

**SIDE AIRBAG OCCUPANT RISK PROGRAM
OCCUPANT OUT-OF-POSITION TESTS**

**GENERAL MOTORS OF CANADA
2006 CHEVROLET IMPALA
4-DOOR SEDAN**

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SECTION 1

PURPOSE AND SUMMARY OF TEST M60110TWG3

1.1 PURPOSE

This occupant out-of-position static side airbag deployment test is part of the Technical Working Group Occupant Injury Risk from Deploying Side Airbags Testing Program sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) under Contract No. DTNH22-01-D-02005. The purpose of this test was to obtain occupant injury data for a side airbag deployment.

The occupant out-of-position side airbag test was conducted in accordance with the Technical Working Group Recommended Procedures for Evaluating Occupant Injury Risk from Deploying Side Airbags.

1.2 SUMMARY

The effects of a roof rail mounted curtain airbag deployment in a 2006 Chevrolet Impala 4-Door Sedan with an out-of-position Hybrid III 6 Year-Old Child dummy were evaluated. The test was performed at Karco Engineering, LLC on June 29, 2006. Pre- and post-test photographs of the vehicle and dummy can be found in Appendix A.

Two high-speed digital and one real time camera were used to document the curtain airbag deployment. Camera locations and other pertinent camera information can be found on Data Sheet No.1 and Data Sheet No.6.

One Part 572N, Hybrid III 6-Year old child anthropomorphic test device (ATD) was placed in the right rear passenger seating position facing inboard according to the dummy placement instructions (3.3.5.1) in the July 2003 Revision of the Technical Working Group's 'Recommended Procedures for Evaluating Occupant Injury Risk from Deploying Side Airbags'.

The Hybrid III 6-Year old ATD was instrumented with head tri-axial accelerometers, and upper and lower neck transducers.

Fifteen (15) 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 passenger side doors remained closed during the deployment and were operable after the deployment.

The Hybrid III 6-Year-Old Child Dummy's visible contact points were as follows: The curtain airbag contacted the top of the ATD's head.

OUT OF POSITION OCCUPANT DATA SUMMARY

ATD Position	HIC ₁₅	Clip (g)	Chest Disp (mm)
Passenger	3.5	N/A	N/A

Orientation of the Hybrid III 6 Year-old Child Dummy was in the inboard facing position leaning against the right rear passenger door. The dummy's spine was aligned with the deploying trajectory of the airbag. The lower legs were extended. Synthetic foam was used to raise the dummy. This orientation complies with section 3.3.5.1 of the Technical Working Group (TWG) recommendation in the Recommended Procedures for Evaluating Occupant Injury Risk from Deploying Side Airbags.

SECTION 2

OCCUPANT AND VEHICLE INFORMATION/DATA SHEETS

Test Vehicle: 2006 Chevrolet Impala 4-Door Sedan NHTSA No.: M60110TWG3
Test Program: TWG 3.3.5.1. Test Date: 6/29/06

CONVERSION FACTORS USED IN THIS REPORT*

Quantity	Typical Application	Std Units	Metric Unit	Multiply By
Mass	Vehicle Weight	lb	kg	0.4536
Linear Velocity	Impact Velocity	mile/h	km/h	1.609
Length or Distance	Measurements	in	mm	25.4
Volume	Fuel Systems	gal	liter	3.785
Volume	Small Fluids	oz	mL	29.573
Pressure	Tire Pressures	lbf/in ²	kPa	7.0
Volume	Liquid	gal	liter	3.785
Temperature	General Use	°F	°C	$=(tf - 32)/1.8$
Force	Dynamic Forces	lbf	N	4.448
Moment	Torque	lbf/ft	Nm	1.355

* Based on the Recommended Practice in SAE J916, May 85

DATA SHEET NO. 1

TEST SUMMARY

Test Vehicle: 2006 Chevrolet Impala 4-Door Sedan NHTSA No.: M60110TWG3

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TEST DUMMY INFORMATION

Description	Passenger Seat Inboard Facing
Dummy Type / Serial No.	Hybrid III 6 year old / 088
Head Contact	Curtain Airbag
Chest Contact	None
Abdomen Contact	None
Pelvis	None
Left Knee Contact	None
Right Knee Contact	None

MOVIE COVERAGE

High Speed Digital	2
Real Time	1
Total	3

DATA CHANNELS

Child ATD Sensors	15
Belt Assessment Sensors	0
Vehicle Structure Accelerometers	0
Total	15

DATA SHEET NO. 2

GENERAL TEST AND VEHICLE PARAMETER DATA

Test Vehicle: 2006 Chevrolet Impala 4-Door Sedan NHTSA No.: M60110TWG3
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TEST VEHICLE INFORMATION

Make	Chevrolet
Model	Impala
Body Style	4-Door Sedan
NHTSA No.	M60110
VIN	2G1WB58K069119598
Color	Silver
Delivery Date	Oct. 9, 2005
Odometer Reading (mile)	91
Dealer	Crest Chevrolet
Transmission	Automatic
Final Drive	Front
Type/Number Cylinders	6
Engine Displacement (L)	3.5
Engine Placement	Transverse

TEST VEHICLE OPTIONS

Driver Front Airbag	Yes
Driver Side Airbag	No
Driver Side Curtain Airbag	Yes
Pass. Front Airbag	Yes
Pass. Side Airbag	No
Pass. Curtain Airbag	Yes
Power Brakes	Yes
Power Steering	Yes
Disc Brakes, Front	Yes
Disc Brakes, Rear	Yes
Anti-lock Brakes	Yes
Tilt Steering Wheel	Yes
Power Windows	Yes
Power Seats	Yes

DATA FROM CERTIFICATION LABEL

Manufactured By	General Motors of Canada	GVWR (kg)	2122
Date of Manufacture	Aug. 2005	GAWR Front (kg)	1145
		GAWR Rear (kg)	977

DATA FROM TIRE PLACARD

Measured Parameter	Front	Rear
Maximum Tire Pressure (kPa)	300	300
Cold Pressure (kPa)	210	210
Recommend Tire Size	P225/60R16	P225/60R16
Tire Size on Vehicle	P225/60R16	P225/60R16
Tire Manufacturer	Goodyear	Goodyear

Measured Parameter	Front	Rear	Third	Total
Type of Seats	Bucket	Bench	None	
Number of Occupants	3	3	0	6
Capacity Wt. (VCW) (kg)				496

* Vehicle had undergone New Car Assessment Program Frontal Impact Testing on October 19, 2005

DATA SHEET NO. 3

TEST VEHICLE INFORMATION

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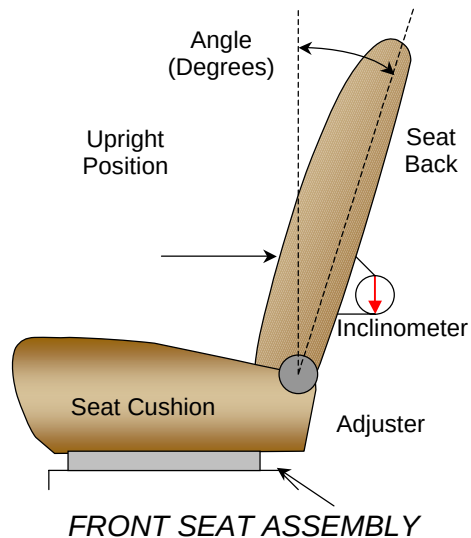
NOMINAL DESIGN RIDING POSITION

The passenger seat back is positioned to section 3.3.5.1. of the Technical Working Group (TWG) recommendation in the Recommended Procedures for Evaluating Occupant Injury Risk from Deploying Side Airbags.

SEAT BACK ANGLES

Position	Deg.
Passenger w/ Dummy	20*

*Measurement was taken at head rest.



SEAT FORE/AFT POSITIONS

The first or forward most position is counted as number one (1). The fore/aft position is set aft of the middle position for the passenger seat.

SEAT FORE/AFT POSITIONING

	Total Fore/Aft Travel	Placed in Position #
Passenger Seat	N/A*	N/A*

*Rear seat was not adjustable

DATA SHEET NO. 4

DUMMY POSITIONING INFORMATION

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TEST DUMMY POSITION MEASUREMENTS

Code	Measurement Description	Hybrid III 6-Year-Old Child Dummy	
		Length (mm)	Angle (°)
SA	Seat Back Angle		20
AMW	Side Airbag Module Diameter	N/A	
ABW	Side Airbag Width	1400	
AML	Side Airbag Module Length	N/A	
ABL	Side Airbag Length	N/A	
AN	Top of Airbag Module to Head/Neck Junction	300	
HD	Head CG to Door Panel/ Window	135	
HSC	Head to Seat Back Centerline	405	
HB	Head to B-Pillar	415	
HZ	Head to Roof (Z)	160	
HHD	Head to Header	N/A	
ND	Nose to Dash	N/A	
NS	Nose to Seat Back	N/A	
NR	Nose to Header	N/A	
CD	Chest to Dash	N/A	
CS	Chest to Seat Back	355	
RACL	Right Arm to Seat Back Centerline	480	
LACL	Left Arm to Seat Back Centerline	305	
RA	Right Arm to Door Panel	65	
LA	Left Arm to Door Panel	45	
KK	Knee to Knee	152	
TT	Toe to Toe	80	
KSCR	Right Knee to Seat Cushion Centerline	260	
KSCL	Left Knee to Seat Cushion Centerline	155	
TSCR	Right Toe to Seat Cushion Centerline	515	
TSCL	Left Toe to Seat Cushion Centerline	495	

DATA SHEET NO. 5 - HYBRID III ATD INJURY CRITERIA AND SENSOR DATATest Vehicle: 2006 Chevrolet Impala 4-Door SedanNHTSA No.: M60110TWG3Test Program: TWG 3.3.5.1Test Date: 6/29/06**HEAD PEAK ACCELERATIONS**

Location	Axis	Units	Passenger (P3)			
			Max	Time	Min	Time
Head CG	X	G's	17.8	10.4	-3.2	49.2
Head CG	Y	G's	21.2	10.5	-2.1	32.2
Head CG	Z	G's	16.5	10.2	-9.3	12.0
Head CG Resultant	N/A	G's	28.8	10.5		

UPPER NECK PEAK FORCES AND MOMENTS

Location	Axis	Units	Passenger (P3)			
			Max	Time	Min	Time
Neck Force	X	Newtons	5.2	8.2	-183.5	64.1
Neck Force	Y	Newtons	6.9	10.1	-78.0	35.7
Neck Force	Z	Newtons	10.9	16.9	-261.8	62.8
Neck Force Resultant	N/A	Newtons	323.1	62.8		
Neck Moment	X	Nm	4.6	60.1	-3.0	14.6
Neck Moment	Y	Nm	3.4	30.2	-4.2	90.4
Neck Moment	Z	Nm	4.1	25.8	-2.9	117.6
Neck Moment Resultant	N/A	Nm	5.5	79.8		

LOWER NECK PEAK FORCES AND MOMENTS

Location	Axis	Units	Passenger (P3)			
			Max	Time	Min	Time
Neck Force	X	Newtons	18.8	14.1	-68.0	92.3
Neck Force	Y	Newtons	47.6	12.5	-42.6	75.8
Neck Force	Z	Newtons	22.3	6.9	-325.9	62.1
Neck Force Resultant	N/A	Newtons	330.2	62.1		
Neck Moment	X	Nm	1.7	166.6	-9.6	30.1
Neck Moment	Y	Nm	26.9	62.2	-0.3	8.5
Neck Moment	Z	Nm	3.3	24.8	-3.5	116.4
Neck Moment Resultant	N/A	Nm	27.0	62.2		

DATA SHEET NO. 5...(CONTINUED)Test Vehicle: 2006 Chevrolet Impala 4-Door SedanNHTSA No.: M60110TWG3Test Program: TWG 3.3.5.1Test Date: 6/29/06**HEAD INJURY CRITERIA (HIC 36)**

Location	Passenger (P3)			
	HIC	T ¹	T ²	Avg G
Head CG	4.2	8.6	30.6	8.1

HEAD INJURY CRITERIA (HIC 15)

Location	Passenger (P3)			
	HIC	T ¹	T ²	Avg G
Head CG	3.5	8.6	19.6	9.9

UPPER NECK NIJ VALUES

Location	Passenger (P3)			
	Ntf	Nte	Ncf	Nce
Upper Neck	0.00	0.01	0.12	0.11

DATA SHEET NO. 6

CAMERA LOCATIONS

Test Vehicle: 2006 Chevrolet Impala 4-Door Sedan NHTSA No.: M60110TWG3
TWG3

Test Program: TWG 3.3.5.1. Test Date: 6/29/06

No.	Camera View	Location (mm)			Angle (Deg.)	Lens (mm)	Speed (fps)
		X	Y	Z			
1	High Speed Digital Side View	75	-3000	50	0.0	35	1000
2	High Speed Digital Front View	1750	100	-25	-3.0	20	1000
3	Real Time	75	-3000	-50	-7.0	N/A	30

* Cameras aligned to the center of CG of dummy's head as reference.

APPENDIX A

PHOTOGRAPHS



Figure A-1: Right Front $\frac{3}{4}$ View, As Received

 MFD BY GENERAL MOTORS OF CANADA LTD.

DATE	GVWR	GAWR FRT	GAWR RR
08/05	2122 KG	1145 KG	977 KG
	4678 LB	2524 LB	2154 LB

THIS VEHICLE CONFORMS TO ALL APPLICABLE U.S. FEDERAL MOTOR
VEHICLE SAFETY, BUMPER, AND THEFT PREVENTION STANDARDS IN
EFFECT ON THE DATE OF MANUFACTURE SHOWN ABOVE.

2G1WB58K069119598 TYPE: PASS CAR

Figure A-2: Vehicle Certification Label



Figure A-3: Post-Test Right Front $\frac{3}{4}$ View of Frontal NCAP Test



Figure A-4: Post-Test Right Side View of Frontal NCAP Test



Figure A-5: Pre-Test Dummy Position, Left Side View

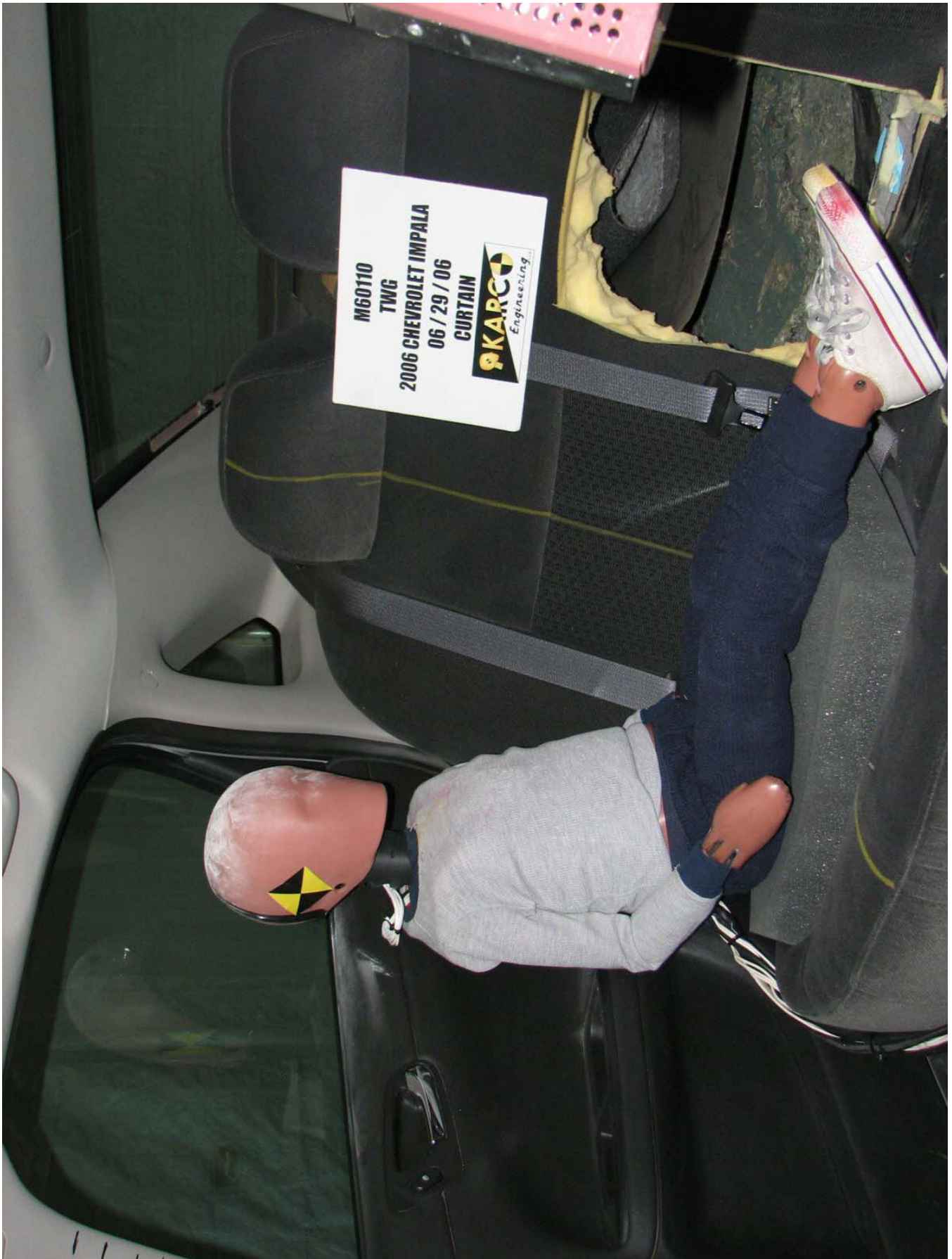


Figure A-6: Pre-Test Dummy Position, $\frac{3}{4}$ View



Figure A-7: Pre-Test Dummy Position, Front View



Figure A-8: Post-Test Dummy Position and Airbags, Left Side View



Figure A-9: Post-Test Airbags, Left Side View



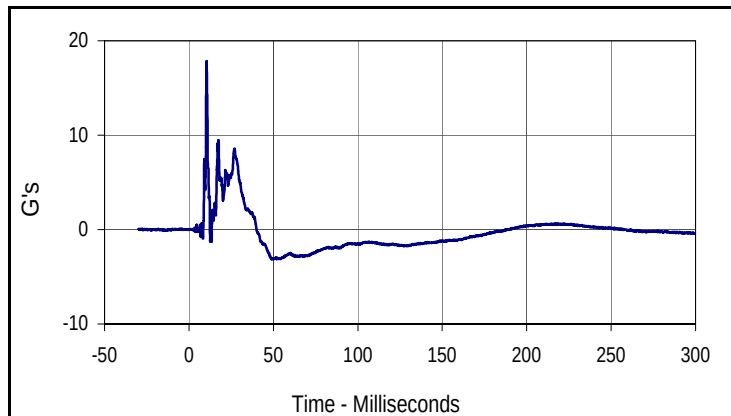
Figure A-10: Post-Test Airbags, Close-up View

APPENDIX B

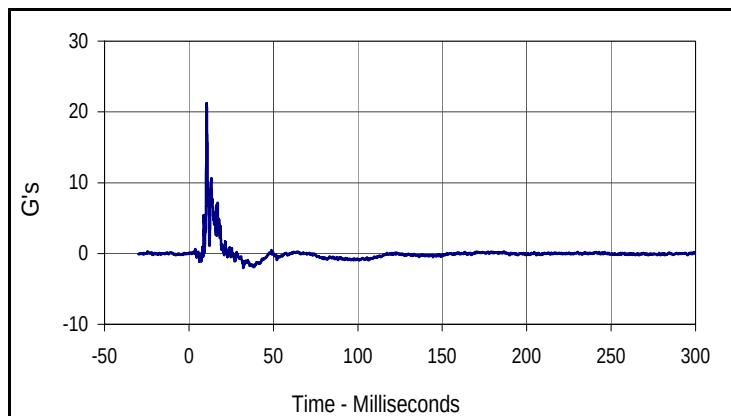
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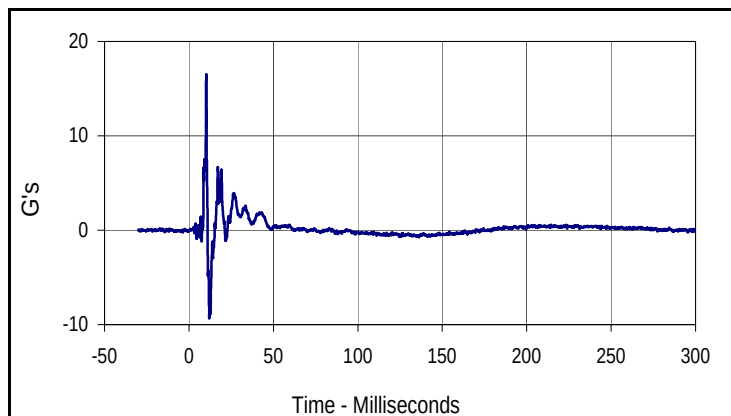
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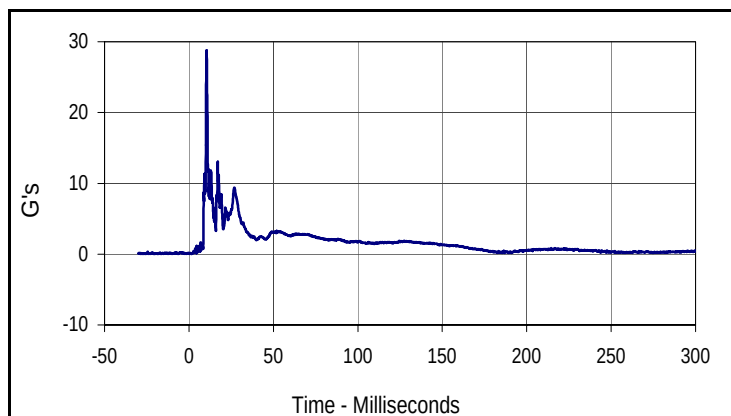
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Passenger (P3) Head X			
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001	FIL	1000	G's
Max	Time	Min	Time
17.8	10.4	-3.2	49.2



Curve Description			
Passenger (P3) Head Y			
CURNO	Type	SAE Class	Units
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Max	Time	Min	Time
21.2	10.5	-2.1	32.2



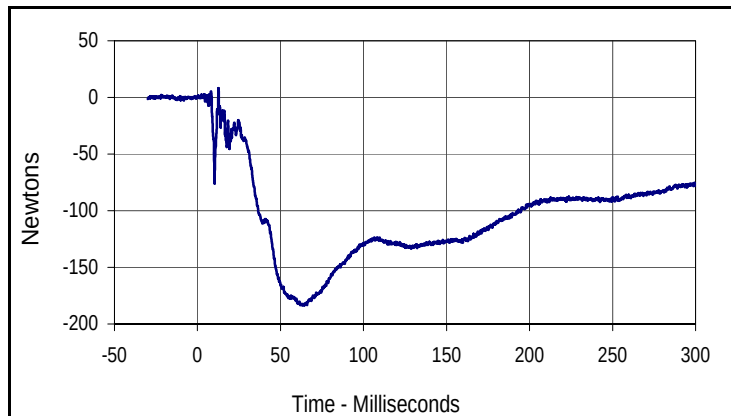
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Passenger (P3) Head Z			
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Max	Time	Min	Time
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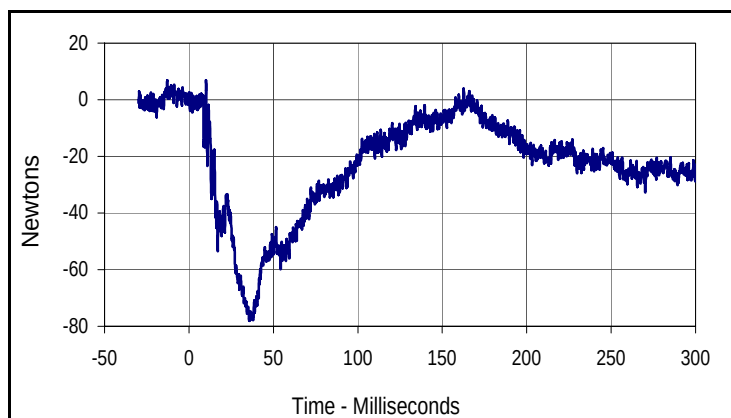
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Passenger (P3) Head Resultant			
CURNO	Type	SAE Class	Units
001	RES	1000	G's
Max	Time	Min	Time
28.8	10.5	0.0	1.6

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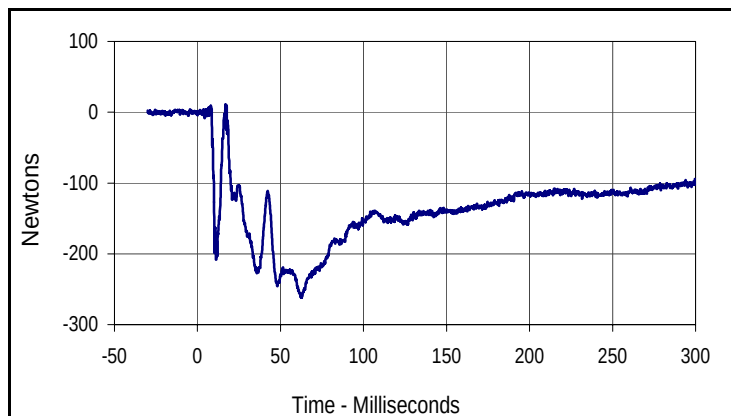
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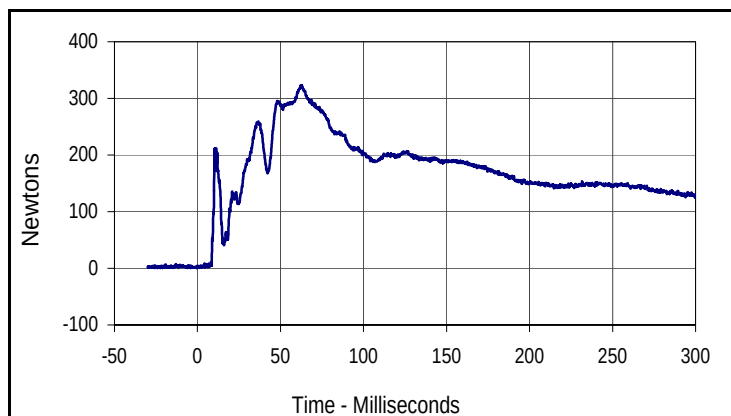
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001	FIL	1000	Newtons
Max	Time	Min	Time
8.3	12.7	-183.6	63.9



Curve Description			
Passenger (P3) Upper Neck Force Y			
CURNO	Type	SAE Class	Units
002	FIL	1000	Newtons
Max	Time	Min	Time
6.9	10.1	-78.0	35.7



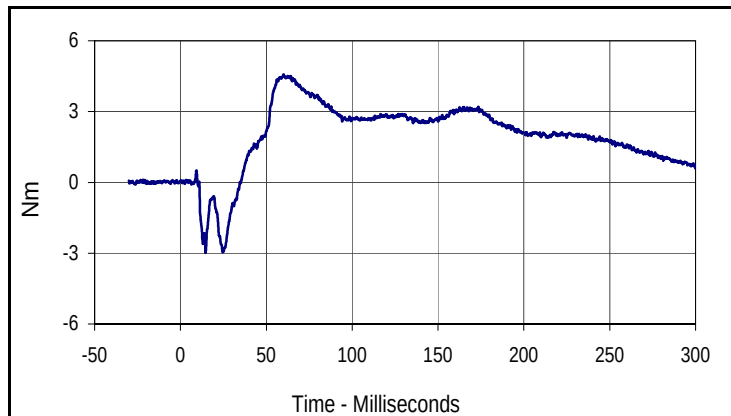
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Max	Time	Min	Time
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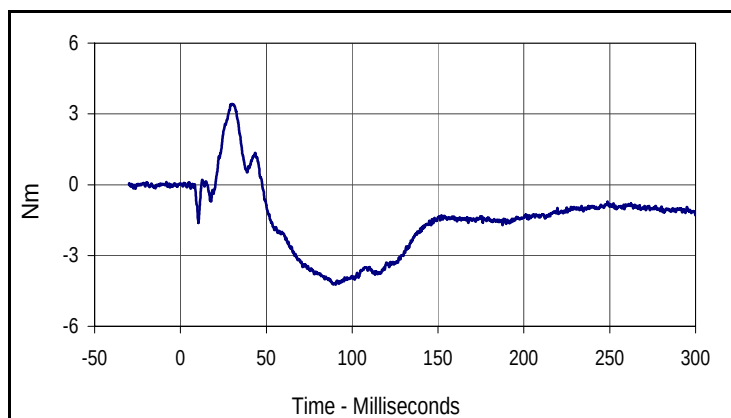
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Passenger (P3) Upper Neck Force Resultant			
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001	RES	1000	Newtons
Max	Time	Min	Time
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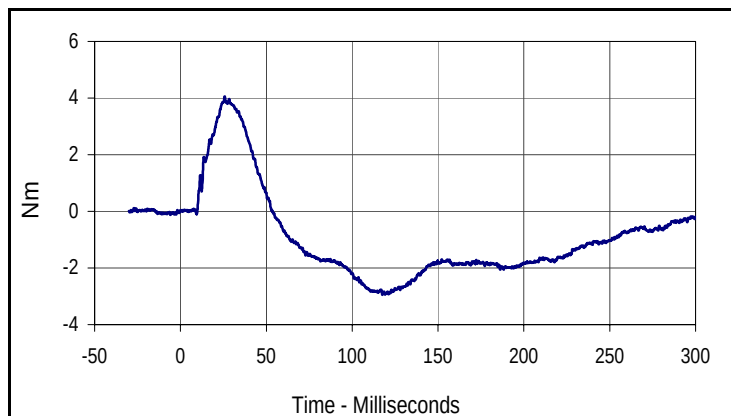
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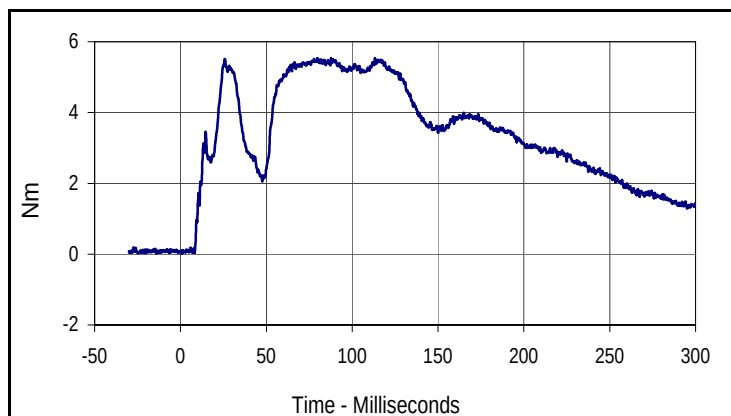
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Max	Time	Min	Time
4.6	60.1	-3.0	14.6



Curve Description			
Passenger (P3) Upper Neck Moment Y			
CURNO	Type	SAE Class	Units
005	FIL	600	Nm
Max	Time	Min	Time
3.4	30.2	-4.2	90.4



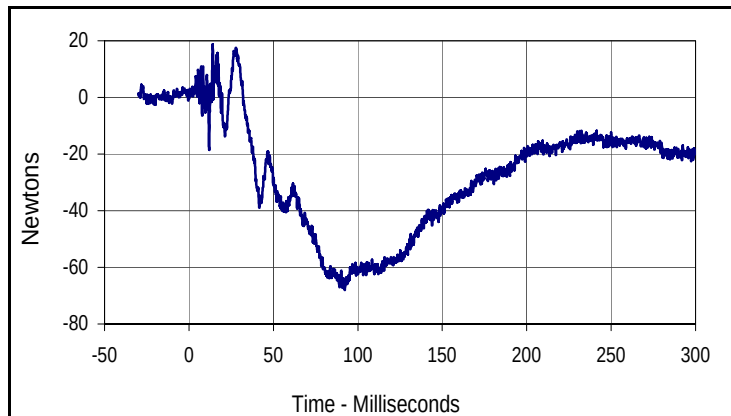
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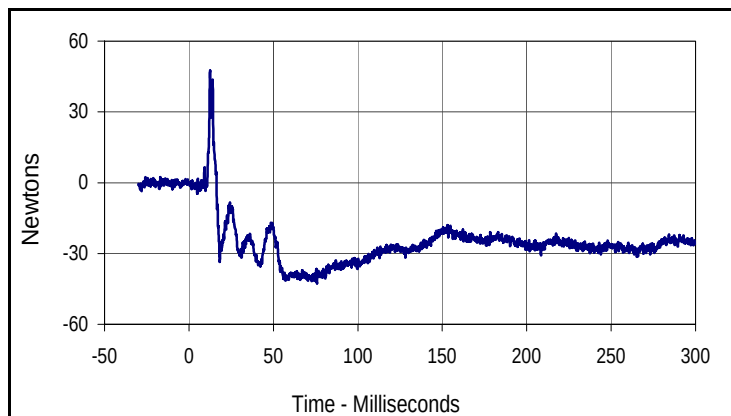
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CURNO	Type	SAE Class	Units
004	RES	600	Nm
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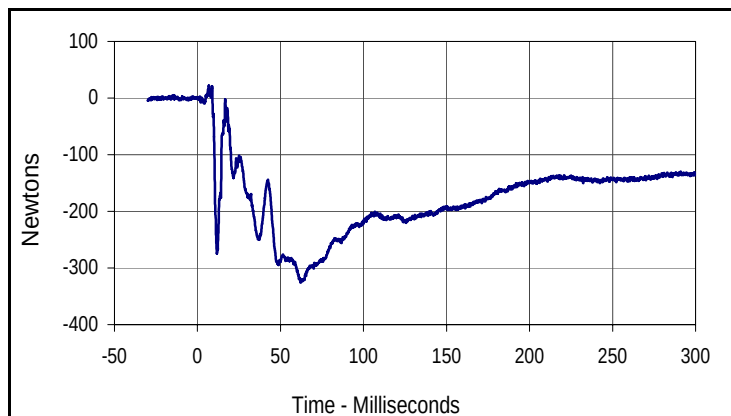
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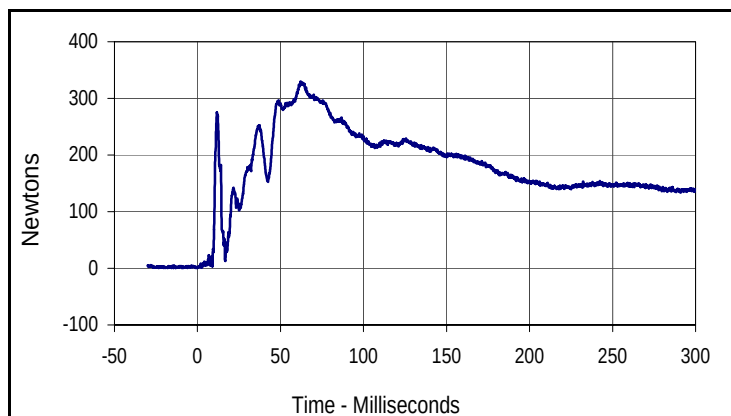
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Curve Description			
Passenger (P3) Lower Neck Force Y			
CURNO	Type	SAE Class	Units
011	FIL	1000	Newtons
Max	Time	Min	Time
47.6	12.5	-42.6	75.8



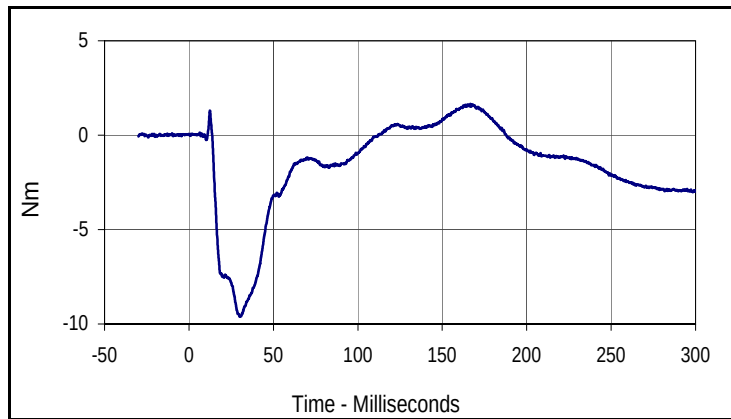
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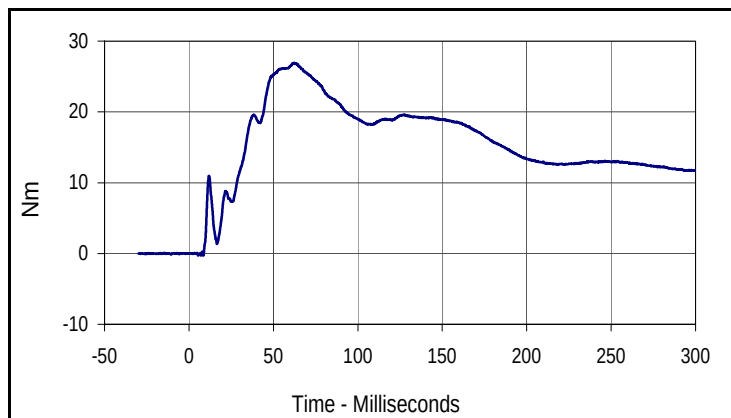
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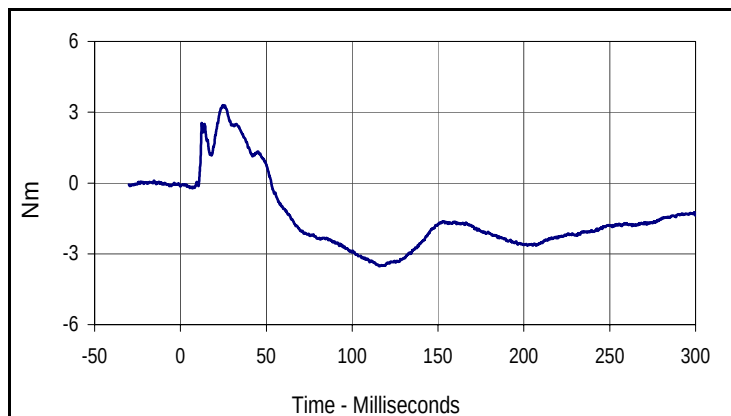
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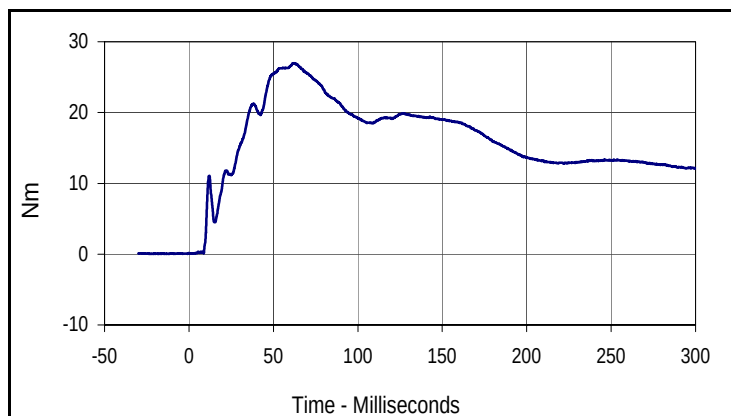
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Max	Time	Min	Time
1.7	166.6	-9.6	30.1



Curve Description			
Passenger (P3) Lower Neck Moment Y			
CURNO	Type	SAE Class	Units
014	FIL	600	Nm
Max	Time	Min	Time
26.9	62.2	-0.3	8.5



Curve Description			
Passenger (P3) Lower Neck Moment Z			
CURNO	Type	SAE Class	Units
015	FIL	600	Nm
Max	Time	Min	Time
3.3	24.8	-3.5	116.4



Curve Description			
Passenger (P3) Lower Neck Moment Resultant			
CURNO	Type	SAE Class	Units
013	RES	600	Nm
Max	Time	Min	Time
27.0	62.2	0.1	0.5

APPENDIX C

INSTRUMENTATION DATA CHANNEL ASSIGNMENTS

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Instrumentation Data Channel Assignments
A.T.D. Serial Number 088
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CH.	LOCATION	AXIS	IDENT. NO.	DESCRIPTION	MFR	MODEL	UNITS
1	HEAD	X	A15	Accel.,full bridge	Entrans	7264-2000	G
2	HEAD	Y	A13	Accel.,full bridge	Entrans	7264-2000	G
3	HEAD	Z	F01	Accel.,full bridge	Entrans	7264-2000	G
4	UPPER NECK FORCE	X	1035 FX	Load cell, six axis neck	R. A. Denton	IF-234	N
5	UPPER NECK FORCE	Y	1035 FY	Load cell, six axis neck	R. A. Denton	IF-234	N
6	UPPER NECK FORCE	Z	1035 FZ	Load cell, six axis neck	R. A. Denton	IF-234	N
7	UPPER NECK MOMENT	X	1035 MX	Load cell, six axis neck	R. A. Denton	IF-234	Nm
8	UPPER NECK MOMENT	Y	1035 MY	Load cell, six axis neck	R. A. Denton	IF-234	Nm
9	UPPER NECK MOMENT	Z	1035 MZ	Load cell, six axis neck	R. A. Denton	IF-234	Nm
10	LOWER NECK FORCE	X	139FX	Load cell, six axis neck	R. A. Denton	IF-234	N
11	LOWER NECK FORCE	Y	139FY	Load cell, six axis neck	R. A. Denton	IF-234	N
12	LOWER NECK FORCE	Z	139FZ	Load cell, six axis neck	R. A. Denton	IF-234	N
13	LOWER NECK MOMENT	X	139MX	Load cell, six axis neck	R. A. Denton	IF-234	Nm
14	LOWER NECK MOMENT	Y	139MY	Load cell, six axis neck	R. A. Denton	IF-234	Nm
15	LOWER NECK MOMENT	Z	139MZ	Load cell, six axis neck	R. A. Denton	IF-234	Nm