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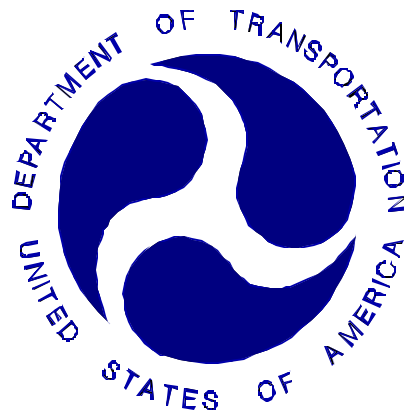
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HIC15	HIC36	Clip (g's)	Chest Displacement (mm)	NIJ NTF	NIJ NTE	NIJ NCF	NIJ NCE
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SECTION 1

PURPOSE AND SUMMARY OF TEST M45800TW G2

1.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this test was to obtain data in a static out-of-position side impact. These data constitute part of the general consumer information collected by the New Car Assessment Program (NCAP) sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) under contract No. DTNH22-01-D-32005.

1.2 SUMMARY

The effects of a seat mounted side airbag deployment in a 2004 Volkswagen Touareg with an out-of-position six-year-old child were evaluated. The test was performed by General Dynamics Advanced Information Engineering Services on May 25, 2004. Pre-and post-test photographs of the vehicle and dummy can be found in Appendix A.

One high-speed digital camera was used to document the side airbag deployment event. The camera was placed in line with the right-front seat centerline as to capture the deployment event. The recorded image rate is 1000 frames per second.

One part 572, Hybrid III six-year-old child anthropomorphic test device (ATD), was placed in the right front seat situated in the forward facing position according to dummy placement instructions specified in the Recommended Procedures for Evaluating Occupant Injury Risk from Deploying Side Airbags as prepared by the Side Airbag Out-of-Position Injury Technical Working Group (TWG).

The child dummy was instrumented with head, chest, and pelvic triaxial accelerometers. In addition, a chest displacement and upper six axial neck force and moment load cell sensors were utilized.

Sixteen channels of data were recorded using an on-board data acquisition system. Appendix A contains photographs. Appendix B contains dummy response data traces. Appendix C contains the Instrumentation Data Channel assignments.

The Hybrid III six-year-old child dummy's visible contact points were as follows: The airbag to the back of the head and back of the right side of the torso of the ATD.

The six-year-old child dummy was placed on a booster block and oriented in the forward facing position on the outboard portion of the seat cushion. The seat was placed in the lowest height position with the seatback placed at the manufacturer's design position for a fiftieth percentile male. Due to the vehicle being previously tested in a 35 mph NCAP frontal impact, the seat tracks were not able to be placed in the rearmost position and the passenger side window was not able to be placed in the closed position. The dummy's spine was aligned with the leading edge of the seat bolster with the head placed between but not in contact with the seat bolster and the B-Pillar with the neck/torso junction aligned vertically with the top edge of the airbag module. The dummy legs were aligned so that they crossed the heel placement points at a location of 50 mm from the leading edge of the seat cushion and 75 mm to either side of the seat cushion centerline. The dummy's heels were ahead of the leading edge of the seat cushion. The dummy's right arm was placed on the arm rest with the forearm and hand aligned along the armrest. The dummy's left arm was in contact with the seatback with the left forearm located such that the fingertips contacted the booster seat. This orientation complies with section 3.3.3.5 of the TWG Recommended Procedures for Evaluating Occupant Injury Risk from Deploying Side Airbags as defined by Lund, et al and the Technical Working Group dated July 2003.

SECTION 2

DATA SHEET NO. 1

TEST SUMMARY

TEST CONFIGURATION INFORMATION:

	TEST DATA	DESCRIPTION
Seating Position:	P2	Right Front Seating Position
Test:	3.3.3.5*	Forward facing Hybrid-III 6-year-old child dummy on booster block
Airbag:	Seatback	Seatback side airbag
Booster Block	300mm x 450 mm x 75 mm	Block consisted of HD36 foam with a density of 44.8 g/L
ATD Type/Serial No.:	P572N/182	Hybrid III six year old child dummy

*- Procedure as defined by Lund, et al and the Technical Working Group dated July 2003.

<u>Number of Data Channels</u>	16	
<u>Number of Cameras:</u>	0	<u>Real Time</u>
	1	<u>High Speed Digital</u>
	0	<u>High Speed Film</u>

VISIBLE DUMMY CONTACT POINTS

Head Contact:	The back of the head was struck by the airbag during deployment
Upper Torso Contact:	The back of the right side of the torso.
Lower Torso Contact:	The back of the right side of the torso.
Left Knee Contact:	None
Right Knee Contact:	None

DATA SHEET 2

VEHICLE PARAMETER DATA

TEST VEHICLE INFORMATION:

Year/Make/Model/Body Style: 2004 Volkswagen Touareg SUV‡

NHTSA No. : M45800 ; VIN: WVGBC77L14D048755 ; Color: Red

Engine Data: 6 cylinders; 195 CID; 3.2 Liters; - cc

Placement: X Longitudinal or In-Line; - Transverse or Lateral

Transmission Data: 6 speeds; - Manual; X Automatic; X Overdrive

Final Drive: - Rear Wheel Drive; - Front Wheel Drive; X Four Wheel Drive

Safety Belt Features – Driver X Pretensioner (Shoulder); X Load Limiter; X Adj. Anchorage

Safety Belt Features - Passenger X Pretensioner (Shoulder); X Load Limiter; X Adj. Anchorage

Major Options: X A/C; X Pwr.Strg.; X Pwr. Brakes

X Pwr. Windows; X Pwr. Door Locks; X Tilt Wheel

Date Received: 2/28/2004 ; Odometer Reading 188 km

Selling Dealer: Palisades Volkswagen

& Address: 175 Route 303 West Nyack, NY

DATA FROM TIRE VEHICLE'S CERTIFICATION LABEL:

Vehicle Manufactured by: Volkswagen AG Germany

Date of Manufacture 12/03

GVWR: 2945.2 kg; GAWR: 1414.8 kg FRONT; 1609.8 kg REAR

DATA FROM TIRE PLACARD:

Recommended Tire Size: 255/60 R17

* Recommended Cold Tire Pressure: 250 kPa FRONT; 300 kPa REAR

DATA FROM TIRE SIDEWALL:

Size of Tires on Test Vehicle: P255/60R17 ; Manufacturer: Dunlop Grandtrek ST8000

Tire Pressure with Maximum Capacity Vehicle Load: Front: 350 kPa; Rear: 350 kPa

Treadwear: 200 ; Traction: A ; Temperature: A

VEHICLE CAPACITY DATA:

Type of Front Seats: - Bench; X Bucket; - Split Bench

Number of Occupants: 2 Front; 3 Rear; 5 Total

Vehicle Capacity Weight (VCW) = 461 kg

No. of Occupants x 68.04 kg = 340.2 kg

Rated Cargo/Luggage Weight (RCLW) = 120.8 kg

*Tire pressure used for test

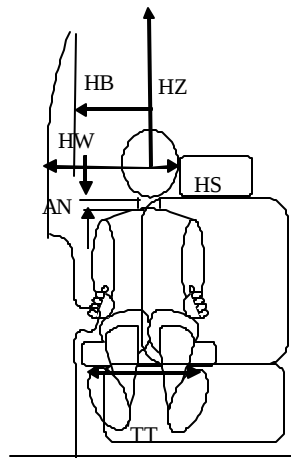
‡ This vehicle had previously been tested in an NCAP 35 mph frontal impact on May 4, 2004.

DATA SHEET NO. 3

CHILD DUMMY POSITIONING IN VEHICLE

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Measurements for Seat Mounted Airbags



X-Y View

HZ = Head CG to Roof
 HC = Head CG to C-Pillar
 HB = Head CG to B-Pillar
 HS = Head CG to Seat
 HW = Head CG to Window
 TT = Toe to Toe
 AN = Top of the Airbag Module to the Head/Neck Junction

Measurements for Position #2 (Right Front)	
	Dimension (mm)
HZ	282
HW	185
HC	-
HB	158
HS	180
TT	120
AN	0
Airbag Module Length	330
Airbag Module Width	80
Foam Block Depth ¹	300
Foam Block Width ¹	450
Foam Block Thickness ¹	75

¹ Foam block consisted of HD36 foam material with a density of 44.8 g/L

DATA SHEET 4

CHILD DUMMY INJURY CRITERIA VALUES

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		MAXIMUM VALUE			
		Position #2			
DESCRIPTION	Unit	Maximum	Time (ms)	Minimum	Time (ms)
Head X	g	4.9	13.4	-1.3	199.5
Head Y	g	0.8	8.1	-3.5	11.7
Head Z	g	2.1	26.5	-8.1	9.6
Head Resultant	g	9.3	12.9	0.0	-45.8
Upper Neck Fx	N	108.2	17.4	-39.1	199.7
Upper Neck Fy	N	10.9	148.0	-78.4	21.1
Upper Neck Fz	N	69.5	26.4	-224.7	12.9
Upper Neck F Resultant	N	247.4	12.9	0.1	-47.6
Upper Neck Mx	N-m	3.2	12.7	-5.7	29.9
Upper Neck My	N-m	10.1	16.2	-7.8	41.2
Upper Neck Mz	N-m	2.3	66.2	-2.8	23.1
Upper Neck M Resultant	N-m	10.4	16.2	0.0	-36.4
Chest X	g	25.6	8.7	-2.0	46.9
Chest Y	g	1.2	11.3	-9.3	13.4
Chest Z	g	0.4	67.9	-1.8	13.4
Chest Resultant	g	25.6	8.7	0.0	-16.5
Chest Displacement	mm	1.8	28.5	-0.3	9.8
Pelvic X	g	5.6	13.9	-2.4	11.8
Pelvic Y	g	3.0	11.9	-5.6	15.8
Pelvic Z	g	2.5	12.9	-5.5	12.0
Pelvic Resultant	g	7.2	13.6	0.0	-19.3

DATA SHEET 4

CHILD DUMMY INJURY CRITERIA VALUES (CONTINUED)

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	HEAD INJURY CRITERIA (HIC)							
	HIC15				HIC36			
		t ₁	t ₂	Average		t ₁	t ₂	Average
	HIC	(msec)	(msec)	Acceleration t ₁ to t ₂	HIC	(msec)	(msec)	Acceleration t ₁ to t ₂
Position #2 – Right Front	1.2	9.0	22.7	5.9	1.2	9.0	22.7	5.9

	CLIP SUMMARY*			
	CLIP (g's)	t ₁ (msec)	t ₂ (msec)	CSI
Position #2 – Right Front	11.1	7.7	10.7	6.9

* The maximum chest resultant acceleration is defined as the maximum acceleration which exceeds 0.003 seconds in duration.

Position 2 Neck Injury Summary (HIII 6 year old – Out of Position)

Nij V10	Nij	Time (ms)	Z Force (N)	X Force (N)	Y Moment (N-m)
Ntf	0.06	20.6	0.5	99.9	5.2
Nte	0.23	41.7	28.7	11.6	-8.0
Ncf	0.16	13.7	-217.2	84.8	8.2
Nce	0.03	8.5	-82.9	-4.7	-0.1

Peak Tension (CFC1000) 69.5 N

Peak Compression (CFC1000) -224.7 N

Critical Values

Nij Intercepts				Peak Limits	
Tension (CVt)	2880 N	Extension (mCVe)	37 N-m	Tension	1890 N
Compression (CVc)	2880 N	Flexion (mCVf)	93 N-m	Compression	-1820 N

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Figure A-1: Pre-Test Vehicle Left Side View

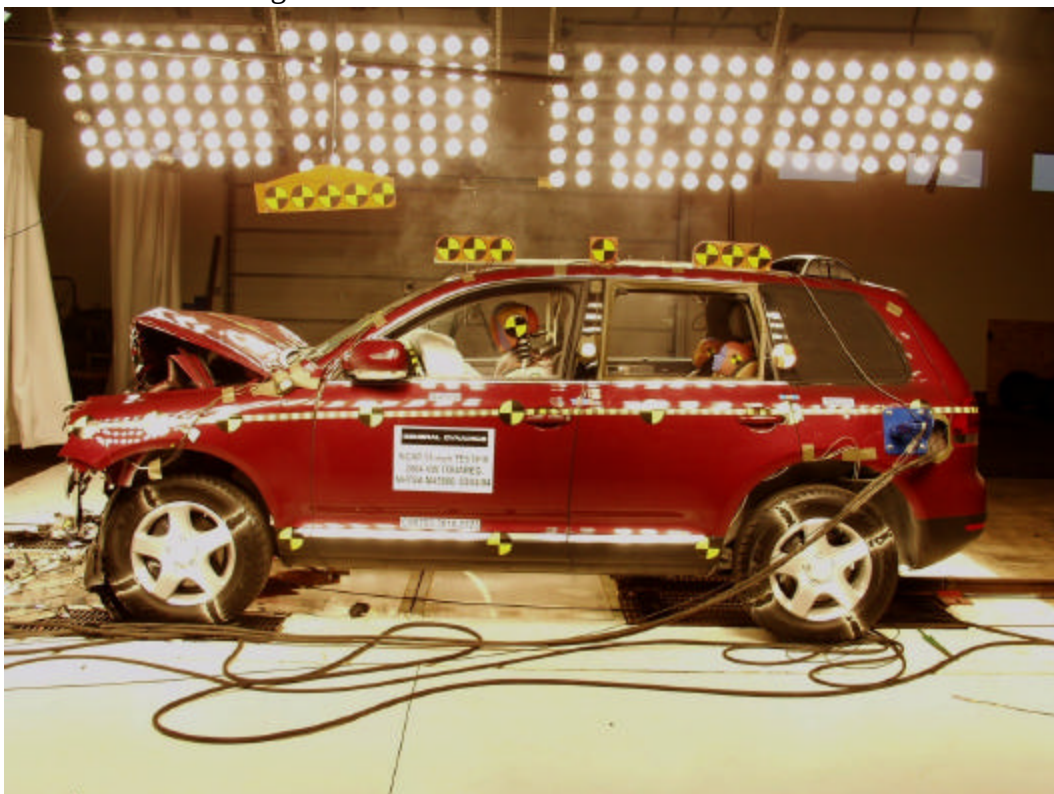


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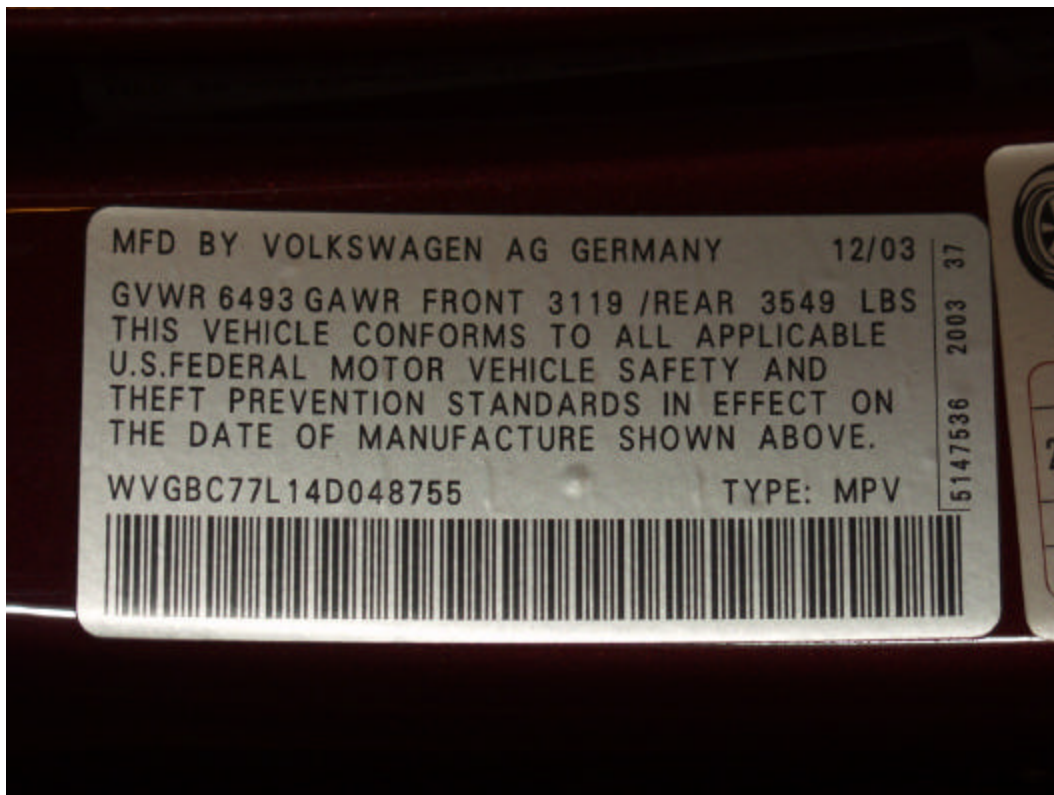


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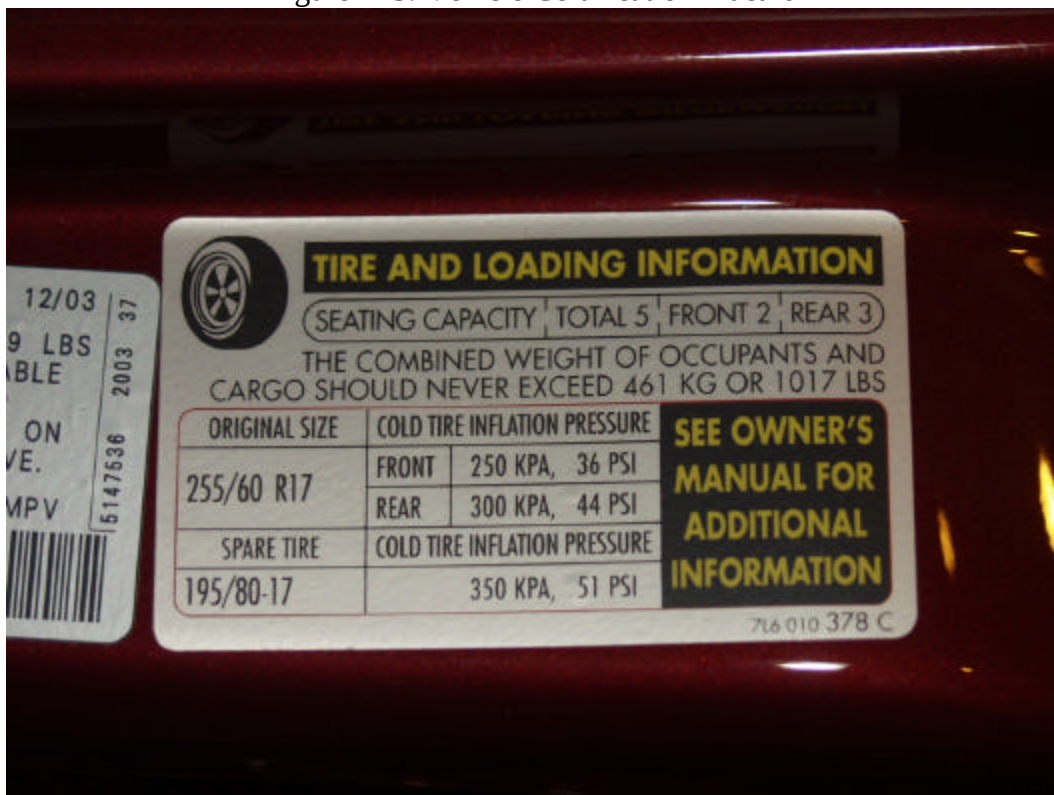


Figure A-4: Vehicle Tire Placard



Figure A-5: Pre-Test Frontal View of Dummy



Figure A-6: Post-Test Frontal View of Dummy



Figure A-7: Pre-Test Left Side View of Dummy



Figure A-8: Post-Test Left Side View of Dummy



Figure A-9: Pre-Test Right Side View of Dummy



Figure A-9: Post-Test Right Side View of Dummy

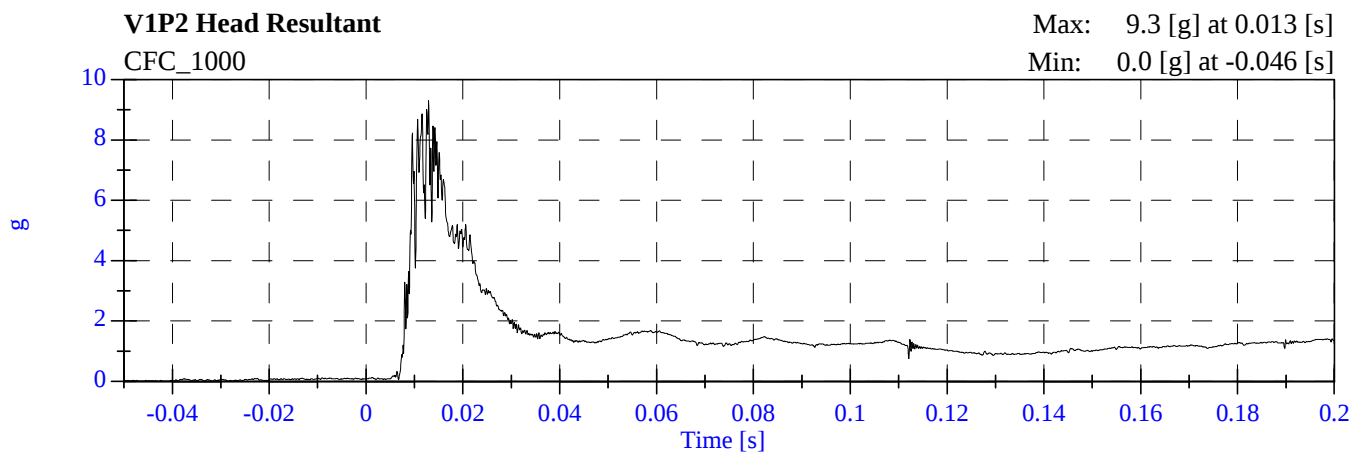
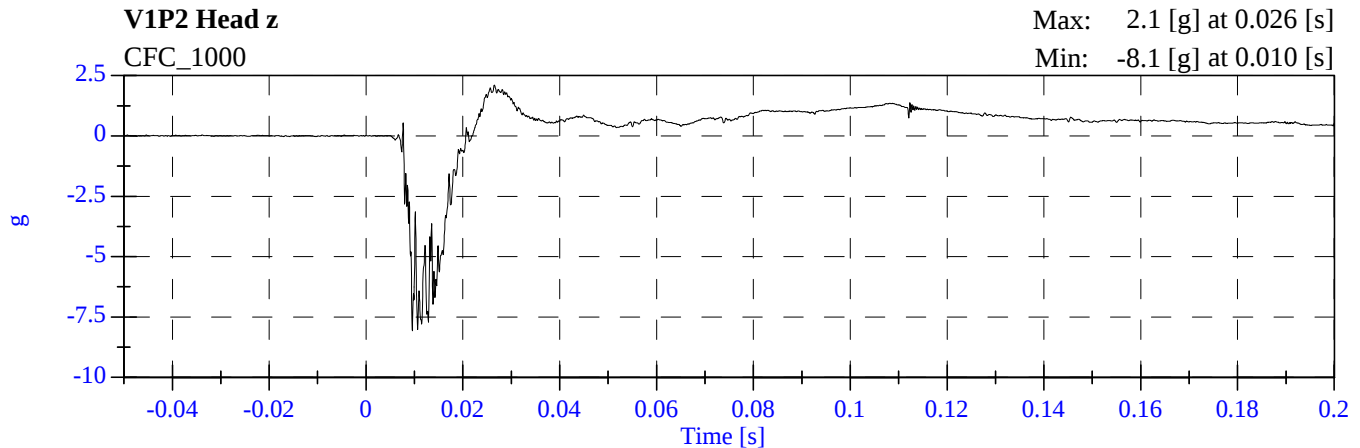
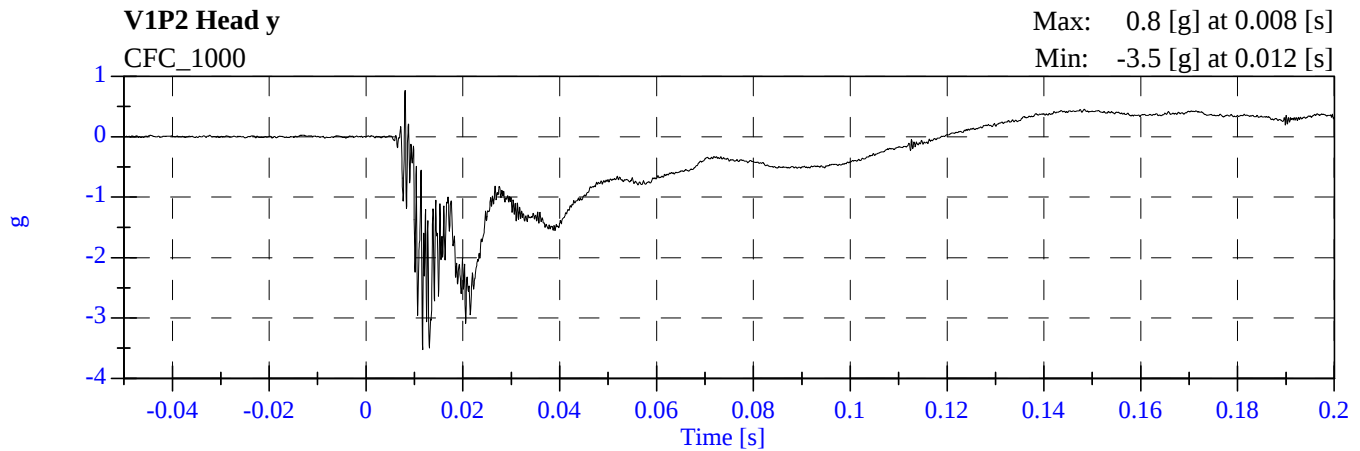
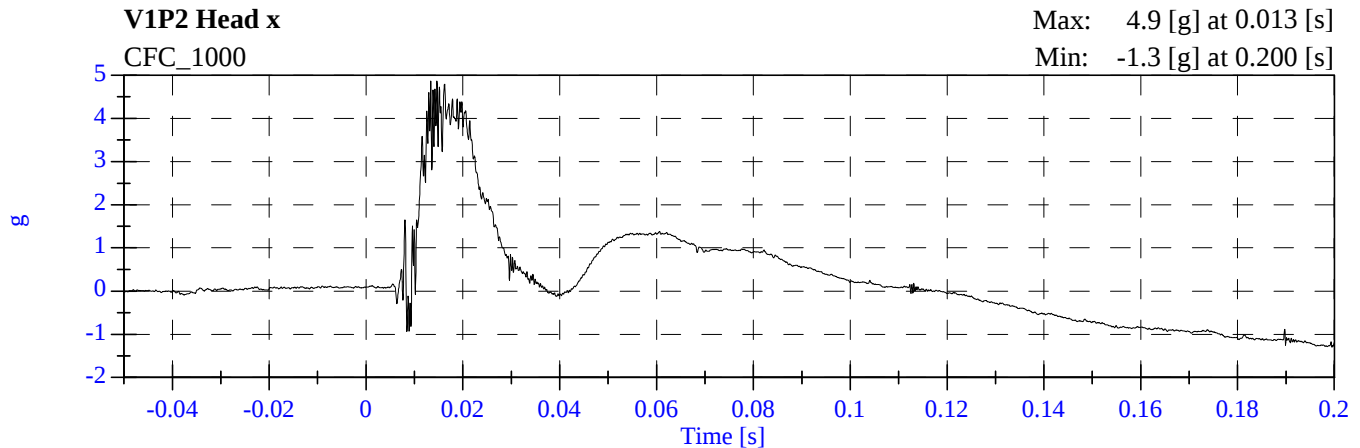
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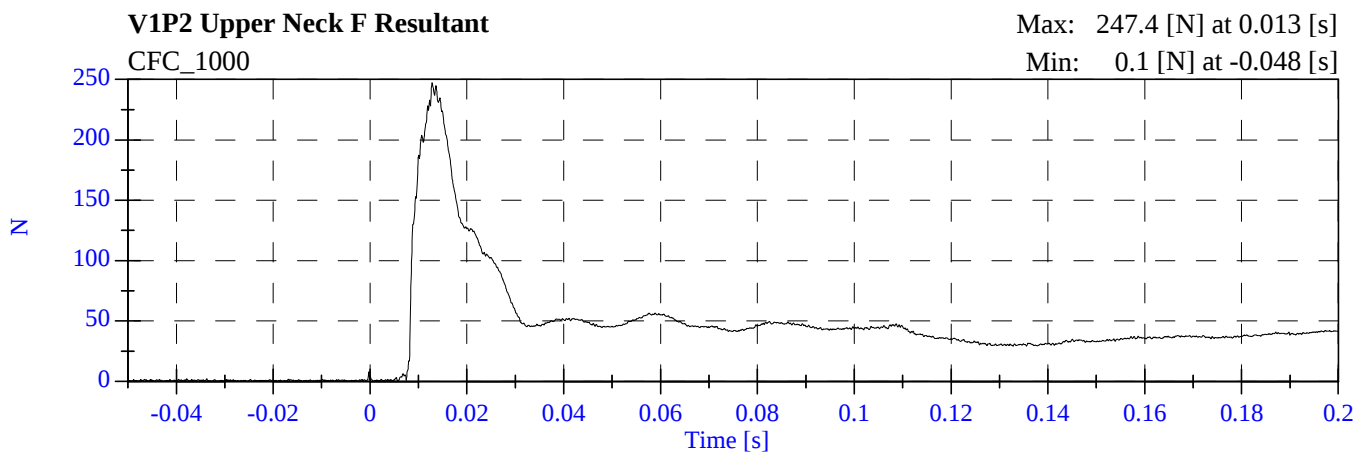
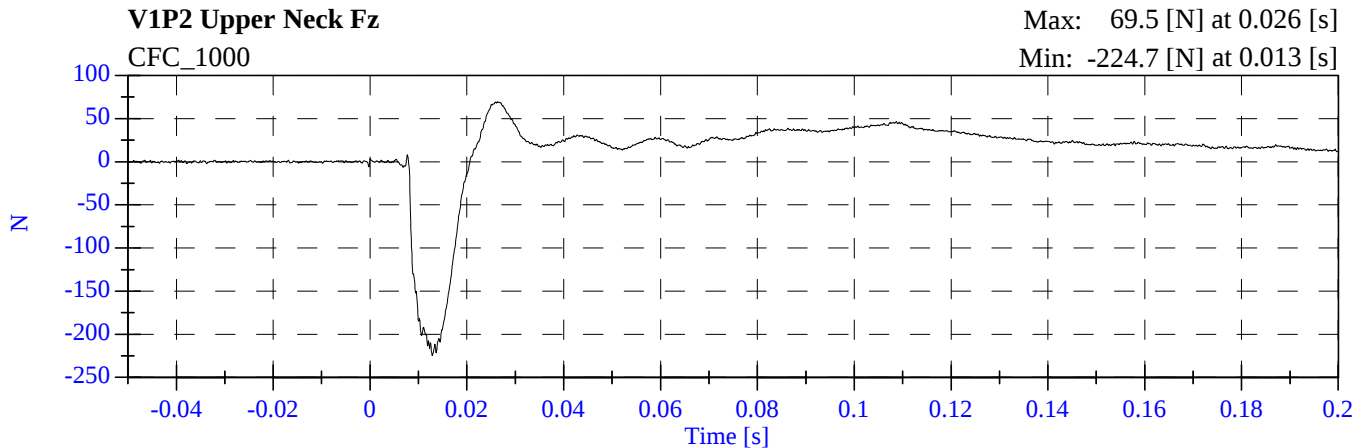
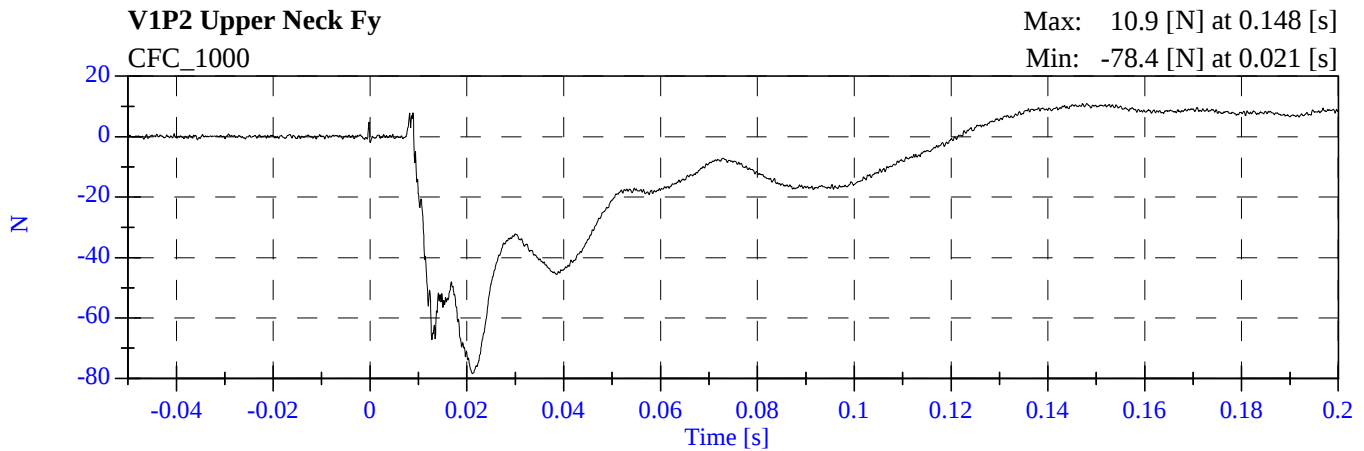
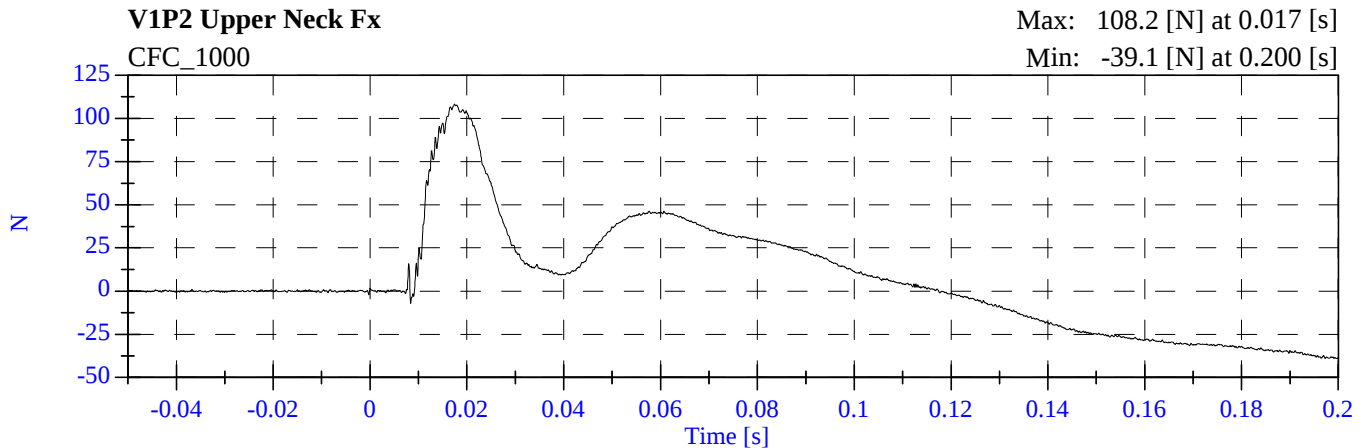
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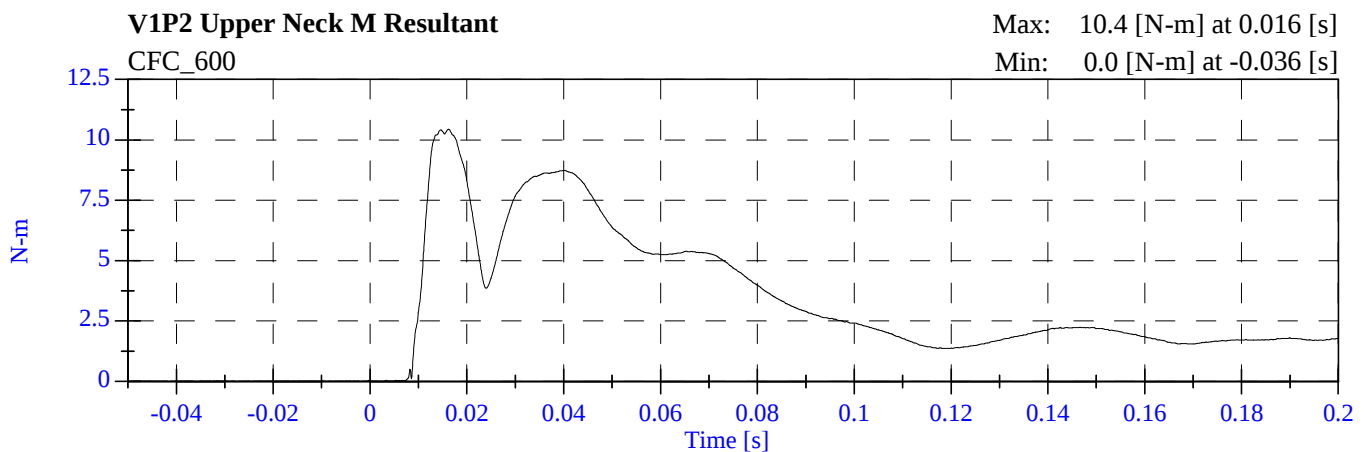
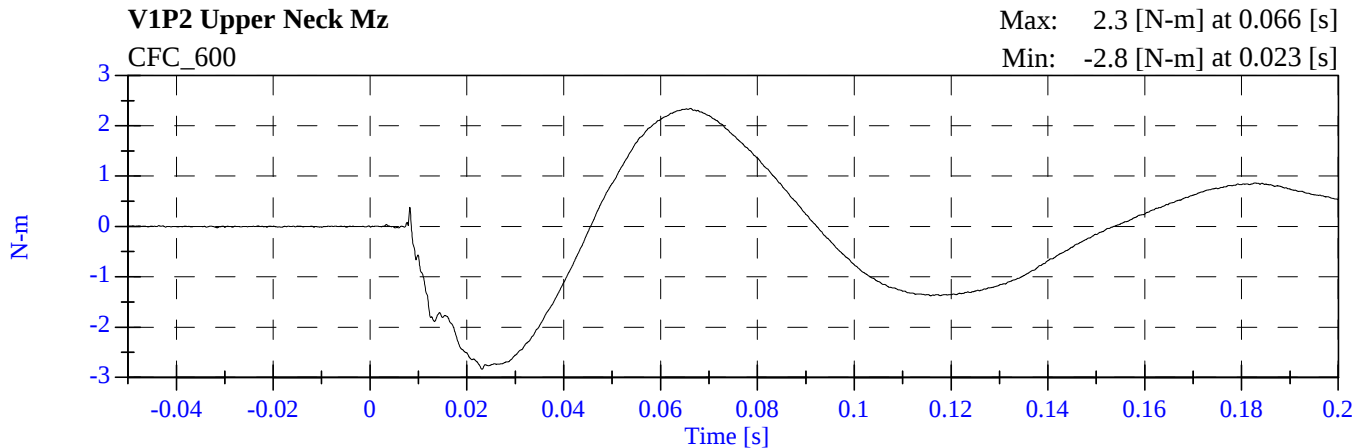
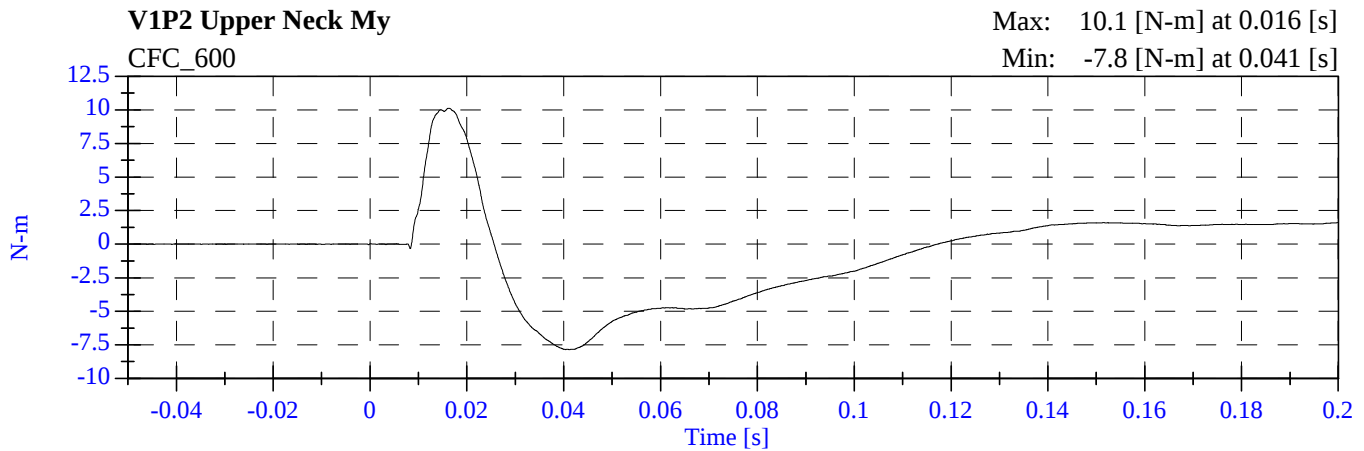
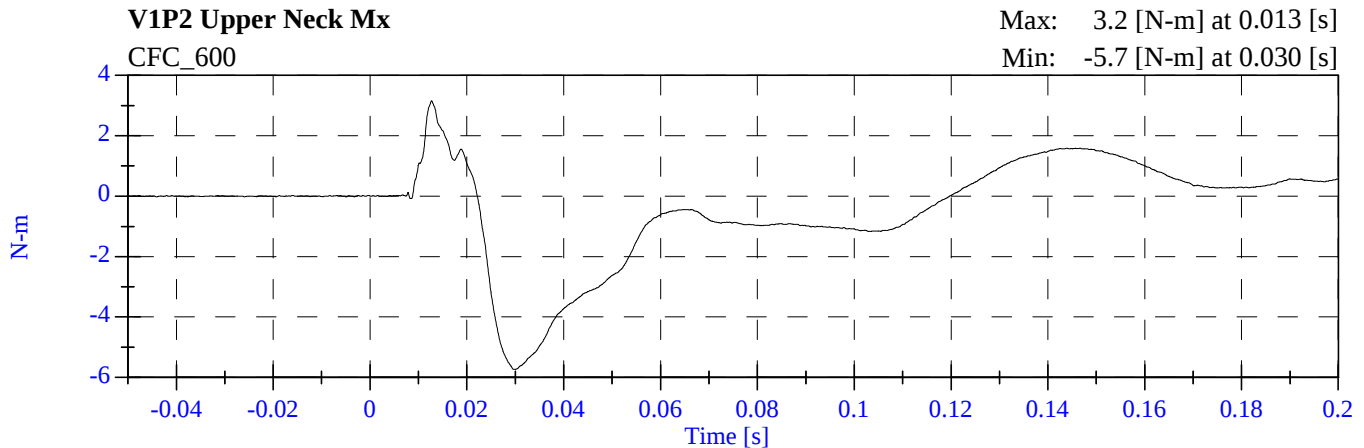
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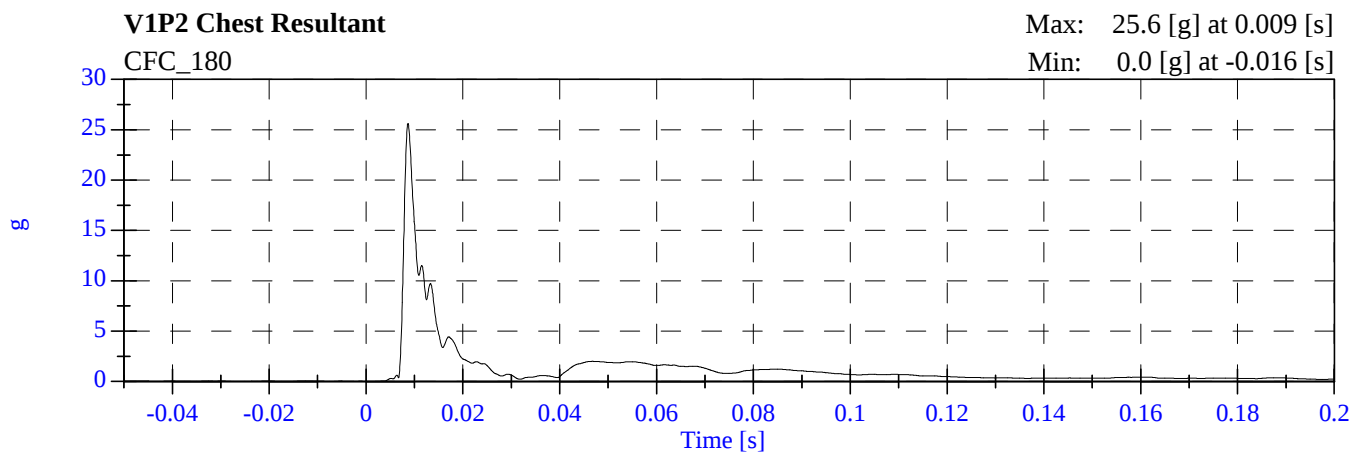
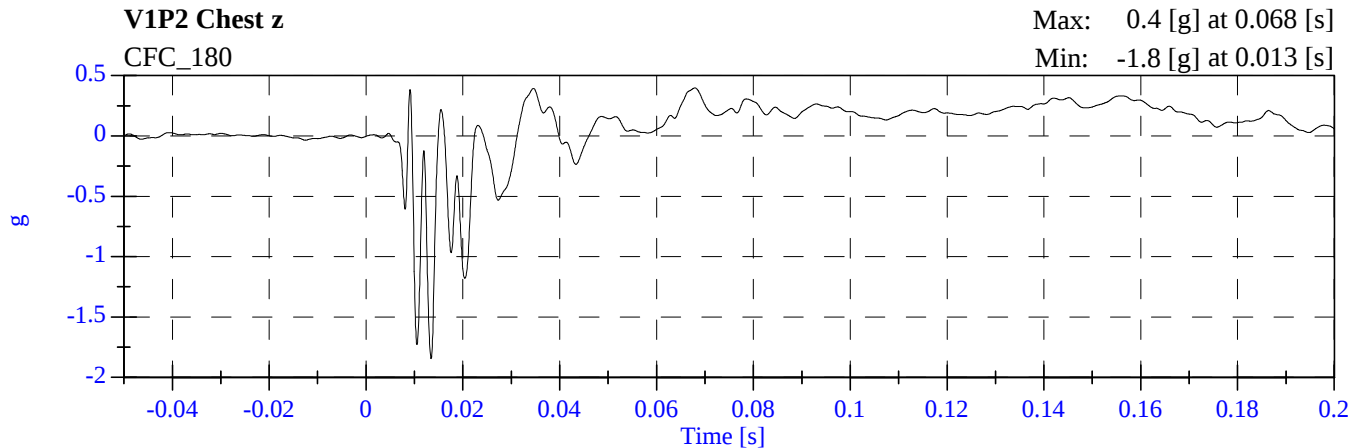
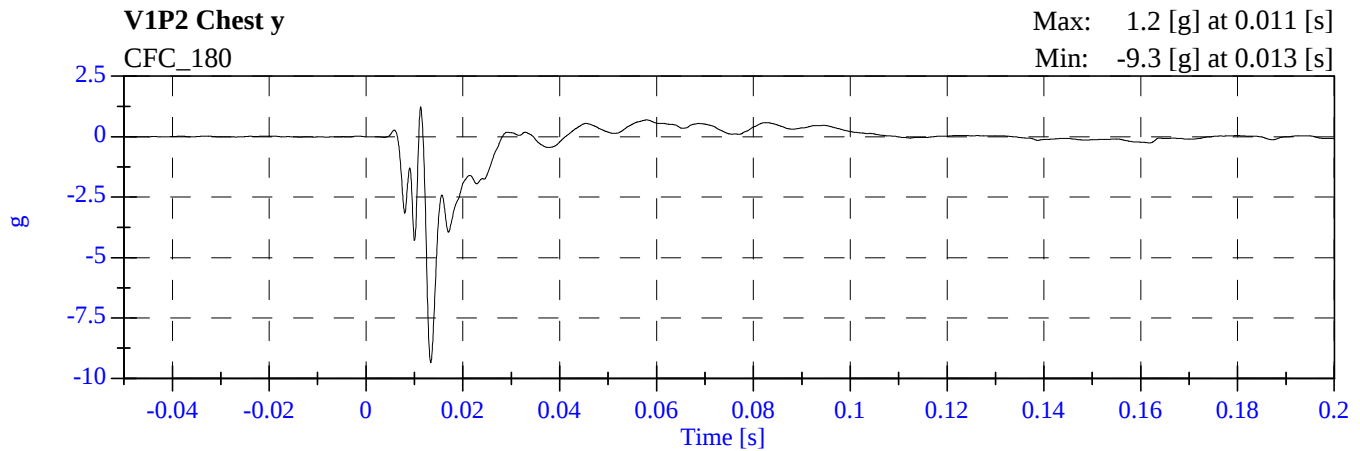
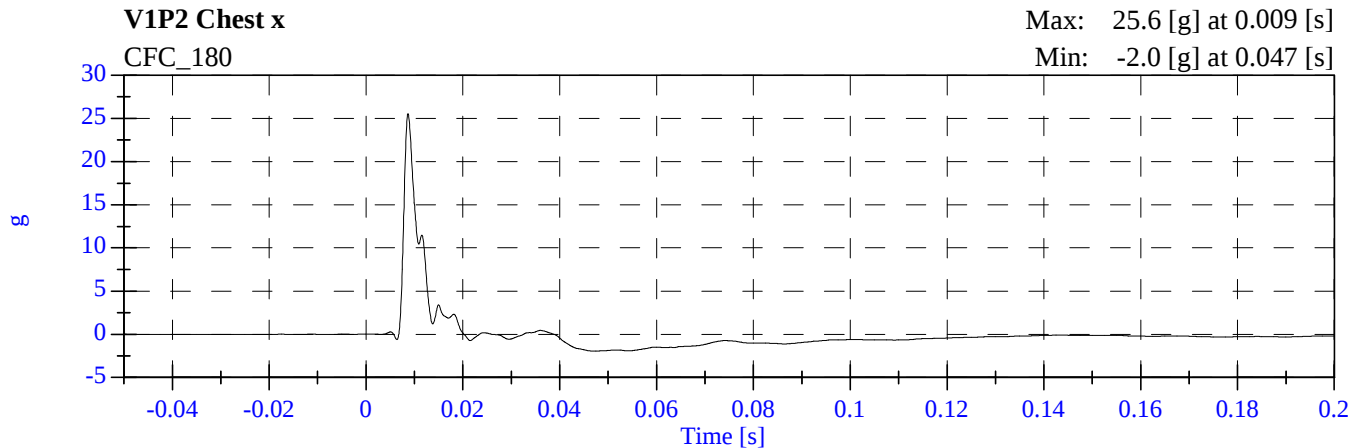
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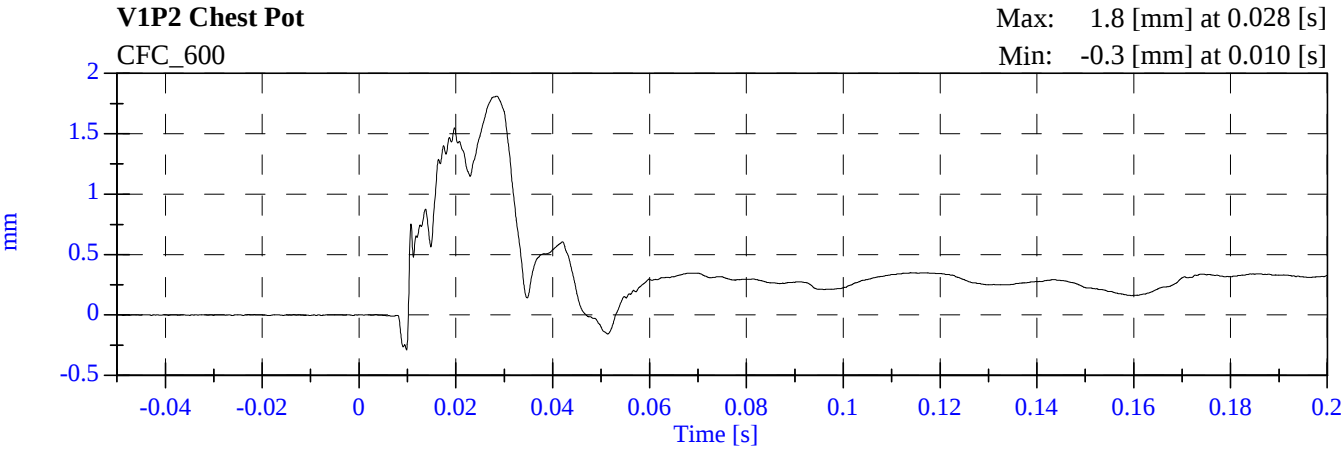


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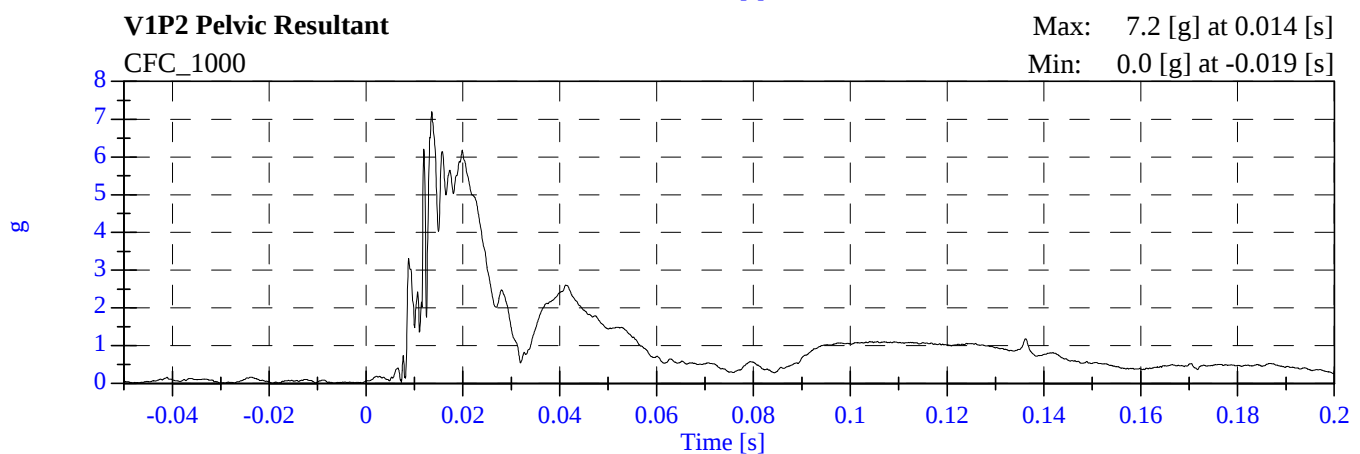
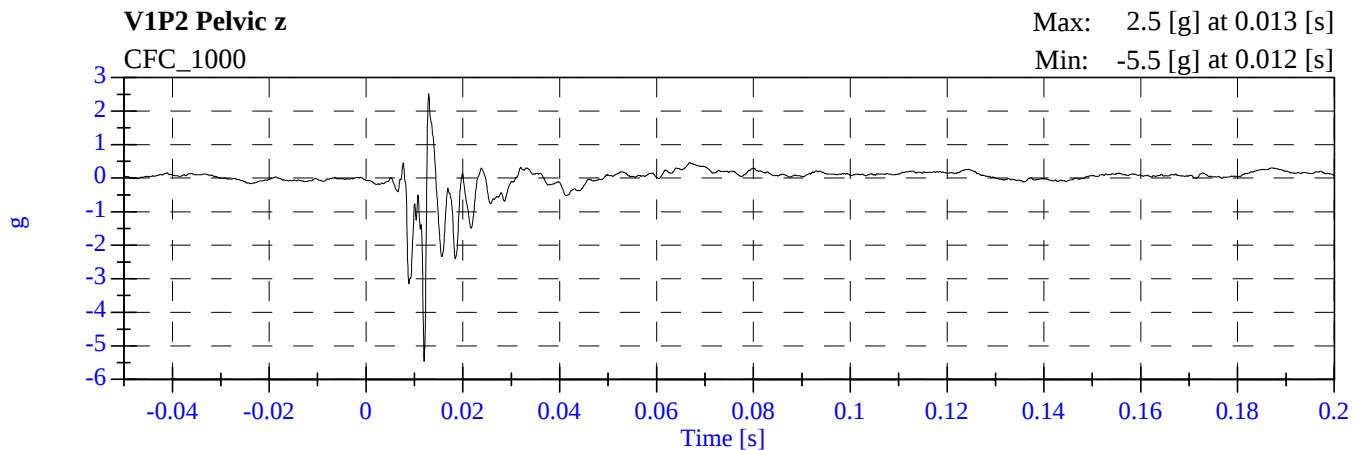
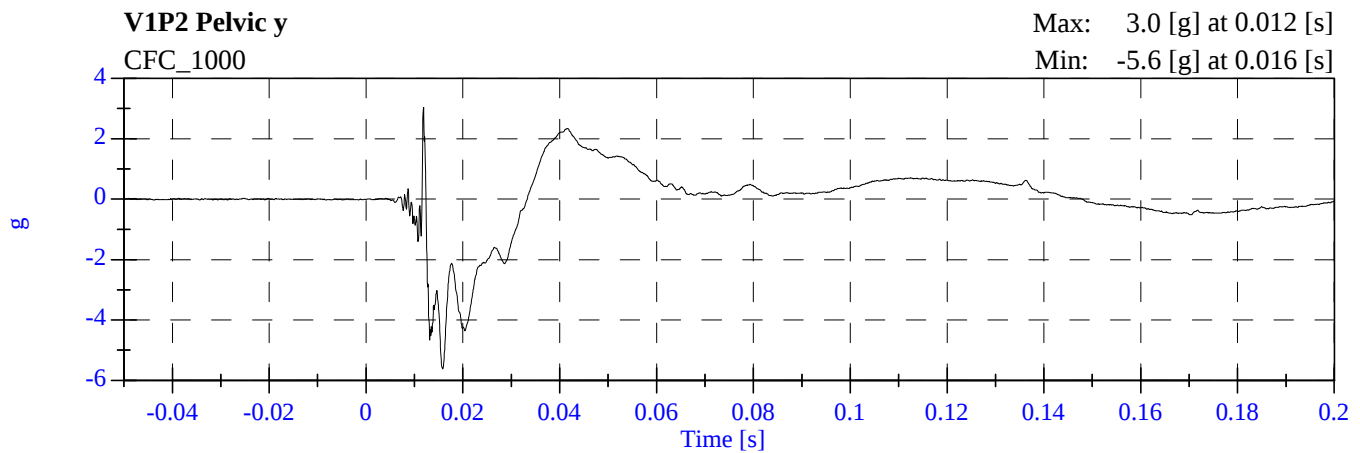
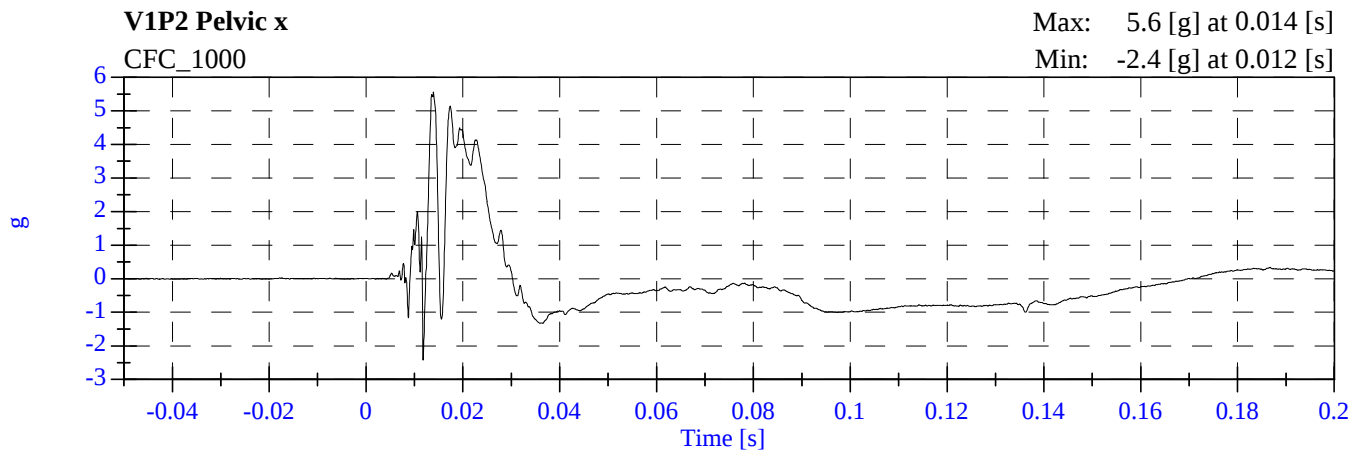


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APPENDIX C

TEST EQUIPMENT LIST AND CALIBRATION INFORMATION

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P572N INSTRUMENTATION

	POSITION #2 (RIGHT FRONT) SERIAL NO.: 182		
	SERIAL NUMBER	MANUFACTURER	CALIBRATION DATE
HEAD AX	AC-AGN83	ENDEVCO	04-May -04
HEAD AY	AC-ACC63	ENDEVCO	04-May -04
HEAD AZ	AC-AJ4G1	ENDEVCO	04-May -04
UPPER NECK FX	LC-1563Fx	DENTON	29-Sep-03
UPPER NECK FY	LC-1563Fy	DENTON	29-Sep-03
UPPER NECK FZ	LC-1563Fz	DENTON	29-Sep-03
UPPER NECK MX	LC-1563Mx	DENTON	29-Sep-03
UPPER NECK MY	LC-1563My	DENTON	29-Sep-03
UPPER NECK MZ	LC-1563Mz	DENTON	29-Sep-03
CHEST AX	AC-ACC02	ENDEVCO	04-May -04
CHEST AY	AC-AKAA4	ENDEVCO	04-May -04
CHEST AZ	AC-AJ4R6	ENDEVCO	04-May -04
CHEST DISPLACEMENT X	DS-182	SERVO	03-Oct-03
PELVIS AX	AC-P10095	ENDEVCO	05-May -04
PELVIS AY	AC-P18728	ENDEVCO	05-May -04
PELVIS AZ	AC-J20047	ENDEVCO	05-May -04