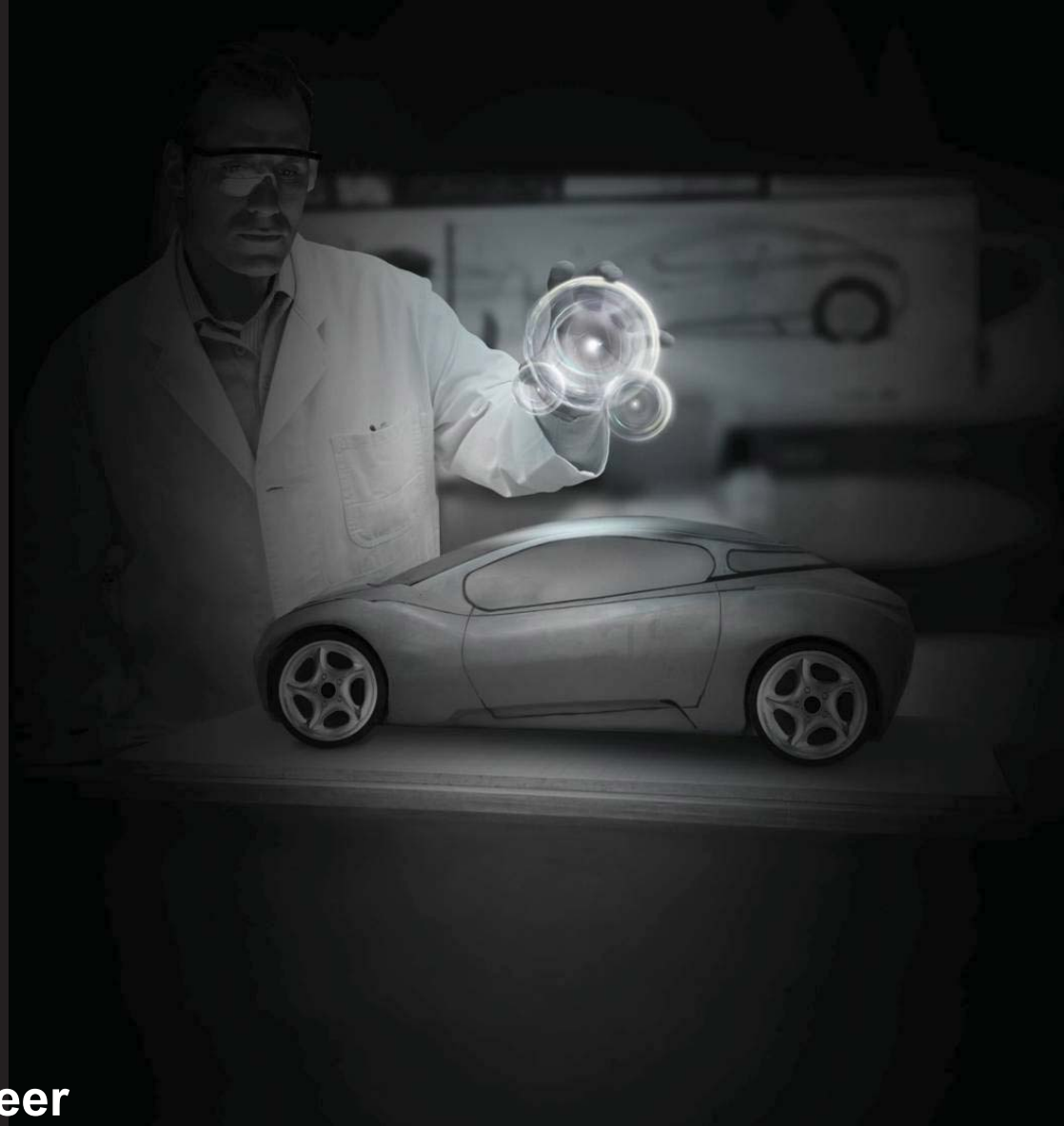


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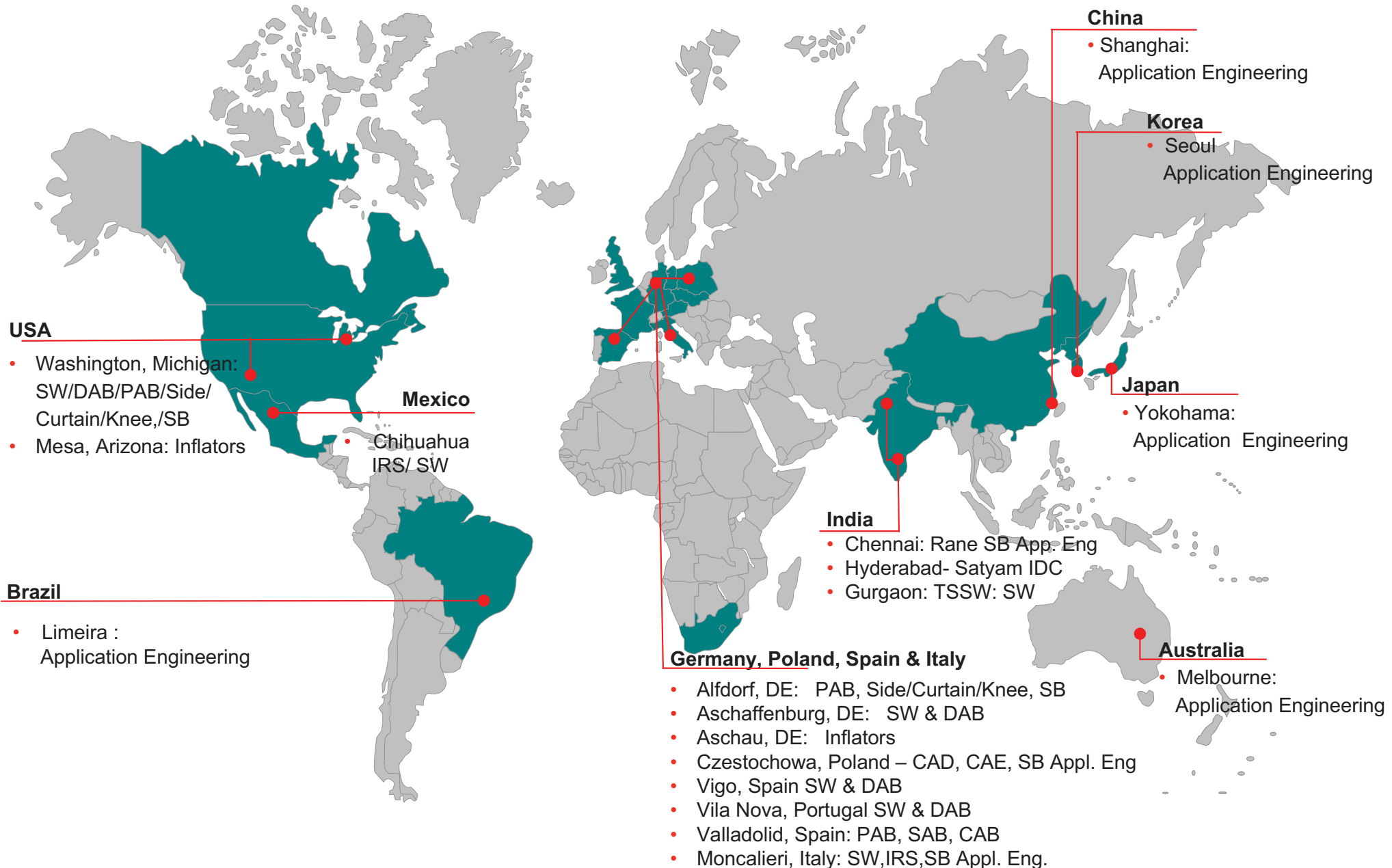
A Supplier's Perspective on Automotive Safety – Past, Present & Future

February 16th, 2011

Kurt Fischer – Senior Staff Engineer



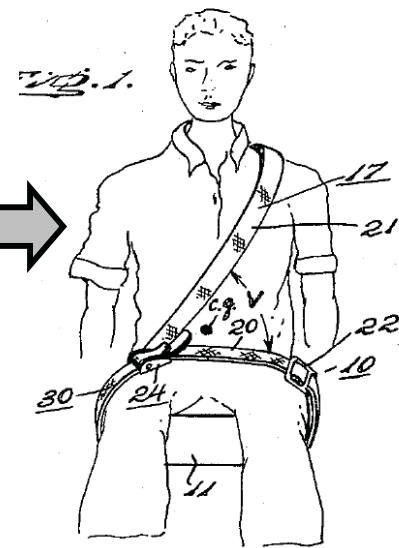
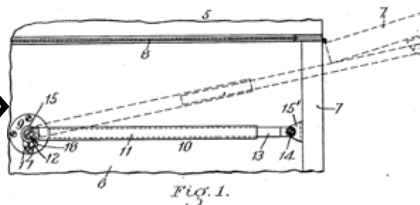
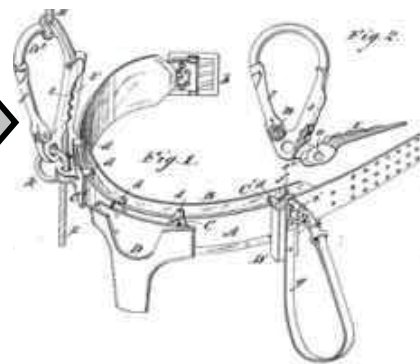
Global OSS Engineering Presence



Automotive Safety – The Earlier Years



- 1885 - The first U.S. patent for automobile seat beats was issued to Edward J. Claghorn of New York, New York. United States Patent #312,085.
- 1920's - Irvin Air Chute received an order for seat belts for Barney Oldfield's Indianapolis 500 racecar.
- 1927 – Fred H. Rowe applied for a first automatic restraint. US Patent #1,775,256.
- 1951 – The first three point belt (CIR-Griswold restraint) was patented by Americans Roger W. Griswold and Hugh De Haven. But, they left the buckle in the middle.



Safety Belt Devised For Car

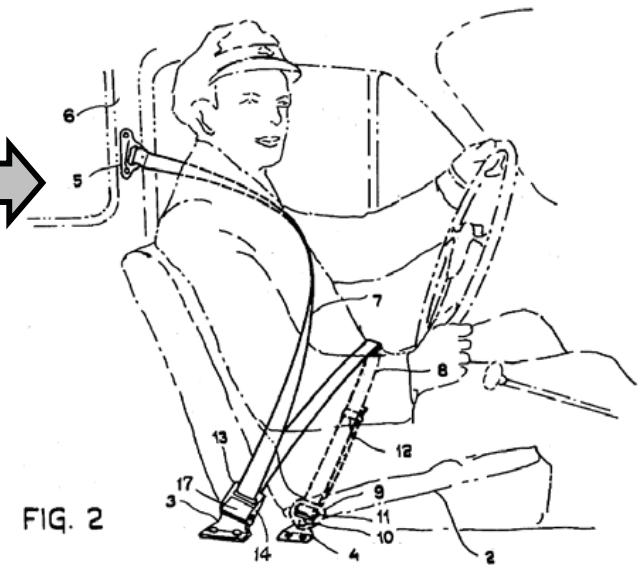
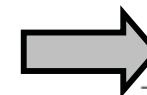
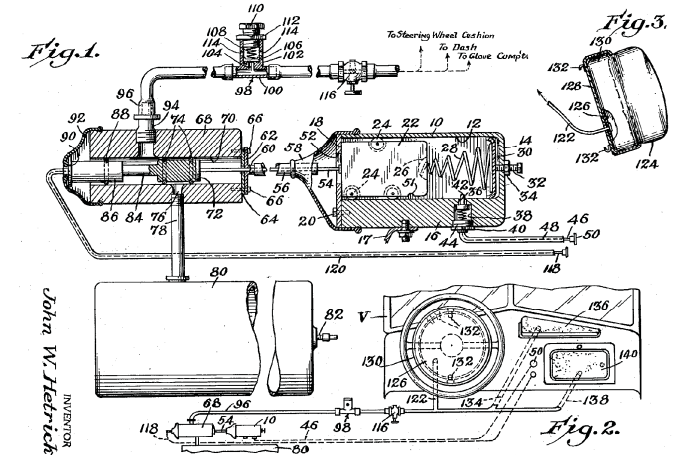


DESIGNED to hold passengers firmly in their seats in event of a crash so that they will not be thrown violently against the car interior, a newly developed safety belt for automobiles may eliminate injuries attributed to this cause.

Mechanix Illustrated – July 1938

Automotive Safety – The Earlier Years

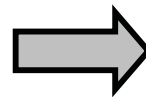
- 1952 - Walter Linderer's airbag was based on a compressed air system, either released by bumper contact or by the driver. Linderer received German patent #896312.
- 1953 - John Hedrik received U.S. Patent #2,649,311 for what he called a "safety cushion assembly for automotive vehicles."
- 1955 - Ford Motor Company announced that a "safety package," including seat belts, padded dashboard and sun visors, would be offered as an option for their 1956 model year.
- 1958 – Swedish Saab first introduced seat belts as standard.
- 1959 – Volvo introduced, Swedish inventor's, Nils Bohlin three-point seat belt. United States Patent #3,043,625.
- 1962 - Irvin Air Chute was awarded a production contract by General Motors to supply two safety belts for each Corvette manufactured.
- 1965 – SAE J4c was issued as a seat belt standard.



Automotive Safety – The Earlier Years



- 1967 – FMVSS 209 was issued as the first regulation for seat belts.
- 1968 – FMVSS 208 was issued. It required lap belts on all forward facing seat positions and shoulder harnesses on the front outboard positions.
- 1968 - Allen Breed patented the world's first electromechanical automotive airbag system. (U.S. #5,071,161)
- 1971 – Cadillac introduced computerized anti-lock rear brakes as optional equipment.
- 1971 – Ford had planned on introducing air bag (aka “Auto-Ceptor”) equipped vehicles for the 1971 model year. The program was shelved at the end of 1969 due to insurmountable problems. *Eaton Yale & Towne received 21 patents during this development.*
- 1972 - The inflatable seatbelt was invented by Donald Lewis and tested at the Automotive Products Division of Allied Chemical Corp. Ref an early patent US 3,841,654.



Pillow protects you in auto crashes

This “Auto-Ceptor” pillow is designed to prevent or lessen injuries in car accidents. Triggered by a crash sensor, it inflates in 1/25 second between the instrument panel and the driver and passenger. A model and dummy child demonstrate it here. It’s a joint product of two companies: Eaton Yale & Towne and the Ford Motor Co.

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Popular Science – May 1968

Automotive Safety – The Earlier Years



- **1973 – General Motors manufactures 1,000 Chevrolets equipped with experimental air bags and provides them to fleet customers for testing. Infant, unrestrained on the passenger seat of one of the experimental Chevrolets, is killed** →

Some '74 cars will be equipped with a new passive-restraint system that's sparking heated arguments about what's best for crash protection

Air Bags Vs. Belts: Next Month You Can Choose

By HERBERT SHULDINER ILLUSTRATIONS BY RAY POCH

Simulated firing of GM air bag system starts (top photo) as air bag emerges from steering-wheel hub and rises into glove compartment. Bag inflates as they meet and snags driver and passenger, left, steering wheel (center). Driver's bag cushions head and chest from steering wheel; inflation of passenger's bag (below) at 175 mph crash into a parked car. Driver's bag inflates at 10 psi.

Movie stunt man The fictionalized Mercedes-Benz air-bagged Mustang Custom (left) and Mustang Custom (right) at 175 mph crash into a parked car. Driver's bag inflates at 10 psi.

Headrest climbs out (top right)

1000 AND 1000 PASSENGERS

CUTAWAY DRAWING OF GM'S SYSTEM Shows before distribution (top) a pendulum weight (right) and its beam of the system. It senses changes in velocity to detect accidents and fire the detonators that inflate the bags.

DRIVER'S AIR BAG FOLDS INTO SMALL PACK Shows front and the rear hub of the steering wheel in Chevrolet coupe.

PASSENGER'S AIR BAG FOLDS INTO A LONGER PACK which is packed into the dashboard below the glove compartment.

Worsey had just joined an exclusive "club" of lucky people who have been tested, or who have escaped serious injuries because of air bags. So far, there have been 12 cars in which air bags deployed during accidents to perform this life-saving function.

They were part of a pilot fleet of 1971 cars equipped with air bags. These cars have logged over 30 million miles leading the revolutionary passive-restraint system that some safety experts feel could save many lives annually. If all cars had them, the bag-equipped cars—822 Mercedes and 1000 Chevrolet Datsun-

have been sold or leased to the U.S. government and to big fleets, or retained by the car companies for testing that starting next month, you'll be able to buy a Cadillac, Buick, or Oldsmobile with optional air bags.

These cars will have air bags tucked away in the steering-wheel hub and under the dashboard below the glove compartment for the driver and front-seat passengers—but no seat belts up front. There will be no chases, though, so you can install belts if you want them.

Exactly how many air-bag cars will be built is uncertain, but it is probably a little under 100,000 will

appear for the 1974 model year.

Why do we need air bags? What about the lap and shoulder belts we already have to protect us in crashes? Statistics show that pitifully few car occupants use the belts. In newer cars with light and buzzer reminders, lap belt usage may be as high as 40 percent. In older cars, it's only about

Continued

It started out as a routine trip on the streets of Chicago. James Warren's Illinois State Police Radar Unit. Failed on the front center console of the 33 last Feb. 20. It checked the steering car at 60 mph until he could lower it right on top of him—and turned at the last instant to see it crash into the rear of his wagon.

Passing motorists stopped to help the trooper and the driver of the off-racer—the 1972 Mercury Monterey Custom. One horrified man hopped inside the Mercury and Ralph Worsey of Wauconda, Ill., went for the floor in the wreckage of the front compartment, an odd-looking detainer had draped over him.

Worsey was dazed, but miraculously, he miraculously "turn." "They didn't know why there was enough of me to sweep up," Worsey told me recently.

But he himself has no doubts. The air bag installed in the steering wheel of the car just one week before had deployed at the instant of the crash to save his life. Warren's right knee, hip and wrist were fractured, but all air emergency treatment, but at a hospital he was sent home. The trooper was hospitalized four days with head and back injuries.

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Popular Science – Nov 1973

- **1975 – Oldsmobile Toronado is considered the first production GM vehicle to offer a air bag system as a option.**
- **1975 – Volkswagen Rabbit was the first commercial car to use automatic seat belts.**
- **1978 - NCAP initiated to provide the customer with a measure of safety performance**
- **1979 – Chevrolet Chevette joined the Rabbit as the only cars for automatic seat belts.**
- **1981 - Mercedes-Benz introduced the airbag in Germany as an option on its high-end S-Class (W126). In the Mercedes system, the sensors would automatically pre-tension the seat belts to reduce occupant's motion on impact (now a common feature), and then deploy the airbag on impact.** →

Mercedes' steering-wheel air bag



Chest-protecting air bag inflates from the steering wheel in 1/20 of a second, preventing injury as the driver is thrown forward. After driver hits it, the bag deflates.

A combination of air bag and seat belt protects the driver who opts for Mercedes' new safety package. The air bag is the only one offered as a production option by any auto maker.

In an impact of over nine mph, a pendulum sensor on the drive-shaft tunnel detects deceleration. A tiny pellet of solid rocket fuel then detonates; as it burns, it produces nitrogen gas that balloons a neoprene bag from the steering wheel. When the driver hits the bag, it deflates slowly. The driver is also restrained by his seat belt.

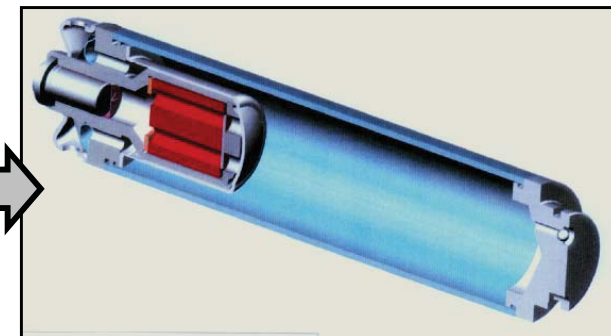
Instead of an air bag, an inertial reel belt restrains the front passenger. The same sensor triggers gas from a separate capsule. The gas expands against a piston that forces fluid onto a miniature hydraulic-turbine wheel mounted on the belt reel. This tightens any belt slack in 12 milliseconds. When the ignition is switched on, a dashboard check light glows for a few seconds, indicating that the system is functioning properly. The safety package is available as an option only in Europe on Mercedes S-Class cars. Price: about \$620.—David Scott

Popular Science – Nov 1981

Automotive Safety – The Recent Years



- 1984 – In the US, the Ford Tempo was offered with driver airbag as an option.
- In 1987, the Porsche 944 turbo became the first car in the world to have driver and passenger airbags as standard equipment. The same year also saw the first airbag in a Japanese car, the Honda Legend.
- 1988 – In the US, Chrysler became the first company to offer air bag restraint systems as standard equipment.
- 1984 - The U.S. government amended FMVSS 208 to require cars produced after 1 April 1989 to be equipped with a passive restraint for the driver. An airbag or an automatic seat belt would meet the requirements of the standard. Airbags were not mandatory on light trucks until 1997.
- 1994 - TRW began production of the first gas-inflated airbag.
- 1995 – The Volvo 850 was the first automobile with side airbags (Autoliv).
- 1996 – Mercedes E-Class was launched with a door mounted side bag was launched with a seat mounted side bag. (TRW)
- 1998 - FMVSS 208 was amended to require dual front airbags, and de-powered, or second-generation airbags were also mandated. FMVSS 208 continues to require that bags be engineered and calibrated, and tested using an *unbelted* 50th-percentile size and weight "male" crash test dummy.
- 1999 – The Toyota Progress (Toyoda-Gosei), Daimler E-Class and Volvo S80 (Autoliv), and Audi A4 (TRW) were launched with curtain airbags.

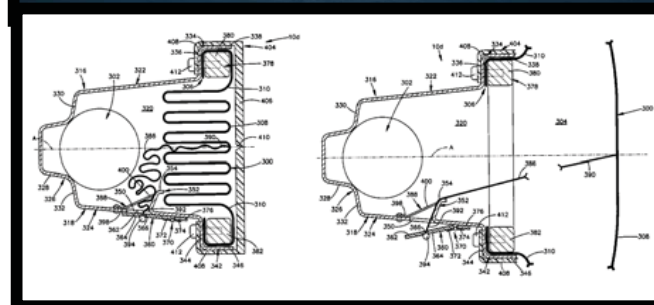
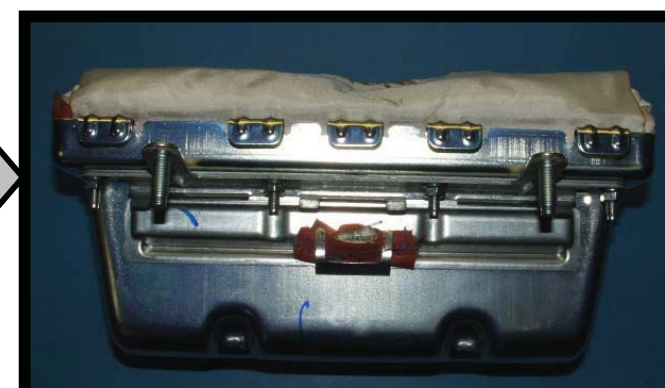


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Automotive Safety – Up to Present



- 2003 – Alliance of Automotive Manufacturers issues voluntary commitment to side impact protection, pledging to voluntarily make 50% of the vehicle fleet meet either FMVSS 201 pole or IIHS High Movable Deformable Barrier (MDB) by 2007 and 100% meet IIHS High MDB by 2012.
- 2005 – Ford introduces the Explorer with Active Venting and Active Tethering (TRW)
- 2007 – FMVSS 214 was issued adding angular pole test, different dummies at two different seating positions and expanded injury assessment criteria. Implementation starts at 20% and 100% by 2012.
- 2007 – Dodge Nitro is launched with the first tethered vent as an out-of-position counter measure (TRW).
- 2008 – Chrysler launches the Dodge Ram with the first low risk deployment passenger airbag (Takata).
- 2011 – NHTSA updates the NCAP test.
- 2011 – FMVSS 226, Ejection Mitigation, is issued. It mandates fitment of side curtain airbags for occupant containment. Implementation starts at 25% by 2013 and 100% by 2016.



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Regulatory and Industry Safety Trends



■ Current Activities

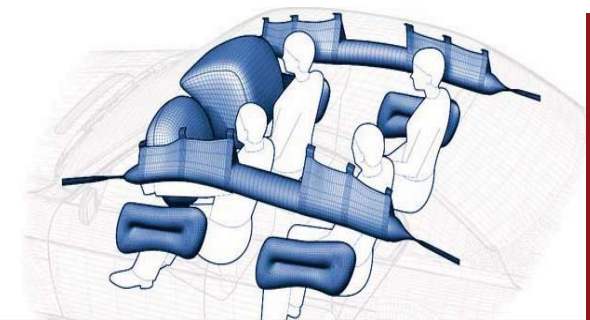


– New U.S. NCAP for Model Year 2011 Vehicles

- Including front & side criteria, adds small stature adult
- Includes additional criteria for neck & femur injuries
- Raises the bar to achieve a “5 Star” Crash Rating
- Requires a “Systems” approach to balance requirements, may include knee bags, changes to airbags, seat belts, and so on.

– Improved Side Impact Protection (FMVSS214)

- Improves protection in side collision with “pole”
- Incorporates smaller stature occupant
- Generally requires enhanced curtain airbags
- Currently being phased in thru 2014



When every millisecond counts.
Intelligent safety in the BMW 7 Series.

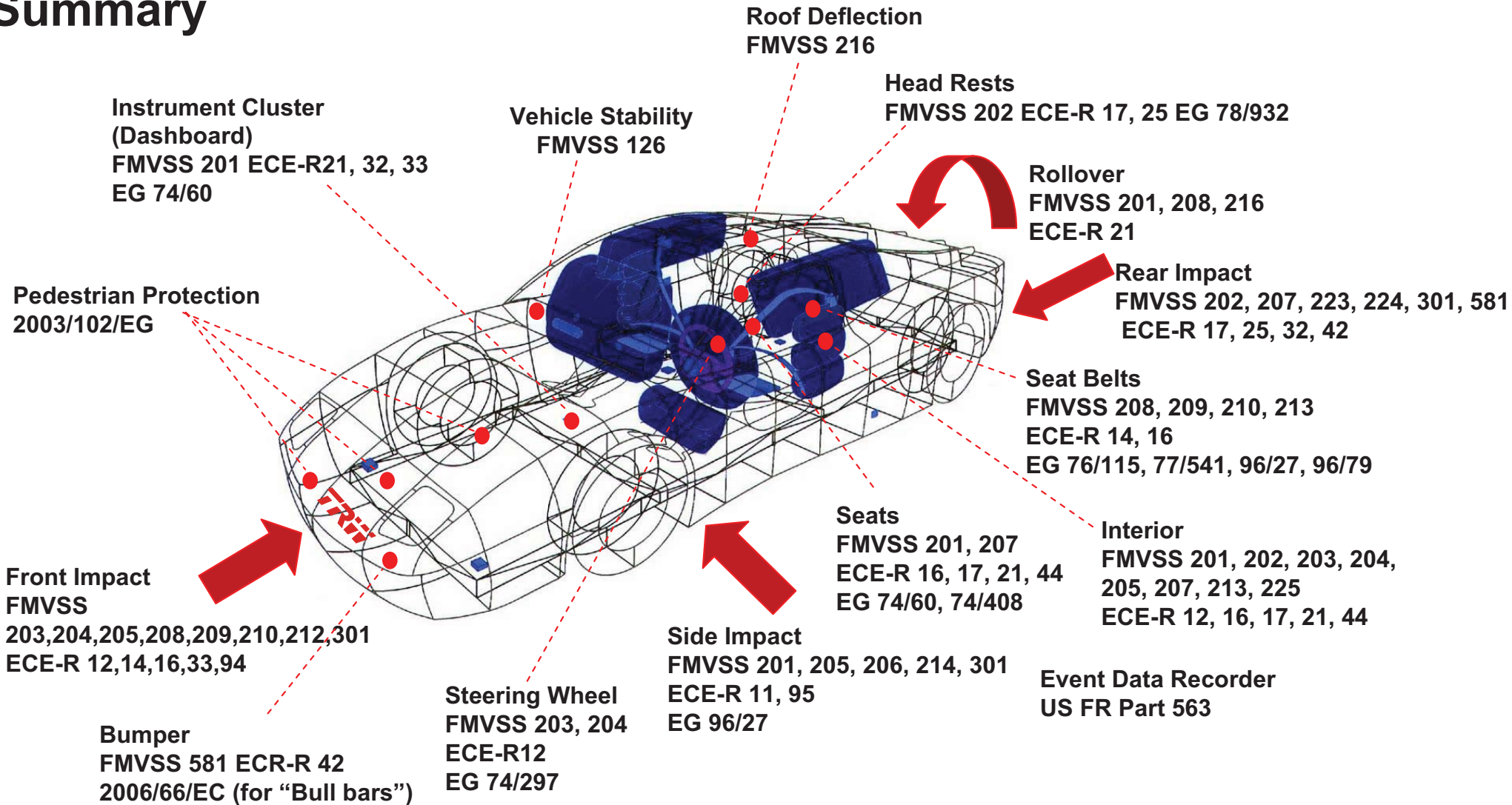
– Ejection Mitigation (FMVSS 226)

- Regulation for enhancing occupant retention in vehicle during rollover
- May drive further curtain airbag and test protocol changes

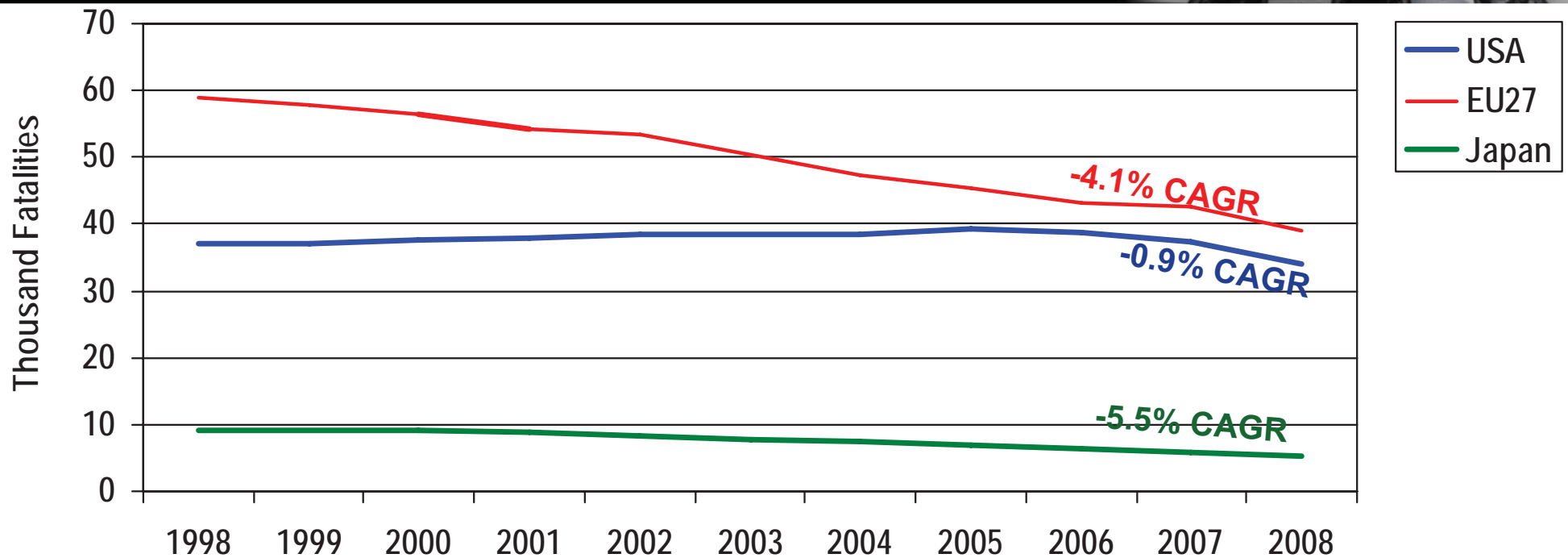
The Regulatory Landscape



Summary



Government Accident Data



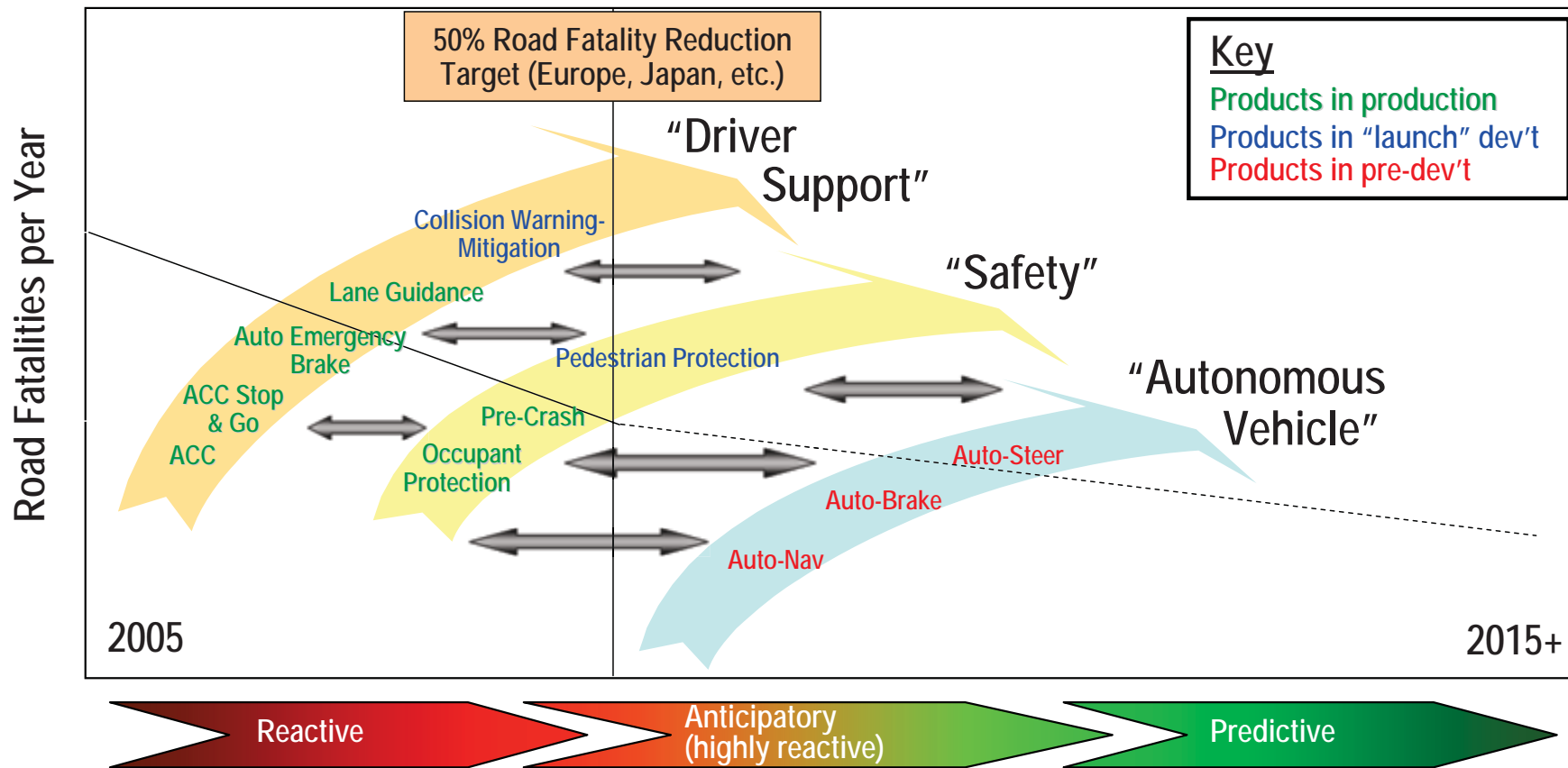
- Global vehicle fatality rates continue to trend downward, but at a flattening rate
- Active Safety technologies provide driver assistance in four types of accidents (run-off-road, rear-end, lane change and crossing path) which comprise 85% of accidents and 75% of fatalities in the USA

US trend data: FARS 2008

EU Trend data: 2009 CARE Database

Japan trend data: 2009 data, Official Statistics of Japan Website

Passive/ Active/ Cognitive Safety Roadmap



- As systems move from reactive to predictive electronics, software and data fusion is the critical thread enabling cognitive, Active Safety solutions

Regulatory and Industry Safety Trends




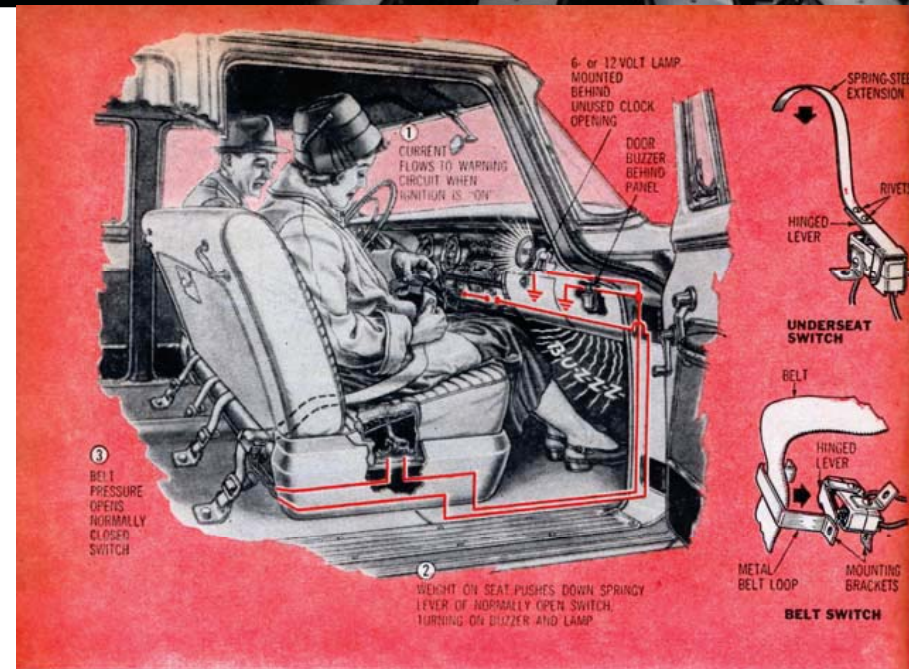
■ Current Activities

- In North America, NHTSA has identified for promotion three active safety technologies with the potential to improve road safety:
 - Electronic Stability Control (ESC) systems
 - Forward Collision Warning systems
 - Lane Departure Warning/ Lane Keeping Systems
- NHTSA has already mandated ESC starting 2012, and is currently assessing the capabilities of Collision Warning and Lane Departure Warning systems to determine if they should be mandated in the future: (next agency decision in 2011)
- In Europe the European Commission has mandated the fitment of Lane Departure Warning and Automatic Emergency Braking systems on heavy trucks and buses, starting from 2014MY



Current Trends

- Pedestrian Protection
- CAFÉ Requirements – reduced weight, low CO₂ Emissions
- Rear Seat Occupant Protection (dummy development, test methods, regulations all under evaluation by NHTSA)
- Belt Usage Enforcement (possibility for more aggressive belt minder) – *Things haven't changed.....* 
- Enforcement on Distracted Driving (Cell phone, texting)
- Use of Event Data Recorders (Not mandated but under investigation by NHTSA)



How I Got My Wife to Use a Seat Belt

FOR 10 years I have used safety belts in my car. But each time we went for a ride I have had to tell my wife to fasten her belt. She is a most stubborn person and uses all kinds of excuses for not doing so.

I have finally won. These drawings show how. The system tells her to put the belt on. It works like magic every time. It saves arguments. The little reminder consists of a light, the words "Safety Belt," a buzzer, and two cunningly wired snap switches.

When my wife gets into the front seat beside me, her weight trips a normally open snap switch under the seat. Two things happen: First a doorbell buzzer begins sounding behind the dash, attracting my wife's attention toward it. Second, in the opening where a clock usually is mounted, the words "Safety Belt" are

illuminated by a lamp behind the dash.

The second snap switch, normally closed, is mounted under one strap of the belt so that it is opened by the pressure of pulling the belt across the waist. This breaks the circuit, stopping the buzzer and turning off the lamp. As long as my wife sits in the seat, she'd better have the belt on correctly or the buzzer will let her know. [Editor's note: An optional cut-out switch is shown in the drawing for those who might like one.]

Now, when we start out, she races me to fasten the belt before I can use the ignition key and turn on the circuit. Seems she doesn't like to hear the buzz. The only way to stop the buzz is to get out of the seat or turn off the ignition—or put on the belt. If she wants to go for a ride that leaves her little choice.—*Wes Jayne, Woodhaven, N.Y.*

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Popular Science – June 1960

Regulatory and Industry Safety Trends



■ Other Industry Trends

- Comfort & Convenience
- Smaller Vehicles
- Electrics & Hybrids
- Global Footprint
 - Competitive Costs for products
 - Competitive Costs for Engineering/Development
 - Developing Regions, local supply of low cost products



ADVANCED THINKING

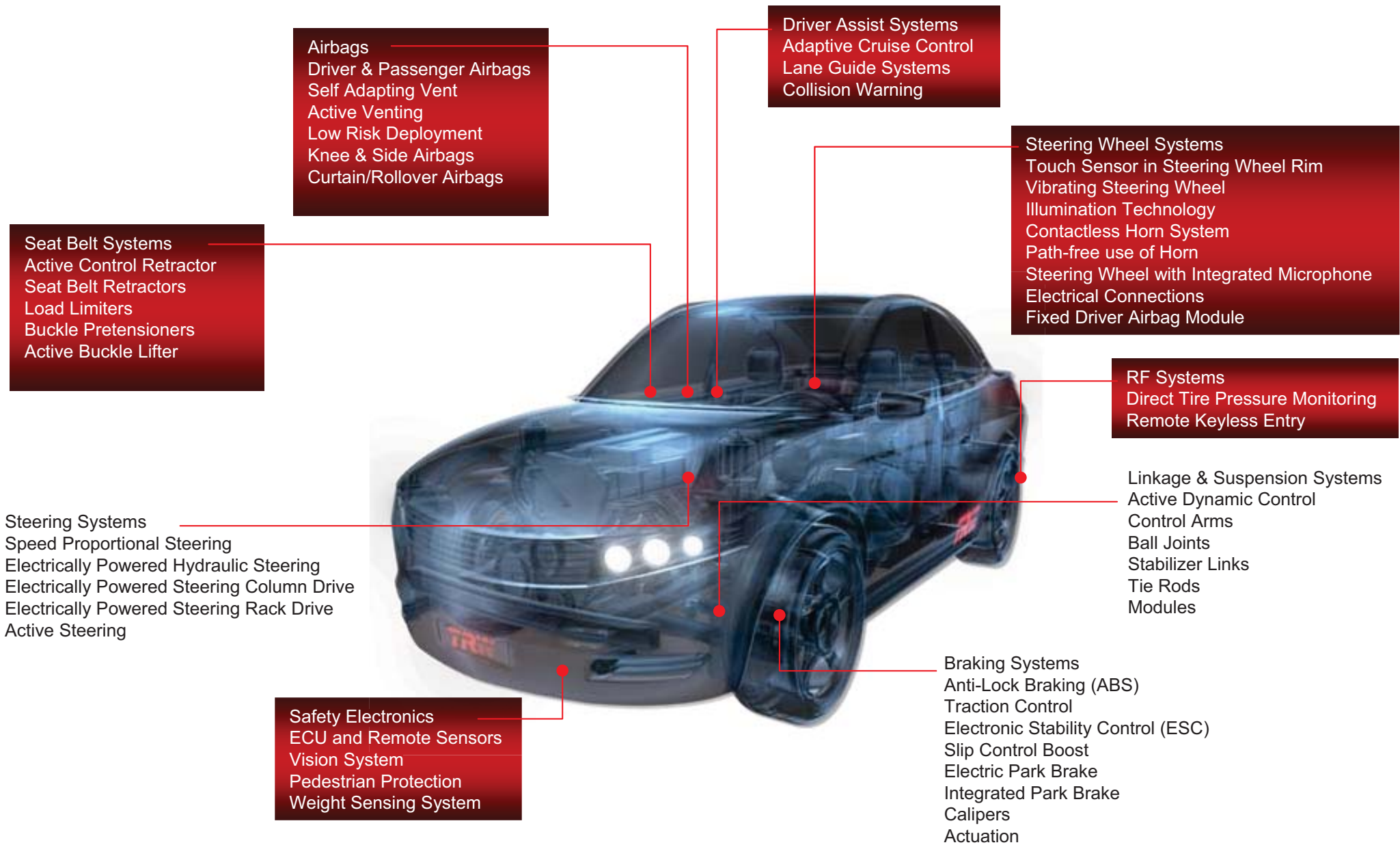


SMART THINKING



GREEN THINKING

Active and Passive Safety Technologies



Adaptive Frontal Airbags

Prior Systems

(Airbag stiffness is not adapted to the occupant)

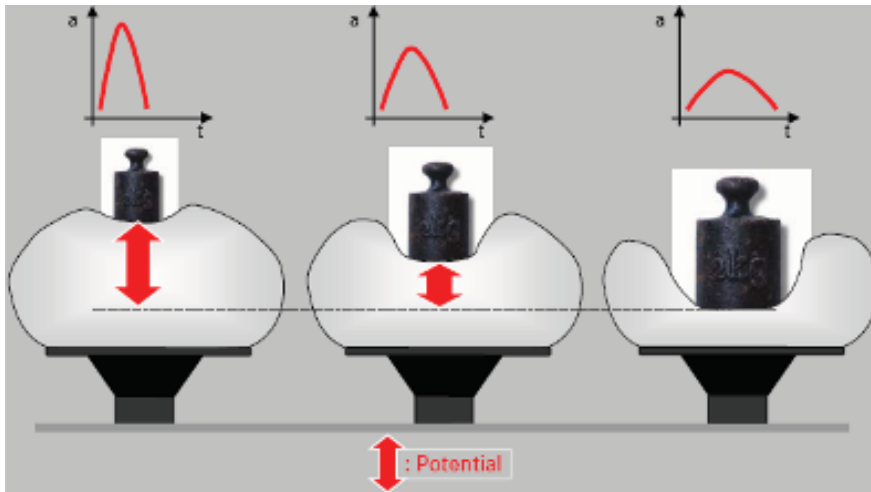


Figure 4: Indentation depth and accelerations for an airbag system without adaptation

Current & Future Systems

(Airbag stiffness adaptive to the occupant size, position and weight)

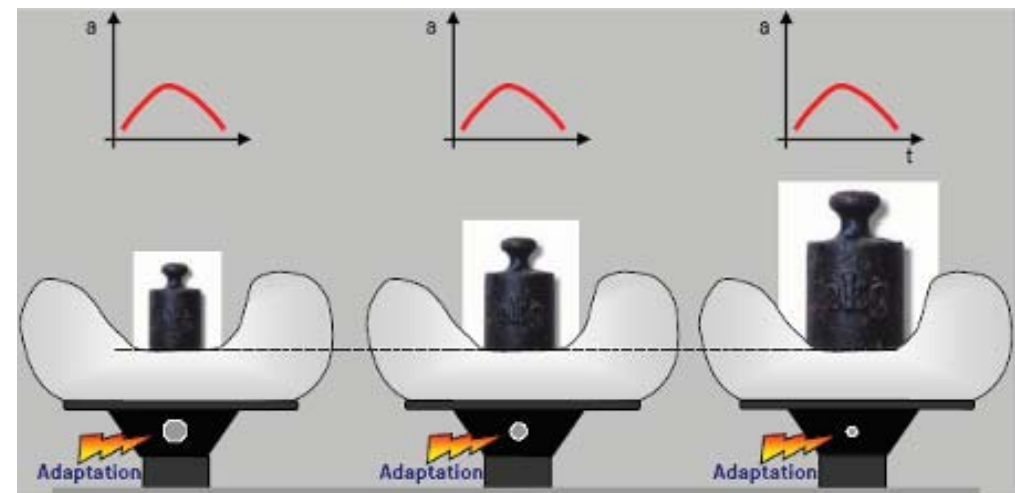


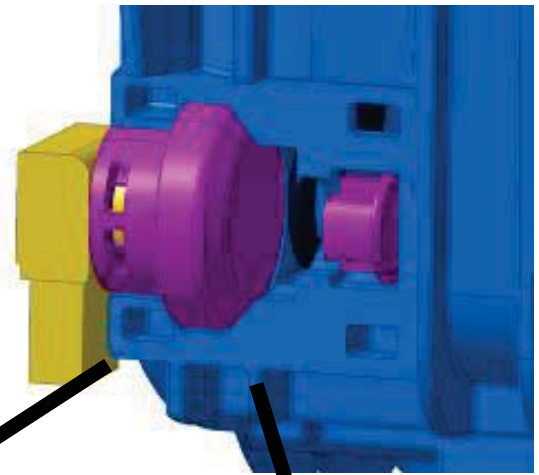
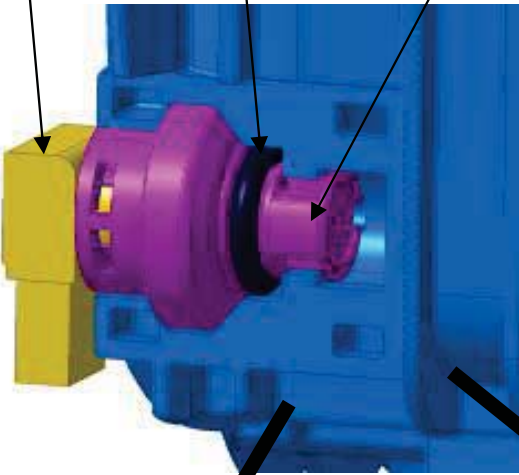
Figure 5: Indentation depth and accelerations for an airbag system with adaptation

Source:
Dr. R. Schöneburg,
K-H.Baumann, C.D.Rüdebusch
- Individual Safety -
Vortrag Airbag 2004

TRW's Adaptive Airbag: Venting & Shaping



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Connector Bag Tether TAU



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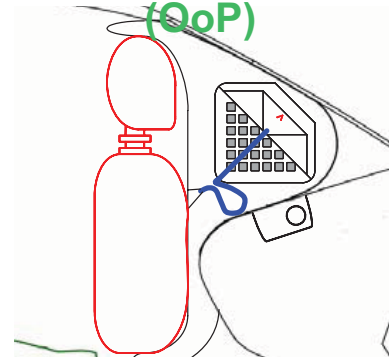
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SAVe – Self Adaptive Vent

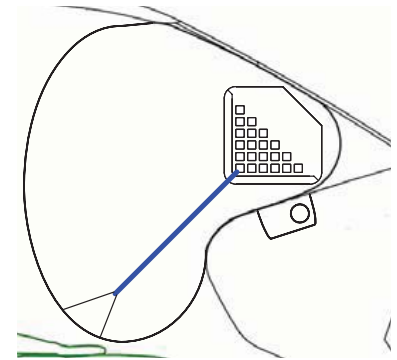


- SAvE us an acronym for **Self Adaptive Vent**
- **Function**
 - During an obstructed deployment, like an Out-of-Position occupant, the obstruction prevents the bag from tensioning the tether thus allowing the vent to remain open.
 - During a normal deployment the bag fills and creates tension in the tether and pulls SAvE closed.

Obstructed Deployment (OoP)



Normal Deployment



SAVe Remains Open



SAVe Closes

Consequence of Global Company

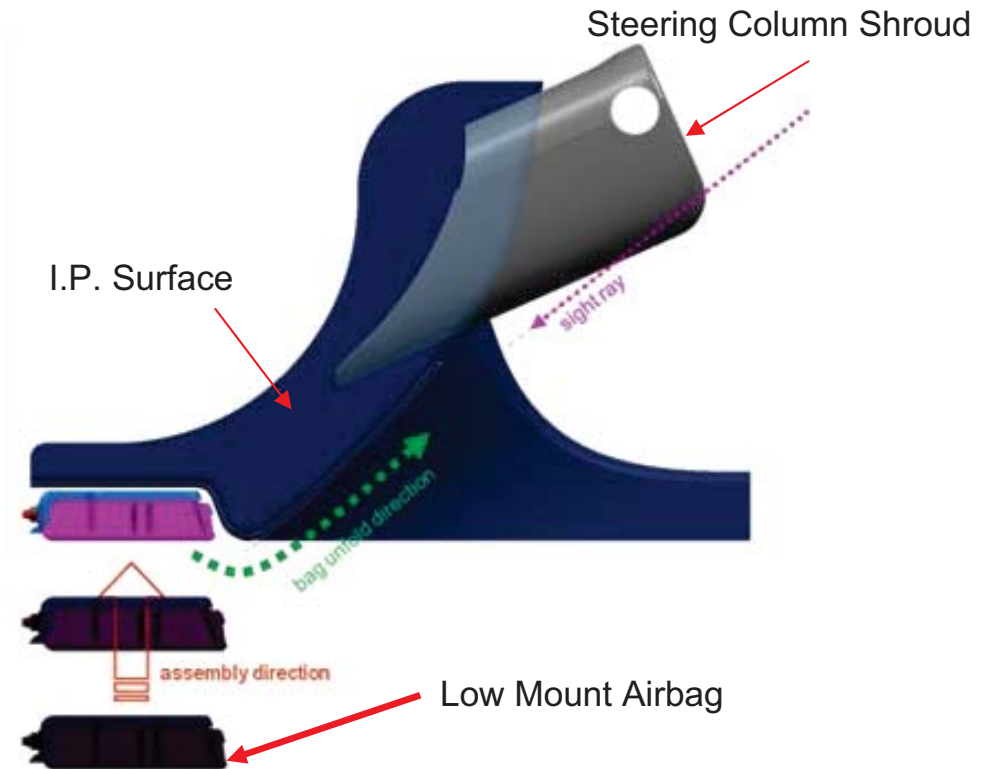


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Knee Airbag

- Knee airbags have the potential to *reduce chest deflection* because of pelvis coupling to the vehicle and potentially *advantageous occupant kinematics*
- Improvements can be observed for both driver (50th) and passenger (5th) dummies
- Additional benefits for unbelted FMVSS 208 test mode



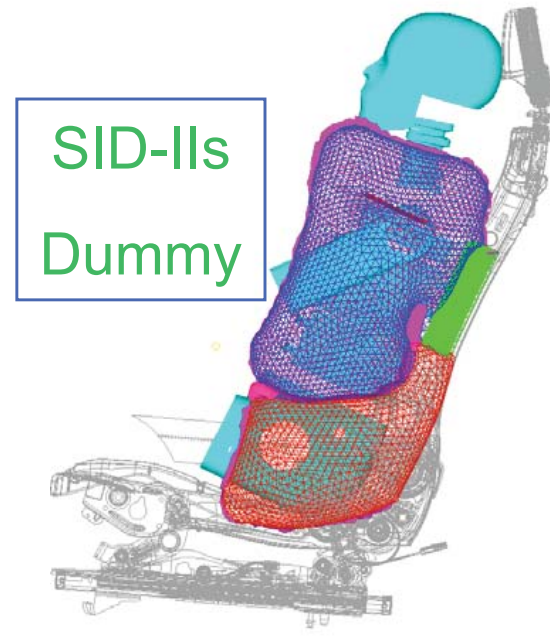
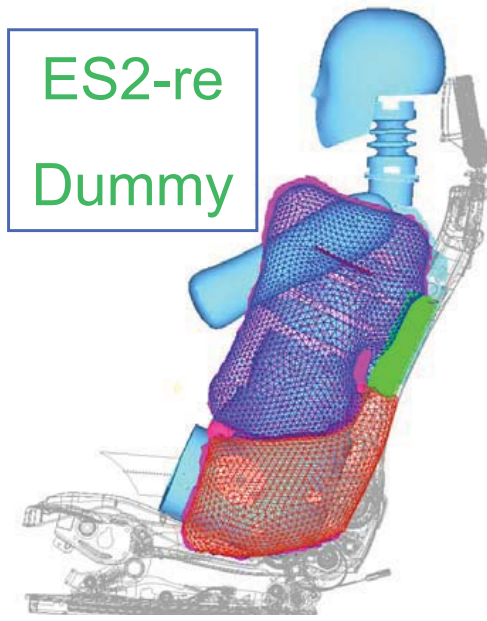
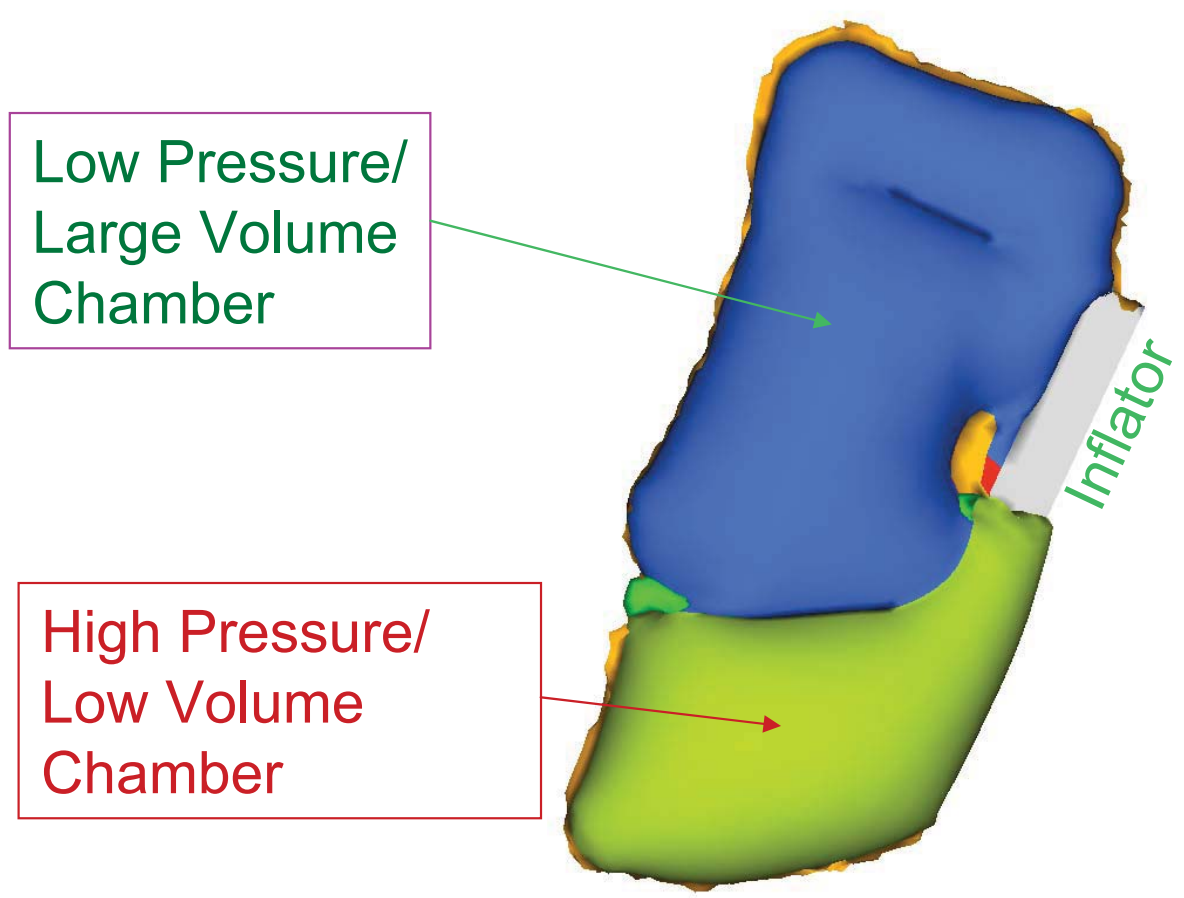
Conclusion: Adaptive Frontal Airbags



- **NCAP “star” ratings** are most influenced by **Chest Deflection and Neck Injury Criteria**
- **Softer bag** is generally favorable for smaller size occupants, whereas a **stiffer bag** is generally favorable for larger size occupants
- **TRW airbag technologies enable the restraint system to adapt to occupant size & weight.**
- **Dual volume or a dual depth bag may be preferred, to manage between smaller & larger occupants**
- **Active venting, to manage between belted and unbelted modes**
- **Current restraints system can be tuned with additional bag / seatbelt features to meet all regulatory and industry frontal impact modes**
- **Knee airbags are a potential benefit for both US-NCAP & regulatory requirements**
- **Knee airbag reduces femur forces.**

Adaptive Side Airbags

Dual-Chamber Thorax- Pelvis Side Airbag

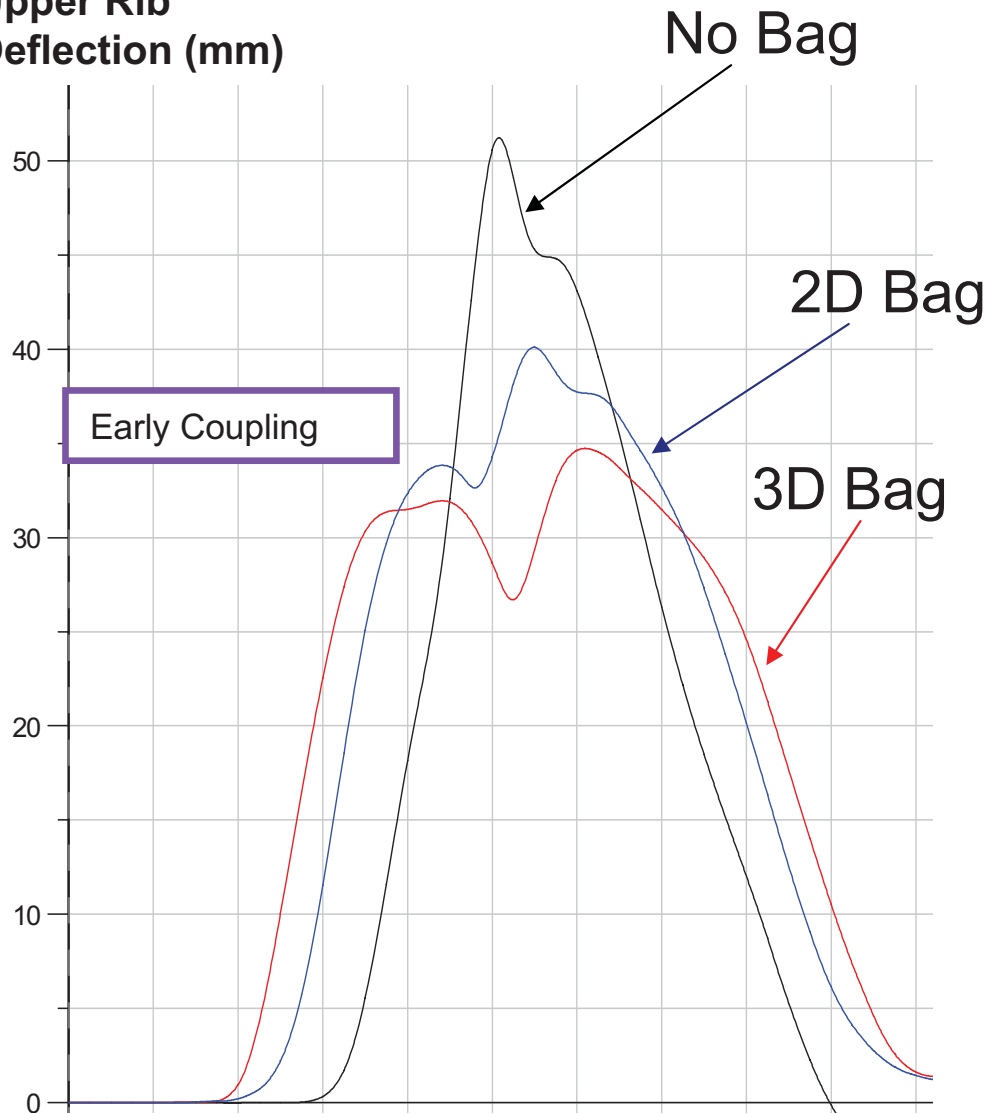


3D Single-Chamber Side Airbag

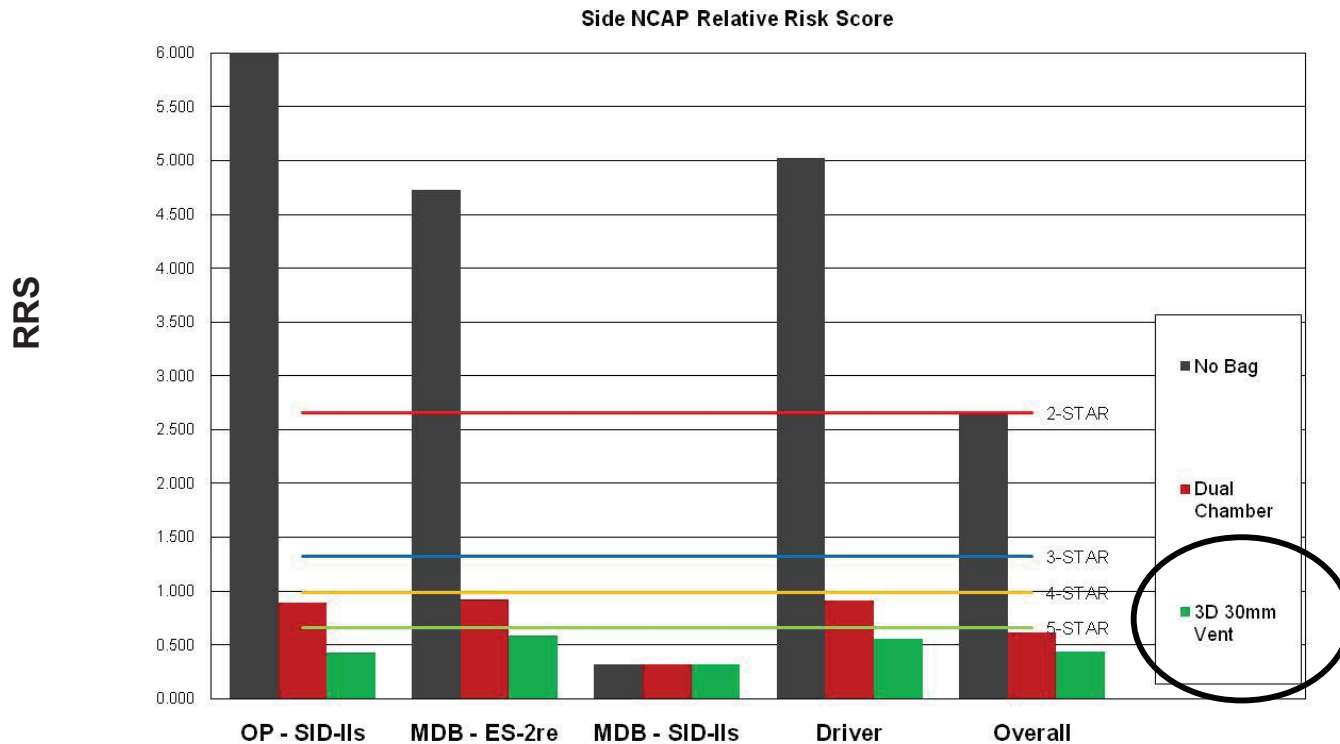


IIHS Side Barrier

Upper Rib Deflection (mm)



SiNCAP – Relative Risk Score & Star Rating



Note - Curtain airbag presence was assumed in all iterations

■ TRW Simulation Analysis Demonstrates:

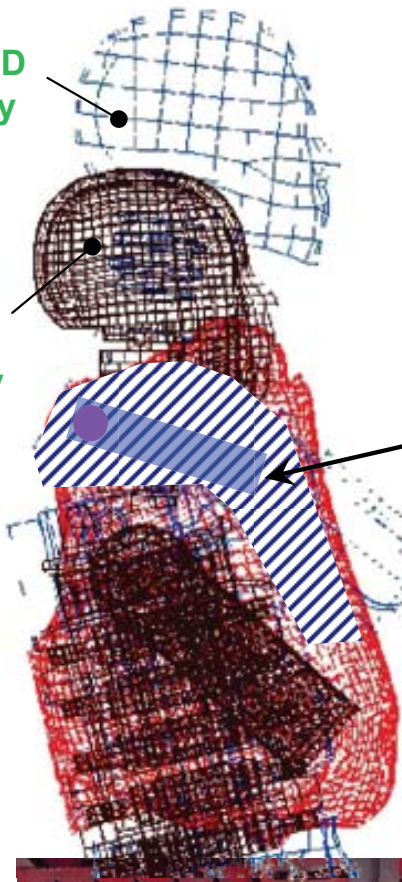
- Both of TRW's dual- chamber & 3D single- chamber side airbags are able to meet the new US Side NCAP 5-Star rating
- The 3D bag offers a larger cross section to support the thorax of the SID-IIs dummy and can improve thorax IARV's for the SID-IIs in both regulatory (FMVSS214) oblique pole and consumer test (IIHS) MDB (Moving Deformable Barrier) crash modes

SAB Adaptive Restraint System



EuroSID Dummy

SID-IIs Dummy



Vent 2 including gas channel
 → Gas channel not closed by SID-IIs (Large bag venting)
 → Gas channel closed by the ES-II (reduced bag venting)
 → **Passive restraint feature !**

This area is covered through the torso of the EuroSID-Dummy. The small SID-IIs dummy doesn't contact this area during the crash in the restraint phase (up to approx. 40ms+tff) !



V= 10m/s / SID2-S Gas leakage



V= 7m/s / ES2 Gas tube covered



Adaptive Seat Belt Technologies

Seat Belt Technology: Dual Pre-tensioning



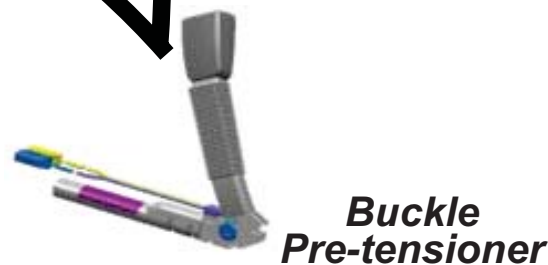
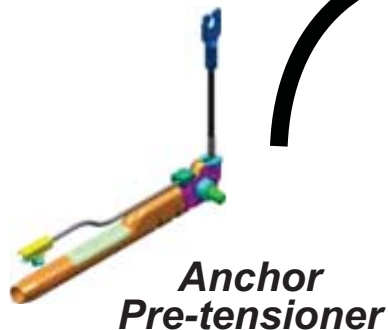
■ TRW's Pre-tensioning Technology

FORCES APPLIED ON UPPER TORSO

- Control thorax forward excursion
- Early application of forces
- Early coupling of dummy kinematics

FORCES APPLIED IN LAP BELT

- Reduce pelvis forward movement
- Initiate thorax rotation
- Early application of forces
- Early coupling of dummy kinematics

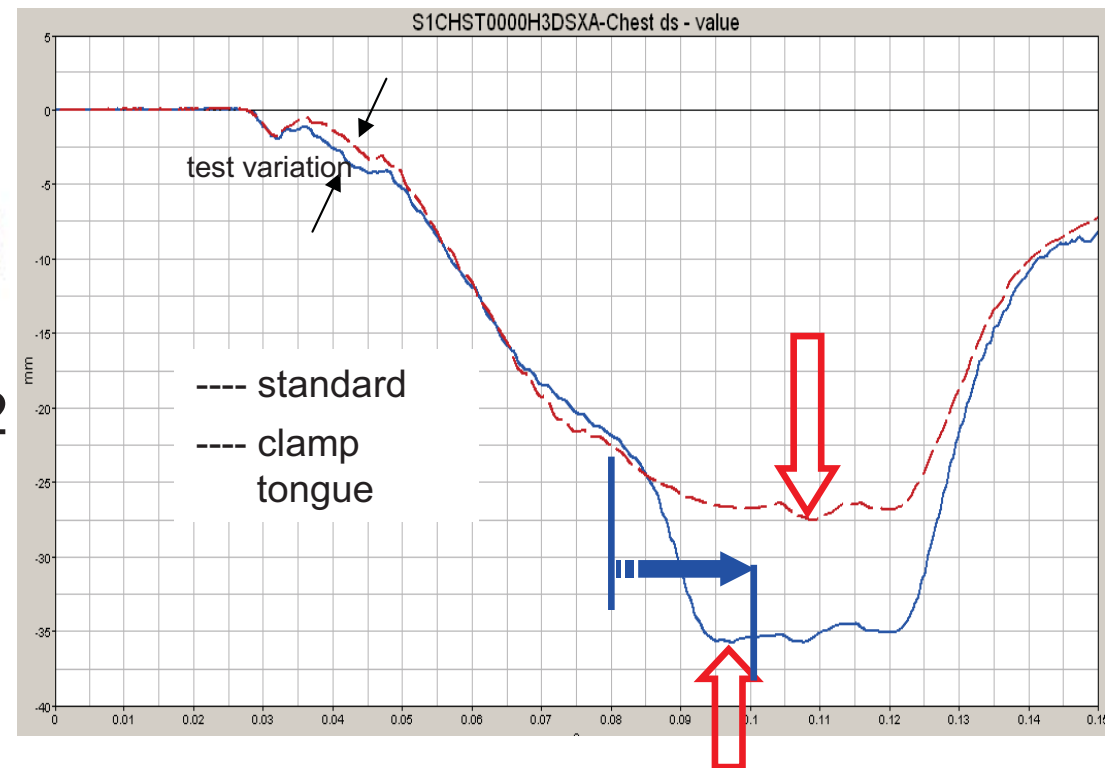
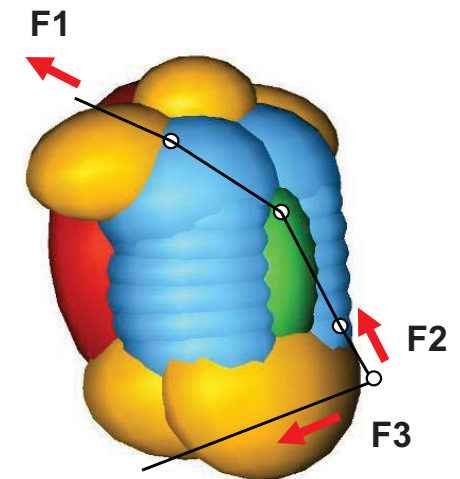
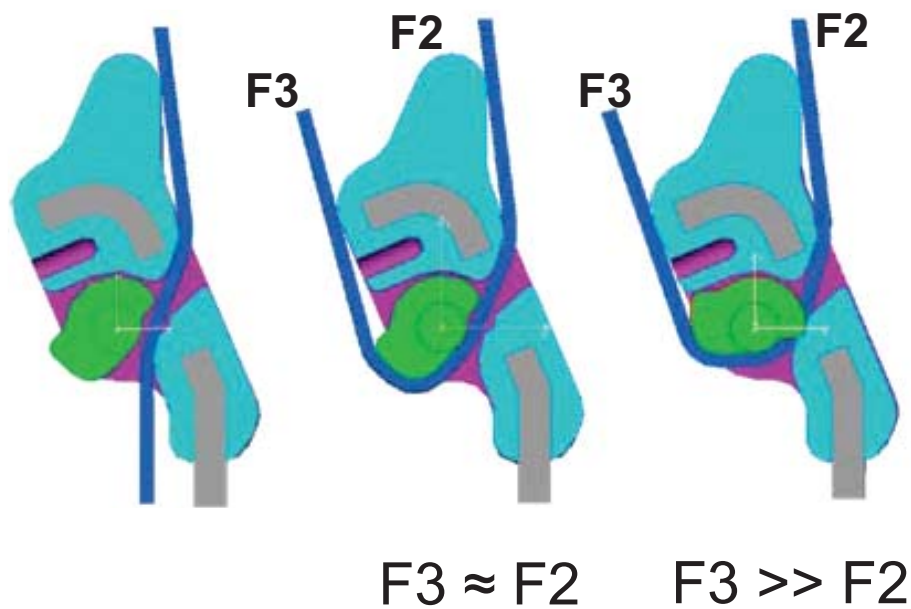


Seat Belt Technology: Dynamic Locking Tongue



Dynamic Locking Tongue

- Promotes thorax rotation and potentially reducing chest deflection by holding the webbing at the occupant's hip



Seat Belt Technology: Switchable Load Limiter



Switchable Load Limiter

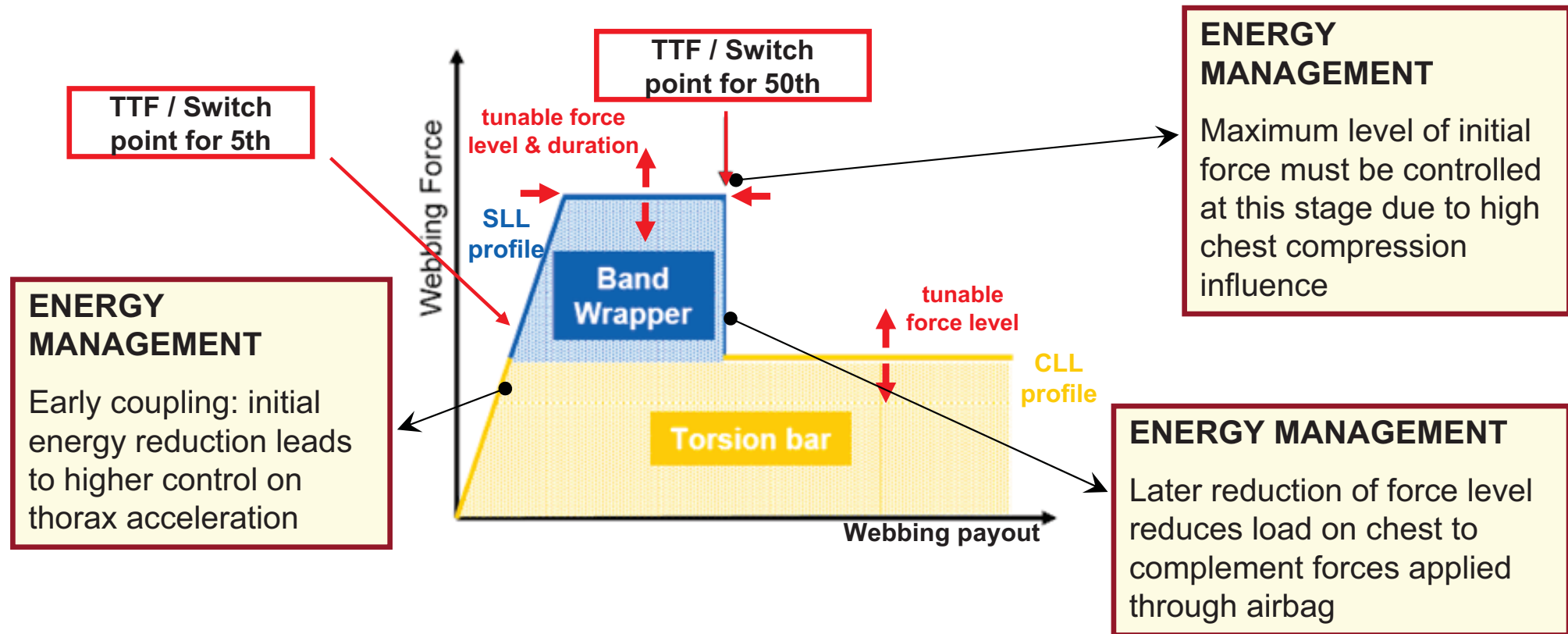
ADAPTIVITY

Different energy absorption profiles for different crash scenarios improve compatibility between 5th and 50th

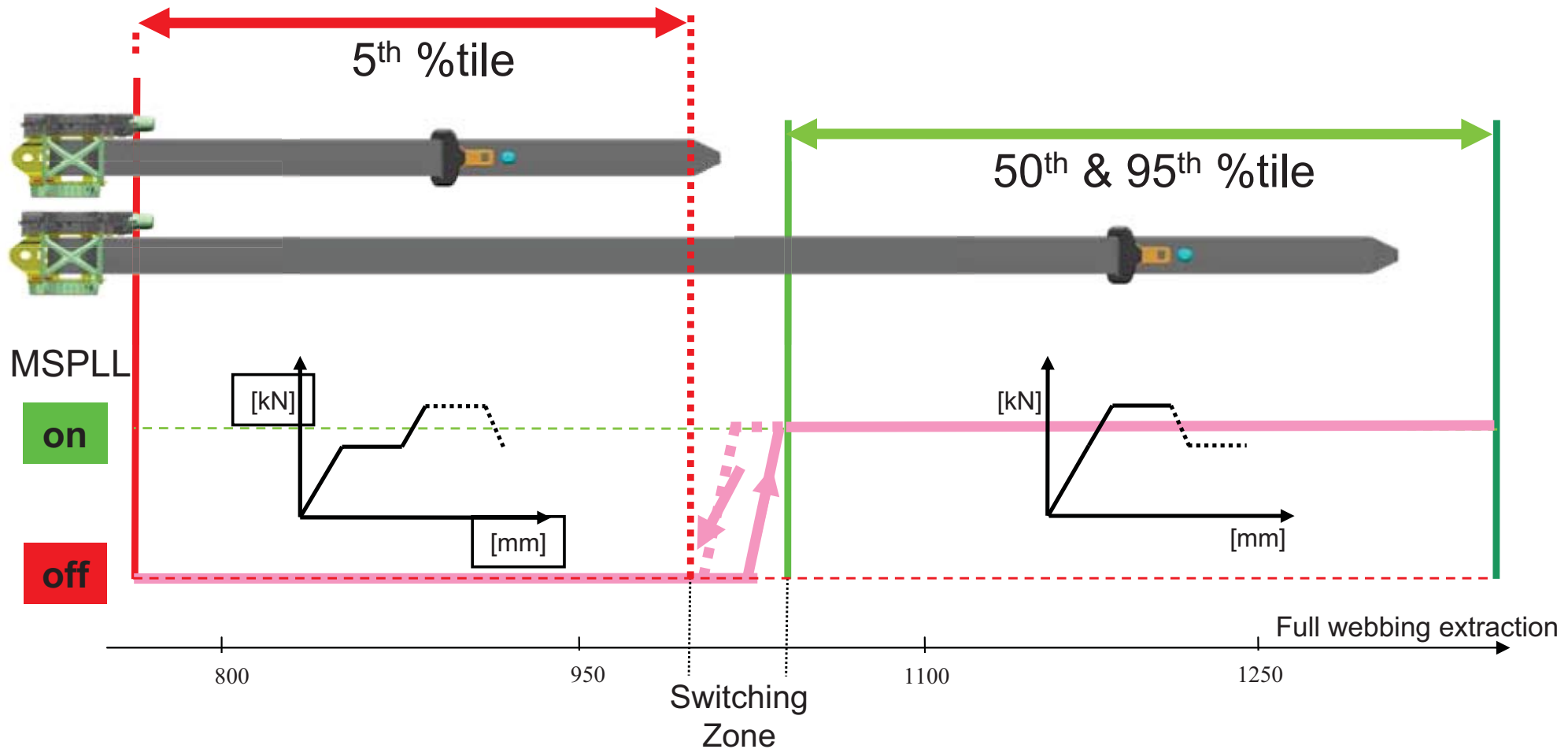
CLL
Constant
Load Limiting

vs.

SLL
Switchable
Load Limiting



Seat Belt Technology: SALL



- SALL is somewhat similar to the Switchable Load Limiter (SLL), but the SALL is a completely autonomous seat belt retractor – no external sensors, controllers, or wiring are required.
- The SALL mechanism will change the initial load between a high level (for the larger occupant) and a low level (for the smaller) based on the webbing-on-spool, with the point of switching generally being designed to fall in the range between the 5th and the 50th percentile occupant.

Occupant Ejection Mitigation

Occupant Ejection Mitigation (youtubevideo)



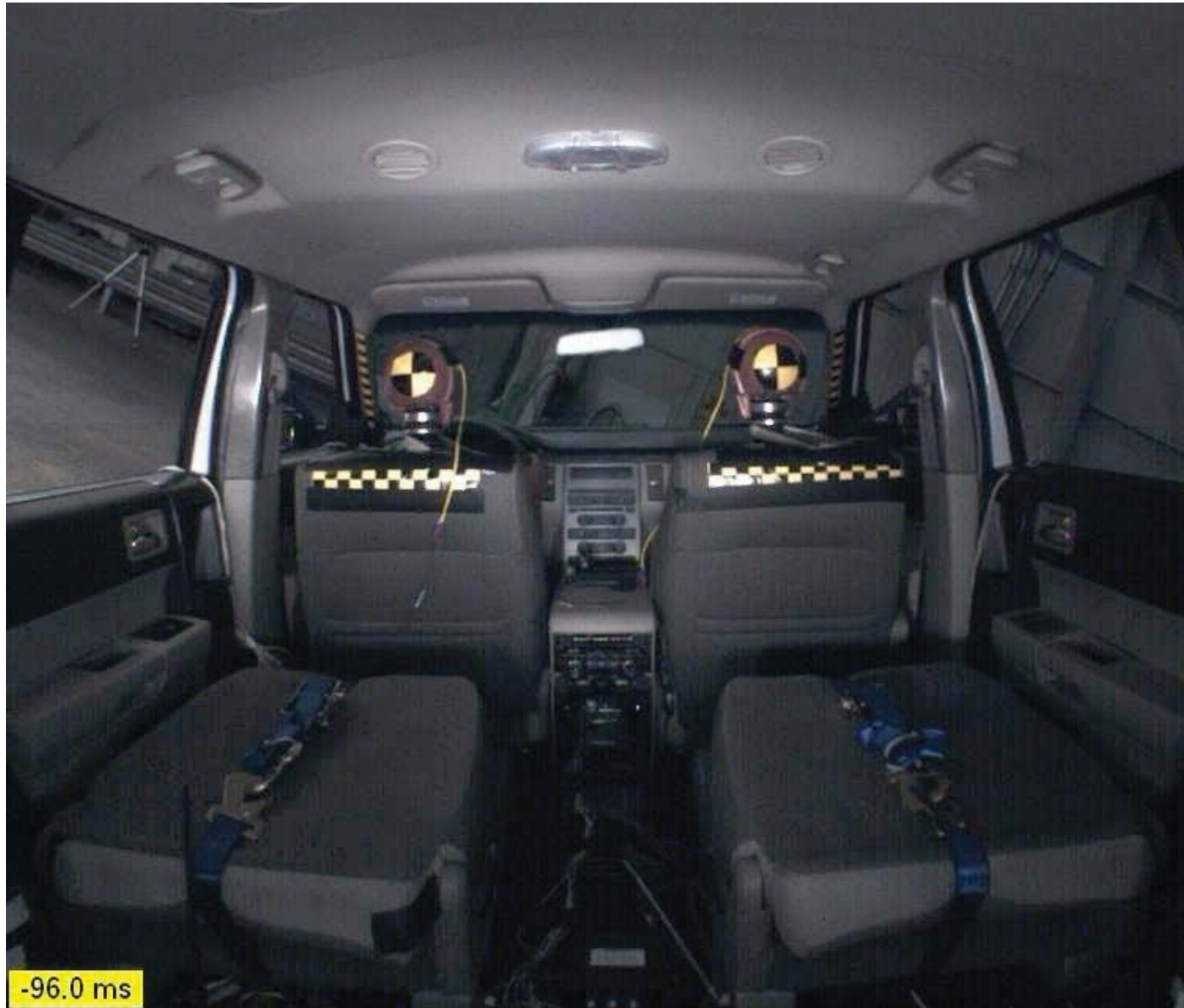
Occupant Ejection Mitigation



Rollover Test with Curtain Airbag



Large Crossover



Active Safety / DAS Integration

Drivers for Active Safety

Government Strategies



- In North America, NHTSA has identified for promotion three active safety technologies with the potential to significantly improving road safety:
 - **Electronic Stability Control (ESC) systems**
 - Combination of anti-lock brakes and inertial sensors
 - **Forward Collision Warning systems**
 - Using radar or Lidar (laser) sensors to measure relative speeds and distances to impeding objects, for improved *longitudinal* vehicle control
 - **Lane Departure Warning/ Lane Keeping Systems**
 - Using object recognition cameras to detect lane markings and relative vehicle position, for improved *lateral* vehicle control
- These technologies provide driver assistance in four types of accidents (run-off-road, rear-end, lane change and crossing path) which comprise 85% of accidents and 75% of fatalities in the USA

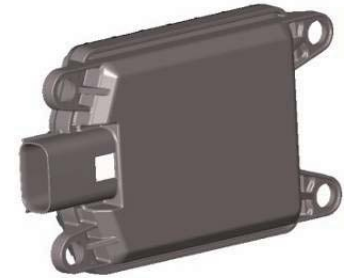
TRW DAS Sensor Portfolio



- TRW offers a wide range of DAS radar and camera products:

- 24GHz radar

- TRW is leading the market in the development of affordable 24GHz radar for forward-facing safety applications - our “AC100” radar is almost half the cost of a typical 77GHz radar. This will enable the widespread fitment of Collision Warning and Limited Emergency Braking safety technologies to mass-market vehicles from 2011.



24GHz Radar

- 77GHz radar

- TRW has been manufacturing high-performance 77GHz radars since 2002 for VW and heavy truck customers, for Adaptive Cruise Control and Collision Warning applications.



77GHz Radar

- Object Recognition Cameras

- TRW has been manufacturing DAS cameras since 2008 and currently offers a low-cost camera optimised for Lane Departure Warning/ Lane Keeping - the camera is linked to the vehicle steering to gently guide the driver back to safety if the vehicle is drifting out of its lane unintentionally. TRW is also developing a more powerful object recognition camera capable of identifying other vehicles and pedestrians and estimating their position, and can warn the driver in the event of a potential collision.



LDW Camera

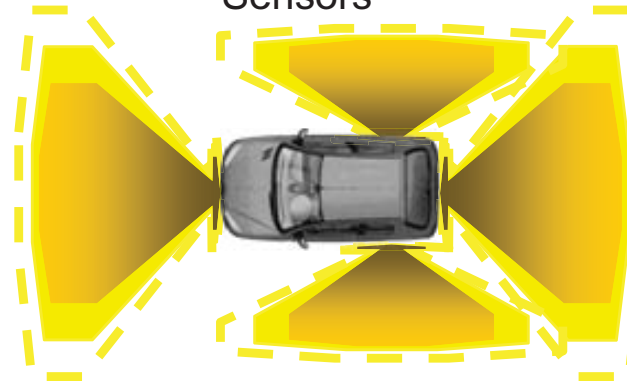
Lane Departure Warning (LDW)

- A “hazardous situation” detecting system needs to be installed in the car, for example through the use of :

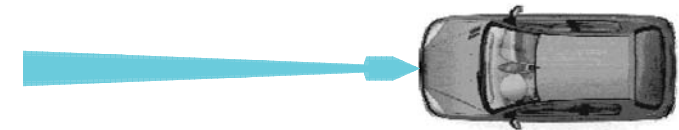
Video camera



Sensors

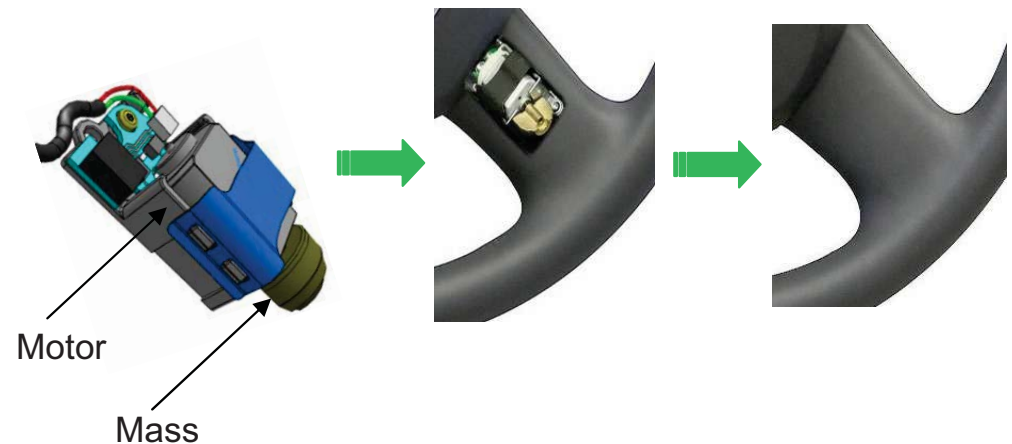


Radar
(short or long range)



- Possible “Hazardous Situation” include:

- Changing lanes or drifting
- Rapid approach to a slow moving vehicle
- Objects in blind spot
- Driver alertness
- Pedestrians



- The Vibrating Steering Wheel portion of the LDW system is composed of:
- The motor is driven by a pulse with modulation signal
 - Adaptable vibration intensity and duration
 - Creates a specific warning characteristic depending on situation

Active Safety Technology

Active Head Restraint



- **The U.S. and E.U. regulatory requirements and consumer ratings have been rapidly evolving for rear impact protection**
 - U.S. FMVSS 202a upgrades static HR performance rqrmts, or allows for a dynamic compliance option
 - Implementation started MY2010
 - Static option is low-cost but raises comfort issues
 - Dynamic option HIII AM50 / 17.3kph / 5.6g half-sine
 - Measure read rotation and HIC
 - IIHS testing and rating focus
 - IIHS notes 26 vehicles models did not receive their “TOP SAFETY PICK” rating in 2008 due to inadequate head restraints
 - Already driving implementation of improved and active HR
 - EuroNCAP
 - Added rear impact assessment to the 5-star rating effective 2/2009. Expected to increase application rate of AHR in Europe.
 - IIHS and ENCAP use BioRID, various neck assessments, THRC, etc



ACR Technology



Features

- Active and Passive Safety System
- Belt slack reduction
- Proven ACR technology
- Proven situation management algorithm
- Reversible actuation

Benefits

- Enhanced safety (as ACR)
- Improved occupant position (as ACR)
- Cost effective by simplified electronics and reduced functionality

Function

- Algorithm recognizes critical events:
 - panic braking
 - skidding
- In a critical situation the ACR is pre-tensioning the seat belt
 - to take out belt slack
 - to reduce occupant displacement
- If the critical situation ends without an accident the system automatically releases the belt



with
PRE-SAFE



without
PRE-SAFE



Active Buckle Lifter

Concept:

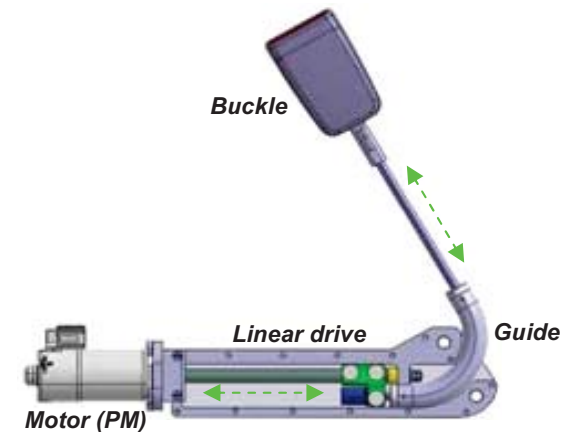
- *Enhance the user's convenience and the perceived safety of the vehicle by actively controlling the position of the seat belt buckle*

Comfort mode ("presentation" at entry)

- Presentation height: 90 mm
- Presentation time: ~ 2 sec.
- Increases convenience of "buckling up"

Safety and Dynamic Support mode

- Retract length: 60mm
- Retract time: < 0,5 sec.
- Reduces belt slack in dynamic drive situations
- "Crash safe" in all positions





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