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**SIDE AIRBAG OUT-OF-POSITION INJURY
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP**

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2010 FORD TAURUS 4-DR SEDAN
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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 air bag deployment. These data constitute part of the general consumer information collected by Alpha Technology Associate, Inc.

SUMMARY

The effects of both a curtain and torso airbag deployment in a 2010 Ford Taurus 4-Dr Sedan with an out-of-position Hybrid III 6-Year-Old child dummy were evaluated. The curtain and seat airbags were fired remotely. The test was performed by MGA Research Corporation on August 9, 2010. Pre and post test photographs of the vehicle and dummy can be found in Appendix A.

One real-time camera was used to document the side airbag deployment event. The camera location was left side through driver door.

One Hybrid III 6-Year-Old child dummy (Serial Number 144) was placed in the right front passenger seat situated in the inboard-facing position along the outboard edge of the seat 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 dummy was instrumented with the following instrumentation:

- Head Accelerations
- Upper Neck Load Cell
- Lower Neck Load Cell
- Chest Accelerations
- Upper Thorax @ Spine Acceleration
- Upper Spine Acceleration
- Upper Sternum Acceleration
- Lower Sternum Acceleration
- Lower Abdominal @ Spine Acceleration

The 23 channels of data were recorded on an on-board data acquisition system. Appendix B contains the dummy data traces.

The Hybrid III 6-Year-Old child dummy's visible contact points were as follows:

- Curtain airbag to back of head
- Torso bag to left shoulder and left torso

The Hybrid III 6-Year-Old child dummy was placed in the right front passenger seat along the outboard edge of the foam block, facing inboard with its legs extended and arms hanging at its sides. The seat track was positioned forward to minimize the cushion to head interaction. The dummy's pelvis was slid outboard until the dummy's back contacted the door trim panel or armrest and the center of gravity of the head was centered in the deployment trajectory of the airbag. The head remained in its neutral orientation. A vertical plane through the centerline of the dummy's shoulder bolts was parallel to the vehicle centerline. The dummy's arms were bent at the elbow until the fingertips contacted the foam block.

The dummy's skullcap seam was taped with 4mm electrical tape to prevent the airbag from getting caught in the seam. The dummy's headskin was cleaned with alcohol and dusted with baby powder to achieve acceptable frictional characteristics.

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 child dummy
Curtain Airbag	Roof-Rail Mounted	Side Airbag
Torso Airbag	Seat Mounted	Side Airbag
ATD Type/Serial No.	Hybrid III 6 Year Old / 144	Child Dummy

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

Number of Dummy Data Channels	23
Number of Airbag Channels	4
Number of Real-Time Video	1

Note: High-speed video not collected.

Visible Dummy Contact Points	
Head Contact	Curtain airbag to back of head
Left Shoulder Contact	Torso bag
Left Torso Contact	Torso bag
Left Pelvis Contact	None

DATA SHEET NO. 2

TEST VEHICLE INFORMATION

Please note that this vehicle had previously been tested in an
NCAP Frontal Impact on October 26, 2009.

TEST VEHICLE INFORMATION

Manufacturer	Ford
Model	Taurus
Body Style	Sedan
NHTSA No.	MA0215TWG2
VIN	1FAHP2HW7AG108035
Color	Tuxedo Black Metallic
Delivery Date	9/28/2009
Odometer Reading (mile)	210
Dealer	Boucher Fleet Group
Transmission	Automatic
Final Drive	AWD
Number of Cylinders	6
Engine Displacement (L)	3.5
Engine Placement	Lateral
Automatic Door Lock (ADL)	Yes
Owners Manual Details Instructions on Disabling ADLs	Yes
Bucket Seats	Yes

TEST VEHICLE OPTIONS

Driver Front Airbag	Yes
Driver Side Curtain Airbag	Yes
Driver Side Torso Airbag	Yes
Rear Passenger Side Curtain Airbag	Yes
Rear Passenger Side Torso Airbag	No
Force Limiter	Yes
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	Yes
Power Seats	Yes

DATA FROM CERTIFICATION LABEL

Manufactured By	Ford Motor Company
Date of Manufacture	08/09

GVWR (kg)	2477
GAWR Front (kg)	1315
GAWR Rear (kg)	1198

Measured Parameter	Front	Rear	Third	Total
Type of Seats	Bucket	Bucket		
Number of Occupants	2	3		5
Capacity Wt. (VCW) (kg)				430
Cargo Wt. (RCLW) (kg)				90

DATA SHEET NO. 3
DUMMY POSITIONING IN VEHICLE

Measurement		Value
Seat Position		Mid
Seat Height Position		Non-Adjustable
Placed in Position No. 2		---
Seat Back Angle	SA (°)	22
Top of Curtain Airbag Module to Head/Neck Junction	AN (mm)	252
Top of Seat Airbag Module to Head/Neck Junction	AN (mm)	130
Head CG to Door Panel/Window	HD (mm)	186
Head to Seat Back Centerline	HSC (mm)	204
Chest to Dash	CD (mm)	455
Chest to Seatback	CS (mm)	312
Right Arm to Seat Back Centerline	RACL (mm)	233
Left Arm to Seat Back Centerline	LACL (mm)	278
Right Arm to Door Panel	RA (mm)	130
Left Arm to B-Post	LA (mm)	105
Knee to Knee	KK (mm)	95
Toe to Toe	TT (mm)	76
Right Knee to Seat Cushion Centerline	KSCR (mm)	24
Left Knee to Seat Cushion Centerline	KSCL (mm)	24
Right Toe to Seat Cushion Centerline	TSCR (mm)	366
Left Toe to Seat Cushion Centerline	TSCL (mm)	366
Nose to Dash	ND (mm)	562
Nose to Seatback	NS (mm)	370
Top of Head to Headliner	HH (mm)	108

DATA SHEET NO. 4
DUMMY INJURY CRITERIA VALUES

NHTSA No. MA0215TWG2

DESCRIPTION	UNIT	MAXIMUM VALUE			
		Position No. 2			
		MAXIMUM	TIME (ms)	MINIMUM	TIME (ms)
Head X	g	26.4	11.4	-3.9	23.2
Head Y	g	19.6	11.2	-15.6	11.5
Head Z	g	26.0	11.1	-7.0	12.7
Head Resultant	g	39.3	11.2		
Upper Neck Fx	N	15.9	10.2	-199.9	22.7
Upper Neck Fy	N	101.6	33.0	-85.2	18.8
Upper Neck Fz	N	44.8	106.2	-523.0	14.8
Upper Neck F Resultant	N	534.5	14.8		
Upper Neck Mx	Nm	11.3	18.3	-2.2	117.9
Upper Neck My	Nm	3.1	128.5	-12.4	25.9
Upper Neck Mz	Nm	2.2	132.3	-8.1	75.8
Upper Neck M Resultant	Nm	14.4	25.8		
Lower Neck Fx	N	83.8	13.3	-130.7	27.3
Lower Neck Fy	N	170.4	12.2	-67.4	18.0
Lower Neck Fz	N	17.2	265.5	-506.6	15.4
Lower Neck F Resultant	N	508.1	15.4		
Lower Neck Mx	Nm	16.9	35.1	-5.6	123.5
Lower Neck My	Nm	28.1	22.2	-1.7	9.9
Lower Neck Mz	Nm	8.4	12.2	-6.4	78.0
Lower Neck M Resultant	Nm	28.8	22.3		
Chest X	G	11.6	11.8	-7.9	14.7
Chest Y	G	9.5	14.0	-37.7	11.9
Chest Z	G	6.6	15.6	-2.5	10.5
Chest Resultant	G	39.2	11.9		
Upper Spine X	G	4.8	12.4	-4.8	14.7
Upper Sternum X	G	27.0	12.0	-23.7	13.8
Lower Sternum X	G	62.4	11.9	-44.1	14.7
Upper Thorax @ Spine X	G	8.5	13.1	-7.2	10.8
Lower Abdominal @ Spine X	G	15.8	11.7	-14.7	13.8

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

NHTSA No. MA0215TWG2

HEAD INJURY CRITERIA (HIC)						
HIC15						
HIC36						
ATD position	HIC	T ¹ (msec)	T ² (msec)	HIC	T ¹ (msec)	T ² (msec)
No. 2 Right Front	5.1	10.9	13.0	5.1	10.9	13.0

Position 2 Neck Injury Summary (6-Year-Old – Out-Of-Position)

	Nij	Time (msec)	Z Force (N) (CFC 600)	X Force (N) (CFC 600)	Y Moment (N-m) (CFC 600)
Ntf	0.05	128.5	27.06	-46.30	3.07
Nte	0.00	-14.1	4.19	1.21	-0.09
Ncf	0.19	14.9	-522.34	-104.86	-1.47
Nce	0.36	23.6	-393.55	-191.57	-11.46
Peak Tension (CFC1000)		44.8 N	Peak Compression (CFC 1000)		-523.0 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				

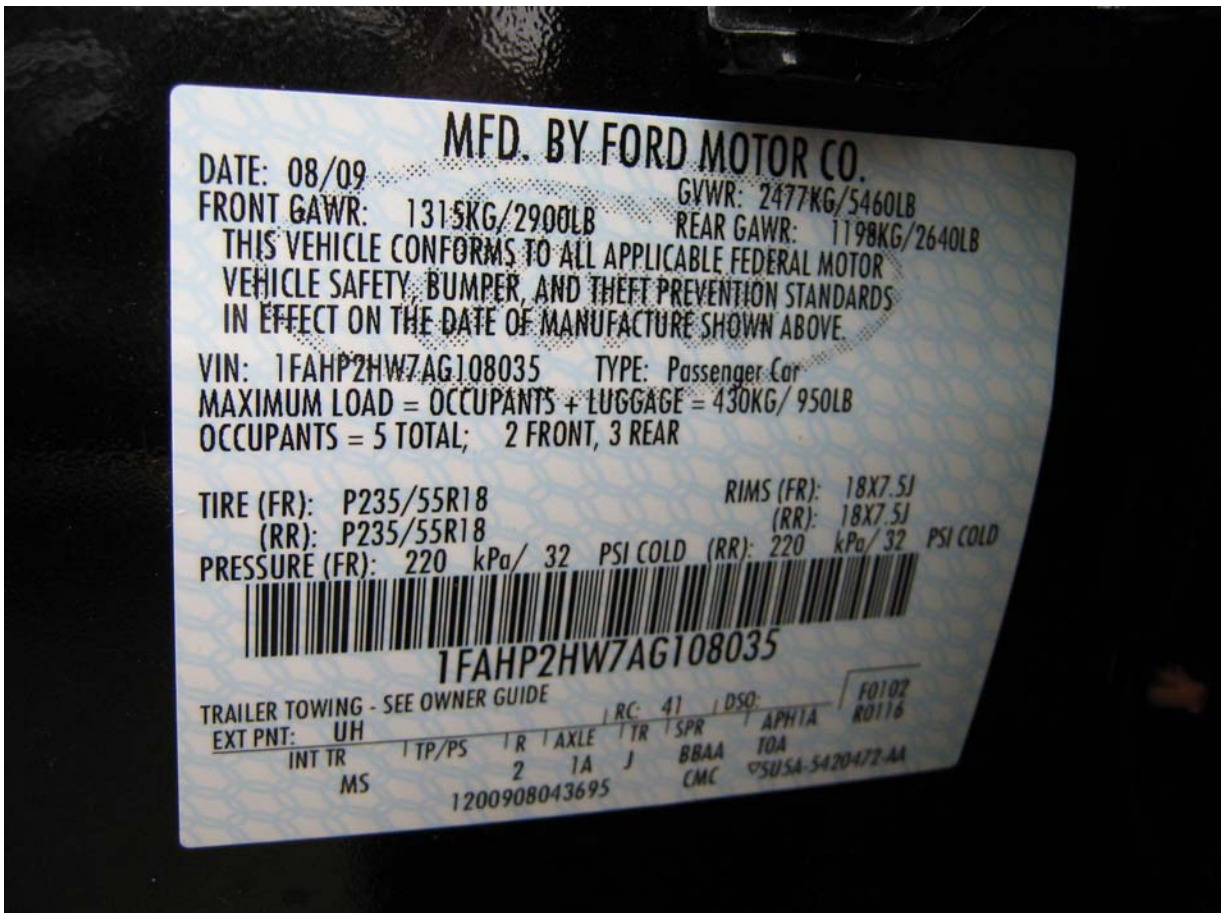
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Right 3/4 Front View of Vehicle, As Received



Vehicle Certification Placard



Pre-Test Vehicle Left Side View



Post-Test Vehicle Left Side View



Pre-Test 6-Year-Old Child Dummy Left Side View



Post-Test 6-Year-Old Child Dummy Left Side View



Pre-Test 6-Year-Old Child Dummy Left Side Closeup View



Post-Test 6-Year-Old Child Dummy Left Side Closeup View



Pre-Test 6-Year-Old Child Dummy Left 3/4 Front View



Post-Test 6-Year-Old Child Dummy Left 3/4 Front View



Pre-Test 6-Year-Old Child Dummy Left $\frac{3}{4}$ Front Closeup View



Post-Test 6-Year-Old Child Dummy Left $\frac{3}{4}$ Front Closeup View



Pre-Test 6-Year-Old Child Dummy Front View



Post-Test 6-Year-Old Child Dummy Front View



Pre-Test 6-Year-Old Child Dummy Front Closeup View



Post-Test 6-Year-Old Child Dummy Front Closeup View



Pre-Test 6-Year-Old Child Dummy Right $\frac{3}{4}$ Front View



Post-Test 6-Year-Old Child Dummy Right $\frac{3}{4}$ Front View



Pre-Test 6-Year-Old Child Dummy Right Side View



Post-Test 6-Year-Old Child Dummy Right Side View



Post-Test Curtain and Torso/Pelvis Airbag Left View



Post-Test Curtain and Torso/Pelvis Airbag Left ¼ Front View

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DUMMY RESPONSE DATA TRACES

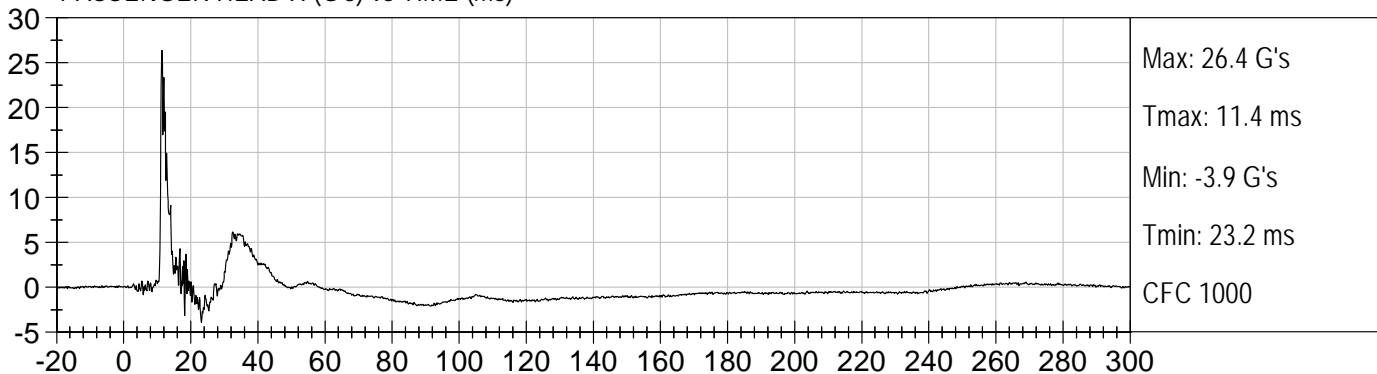
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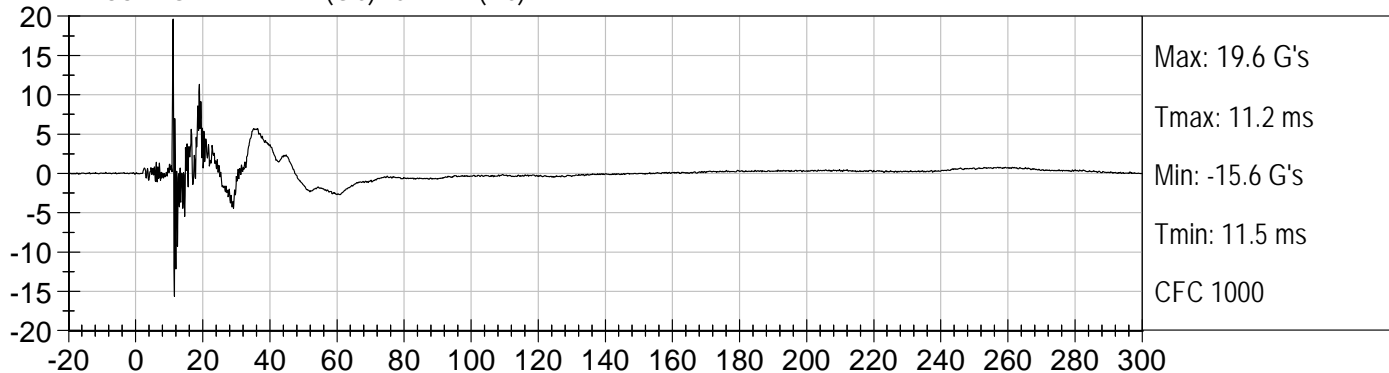
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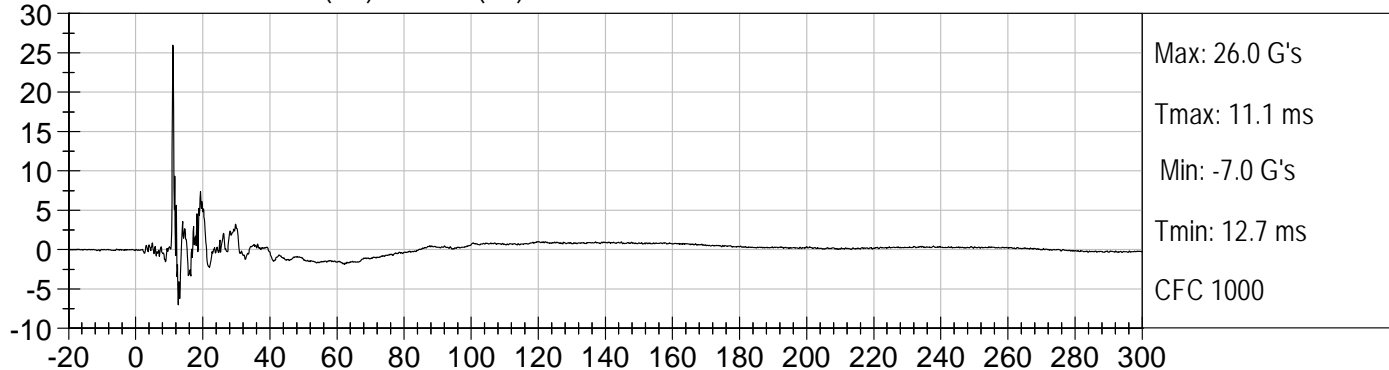
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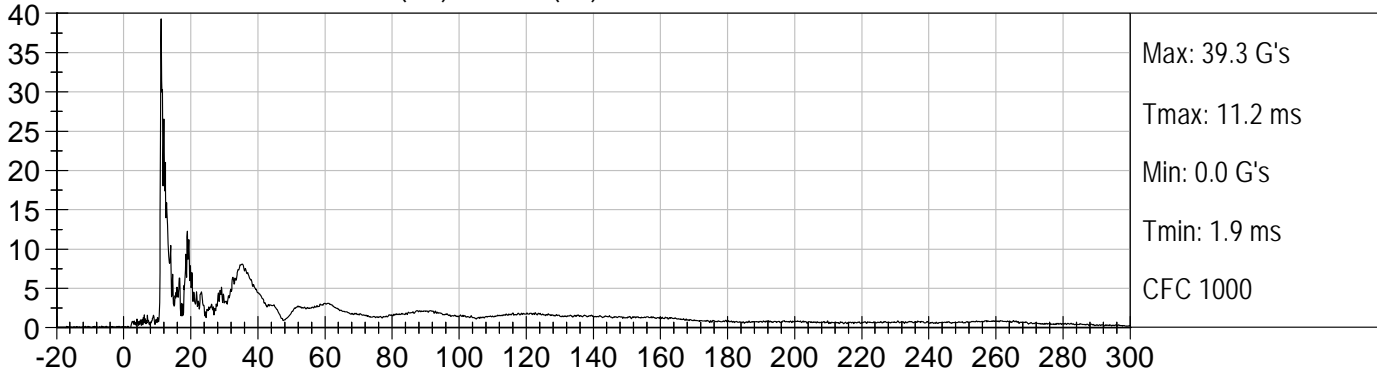
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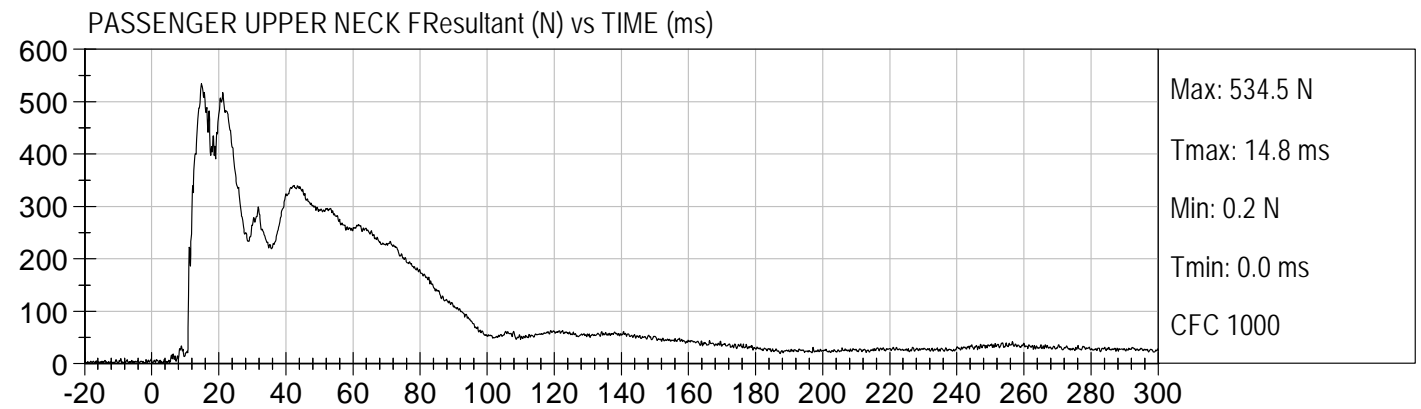
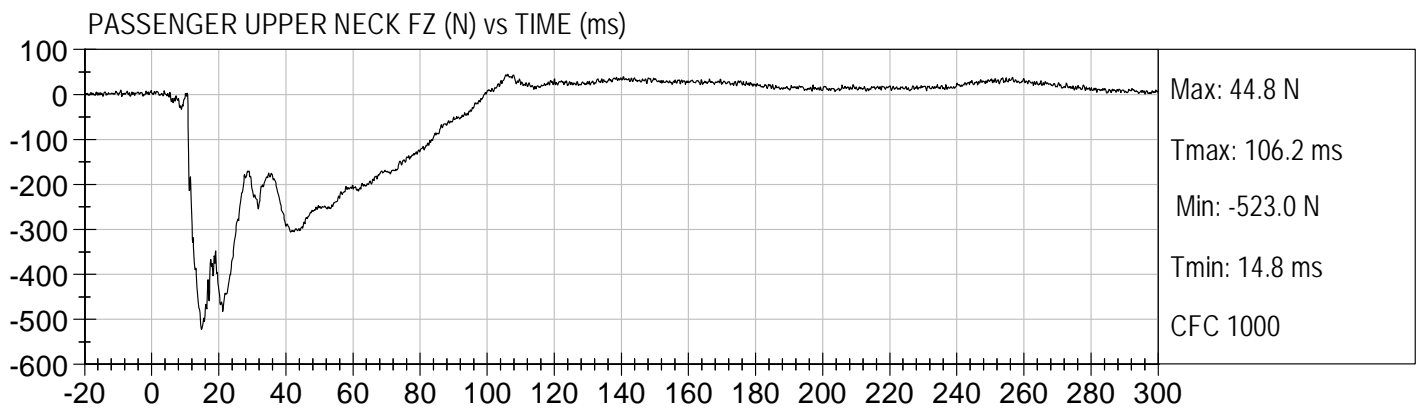
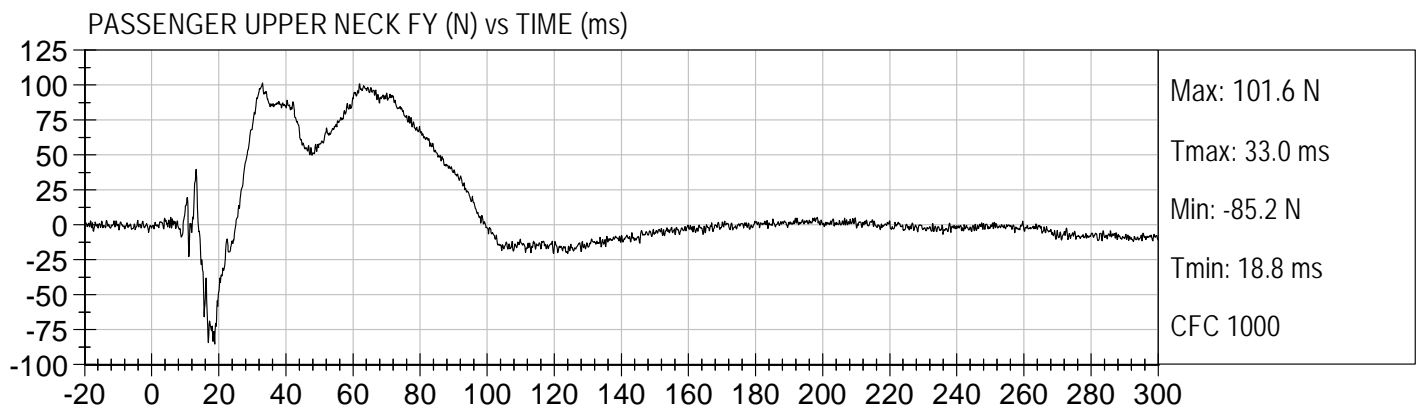
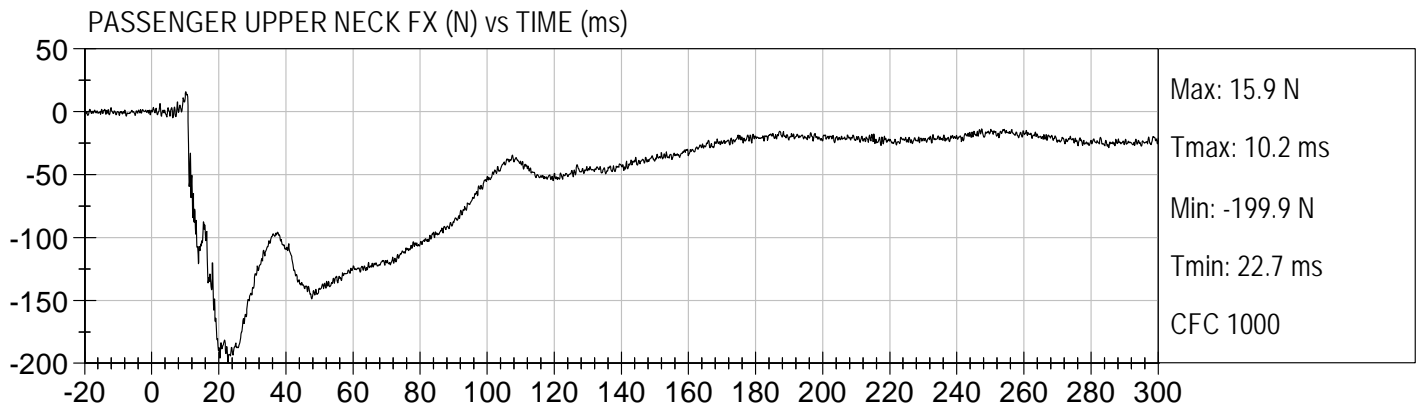


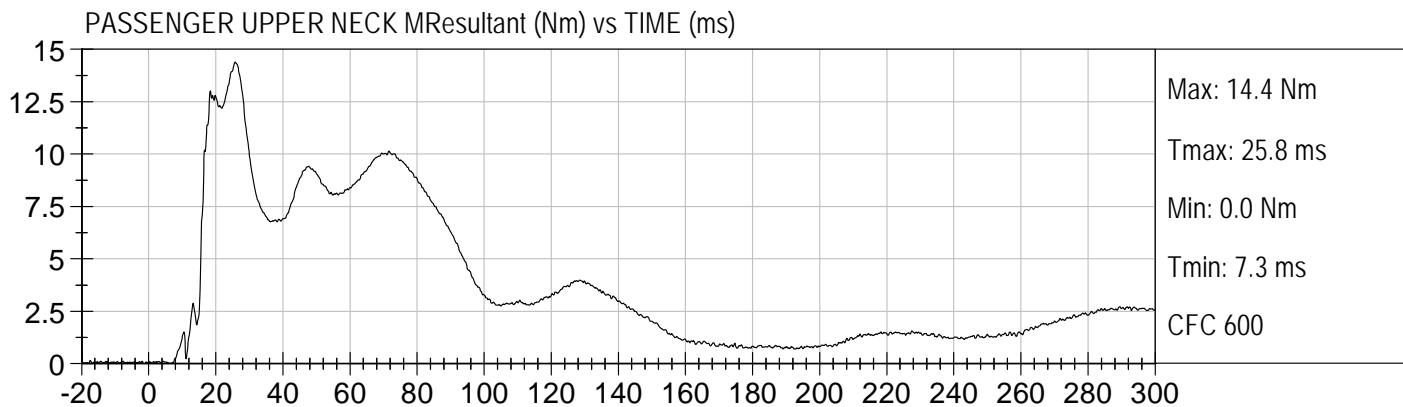
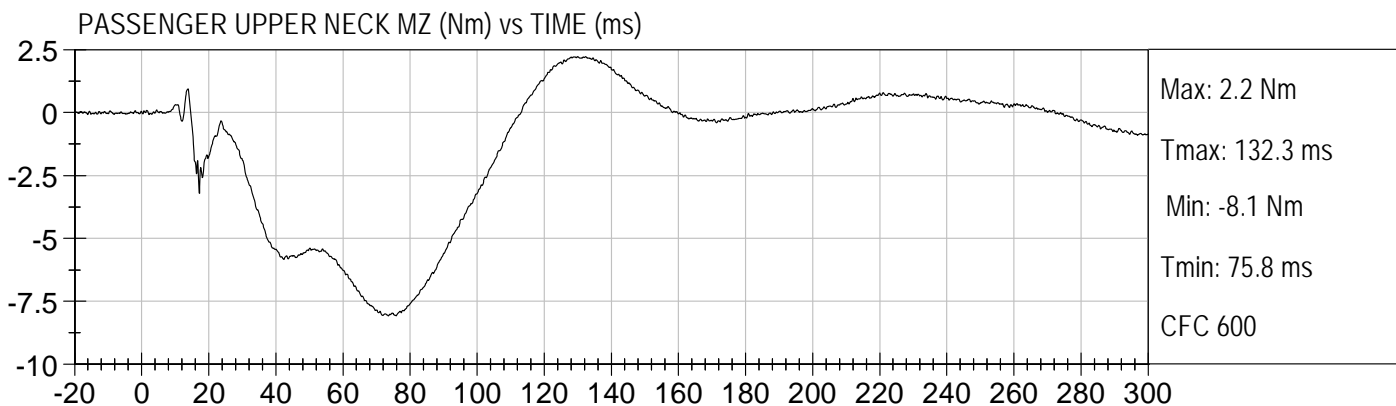
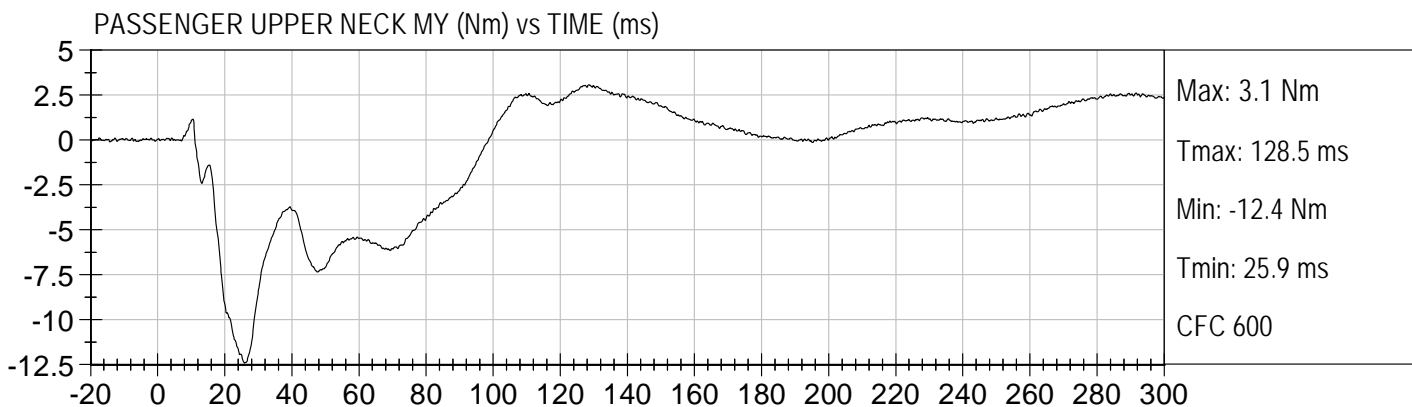
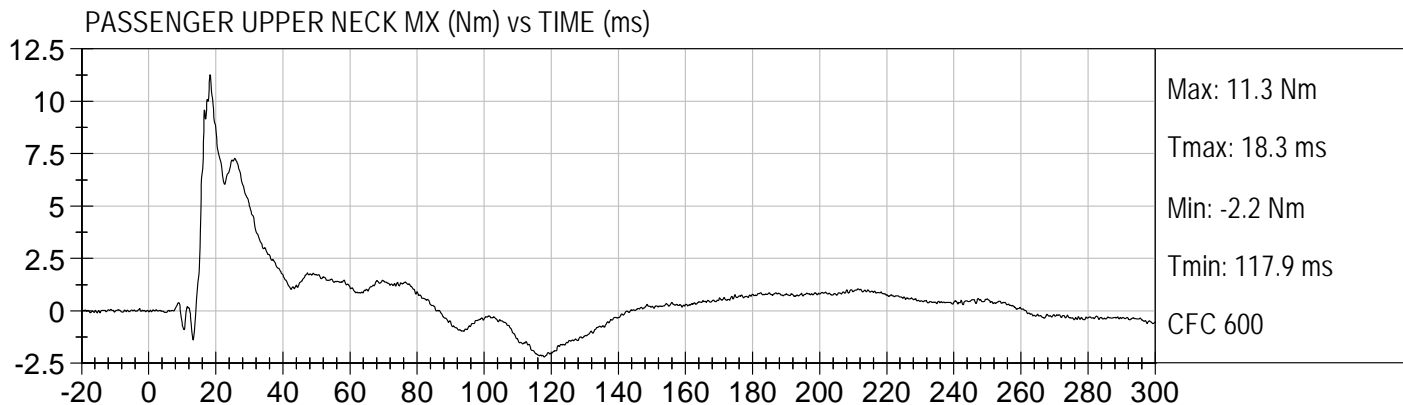
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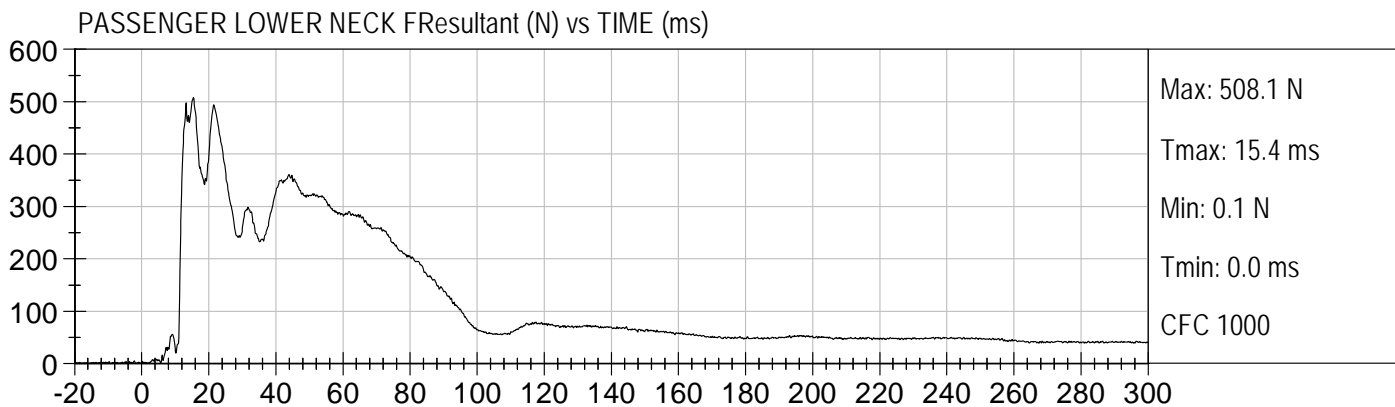
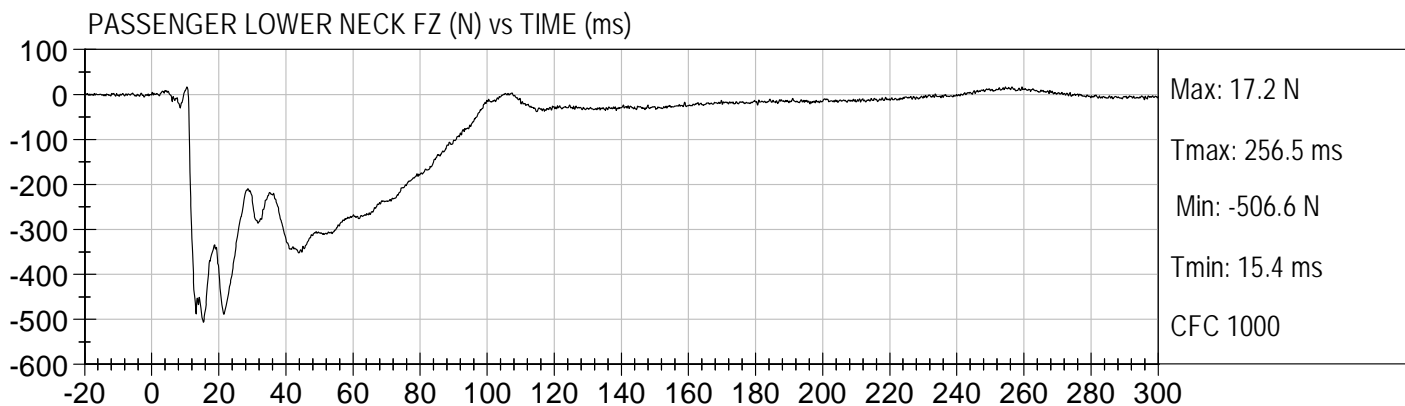
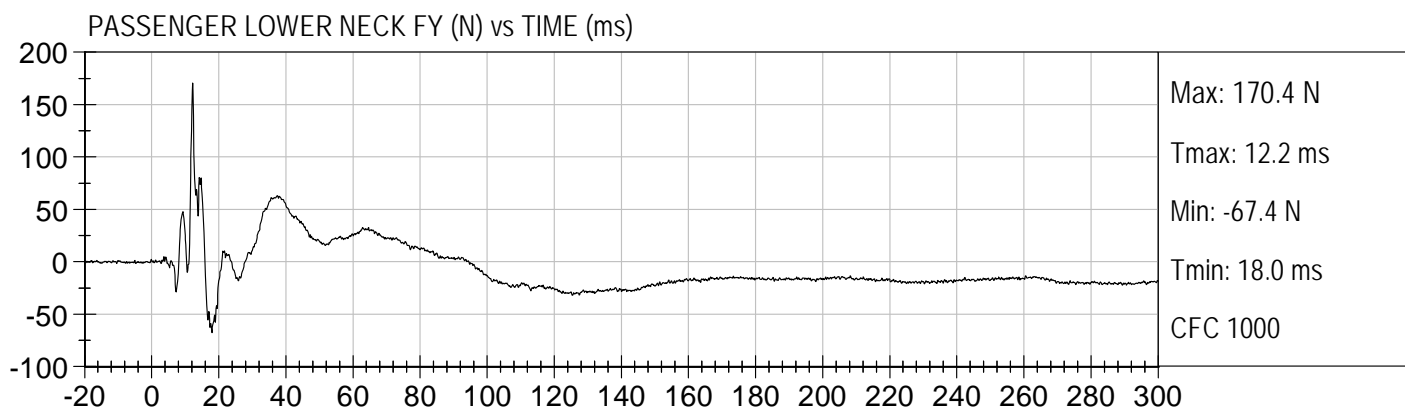
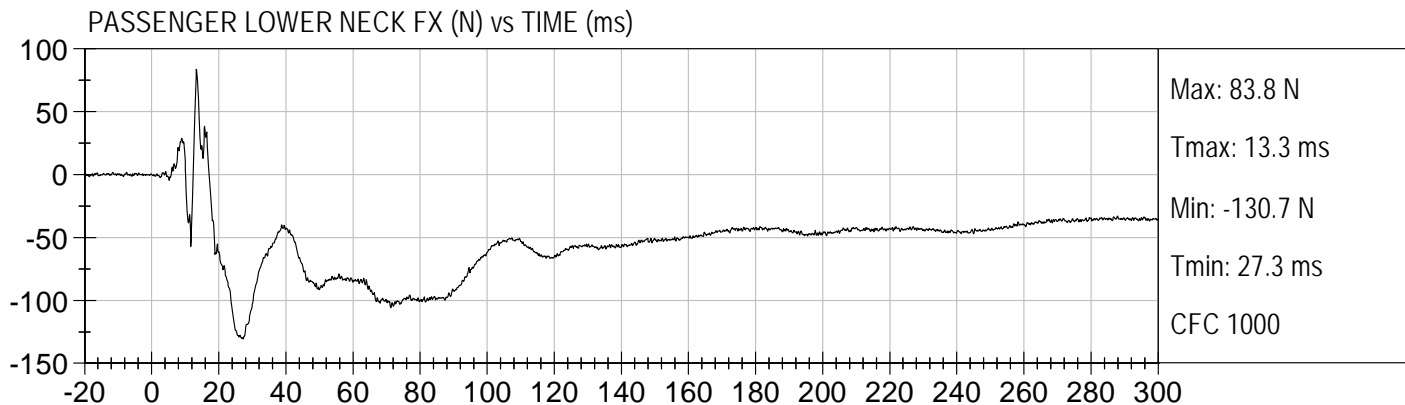


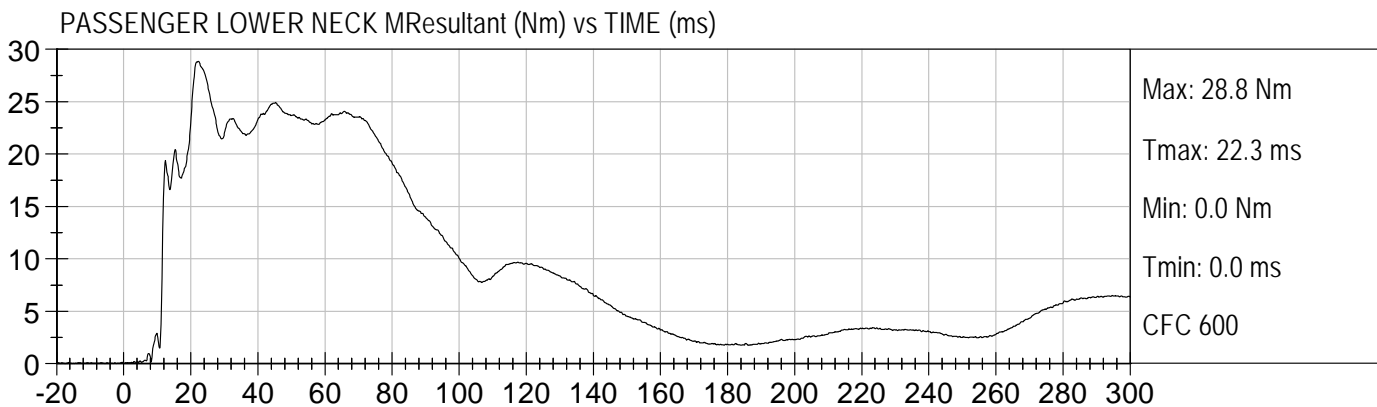
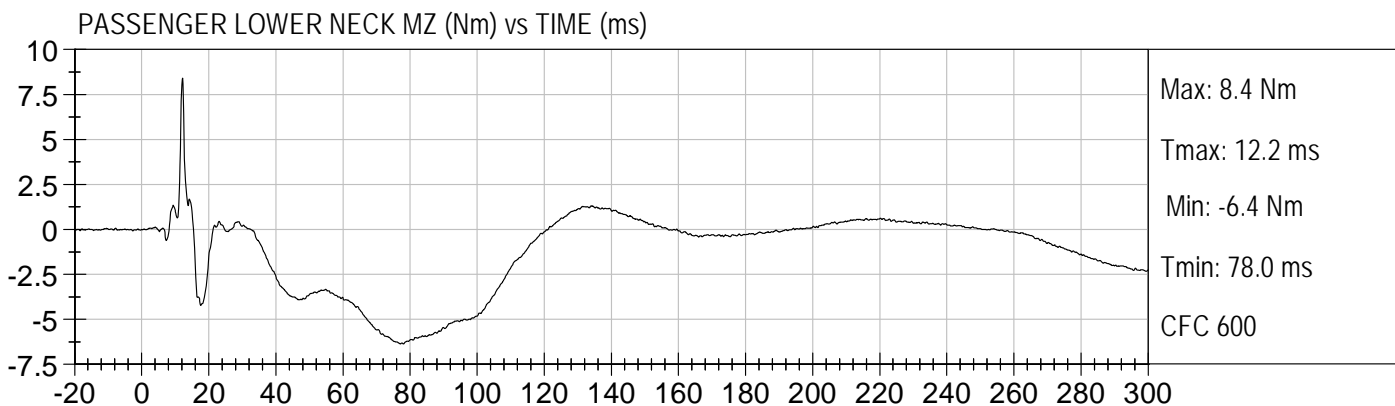
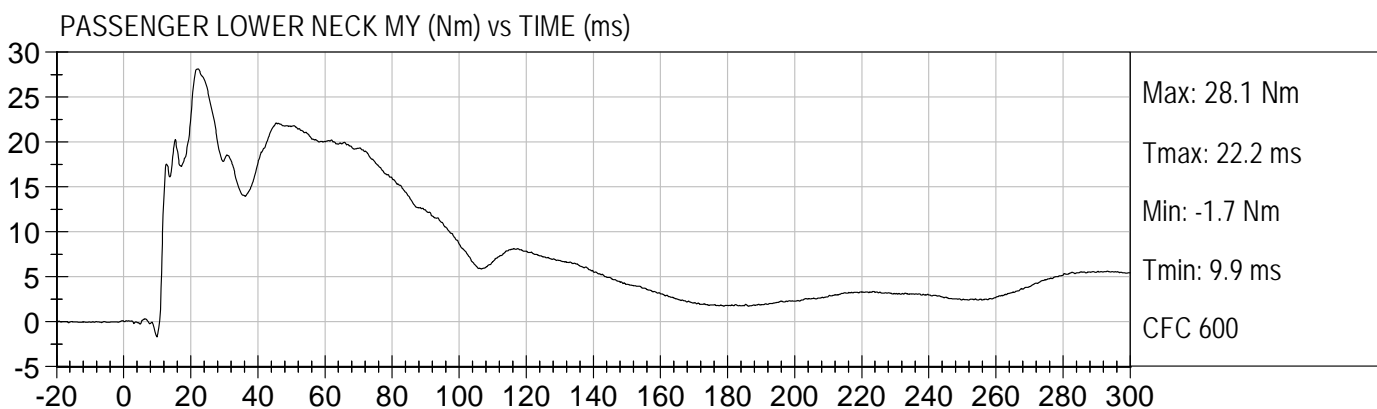
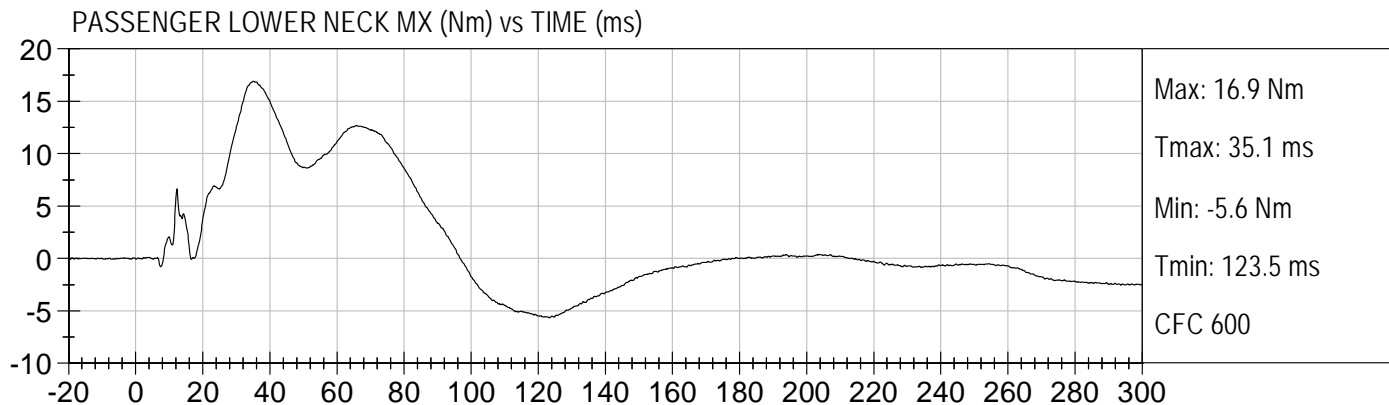
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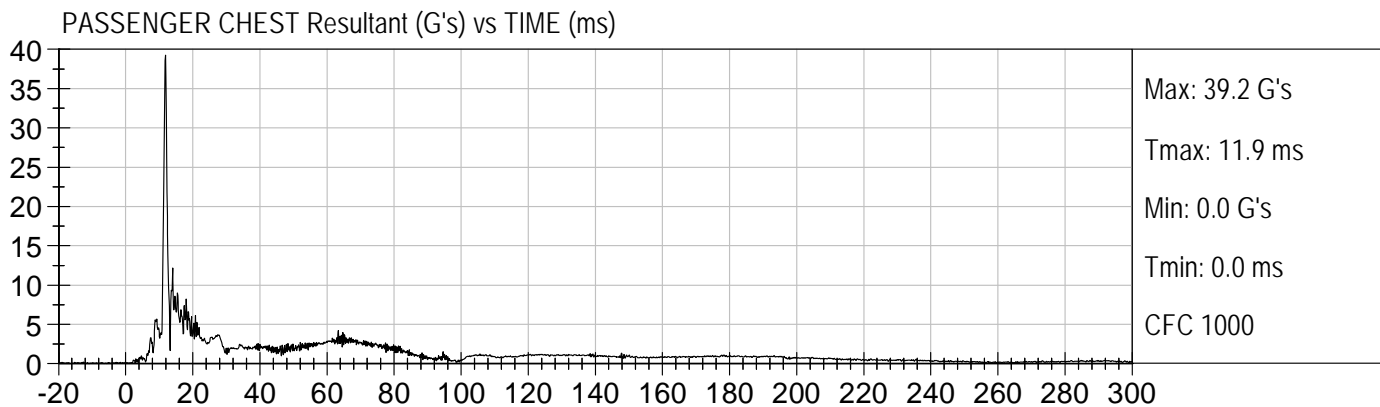
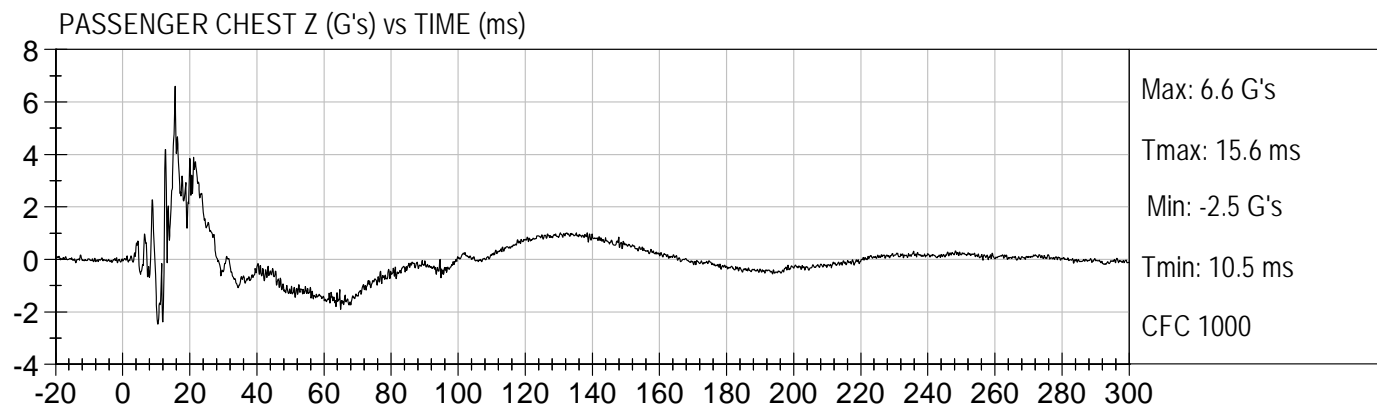
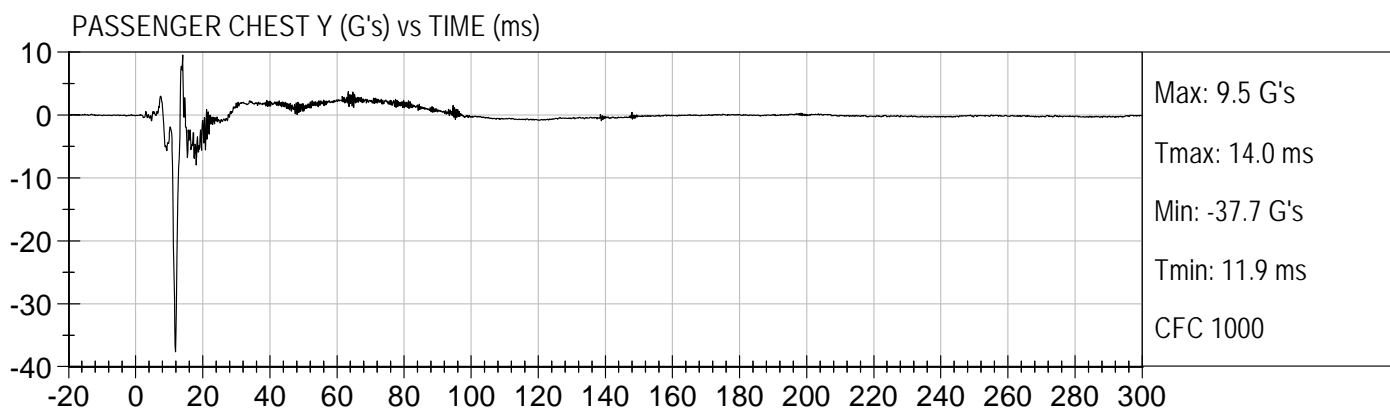
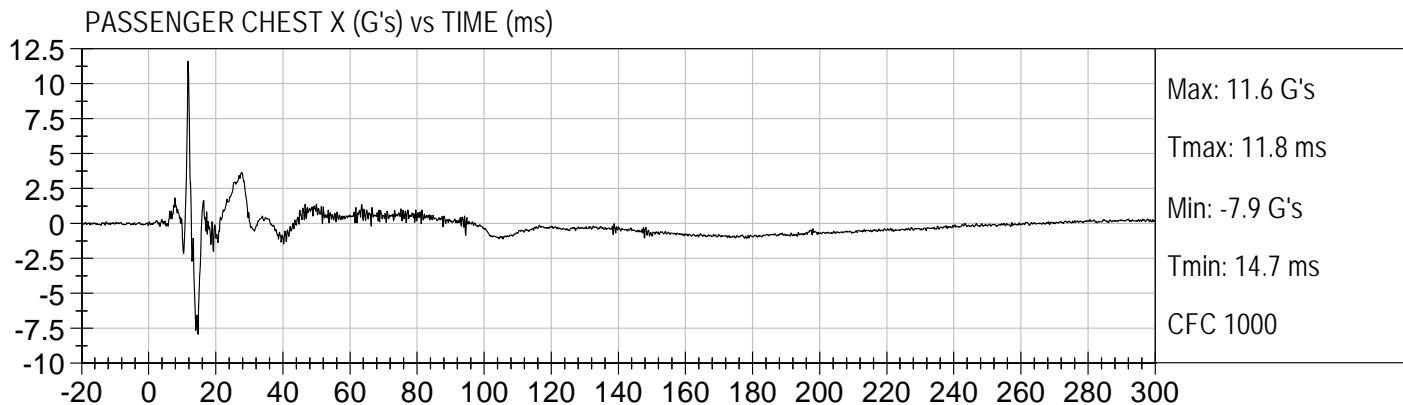






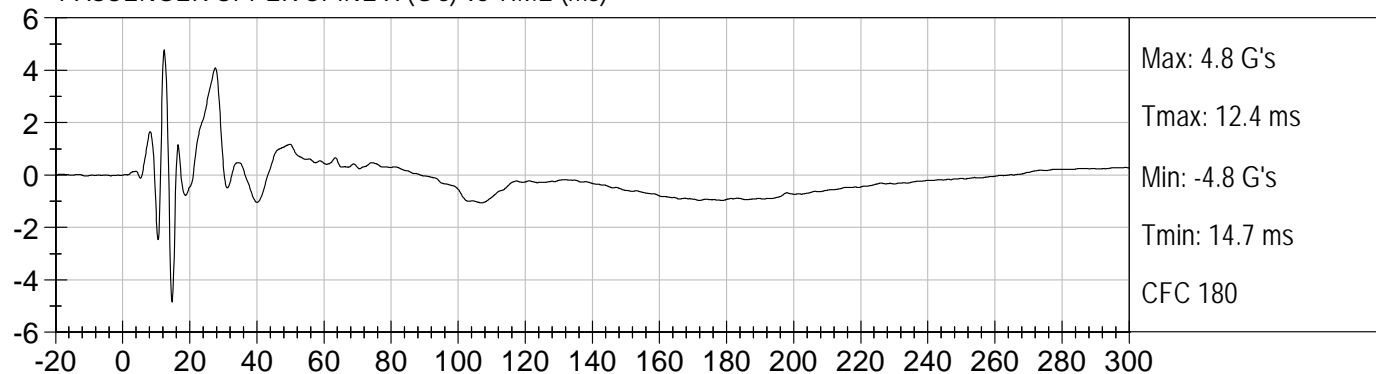




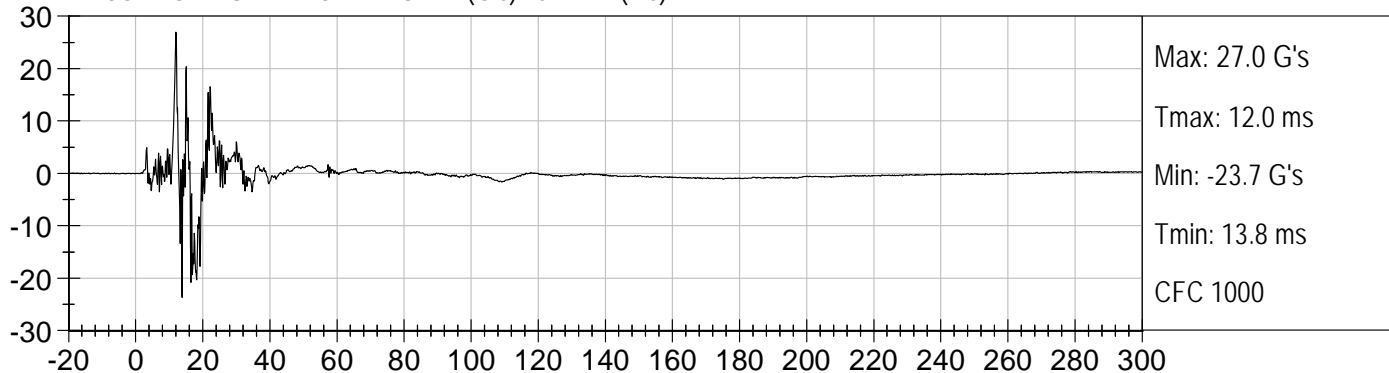




PASSENGER UPPER SPINE X (G's) vs TIME (ms)



PASSENGER UPPER STERNUM X (G's) vs TIME (ms)



PASSENGER LOWER STERNUM X (G's) vs TIME (ms)

