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SECTION 1

PURPOSE AND SUMMARY OF TEST

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 number DTNH22-03-D-12005.

SUMMARY

The effects of a curtain airbag deployment in a 2006 Nissan Armada with an out-of-position six-year-old child were evaluated. The test was performed by MGA Research Corporation on June 8, 2006. Pre and post test photographs of the vehicle and dummy can be found in Appendix A.

One real-time camera (24 fps) and three high-speed cameras (1000 fps) were used to document the side airbag deployment event. The following camera locations were used:

- Left Side Through Driver Window
- Front Through Windshield
- Left Side $\frac{3}{4}$ View Through Windshield

One Part 572N, 6-year-old child dummy (Serial Number 144) was placed in the right front passenger seat situated in the inboard-facing position per Section 3.3.5.1 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 tri-axial accelerometers. In addition, upper and lower neck force and moment load cell sensors were utilized.

The 15 channels of data were recorded on an on-board data acquisition system. Appendix B contains the dummy head and neck response data traces. Appendix C contains the instrumentation calibration data.

The HIII 6-year-old child dummy's visible contact points were as follows: The curtain airbag to the top of the head and face.

The HIII 6-year-old child dummy was placed on the foam booster block with its legs extended. With the head in its neutral orientation, the dummy's pelvis was pushed outboard until the dummy's back contacted the door trim panel. The dummy's pelvic angle was then adjusted until the head center of gravity was centered in the curtain airbag's deployment trajectory. The dummy's arms were bent at the elbow until the fingers just touched the booster seat. This orientation complies with Section 3.3.5.1 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 First Revision dated July, 2003.

SECTION 2
OCCUPANT AND VEHICLE INFORMATION / DATA SHEETS

DATA SHEET NO. 1
TEST SUMMARY

	Test Data	Description
Seating Position	P2	Right Front Seating Position
Test	3.3.5.1*	Inboard-facing HIII 6-year-old child dummy on booster block
Airbag	Roof-Rail Mounted	Side curtain airbag
Booster Block	300 mm x 453 mm x 75 mm	Block consisted of HD36 foam with a density of 44.8 g/L
ATD Type/Serial No.	P572N / 144	HIII 6-year-old child dummy

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

Number of Data Channels	15
Number of Real-Time Video	1
Number of High-Speed Video	3

Visible Dummy Contact Points	
Head Contact	Curtain airbag to the top of the head
Upper Torso Contact	None
Lower Torso Contact	None
Left Knee Contact	None
Right Knee Contact	None

DATA SHEET NO. 2**TEST VEHICLE INFORMATION**

Please note that this vehicle had previously been tested in an
NCAP Frontal Impact on September 26, 2005

TEST VEHICLE INFORMATION

Manufacturer	Nissan
Model	Armada SE 4x4
Body Style	SUV
NHTSA No.	M65200TWG2
VIN	5N1AA08B16N701516
Color	Majestic Blue
Delivery Date	9/20/05
Odometer Reading (mile)	94
Dealer	Woodfield Nissan Inc.
Transmission	5 speed Automatic
Final Drive	Rear
Number of Cylinders	8
Engine Displacement (L)	5.6
Engine Placement	Longitudinal
Automatic Door Lock (ADL)	No
Owners Manual Details Instructions on Disabling ADLs	N/A
Bucket Seats	Yes

TEST VEHICLE OPTIONS

Front Airbag	Yes
Driver Side Curtain Airbag	Yes
Driver Side Torso Airbag	No
Rear Passenger Side Curtain Airbag	Yes
Rear Passenger Side Torso Airbag	No
Force Limiter	No
Pretensioner	Yes
Power Steering	Yes
Power Door Locks	Yes
Tilt Wheel	Yes
Air Conditioning	Yes
Anti-lock Brakes	Yes
Traction Control	Yes
All Wheel Drive	No
Power Seats	Yes

DATA FROM CERTIFICATION LABEL

Manufactured By	Nissan Motor Corporation Ltd.
Date of Manufacture	08/05

GVWR (kg)	3175
GAWR Front (kg)	1542
GAWR Rear (kg)	1905

Measured Parameter	Front	Rear	Third	Total
Type of Seats	Bucket	Split Bench	Split Bench	
Number of Occupants	2	3	3	8
Capacity Wt. (VCW) (kg)				610
Cargo Wt. (RCLW) (kg)				65.3

DATA SHEET NO. 3
DUMMY POSITIONING IN VEHICLE

Measurement		Value
Total Fore/Aft Travel (mm)		---
Test Distance Rearward of Full-Forward (mm)		10 th detent (1 st as 0)
Total Fore/Aft Travel (detents)		21
Placed in Position No. 2		---
Seat Back Angle	SA (°)	25
Airbag Module Width (curtain)	AMW (mm)	36
Airbag Width (curtain)	ABW (mm)	491
Airbag Module Length (curtain)	AML (mm)	274
Airbag Length (curtain)	ABL (mm)	1695
Top of Airbag Module to Head/Neck Junction	AN (mm)	---
Head CG to Door Panel/Window	HD (mm)	149
Head to Seat Back Centerline	HSC (mm)	318
Head to B-Pillar (cg)	HB (mm)	158
Head to Roof, Z (top of the head)	HZ (mm)	217
Head to Header	HHD (mm)	209
Chest to Dash	CD (mm)	662
Chest to Seatback	CS (mm)	195
Right Arm to Seat Back Centerline	RACL (mm)	---
Right Arm to Seat Back Centerline	RACL (°)	---
Left Arm to Seat Back Centerline	LACL (mm)	---
Left Arm to Seat Back Centerline	LACL (°)	---
Right Arm to Door Panel	RA (mm)	84
Left Arm to Door Panel	LA (mm)	75
Knee to Knee	KK (mm)	110
Toe to Toe	TT (mm)	122
Right Knee to Seat Cushion Centerline	KSCR (mm)	98
Left Knee to Seat Cushion Centerline	KSCL (mm)	108
Right Toe to Seat Cushion Centerline	TSCR (mm)	490
Left Toe to Seat Cushion Centerline	TSCL (mm)	560
Nose to Dash	ND (mm)	674
Nose to Seatback	NS (mm)	284
Nose to Header	HR (mm)	---
Foam Block Depth	(mm)	300
Foam Block Width	(mm)	453
Foam Block Thickness	(mm)	75

DATA SHEET NO. 4
DUMMY INJURY CRITERIA VALUES

NHTSA No. M65200TWG2

		MAXIMUM VALUE			
		Position No. 2			
DESCRIPTION	UNIT	MAXIMUM	TIME (MS)	MINIMUM	TIME (MS)
Head X	g	1.1	17.4	-7.6	29.8
Head Y	g	1.4	19.8	-5.3	30.6
Head Z	g	1.8	28.9	-1.4	21.0
Head Resultant	g	8.6	30.1	0.0	0.0
Upper Neck Fx	N	33.6	35.8	-13.6	5.6
Upper Neck Fy	N	17.9	151.1	-8.8	106.7
Upper Neck Fz	N	18.2	5.5	-87.5	31.8
Upper Neck F Resultant	N	90.7	31.8	0.3	0.0
Upper Neck Mx	N-m	1.2	0.7	-0.7	113.6
Upper Neck My	N-m	1.8	35.6	-1.2	46.0
Upper Neck Mz	N-m	1.4	43.5	-0.5	94.1
Upper Neck M Resultant	N-m	2.0	35.7	0.0	0.0
Lower Neck Fx	N	25.1	76.6	-15.0	7.0
Lower Neck Fy	N	14.2	0.8	-6.5	72.4
Lower Neck Fz	N	39.5	7.3	-80.1	31.4
Lower Neck F Resultant	N	80.3	31.4	0.2	0.0
Lower Neck Mx	N-m	2.3	150.9	-0.9	107.5
Lower Neck My	N-m	2.1	31.1	-3.4	77.0
Lower Neck Mz	N-m	1.4	50.0	-0.4	92.5
Lower Neck M Resultant	N-m	3.7	77.7	0.0	0.0

DATA SHEET NO. 4 (continued)
DUMMY INJURY CRITERIA VALUES

ATD position	HEAD INJURY CRITERIA (HIC)					
	HIC15			HIC36		
	HIC	T ¹ (msec)	T ² (msec)	HIC	T ¹ (msec)	T ² (msec)
No. 2 Right Front	0.3	28.8	31.8	0.3	28.8	31.8

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

Nij V10	Nij	Time (msec)	Z Force (N) (CFC 600)	X Force (N) (CFC 600)	Y Moment (N-m) (CFC 600)
Ntf	0.01	5.40	7.27	-5.77	0.37
Nte	0.04	61.70	0.53	14.26	-1.30
Ncf	0.04	31.80	-86.70	22.25	0.44
Nce	0.04	46.60	-7.86	6.20	-1.25
Peak Tension (CFC1000)		18.2 N	Peak Compression (CFC 1000)		-87.5 N

Critical Values

Nij Intercepts				Peak Limits	
Tension (CVt)	2800 N	Extension (mCVe)	37 N-m	Tension	1490 N
Compression (CVc)	2800 N	Flexion (mCVf)	93 N-m	Compression	1820 N
Condyle Offset	0.01778 m				

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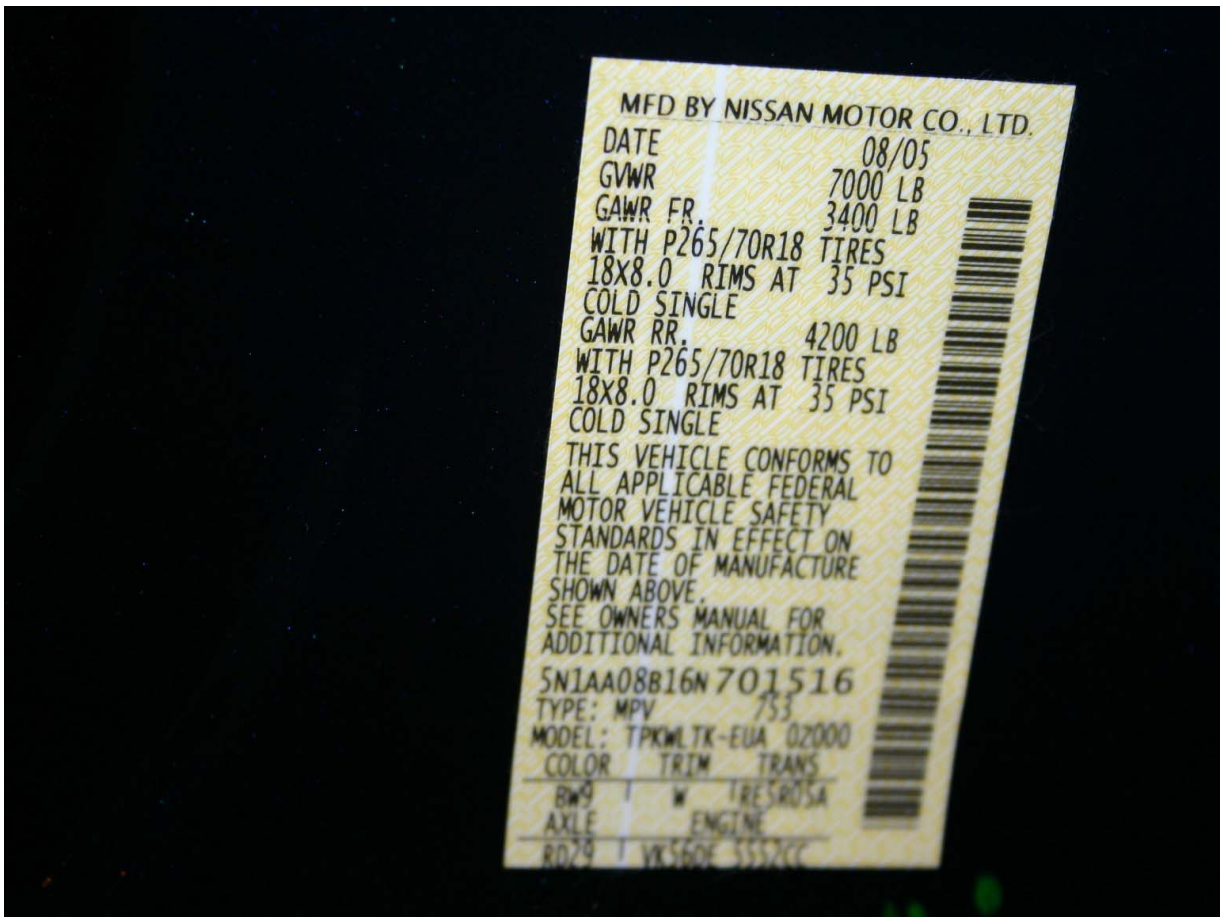
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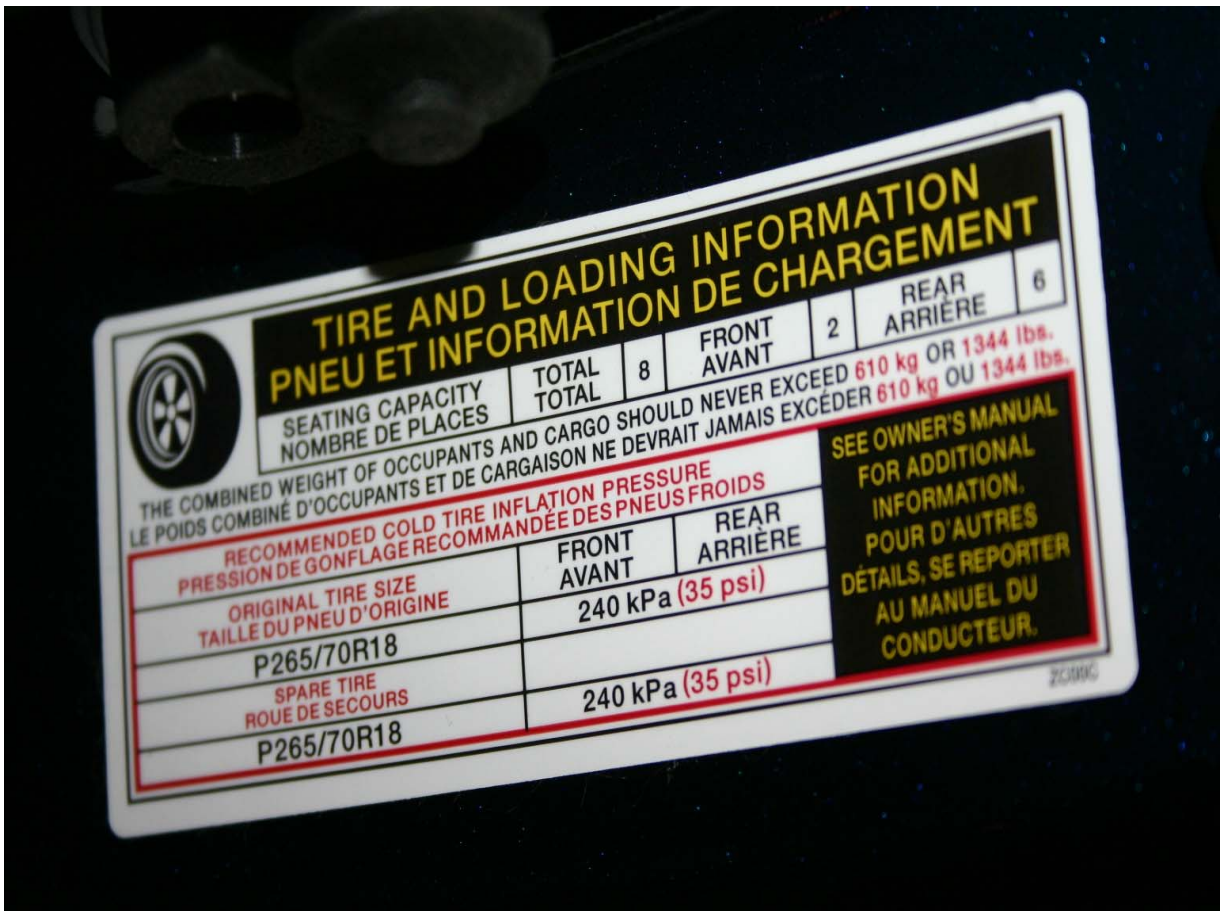
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Post-Test Vehicle Left Side View



Vehicle Certification Placard



Vehicle Tire Placard



Pre-Test Child Dummy Frontal View



Post-Test Child Dummy Frontal View



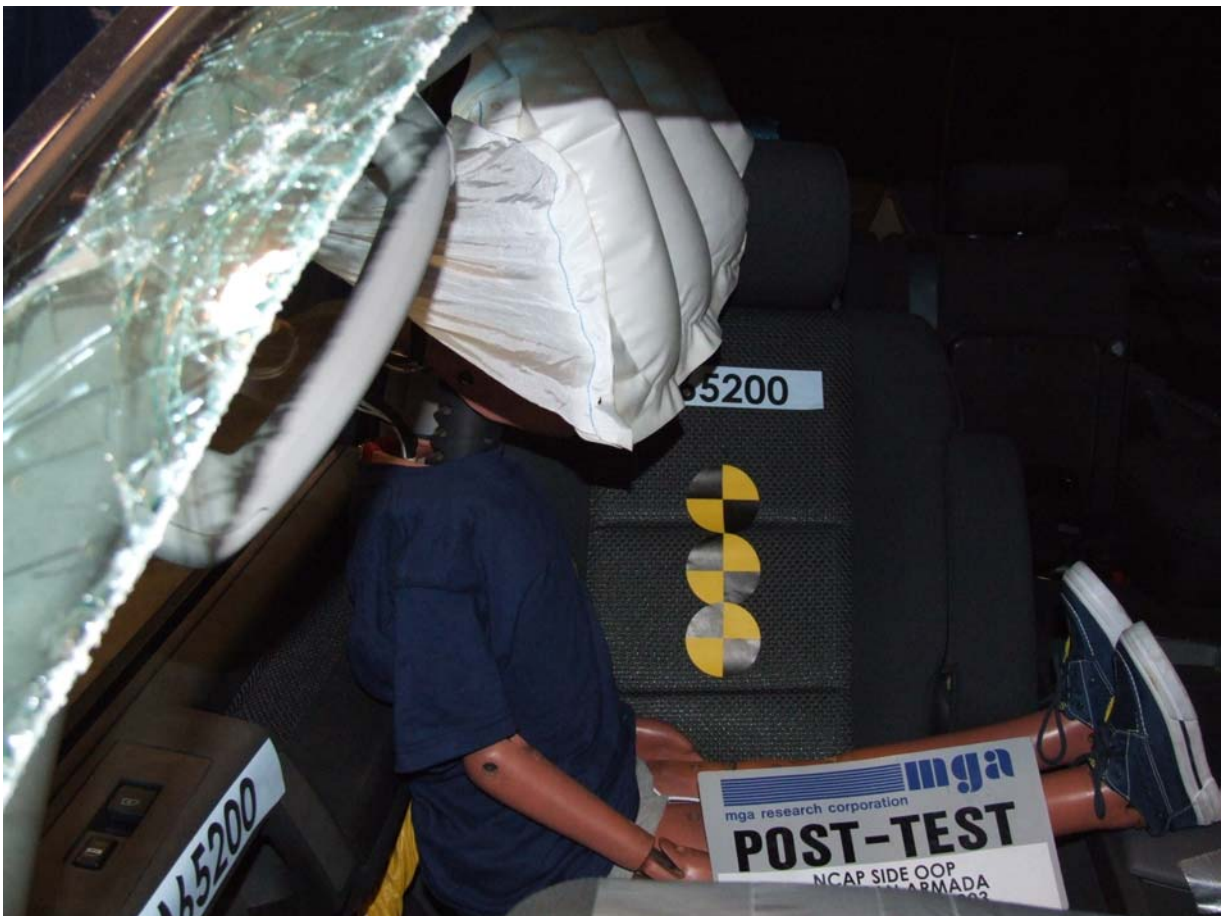
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Pre-Test Child Dummy Head View



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Pre-Test Child Dummy Head View (Through Window)



Post-Test Child Dummy Head View (Through Window)



Pre-Test Child Dummy Torso View



Post-Test Child Dummy Torso View

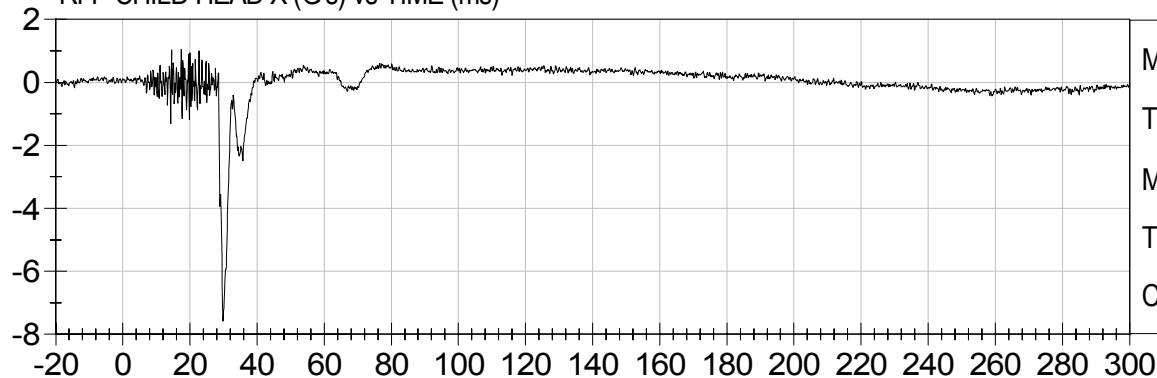
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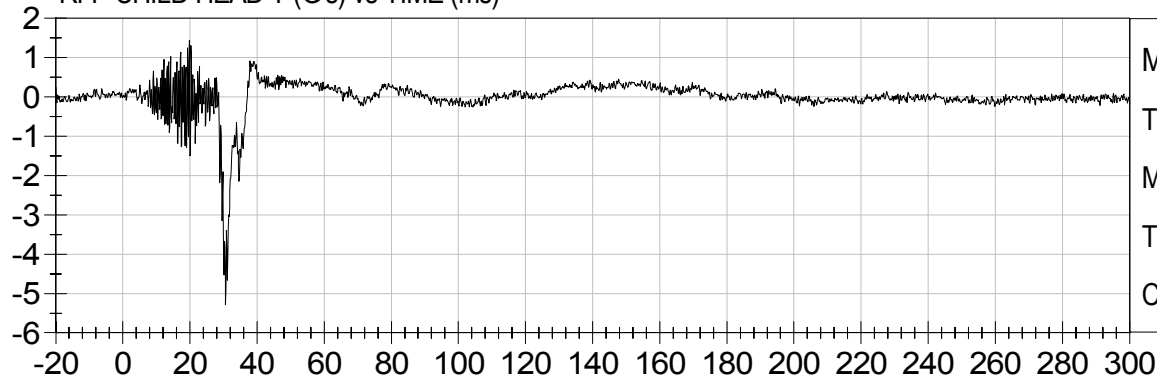


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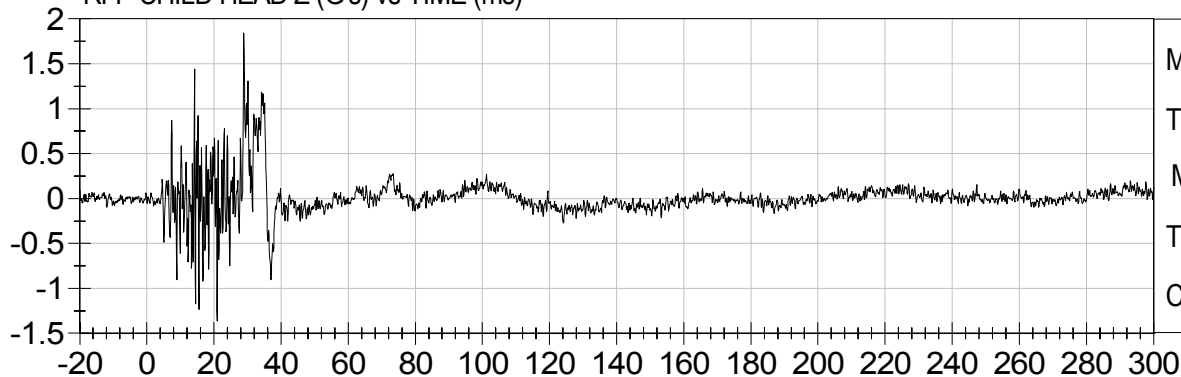
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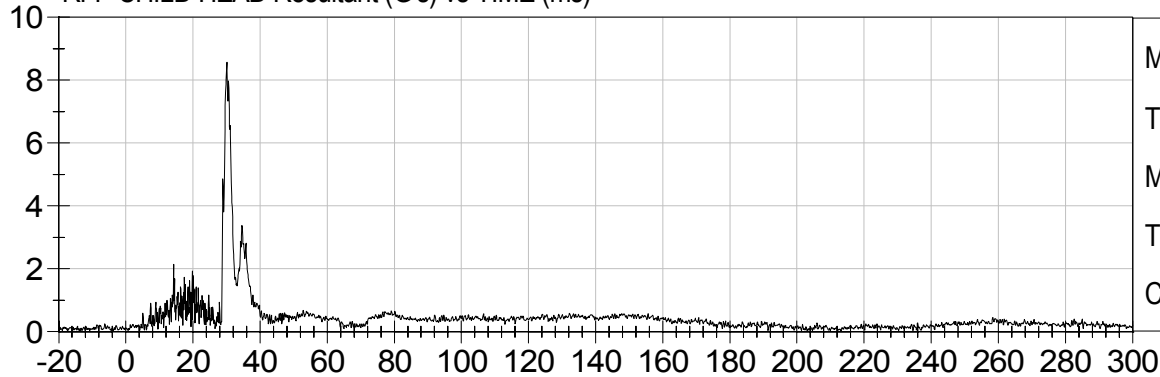
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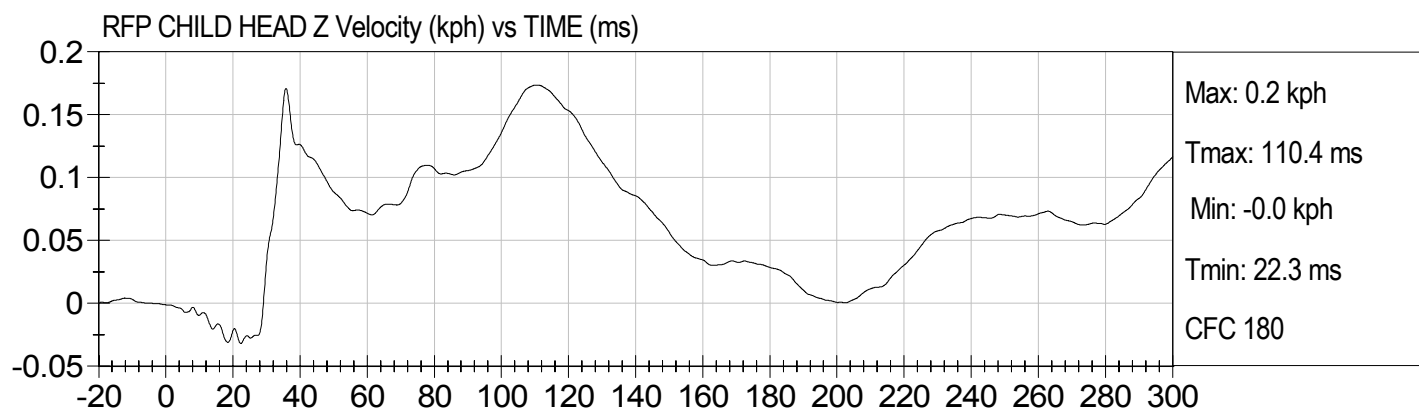
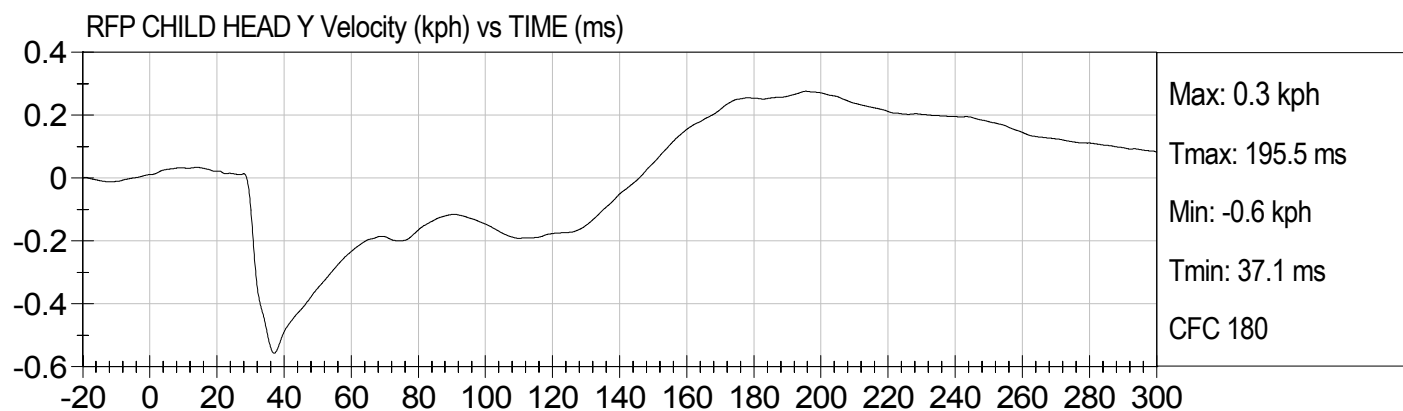
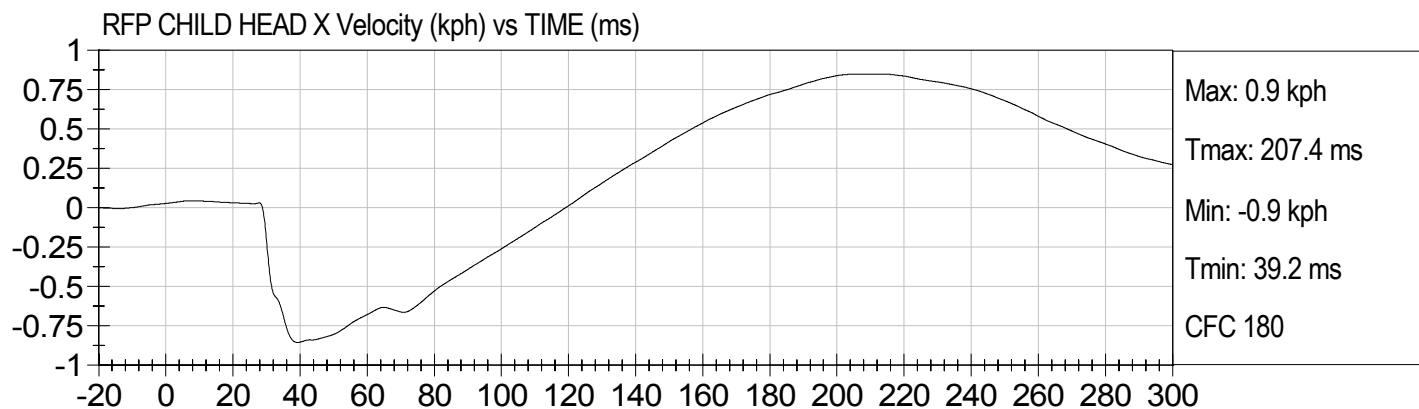


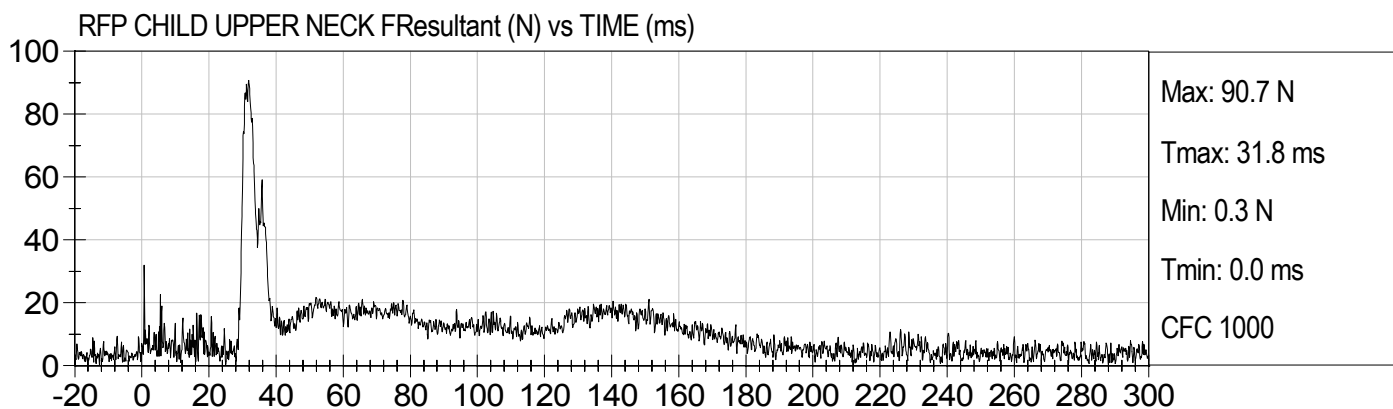
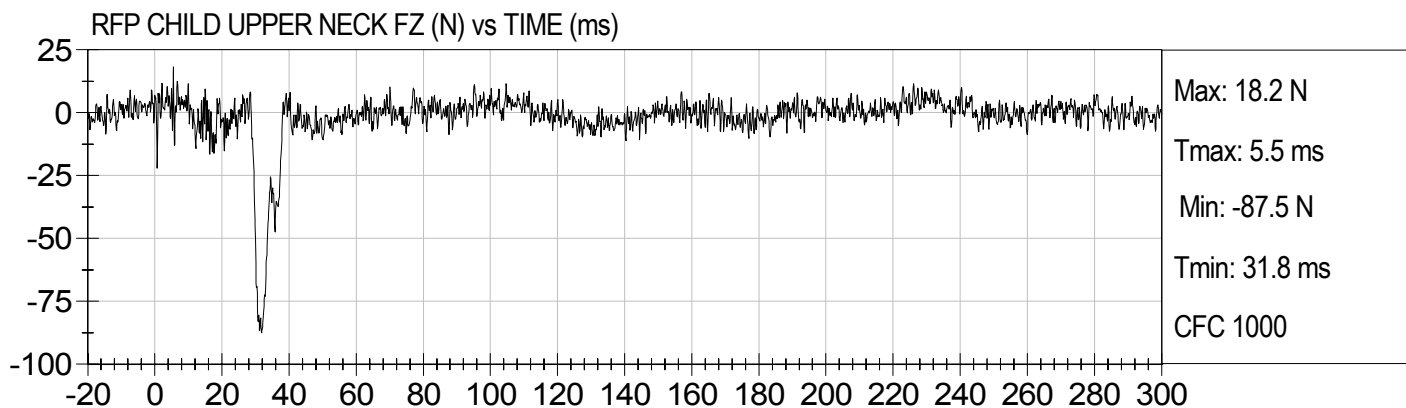
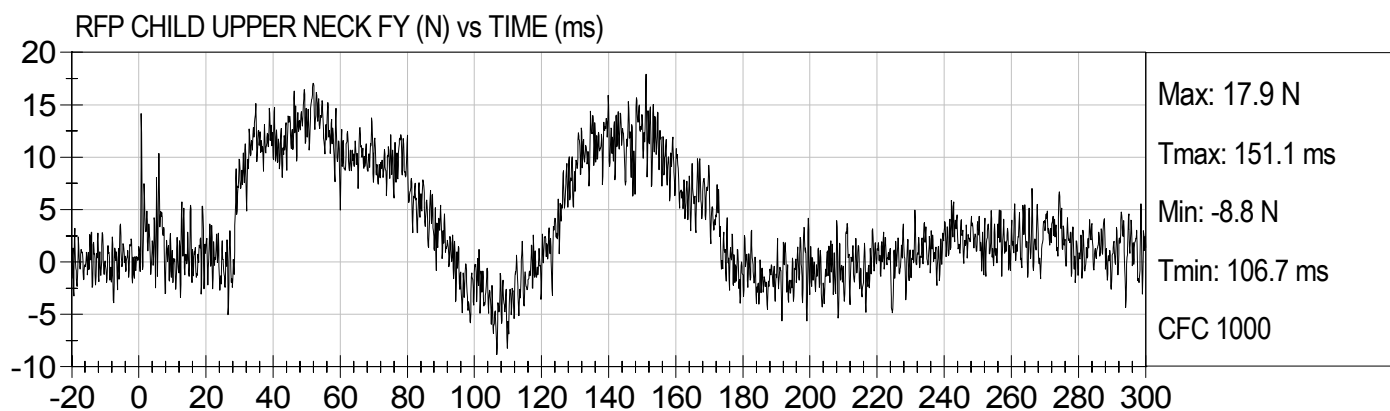
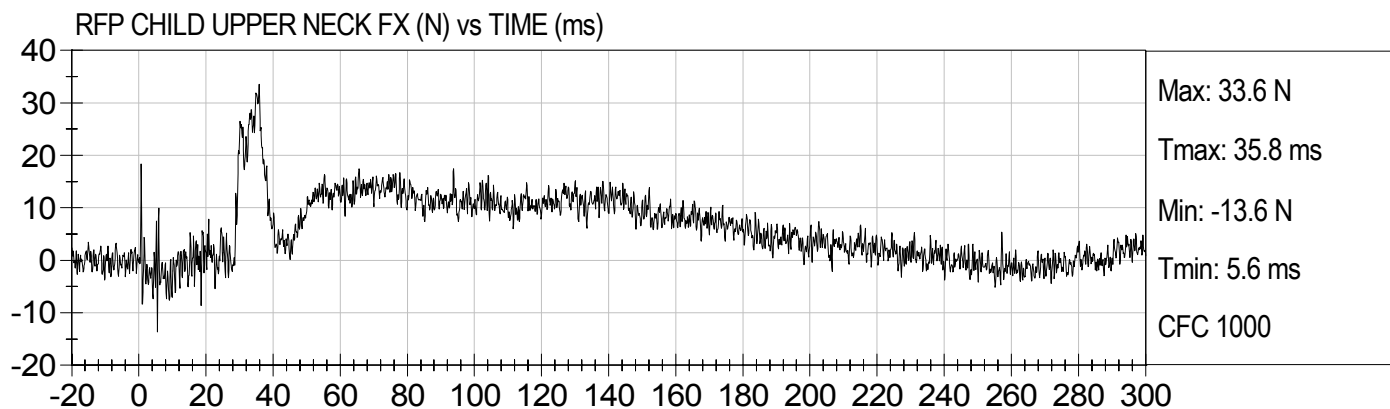
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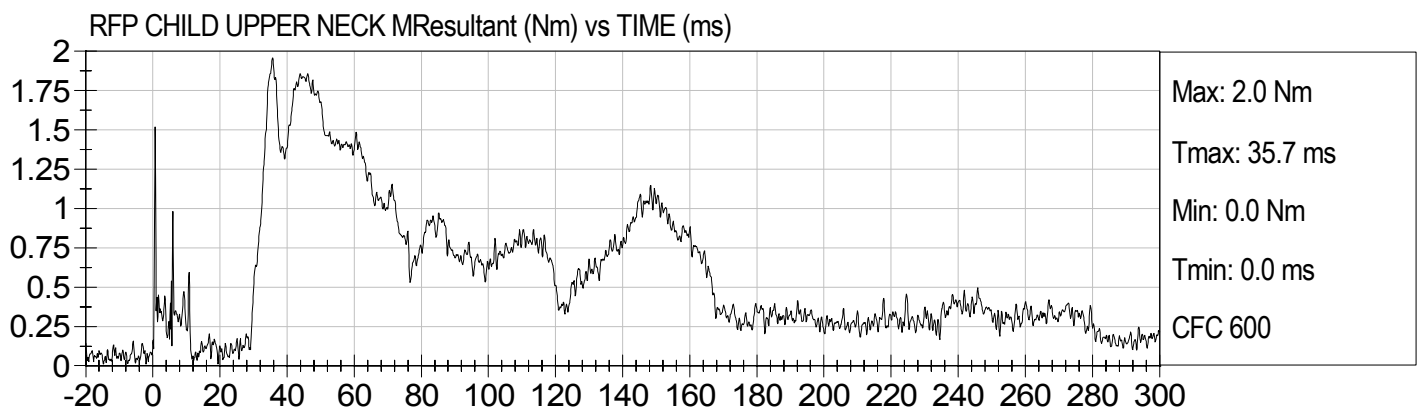
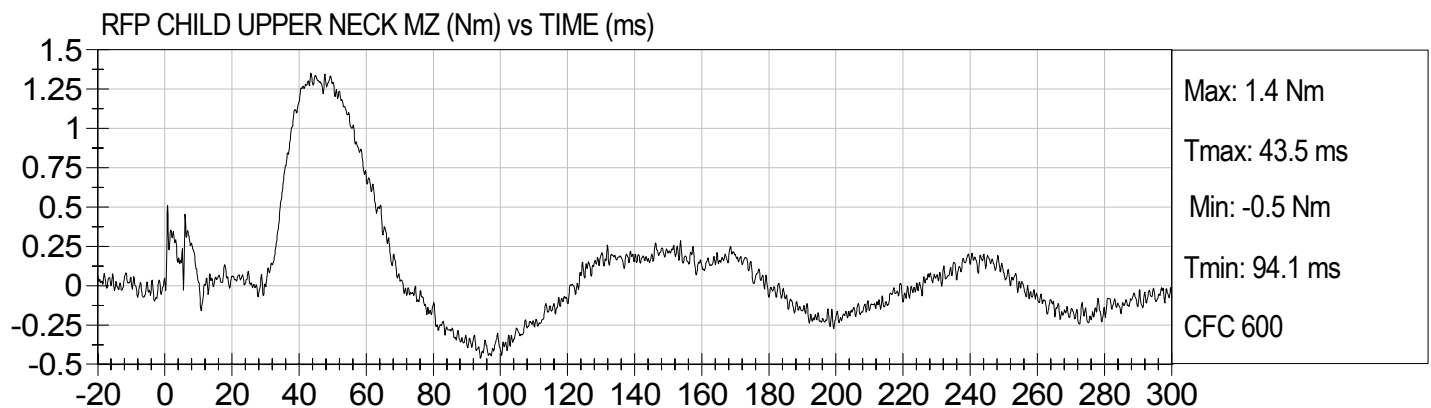
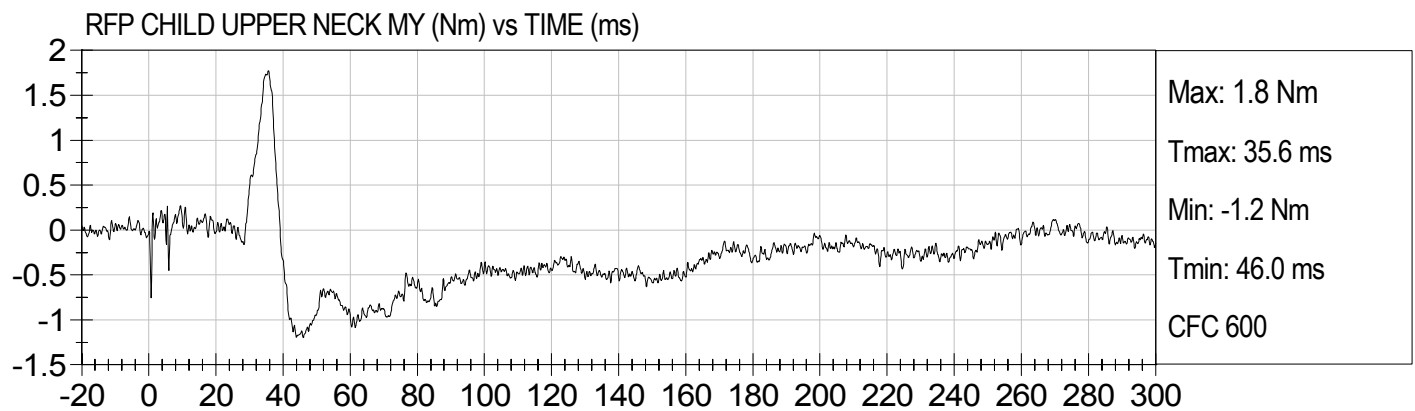
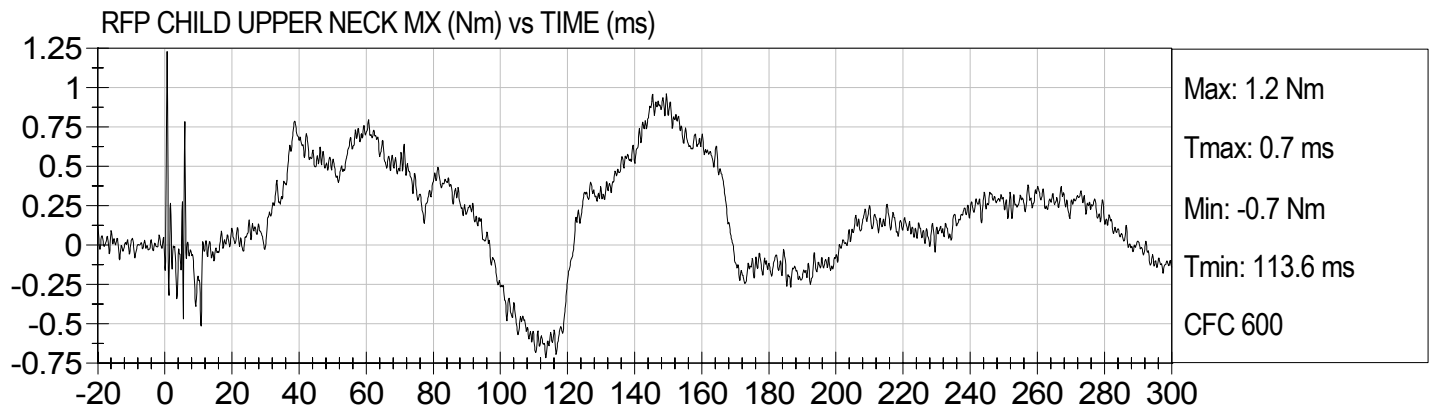
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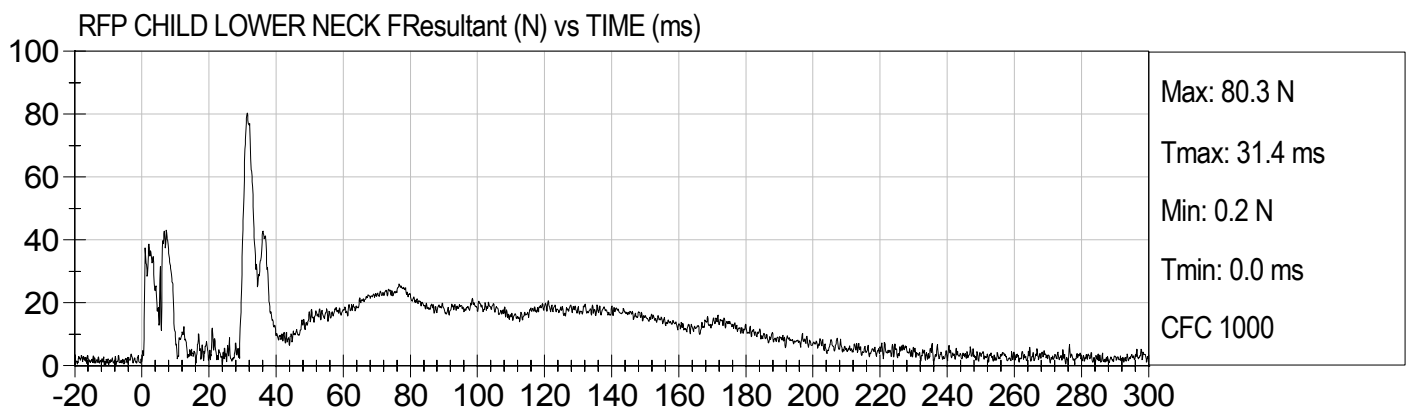
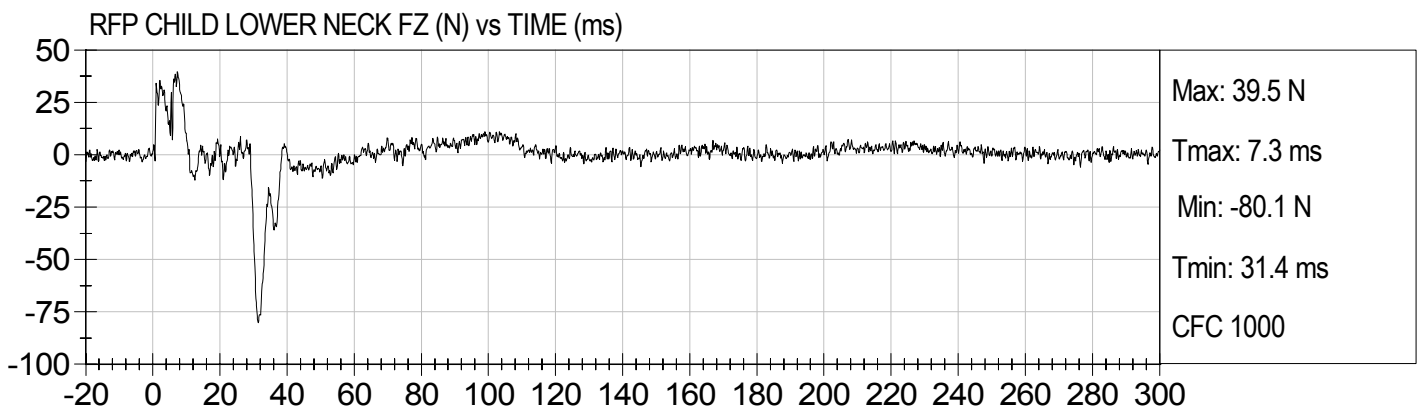
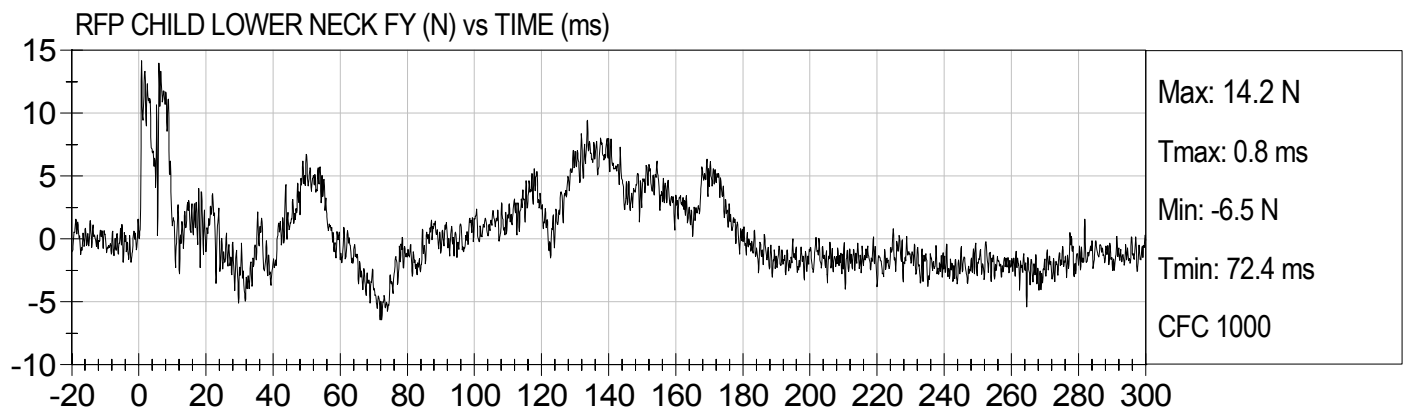
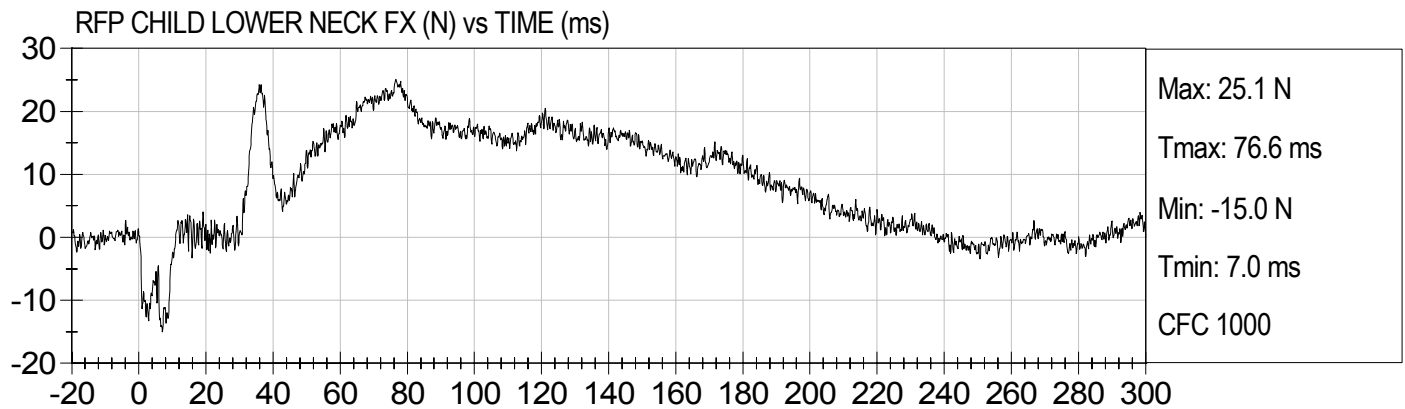


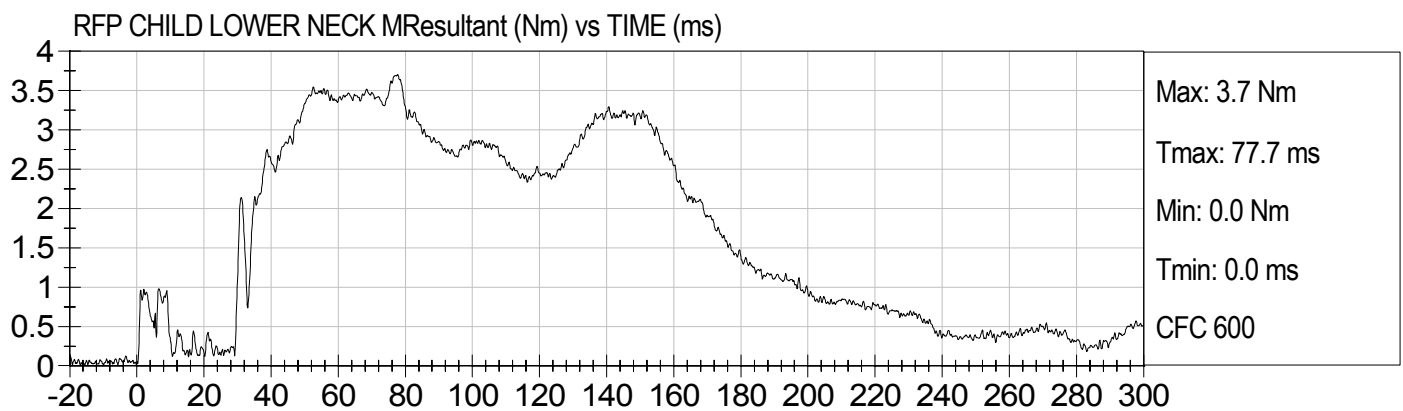
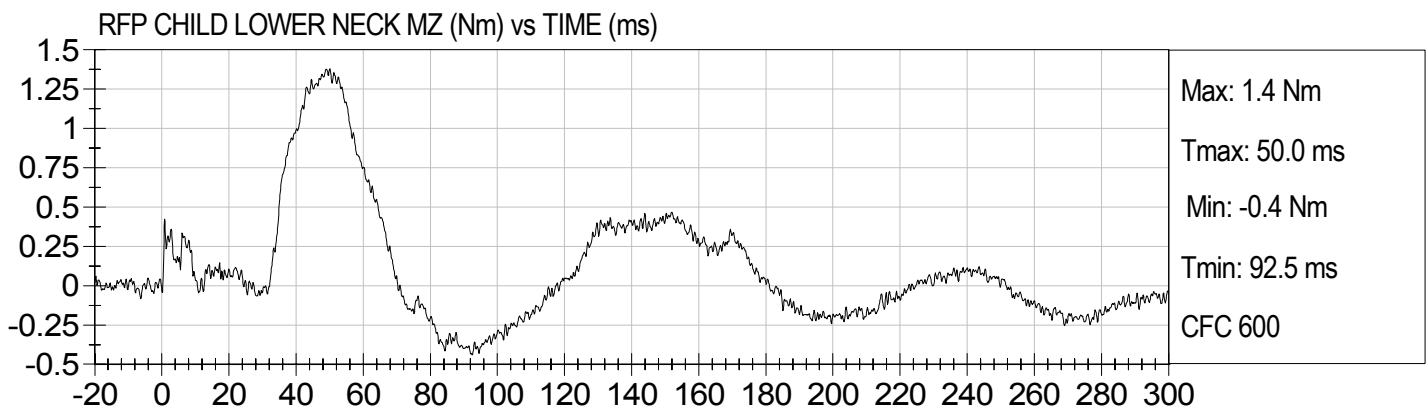
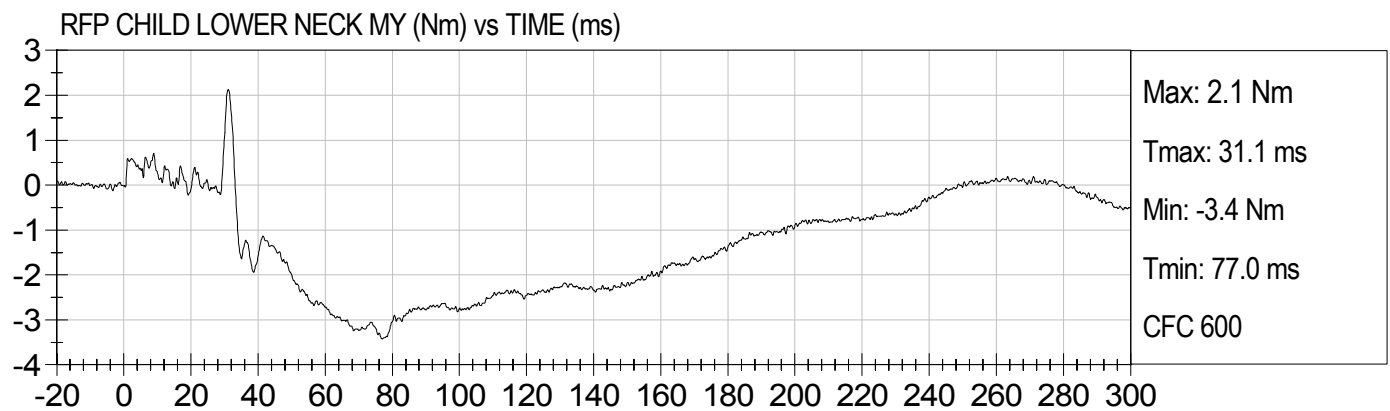
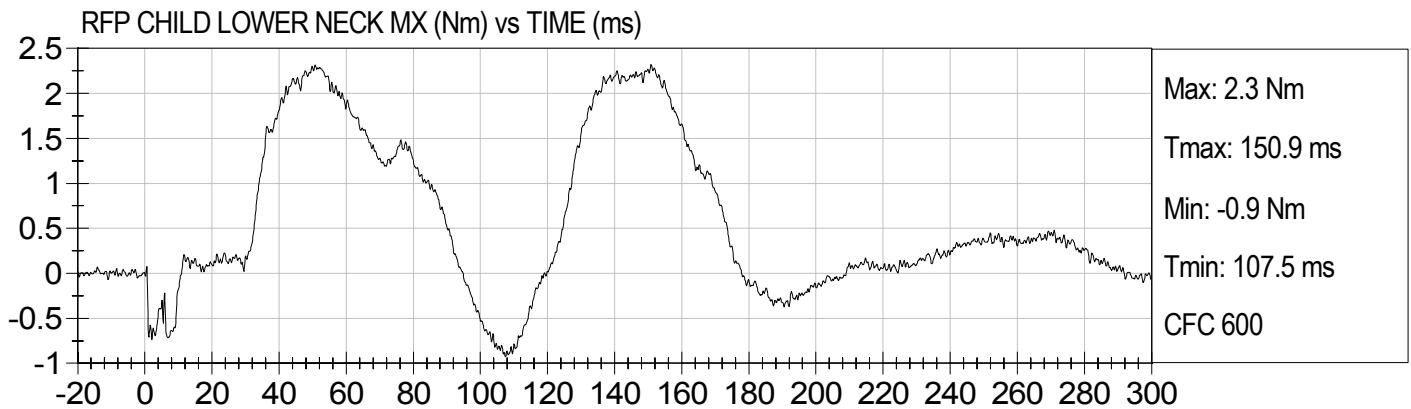
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APPENDIX C

INSTRUMENTATION CALIBRATION DATA

SIX YEAR OLD – SERIAL NUMBER 144

	SERIAL NO.	MANUFACTURER	CALIBRATION DATE
Head X	G29-X17	Entran	5/24/06
Head Y	G29-X47	Entran	5/24/06
Head Z	G29-X06	Entran	5/24/06
Upper Neck Load Cell	N197	FTSS	5/03/06
Lower Neck Load Cell	LNG147	Denton	5/18/06