TEST RESULTS





Comments

The Rover 100 was awarded only one star for protection in frontal and side impact. However, with a little improvement it would move into the two-star category. In the frontal-impact test, the head and loadings on both knees failed to meet the new criteria. Furthermore, the rearward and upward displacement of the steering wheel also failed to comply. Under side-impact crash test conditions, loadings to the chest and abdomen were greater than those which are to be permitted by the future requirements. In frontal impact, the major problems related to excessive intrusion and instability of the passenger compartment. Better control of steering wheel displacement would be needed to overcome the Rover 100's head protection problems. For protection of the lower limbs, reducing intrusion and improving the knee-impact area would be most beneficial. In side impact, reduced loading of the chest and abdomen is needed, while at the same time controlling the loading on the pelvis.

Front impact

The Rover suffered excessive deformation of the passenger compartment in the frontal impact – the A-pillar on the driver's side was pushed back by 488mm – and the structure became unstable. This was because the driver's door split apart, allowing excessive collapse of the door aperture and intrusion of the facia, which had partially come away from the car's side. Following frontal impact, the driver's door could only be opened by using tools. However, the passenger's door could be opened normally. The steering wheel was pushed back by an excessive 312mm. There was excessive intrusion of the footwell. The Rover suffered excessive deformation of the passenger compartment in the frontal impact – the A-pillar on the driver's side was pushed back by 488mm – and the structure became unstable. This was because the driver's door



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Side impact

Head protection offered by the Rover 100 in side impact was good, pelvis protection adequate. Owing to loading on the dummy's top rib, the protection from injury of the chest was poor, and so was the rating given to protection of the abdomen.

Child occupant

A forward-facing Klippan Superdream child seat was fitted, as recommended by Rover. Under frontal-impact crash conditions, the forward movement of the child restraint was found to be well controlled. However, there was considered to be insufficient restraint afforded to the child's upper body that, in turn, allowed a large forward movement of the child's head to take place. The lateral movement of the child restraint under side impact crash testing was rated as poor. In this case, the upper part of the restraint was allowed to move across as far as the mid line of the car. The child's head was then able to move well beyond the protective sides of the child restraint.

Pedestrian

Four of the six test points gave better-than-average protection. Areas of the bonnet above a battery terminal and suspension turret provided poorer protection. Upper leg impact Two of the three test points gave better-than-average protection. Less protection was available in the centre of the car near the bonnet latch and badge. Adult head impact Two of the three test points gave better-than-average protection. Worse-than-average protection was provided on the bonnet above the hinge. Leg impact One of the test points – at the centre of the bumper – provided protection better than that required to meet proposed legislation. Areas of the bumper ahead of the mount and in line with the inside edge of the headlight gave better-than-average protection.