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EUROPEAN NEW CAR ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME (Euro NCAP)

FAR SIDE OCCUPANT TEST & ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 This protocol details the assessments to be performed in far side occupant protection that contribute to the side impact part of the adult occupant protection rating.

1.2 Far side protection is assessed using two sled tests that are representative of AE-MDB and Oblique Pole test configurations. In addition, data from full-scale testing is required to demonstrate head protection countermeasures for occupant-to-occupant interaction.

1.3 The far side occupant sled test data will be supplied to Euro NCAP by the vehicle manufacturer prior to the official tests.

1.4 Far side test data will only be accepted in the form of physical sled tests; full scale tests and CAE data will not be accepted.

1.5 Vehicles with three positions on the front row will be assessed in the outboard positions, 1 and 3, only.

2 PREREQUISITES

2.1 In the official AE-MDB and pole impacts, the structural performance of the door; it's attachments to the body, the roof/cant rail and sill must be structurally 'stable' to provide confidence in the position intrusion lines. Detachment of door latches/hinges, fully opened doors or structural failures of the roof/cant rail and sill will preclude the acceptance of far side assessment data.

2.2 Any of the following post-test conditions will disqualify the vehicle from any rewards in far side occupant protection.

2.2.1 Where the total score of the AE-MDB and pole impacts is below 10.0 points (out of 12).

2.2.2 Restraint system failures in either the AE-MDB or pole impacts that are intended for far side occupant protection. For example, incorrect deployment of centre (occupant to occupant) airbags.

3 HARDWARE SETUP

3.1 General

3.1.1 An acceleration-based sled rig is to be used along with a 'body in white' (BIW) of the car model being assessed.

3.1.2 Deceleration sleds will be permitted provided that clear evidence is given showing that the dummy remains in the initial position and that the duration of the pulse is as long as the vehicle pulse observed in the official tests.

3.1.3 The BIW shall be mounted with the centreline at 75º ±3º towards the direction of travel.

3.1.4 A BIW that is of a pre-production state will be accepted if it is shown to be representative of series production and that any differences have no influence on the far side assessment.

3.1.5 All features which may influence occupant kinematics and protection must be installed in the BIW.

3.1.6 The BIW may be from either a right or left-hand drive vehicle.

3.1.7 For the purpose of this assessment, the 'far side occupant' is on the driver's side of the vehicle which is also the non-struck side. The struck side is the passenger's side of the vehicle.

3.1.8 One WorldSID 50th male dummy will be seated on the far side of the vehicle.

3.1.9 The assessment shall be performed on the specification of equipment fitted to the bestselling variant. This includes, but is not limited to, the transmission, front seats, restraints and interior trim/centre console.

3.1.10 The seats of the bestselling variant (as per AE-MDB and pole impacts) will be used in the BIW.

3.2 Body preparation

3.2.1 The bodyshell shall be mounted on the sled such that there will be no permanent deformation of the body or its mounts during the tests.

3.2.2 Struck side intrusion will not be replicated on the BIW.

3.2.3 Driver and/or passenger doors will not be required.

3.2.4 Structures forwards of the A-pillar and windscreen cowl and rearward of the B-pillar may be removed from the BIW as long as the stability is not compromised

3.2.5 Reinforcement of the BIW is recommended but not required provided the BIW is sufficiently stable. The following areas are suggested:

Pillars and cross members

Seatbelt mountings (D-loop & Retractor)

Driver's seat plinth

Roof

3.2.6 To ensure a clear view on dummy kinematics, vehicles with removable roofs, panels or movable sunshine roofs shall be tested without the roof or with them in the open position. The windscreen shall be removed and sufficient reinforcement around the frame/periphery shall be provided.

Where there is a fixed roof above the front row seats, it shall be cut away between the cant rails and rearwards of the windscreen surround. Reinforcement should subsequently be applied laterally across the BIW.

3.2.7 Sufficient spacers shall be fitted in the gaps between the struck side (B-pillar or other structure) and passenger seat frame, the passenger seat frame and centre console to stabilise the front passenger seat. This represents the behaviour of the struck side seat and centre console due to crash induced intrusion and deformation. The spacer shall support the full height of the centre console but does not need to be made from a single piece of foam. It will be necessary to cut the seat cover and foam to access the frame, an example how this can be done is shown in the picture below.

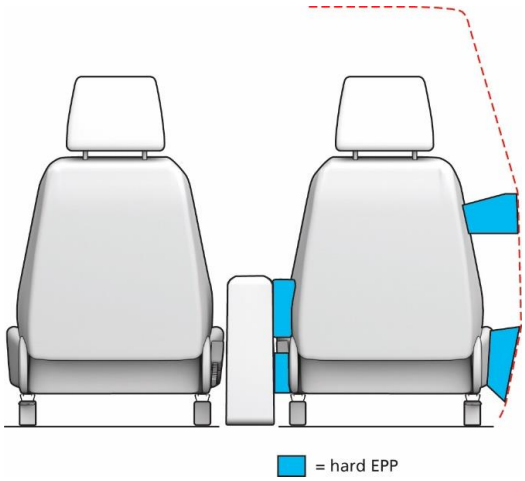


Figure 1: Seat spacers viewed from rear

3.2.8 The spacers shall have the stiffness characteristics from expanded polypropylene (EPP60) or stiffer with compression properties of about 340KPa for 25% of compression (determined according to ISO 844).

3.2.9 Interior components required for testing will include, but are not limited to:

- Driver and passenger front seats.
- Full tunnel/centre console components consisting of the full tunnel trim, hand brake assembly, gear lever assembly and storage compartments.
- Full facia assembly consisting of the facia, steering column and steering wheel. Infotainment systems may be omitted if appropriate.
- Seat belt/pretensioner and anchorage attachments.
- Struck side internal door trim assembly (if doors installed).

3.2.10 If fitted, the struck side door trim shall be painted white (or similar) to contrast with the passenger's seat.

3.2.11 The head restraint on the unoccupied seat may be removed in order to get a better view of the grid board and excursion lines.

3.3 Active restraints

3.3.1 Active restraint systems shall be standard equipment and identical to those used in the Euro NCAP impact tests.

3.3.2 Pretensioners must be triggered if the firing strategy is such that they are triggered in the side and pole impact tests.

3.3.3 Triggering of pretensioners will be accepted on the sled if the difference in deployment time from the official tests is no greater than +/-2ms.

Where the difference is greater than 2ms, data must be supplied showing that this did not affect the result.

3.3.4 Triggering of other active restraints, such as the side curtain and seat mounted airbags, will not be permitted unless it can be shown that these systems have been designed as a countermeasure intended to lower the risk of far side occupant injury. For example, a head curtain airbag that extends beneath the door level, or a seat mounted airbag that can remain sufficiently inflated for the required length of time to limit occupant excursion.

3.4 Vehicle markings

3.4.1 A chequered or similar grid measuring 50x50mm shall be rigidly mounted to the BIW directly behind, but not attached to the front seats in a way that does not result in interference during the test.

3.4.2 All markings must be extended onto the chequered grid board positioned behind the front seats, the vehicle roof and facia.

3.4.3 Four vertical and parallel excursion lines will be marked in the BIW for both sled test scenarios. The most inboard edge of each line shall be used as the excursion limit.

- **Maximum intrusion line from AE-MDB and Pole tests (red)**

  This line is marking the maximum post-test intruding point of the interior door panel from AE-MDB (60km/h) and 75º pole impacts respectively. The method to determine the maximum deformation is detailed in Appendix I. Peak intrusion values will be compared to those observed in the official tests. The OEM shall provide details of the measurement point used for establishing the intrusion lines. Where the red line is further inboard than any of the other excursion lines, those lines will not be marked on the BIW.

- **Head excursion performance limit (orange)**

  Struck side seat centreline (pre-test, without intrusion)

- **Head excursion performance limit (yellow)**

  125mm inboard of the struck side seat centreline

- **Occupant interaction limit (green)**

  250mm inboard from the struck side seat centreline

3.4.4 In addition to the excursion lines, the vehicle centreline shall be marked in blue.

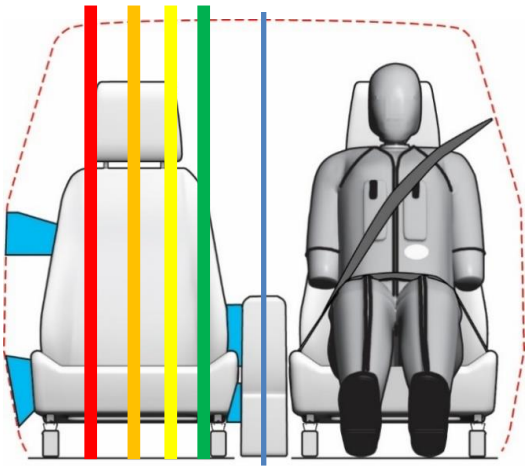


Figure 2: Vehicle markings

4 SLED TEST PROGRAMME

4.1 Sled Acceleration Pulses

4.1.1 Two sled tests are required for the evaluation of far side occupant excursion.

4.1.1.1 One test shall be performed using a representative 60km/h AE-MDB to car non-struck side B-pillar pulse

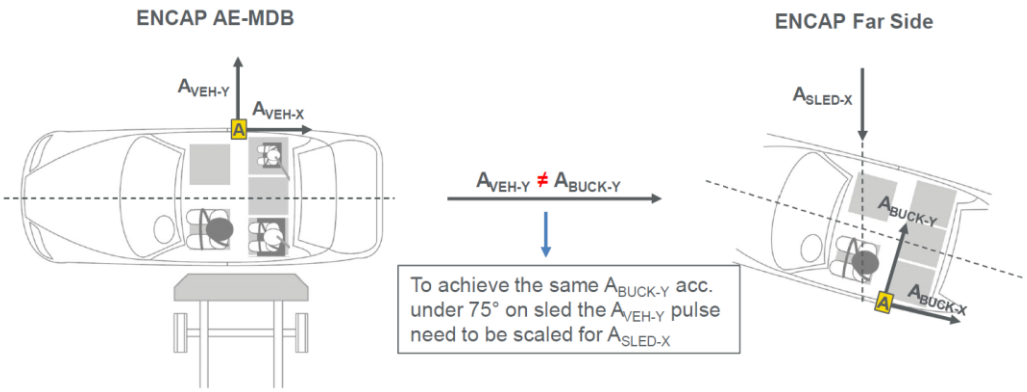
4.1.1.2 One test shall be performed using a representative 32km/h 75º pole test non-struck side B-pillar pulse.

4.1.2 All pulses shall be from the non-struck side B-pillar base and filtered at CFC60.

4.1.3 The sled pulse shall be a scaled B-pillar pulse as measured in the AE-MDB test and pole test due to the angled test sled set-up. To ensure a similar B-pillar pulse in the sled test the following scaling is applied:

$A_{X,SLED} = A_{Y,VEHICLE(AE\text{-}MDB)} \times 1.035$

$A_{X,SLED} = A_{Y,VEHICLE(POLE)} \times 1.035$



4.1.4 The OEM shall specify the accelerometer location to be used in the official tests to ensure similar positioning between tests.

4.1.5 In house test vehicle variants may differ slightly from the official model tested by Euro NCAP e.g. engine etc. This is so that testing can be performed in advance of the official Euro NCAP tests.

4.1.6 The suitability of the correlation between the vehicle and sled pulses will be checked according to the method detailed in Appendix II.

4.2 Dummy and instrumentation

4.2.1 A WorldSID 50th percentile male test dummy shall be used in the front driver's position. It shall conform to the specification detailed in ISO 15830, parts 1-5.

4.2.2 The WorldSID shall be equipped with the half arm assembly on both sides.

4.2.3 The dummy shall be clothed in a sleeveless suit or a modified version of the sleeved suit with sleeves removed.

4.2.4 The dummy shall have a stabilised temperature in the range of 20.6ºC to 22.2ºC. A copy of the temperature readings is to be supplied as part of the standard output of the test.

4.2.5 A stabilised temperature shall be obtained by soaking the dummy in temperatures that are within the range specified above for at least 1 hour prior to the test.

4.2.6 Measure the temperature of the dummy for at least 5 hours before test at intervals not exceeding 10 minutes and not exceeding 5 minutes before test.

4.2.7 Data processing shall be in accordance with Technical Bulletin 021.

4.2.8 The WorldSID shall be instrumented on the struck side to record the channels listed below. Additional channels may be recorded. In-dummy data acquisition system is recommended and in case of 45 or more channels it is required.

4.2.9 All lower neck load data is to be supplied, lower neck Mx and My loads moments shall be corrected according to the correction factor in SAE J1733, detailed in Technical Bulletin TB 021..

Location	**Parameter**	**Minimum amplitude**	**Channel count**
Head	Linear acceleration, Ax, Ay, Az	250g	3
	Angular velocity, ωx, ωy, ωz	4000deg/sec	3
Upper neck	Forces and moments Fx, Fy, Fz, Mx, My, Mz	5kN, 300Nm	6
Lower neck*	Forces and moments Fx, Fy, Fz, Mx, My, Mz	5kN, 300Nm	6
Shoulder – Joint	Forces, Fx, Fy, Fz	8kN	3
Shoulder – Rib	Displacement & rotation	100mm	2
Thorax - Upper rib	Displacement & rotation	100mm	2
Thorax - Mid rib	Displacement & rotation	100mm	2
Thorax - Lower rib	Displacement & rotation	100mm	2
Thoracic temperature	Temperature	30°C	1
Abdomen - Upper rib	Displacement & rotation	100mm	2
Abdomen - Lower rib	Displacement & rotation	100mm	2
Spine - T12	Acceleration, Ax, Ay, Az	200g	3
	Forces Fx, Fy, Fz,	5kN	3
	Moments, Mx, My, Mz	300Nm	3
Pelvis	Acceleration, Ax, Ay, Az	200g	3
	Pubic force	5kN	1
	Total Channels		**47**

4.3 Sled Instrumentation

Location	Parameter	Minimum Amplitude	No of channels
B-Pillar non-struck side (BIW coordinates)	Accelerations, A_x, A_y	150g	2
Sled	Accelerations, A_x	150g	1
Driver Seatbelt Shoulder and Lap* Sections	Force, $F_{diagonal,}$ F_{lap}	16kN	2
	Total vehicle channels		5

* Care must be taken to position the lap belt transducer outboard of the dummy so that it does not interfere with the dummy/interior during the impact.

4.4 Passenger compartment adjustments

4.4.1 Passenger compartment adjustments used in the BIW will be as per the relevant passenger compartment adjustments detailed in the AE-MDB side impact test protocol (where relevant).

4.4.2 The driver and passenger seat fore/aft and seat back angles will be positioned identically. Where a vehicle has different seat travel between the driver and passenger side, the passenger seat travel will be positioned as close as possible to that of the driver and the seat back angle will also be the same as that of the driver.

4.4.3 Arm rests

4.4.3.1 Any arm-rests or centre console compartments shall be positioned to limit interaction with the dummy and maximise lateral excursion. See Appendix III.

4.4.3.2 Vehicles equipped with adjustable arm-rests on the seat back will have them positioned in the ‘not in use’ ‘up-folded’ position aligned with the seat back.

4.4.3.3 Vehicles equipped with adjustable arm rests as part of the centre console will have them positioned fully down and fully retracted.

4.4.3.4 The lid of any arm rest/storage compartment shall be closed.

4.4.3.4 Parts that can be removed from the centre console assembly must be present for the test provided they are equipped on the specification of vehicle tested by Euro NCAP.

4.4.4 The parking brake shall be in the disengaged position and the gear lever in D or in a gear position.

4.5 Driver dummy positioning

4.5.1 The dummy shall be installed on the driver’s seat (non-struck side) in accordance with the H-point manikin and dummy positioning procedures detailed in the AE-MDB side impact test protocol.

4.6 Dummy painting & Markings

4.6.1 The dummy shall have masking tape placed on the areas to be painted using the sizes detailed below. The tape should be completely covered with the following coloured paints. The paint should be applied close to the time of the test to ensure that the paint will still be wet on impact.

Driver

Head inboard (Paint tape outline)		Blue, red & green
Head CoG inboard (circle Ø40mm)		Orange
Head top along mid sagittal plane		Green & yellow
Shoulder	Arm	Blue
2nd Thorax	Rib	Green
3rd Thorax	Rib	Red
1st Abdomen	Rib	Blue
2nd Abdomen	Rib	Green
Pelvis		Orange

NOTE: The tape should be completely covered with the coloured paints specified, except for the driver head which should have only the outer edge of the tape painted.

Tape Sizes:

Head = 100mm square, centreline of head with lower edge at CoG.

Head = 200mm x 20mm strip, centre located at head CoG

Arm = 25mm x 150mm, starting at bottom edge of shoulder fixing hole.

Ribs = 25mm x 150mm strip, starting at the rearmost point at seat back.

Pelvis = 50mm x 100mm, centred on hip joint point.

Figure 3: Dummy head painting

4.6.2 The dummy shall have two markers at the front of the dummy head for video analysis. They will be positioned on the head front mould split line at:

- Centre of Gravity
- 100mm below Centre of Gravity

4.7 Pre-test measurements

4.7.1 To ensure repeatability of dummy seating & positioning - take detailed static 3D measurements of dummy, seat belt anchorage points and vehicle interior after the dummy settling and positioning procedures have been carried out.

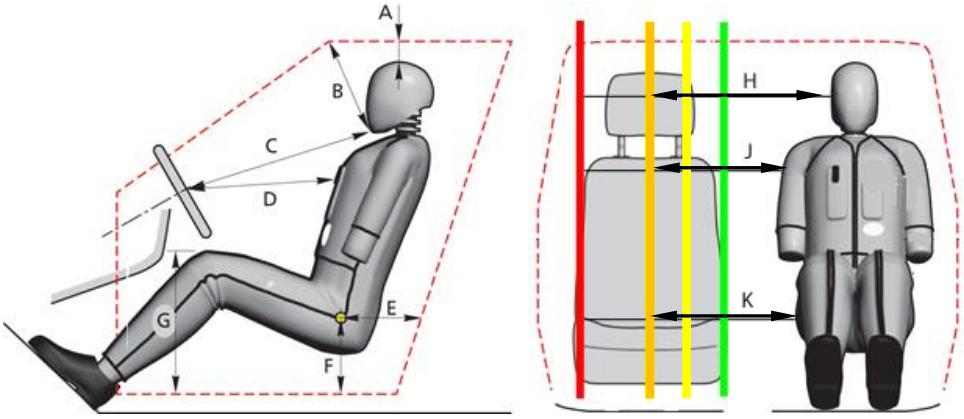


Figure 4: Pre-test measurements

Driver measurements	
A	Not required
B	Chin/windscreen joint
C	Chin/centre of the steering
D*	Thorax strap/centre of the steering wheel
E	Hip-joint point/inside opening of the door (horizontal), manikin and dummy
F	Hip-joint point/inside opening of the door (vertical), manikin and dummy
G	Knee/floor covering (vertical)
H	Head to seat centreline
J	Shoulder to seat centreline
K	Hip-joint point to seat centreline

* Horizontal distance from steering wheel centre

5 PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD

5.1 Insufficient high speed or still photography could result in the data not being accepted by the Euro NCAP Secretariat.

5.2 It is essential that the onboard cameras are attached to the sled in a way that minimises relative motion during the test.

5.3 Sufficient lighting must also be provided to ensure that the maximum head excursion can be clearly seen on the high-speed film.

5.4 High speed film

5.4.1 High speed film, 1000fps minimum, is required for both tests. The following specification shall be used:

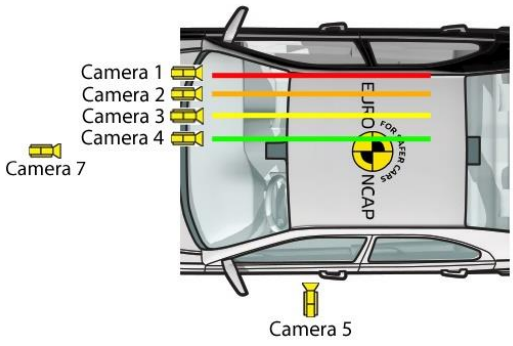
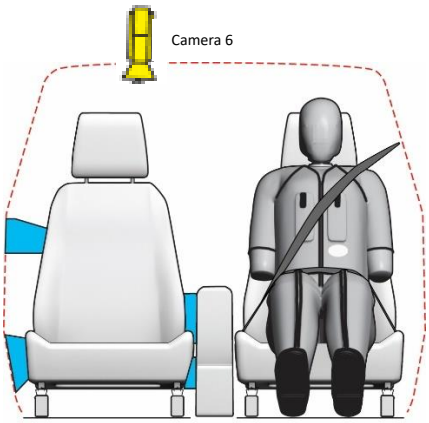
- Format: MP4 or AVI.
- Codec: H.264, Data/Bit rate: 2 Mbps.
- Resolution: Native camera resolutions.
- Frame rate: 1000 fps.
- Must include burnt in timers

5.4.2 Sled mounted high speed cameras shall be used to record the whole of the relevant scene.

5.4.3 The minimum number of cameras required for each test is five.

5.4.4 Two cameras must be positioned either side of the zone in which the head excursion is anticipated. For example, if the excursion is expected in the orange zone, cameras 2 & 3 will be the minimum required, camera 6 would be placed on the orange line.

5.4.5 Where the camera positions are overlapping, the highest priority regarding camera positioning should be given to camera 1, but camera 2 is still required.

	
Onboard camera views: 1. Front, red line 2. Front, orange line 3. Front, yellow line 4. Front, green line 5. Side, driver pre-test pelvis to head 6. Plan, most outboard head excursion line	Offboard camera views: 7. Front, parallel to vehicle centreline

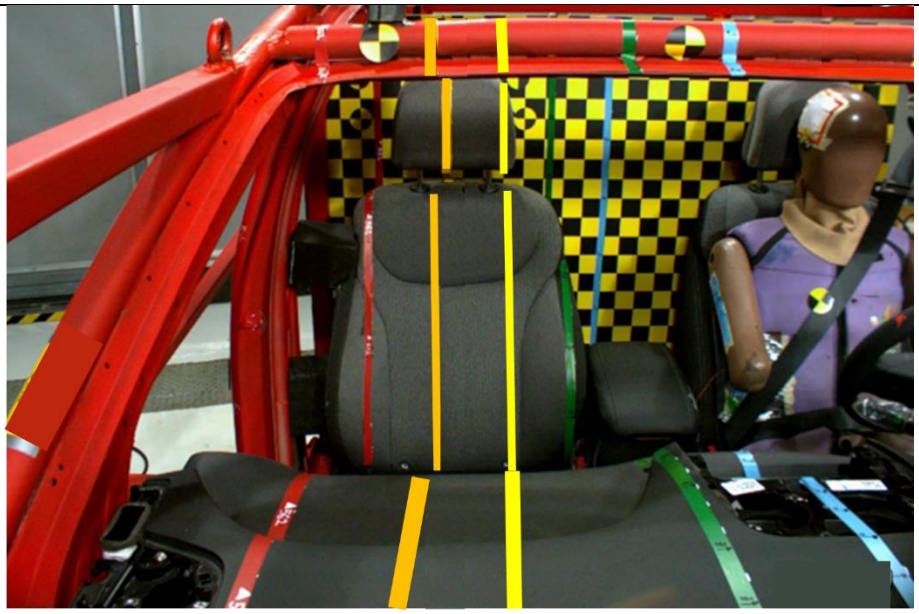
Camera: 1

Description:
Front view centred to intrusion limit and parallel to vehicle centreline.
Frame width: Outboard edge of A-pillar to far side seat centreline.
Frame height: Front edge of roof to seat base.

Camera: 2

Description:
Front view centred to seat centreline, parallel to vehicle centreline.
Frame width: Outboard edge of A-pillar to far side B-pillar.
Frame height: Front edge of roof to seat base.

Camera: 3

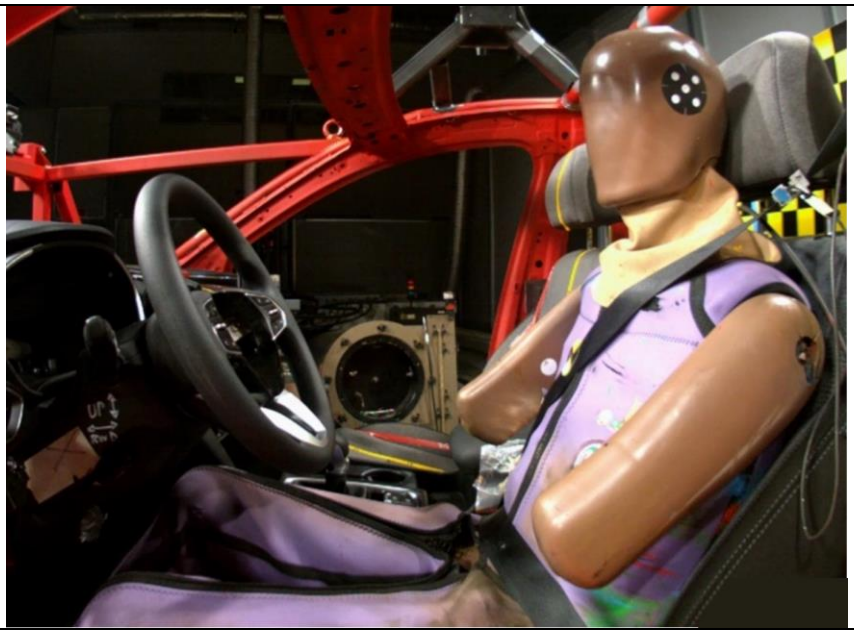


Description:
Front view centred to yellow line, parallel to vehicle centreline.
Frame width: Outboard edge of A-pillar to far side B-pillar
Frame height: Front edge of roof to seat base.

Camera: 4

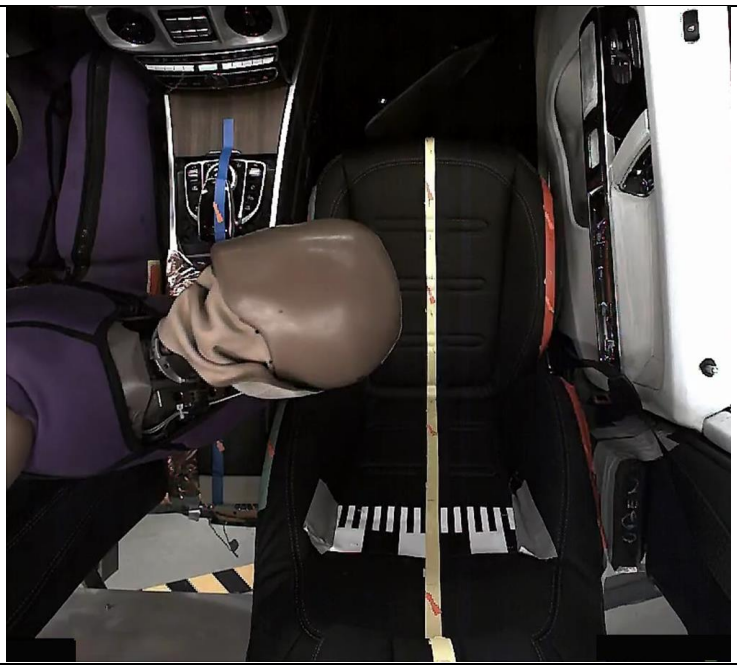
Description:
Front view centred to green line, parallel to vehicle centreline.
Frame width: Outboard edge of B-pillar to far side B-pillar.
Frame height: Front edge of roof to seat base.

Camera: 5



Description:
Side view of driver centred to middle of door aperture, door waist height.
Frame width: Facia to rear of seat back
Frame height: Head to pelvis.

Camera: 6



Description:
Frame width: Facia to rear of seat back
Frame height: Far side seat centreline to B-pillar.

Camera: 7

Description: Front, parallel to vehicle centreline. Frame width: Full width of BIW. Frame height: Full height of BIW.

5.5 Still photography

5.5.1 Pre and post-test still photography is required to clearly show the sled set-up and BIW construction. Still photographs should show the fixings of the body in white to the sled, the steering column, facia/tunnel mounting and the appropriate body reinforcements before and after the series of tests.

No.	Pre	Post	View
1.	•	•	Top view of full BIW
2.	•	•	Front view of full BIW
3.	•	•	Rear view of full BIW
4.	•	•	Side view of full BIW
5.	•	•	Driver's side view of BIW at 45 ° to front
6.	•	•	Passenger's side view of BIW at 45 ° to front
7.	•	•	Side view of driver from outside
8.	•	•	Side view of driver from inside (including paint)
9.	•	•	Front view of driver
10.	•	•	Rear view of spacers in position
After dummy removal:			
11.		•	Paint transfer to centre console
12.		•	Paint transfer to passenger's side door/airbags (if applicable)

6 DATA PROCESSING AND REPORTING

6.1 Data processing

6.1.1 Data processing and assessment criteria calculation shall be supplied to Euro NCAP in ISO-MME format in accordance with Technical Bulletin 021.

6.2 Reporting

6.2.1 The key deliverables will be as follows:

- Summary dossier
- Reference pulse data in ISO MME format, as detailed in Section 4.1
- B-pillar accelerometer position details
- BIW & test set-up data, as detailed in Section 4
- H-point and head CoG measurement and comparison with full scale test
- Restraint system time to fire and comparison with full scale test
- All sensor outputs in ISO MME format
- All sensor curves plotted in a single PDF file (sled and ATD)
- High speed film (min. 1000fps) Section 5.4
- Photos, as detailed in Section 5.5
- All excursion line measurements relative to vehicle centreline (in Y axis)
- Details of peak intrusion measurement location and photograph
- Folder and file structure as follows:

/Vehicle/

AE-MDB/

Channel/

Document/

Report/

Movie/

Photos/

Pole/

Channel/

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7 FAR SIDE OCCUPANT ASSESSMENTS

7.1 Scoring

The points available for far side impact assessments in the final vehicle assessment is a total of 4 points, which will be combined with the full-scale AE-MDB (2 points) and pole impact (2 points) scores. The far side score will be scaled down from the individual scores of the two far side sled tests, which offer a maximum of 12 points per test.

7.2 Head excursion

The peak head excursion in both sled tests will be established using the onboard cameras. The maximum amount of points available per body region in each test is dependent upon the amount of excursion observed and what specific far side impact countermeasures the vehicle is equipped with. Where the head excursion is outside the green zone, the number of points available for each body region will be reduced according to which zone the peak head excursion occurs, see Figure 5. A sliding scale is not applicable to head excursion.

7.2.1 Head excursion assessment zones

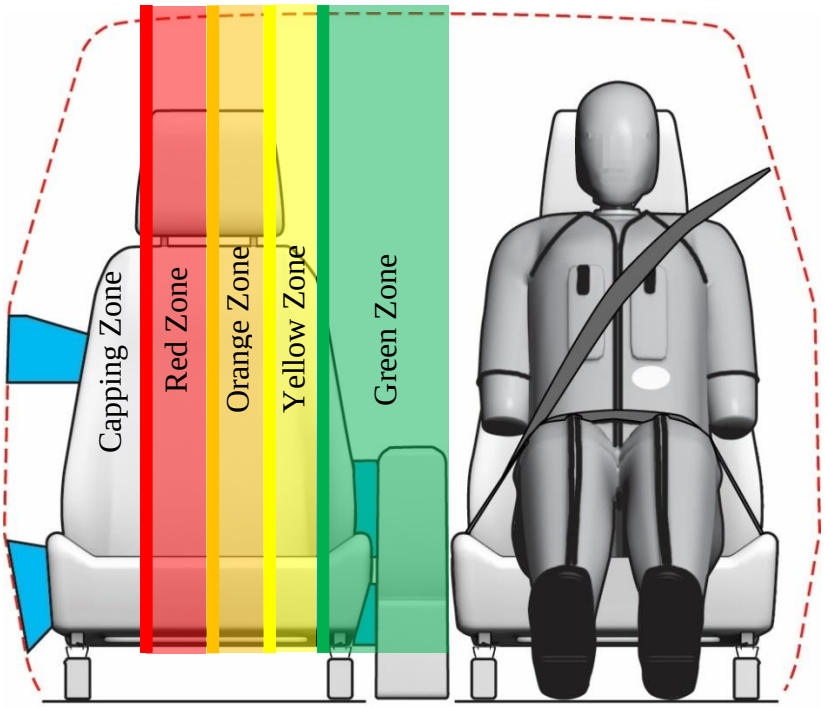

Figure 5: Head excursion zones

7.2.2 Scoring for vehicles with far side countermeasure

The maximum available points for each body region are dependent upon the amount of head excursion. The individual body region scores are presented in the table below.

Head Excursion						
	Capping Zone*	Red Zone**		Orange Zone	Yellow Zone	Green Zone
		≤125mm	>125mm			
Head Score	0.000	0.000	2.000	3.000	4.000	4.000
Neck Score	0.000	4.000	4.000	3.000	4.000	4.000
Chest Score	0.000	0.000	0.000	3.000	4.000	4.000
Max Dummy Score	**0.000**	**4.000**	**6.000**	**9.000**	**12.000**	**12.000**

** In case of head excursion in the Capping Zone, both far side tests are capped.*

*** With the head excursion in the Red Zone, the maximum head score is depending on whether the red excursion line is >125mm outboard of the orange excursion line or not. Where the head excursion is in the red zone, the vehicle is equipped with a countermeasure and the red excursion line is >125 mm outboard of the orange line, then the excursion shall be coloured brown instead of red.*

7.2.3 Scoring for vehicles without far side countermeasure

The maximum available point for each body region is dependent upon the amount of head excursion. The individual body region scores are presented in the table below.

Head Excursion					
	Capping Zone*	Red Zone	Orange Zone	Yellow Zone	Green Zone
Head Score	0.000	0.000	1.000	2.000	4.000
Neck Score	0.000	1.000	1.000	2.000	4.000
Chest Score	0.000	0.000	1.000	2.000	4.000
Max Dummy Score	**0.000**	**1.000**	**3.000**	**6.000**	**12.000**

** In case of head excursion in the Capping Zone, both far side tests are capped.*

7.3 Criteria and limit values

The basic assessment criteria used for both impact scenarios are summarised below. The assessments are divided into four individual body regions, the head, neck, chest & abdomen and pelvis & lumbar spine. Where multiple criteria exist for an individual body region, the lowest scoring parameter is used to determine the performance of that region.

For dummy injury criteria, a sliding scale system of points scoring has been used to calculate points for each measured criterion. This involves two limits for each parameter, a more demanding limit (higher performance), below which a maximum score, as listed in the tables above, is obtained and a less demanding limit (lower performance), beyond which no points are scored. Where a value falls between the two limits, the score is calculated by linear interpolation.

For both impact scenarios, capping is applied to the head, chest and abdomen. Where the dummy capping limit is exceeded, the score for the test in which this occurs will be 0 points.

7.3.1 Dummy criteria

	Criteria	**Performance limits**		
		Higher	**Lower**	**Capping**
Head	HIC_{15} (with direct contact)	500	700	700
	Resultant 3ms acceleration	72g	80g	80g
Upper Neck	Tension Fz		3.74kN	
	Lateral flexion MxOC	162Nm	248Nm	
	Extension negative MyOC		50Nm	
Lower Neck	Tension Fz		3.74kN	
	Lateral flexion $Mx_{(base\ of\ neck)}$	162Nm	248Nm	
	*Extension neg. $My_{(base\ of\ neck)}$		[100]Nm	
Chest & Abdomen	Chest lateral compression	28mm	50mm	50mm
	Abdomen lateral compression	47mm	65mm	65mm

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A hard contact is assumed if the peak resultant head acceleration exceeds 80g or if there is other evidence of hard contact.

7.3.1.1 Monitoring criteria

Monitoring Head rotational acceleration shall be measured, but calculation of advanced brain injury criteria, such as SUFEHM, is not required in the data submission.

7.4 Modifiers

7.4.1 Pelvis and Lumbar loads

Limiting excursion by transmitting excessive loads through the pelvis and lumbar area may pose a risk of injury to occupants. A -4 point modifier is applied to the dummy score for each test in which any of the limits listed below are exceeded.

	Criteria	**Performance limits**	
Pelvis & Lumbar	Pubic symphysis	2.8kN	-4 points
	Lumbar Fy	2.0kN	
	Lumbar Fz	3.50kN	
	Lumbar Mx	120Nm	

7.4.2 Occupant to occupant protection

7.4.2.1 Where a vehicle is equipped with a far side countermeasure that is designed to limit head excursion but cannot provide meaningful head protection in occupant interaction (as defined in 7.4.2.2 below), the final far side score (max 4 points) will be reduced by 1 point.

7.4.2.2 Where a vehicle is equipped with a countermeasure that is specifically designed to provide additional protection from occupant interaction, its efficacy will need to be demonstrated in the official Euro NCAP pole impact test with the use of two mid-sized WorldSID dummies.

a) Where the OEM can show that the presence of the passenger in the dual occupancy pole test will influence the results of the nearside driver, the OEM may sponsor an additional single occupant pole test. The results will instead be used to rate the near-side pole impact performance. More details of the dual occupancy test are provided in the Euro NCAP Oblique Pole Impact Testing Protocol.

b) Where, in the dual occupancy pole test, there is interaction between either dummy head and the adjacent occupant (7.4.2.3) and/or the protection offered is not symmetric (7.4.2.4), and/or the protection zone is not met (7.4.2.5), the final far side score (max 4 points) will be reduced by 1 point.

7.4.2.3 The heads of both the driver and passenger dummies will be evaluated. Upper neck and shoulder forces for both dummies must be reported. Interaction will be determined from the high-speed film with either evidence of direct contact or where the head lower performance limits (HIC & 3ms) are exceeded. Any direct contact between the far side occupant's head and any part of the nearside occupant will be assessed regardless of whether the limits in 7.3.1 have been exceeded or not. For example, if an inflatable countermeasure allows the far side occupant's head to contact the driver, the peak resultant acceleration trace and/or the high-speed film will be used to identify head contact.

7.4.2.4 Countermeasures must offer equivalent levels of protection in dual occupancy scenarios regardless of which side of the vehicle is impacted. Where a countermeasure is asymmetric, the OEM must provide evidence to show that it provides protection when impacted on both sides. For example, with a second dual occupancy test impacting the passenger side of the vehicle or numerical simulations. Both seats shall be set to that of the AE-MDB test.

7.4.2.5 A countermeasure against occupant interaction must be able to protect a range of occupant sizes in different seating positions. Regardless of which dual occupancy test is performed, the coverage zone must be demonstrated in the zone defined as follows: Protection must be provided in a rounded rectangular area between the passenger head CoG in the dual occupancy pole test position and forwards up to the driver pole impact test position plus an additional 82mm border front and rear (half head diameter). In the vertical direction, the zone is 120mm upwards and downwards of the CoG (Figure 6). The following shall be noted:

a) Where countermeasures utilise inflatable systems, the protection zone is measured on a flattened countermeasure using the passenger's head paint mark on the countermeasure from the dual occupancy pole impact test. This will be evaluated during the vehicle inspection.

b) It may be necessary to measure the coverage area using an inflated airbag. For example, using a flattened airbag may not be suitable if the shape/orientation of the inflated area cannot be flattened. This will be evaluated during the vehicle inspection.

c) In some cases, the countermeasure may offer protection in the requested zone without fully or partially covering the protection zone. In this case, the robustness of occupant to occupant interaction avoidance in the requested protection zone must be clearly demonstrated to Euro NCAP by the manufacturer. This must be done with in house, full scale test data from an equivalent occupant to occupant pole test where the passenger seat is in the same position as that of the driver. A different test set-up may be necessary to show that the systems works for different statures within the protection zone, e.g. a higher or lower seat position.

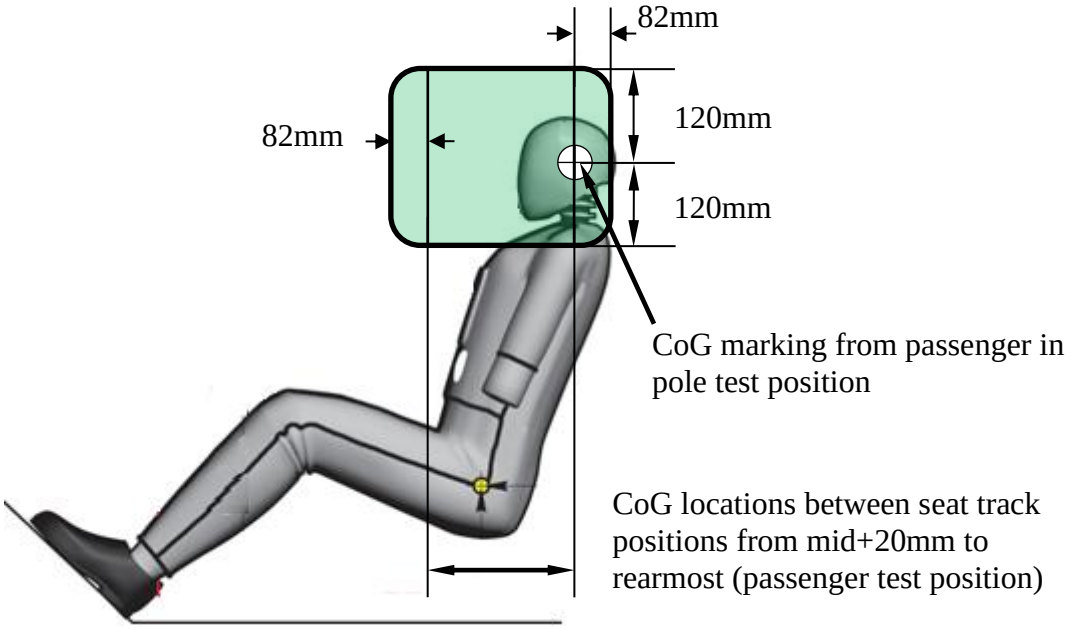


Figure 6: Protection zone

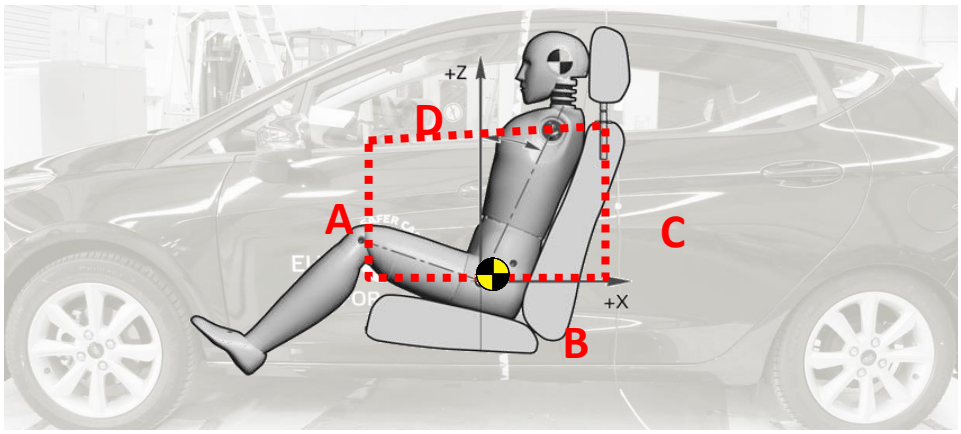
Appendix I

To determine the excursion lines the following method is to be followed. In this method the following definitions are used:

Intrusion area

The intrusion area is the external area limited by the following lines:

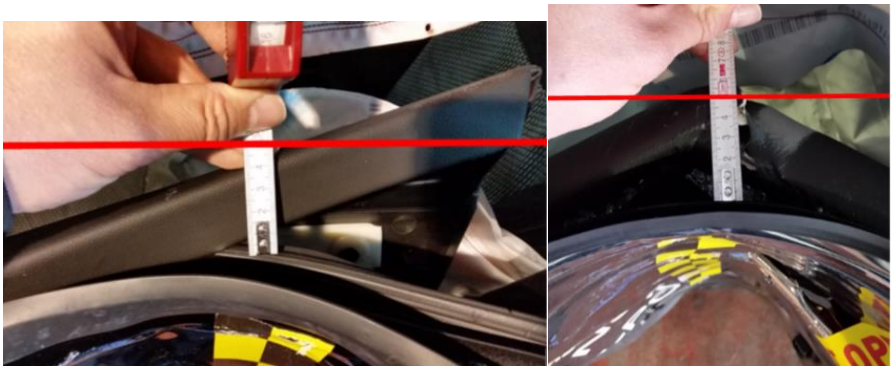
Line	Description
A	Vertical line at x-position 700mm forward of the R-point
B	Horizontal line at z-position of R-point
C	Vertical line at x-position at the back of headrest stems
D	Door waist line



Maximum inboard intrusion

The maximum inboard point is determined within the intrusion area, the method to find this point is described as follows. There is no compulsory procedure how to measure the maximum inboard point. It is acceptable to use 3D scan, 3D arm or a tape measure.

In most cases the armrest will be the most inboard part. Therefore, the measurement will be taken from the most inboard surface of the armrest.
At waistline level, if this is the most inboard area, the inner door trim/cover is ignored. The point is defined as the most inboard metal part of the door structure +50mm inboard (see example below).



Appendix II

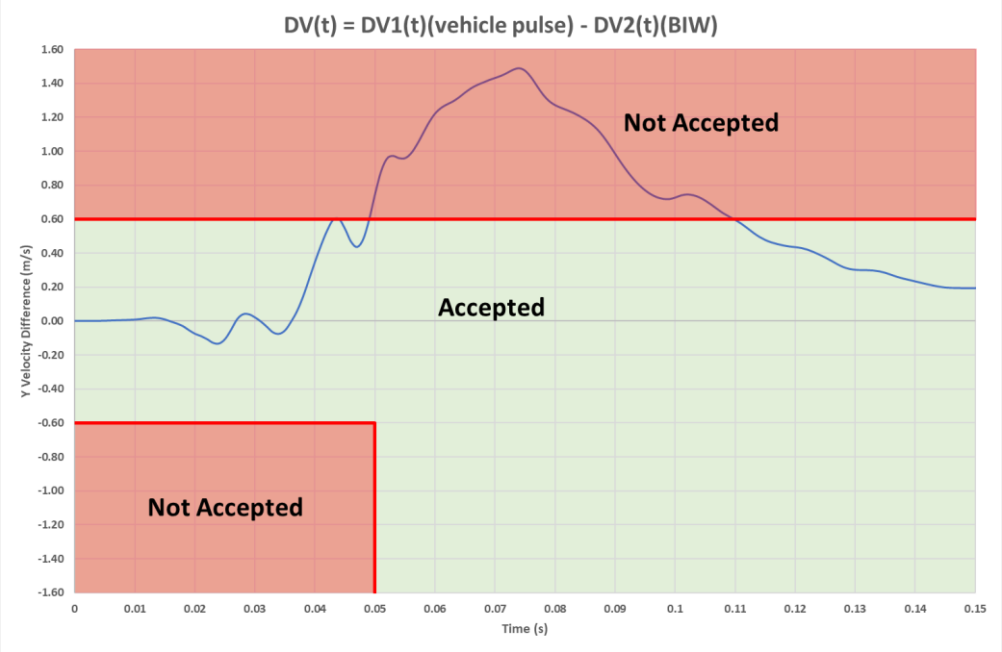
The pulse performed on the sled facility should be close to or more severe as the pulse defined in Section 4.1.3, Ax_{sled}. All references to 'sled pulse' refer to the acceleration measured at the B-pillar on the body-in-white. To validate this point, the following process should be used**:**

- Change the orientation to have body-in-white B-pillar pulse and vehicle pulse in globally positive values
- Calculate by integration the Delta V (DV1(t) from vehicle pulse, setting the initial velocity to 0
- Calculate by integration the Delta V (DV2(t) from sled test (BIW), setting the initial velocity to 0
- Calculate the difference DV(t) = DV1(t) – DV2(t)
- Calculate by integration of DV1(t) the X displacement DX1(t) from vehicle , setting the initial value to 0
- Calculate by integration of DV2(1) the X displacement DX2(t) from sled test (BIW), setting the initial value to 0
- Calculate the difference DX(t) = DX1(t) – DX2(t)
- Calculate DX at 120 ms

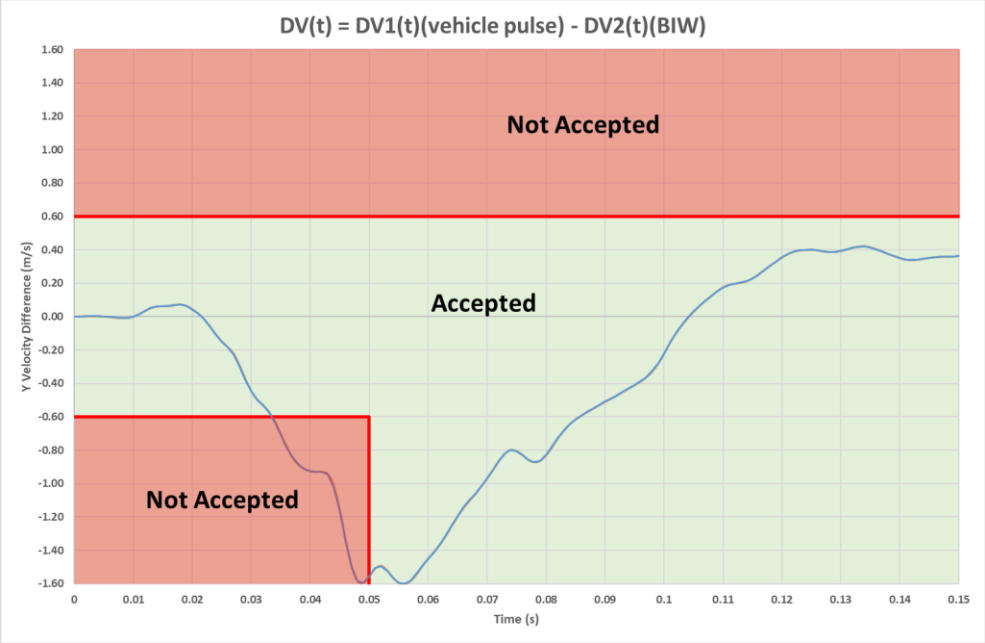
Requirement #1:

- If all the DV(t) values up to 120 ms are in the zone as shown below, requirement #1 is OK – check requirement #2
- If some DV(t) values up to 120 ms are outside the zone, requirement #1 is not OK

→ **sled test (BIW) is less severe than the vehicle test pulse and cannot be accepted**

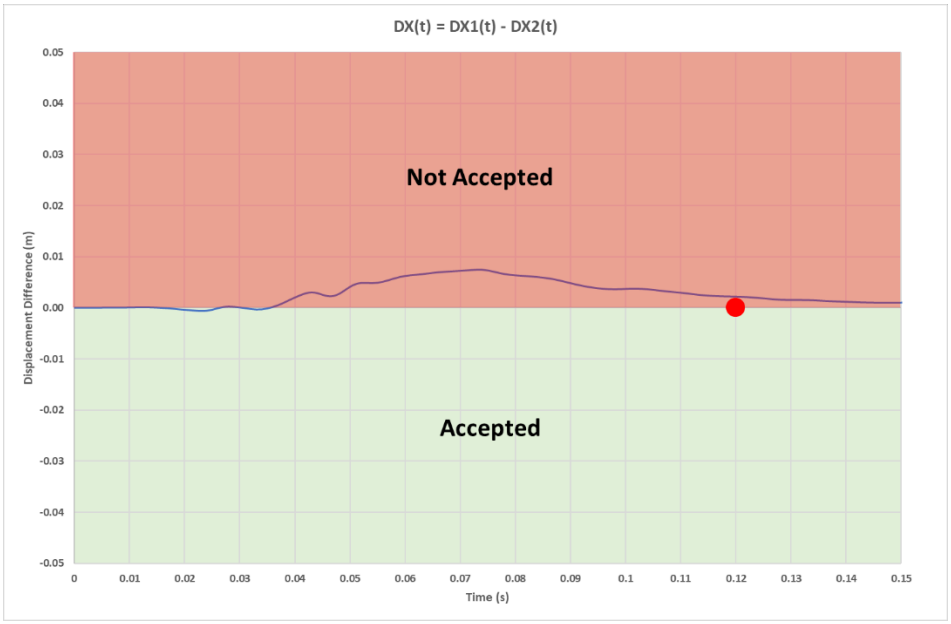


→ **sled test (BIW) is more severe than the vehicle test pulse in the early phase and cannot be accepted**



Requirement #2:

- If $DX_{(120ms)}$ value at 120 ms is negative, requirement #2 is OK
  → **sled test is accepted**
- If $DX_{(120ms)}$ value at 120 ms is positive, requirement #2 is not OK
  → **sled test cannot be accepted**



Appendix III

Seat mounted arm rests

Not in use	In use
	

Centre console and tunnel mounted

Not in use	In use
	

Not in use	In use
	
	

Not in use	In use
	
	
	

Not in use	In use
	

Not in use	In use