Stakeholder Meeting: FMVSS Considerations for Automated Driving Systems



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Opening Remarks

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Project Overview

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Technical Translation Approaches to FMVSS for Vehicles with Automated Driving Systems

Project Overview Stakeholder Meeting April 3, 2018

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Project Objective

- Research and identify potential barriers for self-certification and compliance verification of innovative new vehicle designs precipitated by Automated Driving Systems (ADSs).
- Research alternative approaches and provide the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) information about potential technical translations of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) and related test procedures.

Project Focus

- ADS-equipped vehicles designed without conventional user interfaces (e.g., steering, braking/accelerating, transmission gear selection)
 - A type of ADS-DV without human-vehicle controls
 - Phase 1 Conventional seating
- Vehicle performance vs. Driver performance

Approach

ADS Framework & Concepts

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Framework: Categories and Features

- Entry/Egress
 - Doors
 - Key/Theft
 Protection/User
 Authentication

- External Communication
 - Auditory Indicator
 - Exterior Illumination
 - Stop Lamp
 - Taillamps
 - Turn Signals
 - Wireless Intent Communication

Framework: Categories and Features

- Seating Configuration and Occupant Protection
 - Child Restraint
 - Head Restraint
 - Inflatable Restraint
 - Seat Belt
 - Seating
 - Upper and Lower Extremity Restraints

- User Communication
 - Mounted Displays
 - Panic Button (Voluntary)
 - Portable Device
 Destination Input
 - Portable Device User
 Communication
 - Portable Device Window/Comfort Input
 - Telltales

Framework: Categories and Features

- Vehicle Control
 - Accelerator/Brake Pedals
 - Bidirectional Vehicle Motion
 - Parking Brake System
 - Shifter
 - Steering Wheel

- Visibility
 - Headlamp
 - Hood
 - Mirror
 - Rear Visibility System
 - Sun Visor
 - Window
 - Window Defog/Defrost
 - Windshield
 - Windshield Wiper

First Generation

Revolutionary

Four Research Concept Vehicles

Transitional

Low-Speed

100-Series: Crash Avoidance & Crosscutting Themes

Sample Topics: Crash Avoidance

- 101 Controls and Displays
- 102 Transmission shift position sequence, starter interlock, and transmission braking effect
- 103 Windshield Defrosting and Defogging
- 104 Windshield Wiping and Washing
- 108 Lamps, reflective devices, and associated 125 Warning Devices equipment
- 110 Tire Selection and Rims and Motor Home/Recreation Vehicle Trailer Load (10,000 lbs. or Less)
- 111 Rearview Mirrors

- 113 Hood Latch System
- 114 Theft protection and rollaway prevention
- 118 Power-operated window, partition, and roof panel systems
- 124 Accelerator Control Systems
- - 126 Electronic Stability Control Systems
 - 138 Tire pressure monitoring systems
 - 141 Quiet car

FMVSS 100-Series: Common Themes

- Controls and Displays
- Designated Seating Position
- Driver (Operator)
- Front Driver/Passenger Position(s)
- Front/Rear of Vehicle
- Service Brake Application
- Shift Position (gear, select, reverse)
- Vehicle Loading including Test Driver and Instrumentation
- Visibility

200-Series: Crashworthiness, Occupant Protection & Crosscutting Themes

Sample Topics: Crashworthiness

- 201 Occupant protection in interior impact
- 202 Head restraints
- 203 Impact protection for the driver from the steering control system
- 204 Steering control rearward displacement
- 205 Glazing materials
- 206 Door locks and door retention components
- 207 Seating Systems

- 208 Occupant Crash Protection
- 210 Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages
- 214 Side Impact Protection
- 216a Roof Crush Resistance: Upgraded Standard
- 219 Windshield Zone Intrusion
- 222 School Bus Passenger Seating and Crash Protection
- 225 Child Restraint Anchorage Systems
- 226 Ejection Mitigation

FMVSS 200-Series: Common Themes

- Assumes Front Row is Preferred Seating Position
- Dummy Positioning References
- Driver/Front Passenger Designated Seating Position(s)
- Equipment to be Tested May Not Be Present
- Front/Rear of Vehicle ("Forward-Facing" References)
- Reference to a Driver
- Telltales

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Key Topics to Consider during the Crash Avoidance, Crashworthiness, and Occupant Protection Discussion

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Expert Panel: George Soodoo

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FMVSS 101 – Controls and Displays

- Purpose
- To make it easy to access, see, and recognize vehicle controls, telltales and indicators
- To make it easy to select vehicle controls under daylight and nighttime conditions
- To help the driver pay attention to the driving task

Observation #1

The stated purpose of FMVSS 101 includes several words that indicate a high level of involvement for the human driver

• This creates potential challenges for translation

Definitions

DRIVER means the occupant of a motor vehicle seated immediately behind the steering control system. (Part 571.3)

CONTROL means the hand-operated part of a device that enables the driver to change the state or functioning of the vehicle or a vehicle subsystem. (*FMVSS 101*)

TELLTALE means an optical signal that, when illuminated, indicates the actuation of a device, a correct or improper functioning or condition, or a failure to function. *(FMVSS 101)*

Observation #2

The definition of *DRIVER* presents one of the big challenges to the translation of the 100-series standards

- ADS driver does not need a seat behind a steering wheel
- ADS driver does not need hand-operated controls
- ADS driver does not need optical signals to be informed of malfunctions

Translation Challenges

- Information needs and command needs for the ADS driver are currently not specified
- No standards or procedures are specified that would prioritize warnings for the ADS driver, such as a brake failure (RED telltale) versus ABS malfunction (YELLOW telltale)
- Research may be needed on relevant telltales for AVs
 - To whom is telltale information conveyed? vehicle occupants, owners, or maintenance person?
 - Where in the vehicle is telltale information displayed, if at all?

Observation #3

Look for nuances in the regulatory language that could make the difference in the ability to translate, for example:

• Drive the vehicle forward down a 10 percent grade and stop it with the service brakes (FMVSS 114 S6.2.3(a))

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Expert Panel: William Hollowell, PhD

Conventional vs. Unconventional Seating

Phase 1: Conventional Seating

Phase 2: Unconventional Seating

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FMVSS 208 Frontal Crash Test – Option 1

FMVSS 208 (current)

FMVSS 208 (Option 1)

- Tests front outboard seating positions
- In ADS-DV, preferred seating position may not be front seats.
- Test-procedure dummy alignment assumes forward-facing seats.

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Next on the Agenda

•10:45 AM: Concurrent Breakout Sessions

- Use question cards
 - Name optional, but would help if we need clarifications about your question/comment
- Locations
 - 100-Series Working Group Oklahoma City Room
 - 200-Series Working Group 8, 9, 10 Rooms
- •12:00 PM: Lunch Cafeteria (no reentry)
- •1:30 PM: Breakout Sessions Continue

Thank You!

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