Development of BioRID-II Dummy Model In Cooperation with German Automotive Industry

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Introduction

"Whiplash is an acceleration-deceleration mechanism of energy transfer to the neck. It may result from rear end or side-impact motor vehicle collisions, but can also occur during diving and other mishaps. The impact may result in bony or soft-tissue injuries, this in turn may lead to a variety of clinical manifestations."

(QTF, Spitzer)

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Whiplash in vehicle crashes

- "The MOST common injuries sustained in motor vehicle crashes are those to the soft tissue of the neck, commonly termed whiplash."

 (*Thatcham, 2005*)
- "Whiplash claims cost UK insurers 1.6 billion BP, US insurers pay 10 billion USD per annum"

(Aspen Insurance UK, 2004)



Tests to asses seat performance

Many institutes and organizations propose rear impact tests

- Thatcham
- IIWPG (International Insurance Whiplash Prevention Group)
- AZT (Allianz-Zentrum für Technik)
- IIHS (Insurance Institute for Highway Safety)
- Folksam
- EU.....
- Tests use different crash pulses to accelerate a seat
- All tests cause no extensive damage on the seat
- The influence of vehicle design on the pulse are not considered.
- Tests use BioRID-II Dummy

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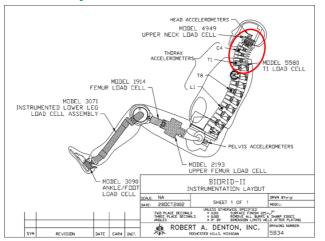
BioRID-II Dummy

- · Shares extremities with HIII 50% dummy
- · Shares modified head and pelvis from HIII dummy
- · Complex spine
- Complex upper neck model
- · Pre-stress in spine to model muscels





BioRID-II dummy load cells



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BioRID-II Dummy injury criteria

- Neck Injurity Criterion
 NIC = f (relative movement of neck)
- Neck Criterion Rear Impact
 Nkm = f (moment and force, upper neck)
- Lower Neck Load Index
 LNL = f (moments and forces, lower neck)



BioRID-II Dummy Model Project

- FAT (German Research Organization of Automotive Industry)
- · Project similar to former dummy model development projects
- · Models from former FAT projects:
 - USSID
 - SIDHIII
 - Eurosid-1
 - ES-2
 - ES-2re
- · New Project for development of BioRID II model



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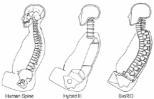
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Participating Companies from the FAT

OEMs: Seat manufacturer:

Audi CR Hammerstein BMW Johnson Controls Mercedes Keiper Recaro

Opel Porsche Volkswagen Karmann



Models will be commercially available.

Chairman of FAT BioRID working group is from Volkswagen



Material tests for foams

- Static compression tests
- Dynamic compression tests
 - Strain rates 1, 10, 100, 500 1/s
 - 50 and 90% volumetric strain
- Static tension tests
- Dynamic tension tests
 - Strain rates 1, 10, 100, 500





(all relevant foams and rubbers will be tested)

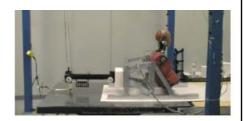
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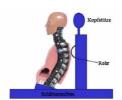


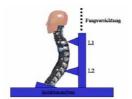
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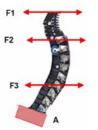
Component Tests

- High speed hydraulic impactors
- Static and dynamic tests with the spine
- Partial thorax tests
- Fully assembled thorax tests
- Each tests with 3 different dummies





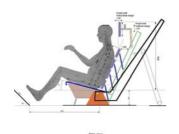


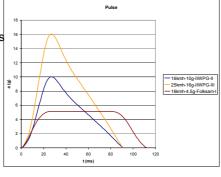




Sled Tests

- Each test with 3 different dummies
- Tests with 3 different pulses
- Tests with "Chalmers" seat
- Tests with different neck rest geometries





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Chalmers Seat

- Seat used in dummy development
- Characteristics comparable to a seat
- High repeatability



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Project Schedule

- 1st official release will be ready in June 2005
- 2nd release 12/2005
- Further releases will follow in 6/2006 and 2007



Schedule very tight since OEMs want to have a first model ready in June.

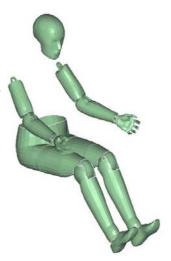
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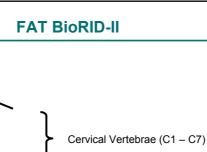
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Model Details

- HIII parts for first release from NCAC model
- Model is based on CAD data from Denton
- · Further releases will use re-modeled HIII parts
- Time-step = 0.8 microseconds







Thoracic Vertebrae (T1 - T12)

Lumbar Vertebrae (L1 – L5)

Pelvis Interface Plate (S1)

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Model Details: Spine



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Model Details

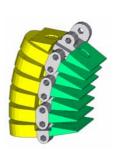
- T1-T12 connected by a torsional beam
- L1-L5 connected by a torsional beam
- · Beams are connected through washers
- · Movements of vertebrae are limited by rubber stoppers and the beams

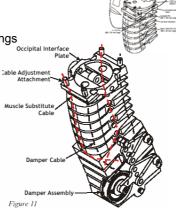




Model Details

- C1-C7 are connected through bolts
- · Movement limited by rubber stoppers
- Neck pre-stresses via steel cable by springs





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Conclusion

- · LS-DYNA model will be developed by DYNAmore
- First model available in June 2005
- · Extensive tests will be incorporated
- Model will be developed with material, component and sled tests



