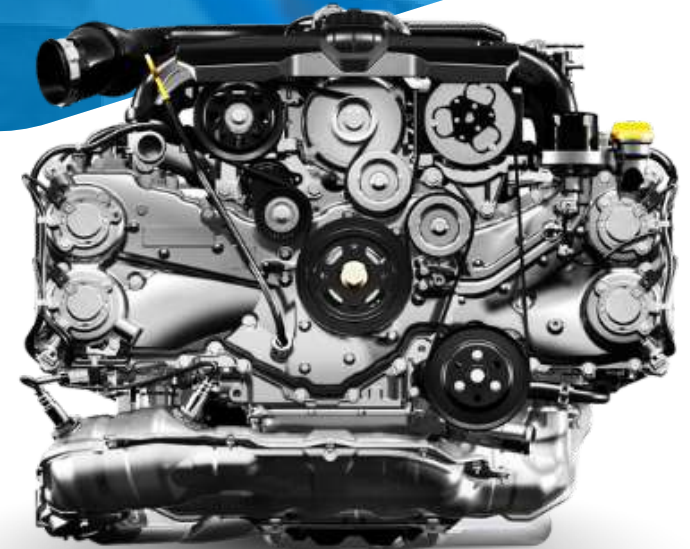
Client: Carlos Mendez

Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Vehicle: 2012 Subaru Outback 2.5i Premium
(Salvage Title)

Primary Use: Personal commuter and weekend road-trips

Carlos is a car fanatic who learned everything he knows about cars on his own. He's always loved fixing up and restoring cars. He bought a salvaged 2012 Subaru Outback at a local auction in late 2023 with the goal of getting it back on the road. The body and frame were in good shape, but the engine was beyond repair because it had seized up because it didn't get enough oil when it was owned by someone else.





The Challenges Faces by Carlos

Carlos's plan to rebuild the vehicle hit a wall when he began hunting for a replacement engine.

He faced:

- ◆ **High dealership pricing:** A new crate engine quote from Subaru exceeded \$6,000
- ◆ **Compatibility confusion:** Uncertainty about which year/model engine would align with the 2012 ECU and transmission
- ◆ **Parts mismatches** from local junkyards, with no warranties or test verification
- ◆ **Time wasted and rising costs:** His project timeline was slipping, and budget was getting tight

'I didn't want to dump thousands more into a new motor for a salvaged vehicle. I needed something reliable, affordable, and guaranteed to fit'.

— Carlos Mendez



Solution from Car Engine Guru

After researching reliable suppliers online, Carlos connected with Car Engine Guru.

Here's how our team helped him move from stuck to strong:

Our Engine Replacement Package Included:

- ◆ **VIN-based engine match** for his 2012 Subaru Outback
- ◆ **Used OEM Subaru 2.5L FB25 Engine**, compression-tested
- ◆ **Bench-tested** for leaks, cylinder health, oil pressure
- ◆ **Updated gaskets and seals** to prevent recurring leaks
- ◆ **Shipped directly to Carlos** within 72 hours
- ◆ **6-month parts warranty** for peace of mind

Total Cost:

- ◆ **Used Engine:** \$2,250
- ◆ **Shipping:** Free
- ◆ **Installation (self-installed with local garage support):** \$700

Total Rebuild Investment: \$2,950 which is less than half the dealership quote

Results & Outcomes

- ◆ Engine installed within 5 days of delivery
- ◆ Vehicle passed emissions and inspection on first attempt
- ◆ Carlos saved over \$3,000 by avoiding dealership parts
- ◆ The Outback now runs like new, hitting the highway with confidence



Client Testimonial



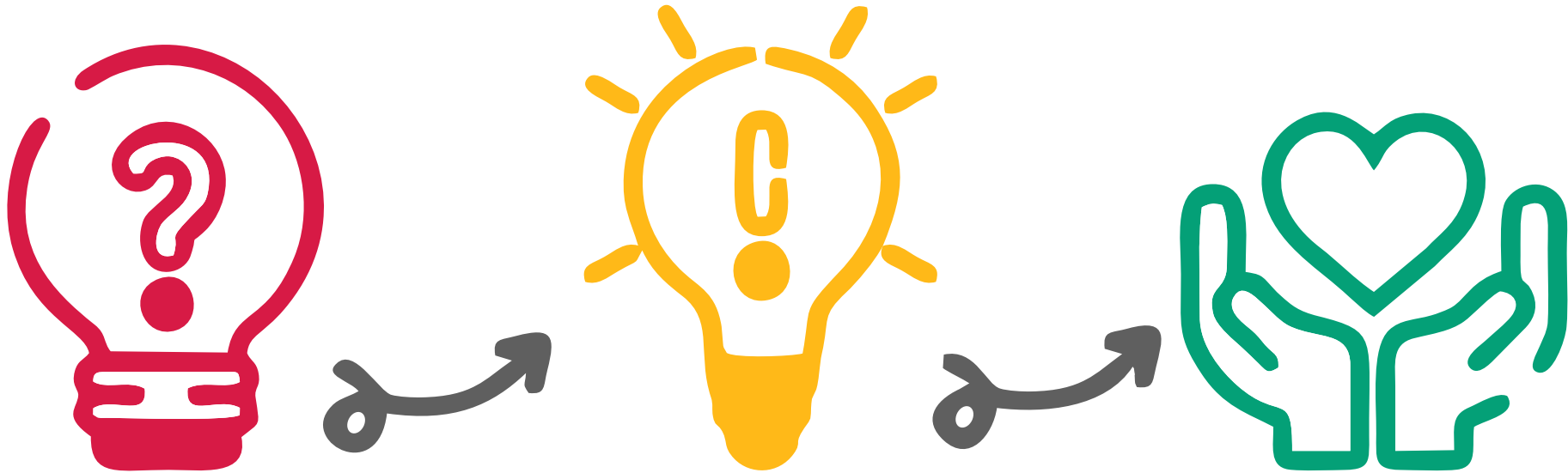
Carlos Mendez, Albuquerque, NM
Texas



‘This was the turning point. The engine came exactly as described. It was clean, tested, and dropped right in. Now I’ve got a reliable car for a fraction of what I’d pay on the market’.

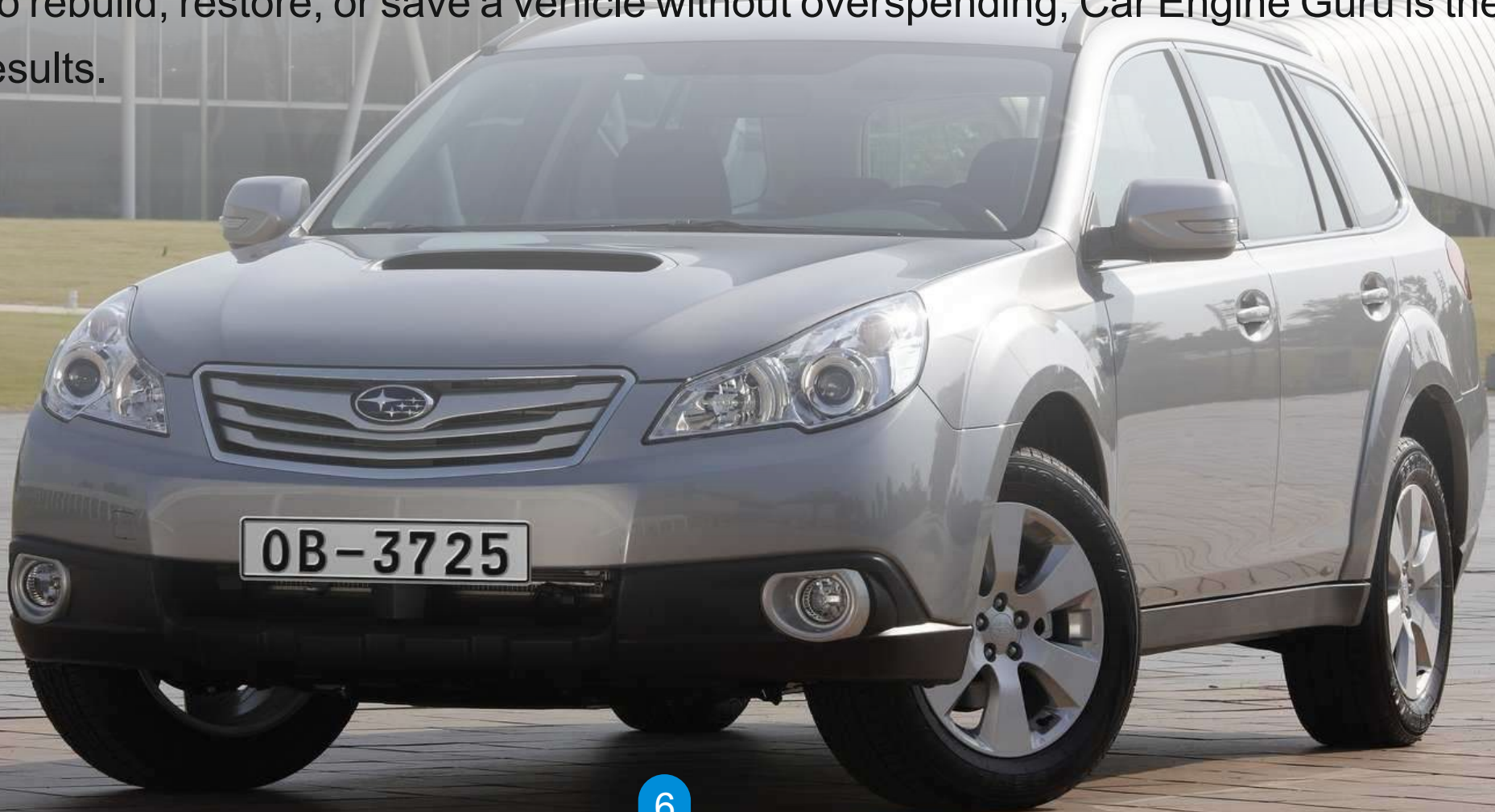
Impact of the Solution

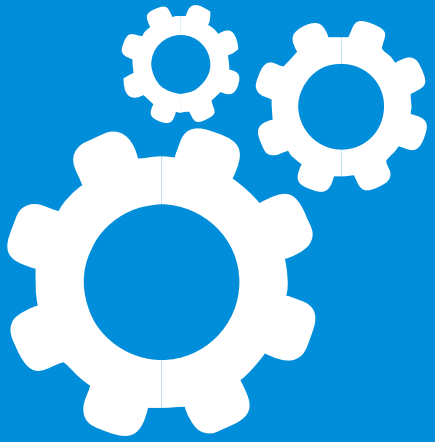
- ◆ Revived a salvage vehicle, turning it into a safe and functional daily driver
- ◆ Significant cost savings, freeing up Carlos's budget for other upgrades
- ◆ Reduced waste, by reusing a quality-tested used engine instead of scrapping the entire vehicle
- ◆ Boosted confidence, helping a DIYer complete a complex rebuild without setbacks
- ◆ Restored trust, in the used engine market with verified parts and warranty support



Conclusion

This case study highlights how Car Engine Guru empowers individuals like Carlos to rebuild vehicles affordably and reliably. By supplying a clean, tested, and compatible used engine, we helped extend the life of a once-forgotten Outback turning a junkyard project into a dependable machine once again. For anyone looking to rebuild, restore, or save a vehicle without overspending, Car Engine Guru is the go-to partner for real results.





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