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NHTSA VRTC HV Forward Collision Avoidance and Mitigation Research

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### **Overview**

- Heavy Vehicle Rear-End Crash Problem
- Definitions of Rear-End Crash Avoidance Technologies
- LV NCAP Forward Collision Warning Test
- Heavy Vehicle Rear End Collision Avoidance
  Research at VRTC
- Conclusions



# **Heavy Truck Crashes**

- Rear-end Crashes accounted for 19.9% of all police reported heavy truck crashes based on GES 2004.
- Heavy truck was the striking vehicle in 60% of these rear end crashes.







### **Rear-End Pre Crash Scenarios**

▲ 13.3%: Lead vehicle moving at constant speed

Development of Crash Imminent Test Scenarios for Integrated Vehicle-Based Safety Systems DOT HS 810 757





### Technologies Preventing Rear-End Crashes

ACC – Autonomous Cruise Control ICC – Intelligent Cruise Control ACB – Active Cruise with Braking

Comfort and Convenience with some safety benefits

FCW – Forward Collision Warning

Passive – Driver must take action.

CIB – Crash Imminent Braking CMB – Collision Mitigation Braking DBA – Dynamic Brake Assist ABA – Automatic Brake Application

Active – Various levels of autonomous braking





# LV New Car Assessment Program

- MY 2011 New Vehicles
- NCAP Crash Avoidance Technologies
  - 1. Electronic Stability Control
  - Porward Collision Avoidance ← for each of these
  - 3. Lane Departure Warning
- <u>www.regulations.gov</u>
  - Docket No. NHTSA-2006-26555

Confirmation tests for each of these technologies



# **LV FCW Test Maneuvers**

- SV speed, all tests: 72.4 km/h (45 mph)
- Stopped POV



- Decelerating POV
  - Initial POV speed: 72.4 km/h
  - Initial SV-to-POV Headway = 30m
  - POV deceleration: 0.3g



- Slower Moving POV
  - POV speed: 32.2 km/h (20 mph)



Programmable brake controller used to maximize accuracy, repeatability, and reproducibility of the Decelerating POV tests







# **Key FCW NCAP Evaluation Criteria**

- Successful Test Requirements
  - 7 trials per condition are performed
  - TTC requirements must be satisfied for 5 of the 7 trials
  - TTC requirements must no be violated 2 consecutive trials
- Time To Collision (TTC)
  - Stopped POV: 2.1 sec
  - Decelerating POV: 2.4 sec
  - Slower Moving POV: 2.0 sec



# **HV Rear-End CA Research Objectives**

- Quantify the state-of-the-industry for HV FCW and CIB from performance testing with a POV
  - Time To Collision (TTC)
  - Delta V @ impact
- Determine if the LV FCW confirmation test can be adapted for HV evaluation
- Identify issues and challenges unique to HV



## **Test Vehicles**

- 2006 Freightliner Century Class 6X4
  - Retrofitted MW OnGuard System
- 2006 Volvo VNL64T630 6x4
  - Retrofitted Bendix Wingman ACB System
- 28 ft Great Dane Flatbed
  - 121 style control trailer



### **Test Matrix**

		Freightliner		Volvo	
Scenario	Speed (MPH)	Bobtail	121 Style Loading	Bobtail	121 Style Loading
SV encounters a stopped POV	35	Х	X	X	X
	45	X	X	X	X
	55	X	X	X	X
SV encounters a decelerating POV	35	X	X	X	X
	45	X	X	X	X
	55	X	X	X	X
SV encounters a slower moving POV	35	X	X	X	X
	45	X	X	X	X
	55	X	X	X	X

#### Draft – Subject to change





### **Balloon Car – POV for CIB**







# **Stopped POV: LV CIB Example**





### **HV Example**







### HV Example#2







### HV Example #3





# **Known Issues**

- Current protocol designed for FCW not CIB
- Stopped Lead Vehicles
  - State-of-Industry not detecting stopped lead vehicles that were not previously tracked
- Confirm track tests and protocol not generating artificial data
  - Mass estimation
  - Accurate target response
  - RCS of target



# Conclusions

- Rear-end collision avoidance technology is expected to improve automotive safety in both LV and HV
- FCW Potential to reduce 21% of heavy vehicle rear end crashes
  - VTTI: 2/2008 DOT HS 810 910
  - Battelle: 2006 Evaluation of the Volvo IVI FOT
- CIB Current research in support of understanding performance and determining safety benefits





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