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FUEL SYSTEM INTEGRITY – REAR IMPACT

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16. Abstract A rear impact was conducted on a 2008 Ford Taurus at MGA Research Corporation on September 12, 2008. This test was conducted to obtain data indicant of FMVSS 301R. The impact velocity was 79.5 km/h. The ambient temperature at the time of impact was 22 degrees Celsius.			
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PURPOSE

This rear impact test is sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) under contract number DTNH22-06-C-00030. The purpose of this test is to reduce deaths and injuries occurring from fires that result from fuel spillage during and after motor vehicle crashes and resulting from ingestion of fuels during siphoning.

SUMMARY

A 2008 Ford Taurus was impacted by a Moving Deformable Barrier (MDB) at a velocity of 79.5 km/h. The test was performed at MGA Research Corporation on September 12, 2008. Pre-and post-test photographs of the vehicle and dummies can be found in Appendix A.

One real-time camera and three high-speed cameras were used to document the impact event.

- Left Rear Half 1000 fps
- Right Rear Half 1000 fps
- Overhead Overall 1000 fps
- Real Time Pan 24 fps

Two ballast Part 572E, 50th percentile male anthropomorphic test devices (ATDs) were placed in the driver and right-front passenger seating positions according to dummy placement instructions specified in the Laboratory Indicant Test Procedure.

There was no Stoddard Solvent leakage after the event or during any phase of the static rollover.

The vehicle appeared to comply with all the requirements of FMVSS No. 301 “Fuel System Integrity.”

SECTION 2

DATA SHEETS

DATA SHEET NO. 1

TEST VEHICLE SPECIFICATIONS

Test Vehicle: 2008 Ford Taurus NHTSA No.: C80209
Test Program: FMVSS 301 Fuel System Integrity Test Date: 9/12/2008

TEST VEHICLE INFORMATION

Manufacturer	Ford
Model	Taurus
Body Style	Sedan
Major Options	Reverse Sensing System
NHTSA No.	C80209
VIN	1FAHP24W58G145973
Color	Titanium Green Metallic
Delivery Date	9/9/2008
Odometer Reading (mile)	583.6
Dealer	Ricart Ford
Transmission	Automatic
Final Drive	Front Wheel Drive
Number of Cylinders	6
Engine Displacement (L)	3.5
Engine Placement	Lateral

DATA FROM VEHICLE'S CERTIFICATION LABEL

Manufactured By	Ford Motor Company
Date of Manufacture	10/07

GVWR (kg)	2250
GAWR Front (kg)	1225
GAWR Rear (kg)	1066

VEHICLE CAPACITY DATA

Measured Parameter	Front	Rear	Third	Total
Type of Seats	Bucket	Bench		
Number of Occupants	2	3		5
Capacity Wt. (VCW) (kg)				430
Number of Occupants x 68 kg.				340.2
Cargo Wt. (RCLW) (kg)				89.8

DATA SHEET NO. 1 (continued)

TEST VEHICLE SPECIFICATIONS

Test Vehicle: 2008 Ford Taurus NHTSA No.: C80209
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DATA FROM VEHICLE'S TIRE PLACARD

Measured Parameter	Front	Rear
Maximum Tire Pressure (kPa)	300	300
Cold Pressure (kPa)	220	220
Recommended Tire Size	P215/60R17	P215/60R17
Recommended Load Range	95T	95T
Tire Size on Vehicle	P215/60R17	P215/60R17
Tire Manufacturer	Continental	Continental
Location of Placard of Vehicle	Driver Door Frame	
Type of Spare Tire (full size/space saver)	Space Saver	

DATA SHEET NO. 2

PRE-TEST DATA

Test Vehicle: 2008 Ford Taurus NHTSA No.: C80209
Test Program: FMVSS 301 Fuel System Integrity Test Date: 9/12/2008

WEIGHT OF TEST VEHICLE

	Units	As Delivered (UVW) (Axle)			As Tested (ATW) (Axle)		
		Front	Rear	Total	Front	Rear	Total
Left	kg	516.7	346.1		583.3	399.6	
Right	kg	539.8	320.2		609.2	361.5	
Ratio	%	61.3	38.7		61.0	39.0	
Totals	kg	1056.5	666.3	1722.8	1192.5	761.1	1953.6

CALCULATION OF TARGET TEST WEIGHT (TTW)

Measured Parameter	Units	Value
Total Delivered Weight (UVW)	kg	1722.8
Rated Cargo/Luggage Weight (RCLW)	kg	89.8
Weight of 2 P572E ATDs	kg	148
Calculated Vehicle Target Weight (TVTW)	kg	1960.6

Vehicle Wheelbase	2859 mm
Weight of Ballast secured in rear seat	70.3 kg
Method of Securing Ballast	Straps
Vehicle Components Removed for Weight Reduction	None

VEHICLE ATTITUDES

	Units	LF	RF	LR	RR
As Delivered	mm	741	749	756	737
As Tested	mm	725	732	727	731

DATA SHEET NO. 2 (continued)

PRE-TEST DATA

Test Vehicle: 2008 Ford Taurus NHTSA No.: C80209
Test Program: FMVSS 301 Fuel System Integrity Test Date: 9/12/2008

FUEL SYSTEM DATA

	Units: Liters
Usable Capacity of "Standard Tank" (Owner's Manual)	77.6
Usable Capacity Figure Furnished by COTR	77.6
Usable Capacity of "Optional" Tank	
92-94% of Usable Capacity	71.4 to 72.9
Actual Test Volume (entire fuel system filled)	71.5

Test Fluid Type	Stoddard Solvent
Test Fluid Kinematic Viscosity (centistokes)	2.1 cSt @ 20° C
Test Fluid Color	Purple
Type of Vehicle Fuel Pump	Electrical
Activate Electric Fuel Pump Operation with Ignition Switch ON, but Engine OFF	Yes

Comments (noticeable attributes of fuel system components, capacity, etc.)	None

DATA SHEET NO. 3

MOVING BARRIER DATA

Test Vehicle: 2008 Ford Taurus NHTSA No.: C80209
Test Program: FMVSS 301 Fuel System Integrity Test Date: 9/12/2008

MOVING BARRIER'S TEST WEIGHT

	Units	Front	Rear	Total
Left	kg	374.2	308.8	
Right	kg	389.5	291.2	
Ratio	%	56.0	44.0	
Totals	kg	763.7	600.0	1363.7

Tires (Mfr, line, size)	Yokohamma
Tire Pressure (kPa)	207
Brake Abort System (Yes/No)?	Yes
Date of Last Calibration	8/6/2008

DATA SHEET NO. 4

POST-TEST DATA

Test Vehicle: 2008 Ford Taurus NHTSA No.: C80209
Test Program: FMVSS 301 Fuel System Integrity Test Date: 9/12/2008

IMPACT VELOCITY

	Units: km/h
Required Impact Velocity	80.0
Actual Impact Velocity (Trap No. 1)	79.5
Actual Impact Velocity (Trap No. 2)	79.5
Average Impact Speed	79.5

Temperature at Time of Impact (°C)	22
Test Time	12:21 pm

WELDING ROD IMPACT POINT

	Units: mm
Vertical distance from target center (+ above target / - below target)	3 mm below
Horizontal distance from target center (+ to the right / - to the left)	3 mm to the left

DATA SHEET NO. 5

STATIC ROLLOVER TEST DATA

Test Vehicle:	2008 Ford Taurus	NHTSA No.:	C80209
Test Program:	FMVSS 301 Fuel System Integrity	Test Date:	9/12/2008

STODDARD SOLVENT SPILLAGE MEASUREMENT

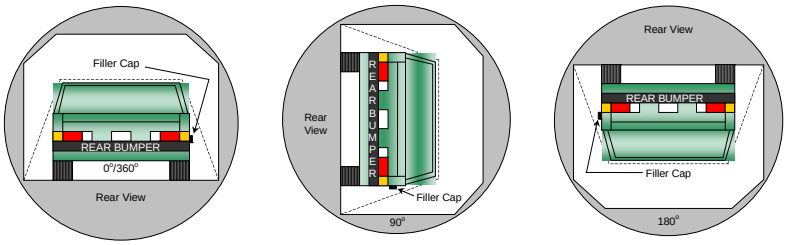
A. From impact until vehicle motion ceases: 0 g
(Maximum Allowable = 28 grams)

B. For the 5 minute period after motion ceases: 0 g
(Maximum Allowable = 28 grams)

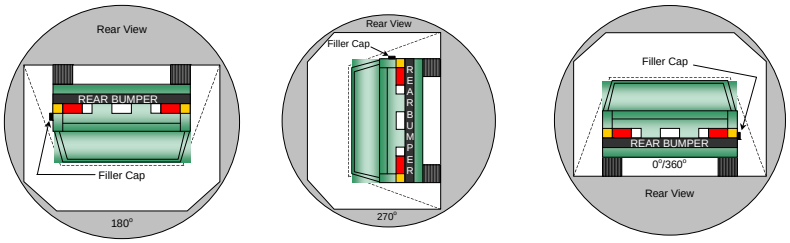
C. For the following 25 minutes: 0 g
(Maximum Allowable = 28 grams/minute)

D. Spillage: **None**

FMVSS 301 STATIC ROLLOVER DATA



0° to 90° 90° to 180°



180° to 270° 270° to 360°

1. The specified fixture rollover rate for each 90° of rotation is 60 to 180 seconds.

2. The position hold time at each position is 300 seconds (minimum).

3. Details of Stoddard Solvent spillage locations: **Not Applicable**

DATA SHEET NO. 5 (continued)

STATIC ROLLOVER TEST DATA

Test Vehicle: 2008 Ford Taurus NHTSA No.: C80209
Test Program: FMVSS 301 Fuel System Integrity Test Date: 9/12/2008

STODDARD SOLVENT SPILLAGE MEASUREMENT
Hold Time = 5 minutes at all intervals

0° TO 90° Rotation Time (sec) = 122 sec

Test Phase	Spillage (g)	Spillage Details
First 5 minutes from onset of rotation	0	
Sixth minute from onset of rotation	0	
Seventh minute from onset of rotation	0	
Eight minute if required	N/A	

90° TO 180° Rotation Time (sec) = 118 sec

Test Phase	Spillage (g)	Spillage Details
First 5 minutes from onset of rotation	0	
Sixth minute from onset of rotation	0	
Seventh minute from onset of rotation	0	
Eight minute if required	N/A	

180° TO 270° Rotation Time (sec) = 110 sec

Test Phase	Spillage (g)	Spillage Details
First 5 minutes from onset of rotation	0	
Sixth minute from onset of rotation	0	
Seventh minute from onset of rotation	0	
Eight minute if required	N/A	

270° TO 360° Rotation Time (sec) = 120 sec

Test Phase	Spillage (g)	Spillage Details
First 5 minutes from onset of rotation	0	
Sixth minute from onset of rotation	0	
Seventh minute from onset of rotation	0	
Eight minute if required	N/A	

FORM 1

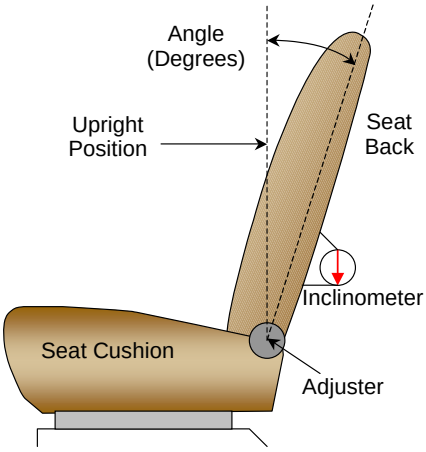
TEST VEHICLE INFORMATION

Test Vehicle:	2008 Ford Taurus	NHTSA No.:	C80209
Test Program:	FMVSS 301 Fuel System Integrity	Test Date:	9/12/2008

NORMAL DESIGN RIDING POSITION

For both driver and passenger seat backs:

The seat back angle is measured relative to the rockers sill. Remove the seat back panel and position the inclinometer as shown in the drawing, 13 inches above the back pivot point on the rear outboard seat frame. Avoid taking measurements on the reinforcement plates. If seat is equipped with SAB, take seat back angle measurement on inboard side or set seat back angle by achieving 6.4° (from vertical) at the headrest posts.



FRONT SEAT ASSEMBLY

Driver Seat Back Angle	6.4° on headrest post
Passenger Seat Back Angle	6.4° on headrest post

SEAT FORE/AFT POSITIONING

	Total Fore/Aft Travel	Placed in Position #
Driver Seat	285 mm	142 mm
Passenger Seat	240 mm	120 mm

D-RING ADJUSTMENT

The driver and passenger D-rings were full up.

STEERING COLUMN ADJUSTMENT

The steering column was placed in the mid position.

APPENDIX A

PHOTOGRAPHS

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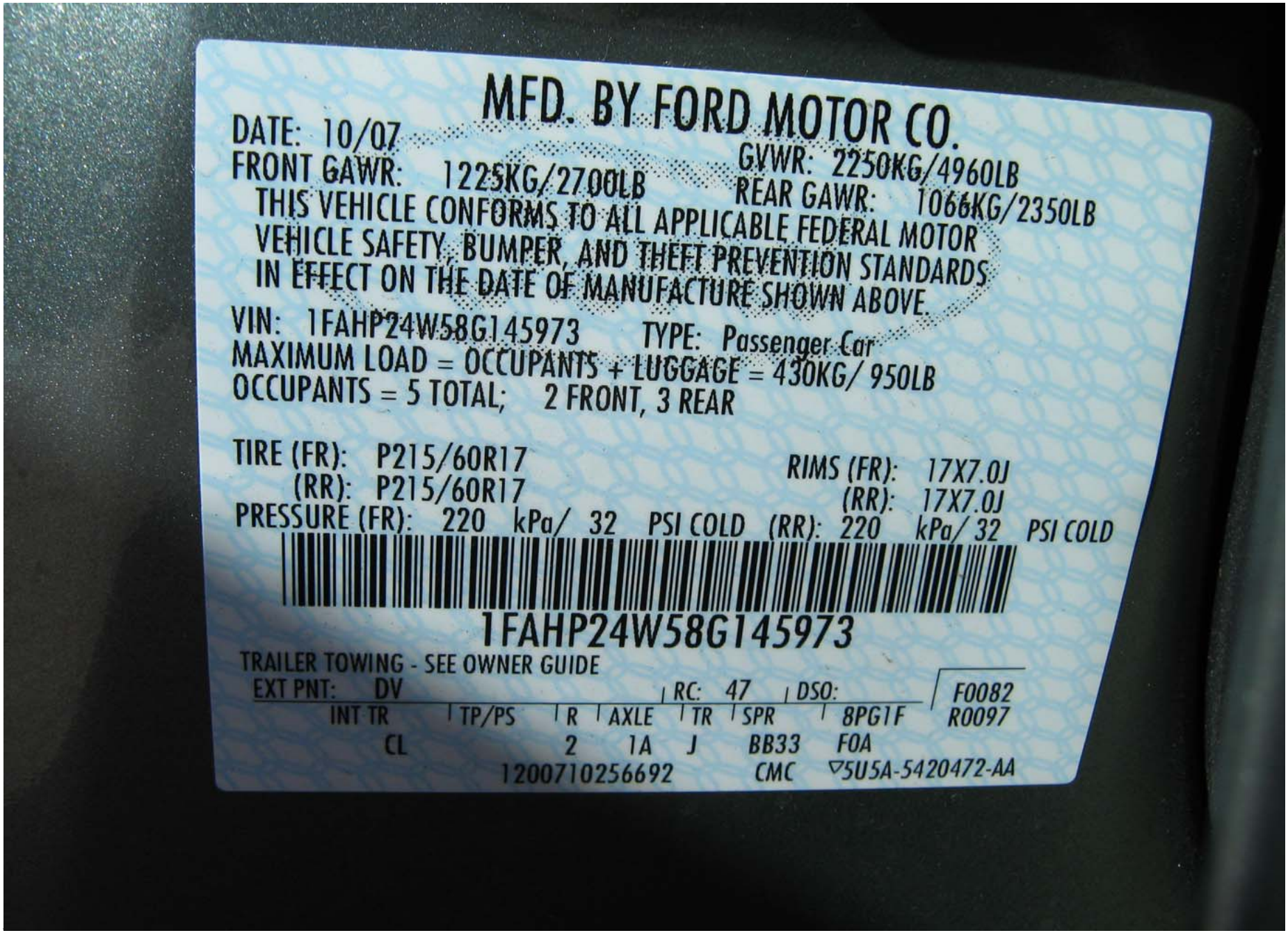

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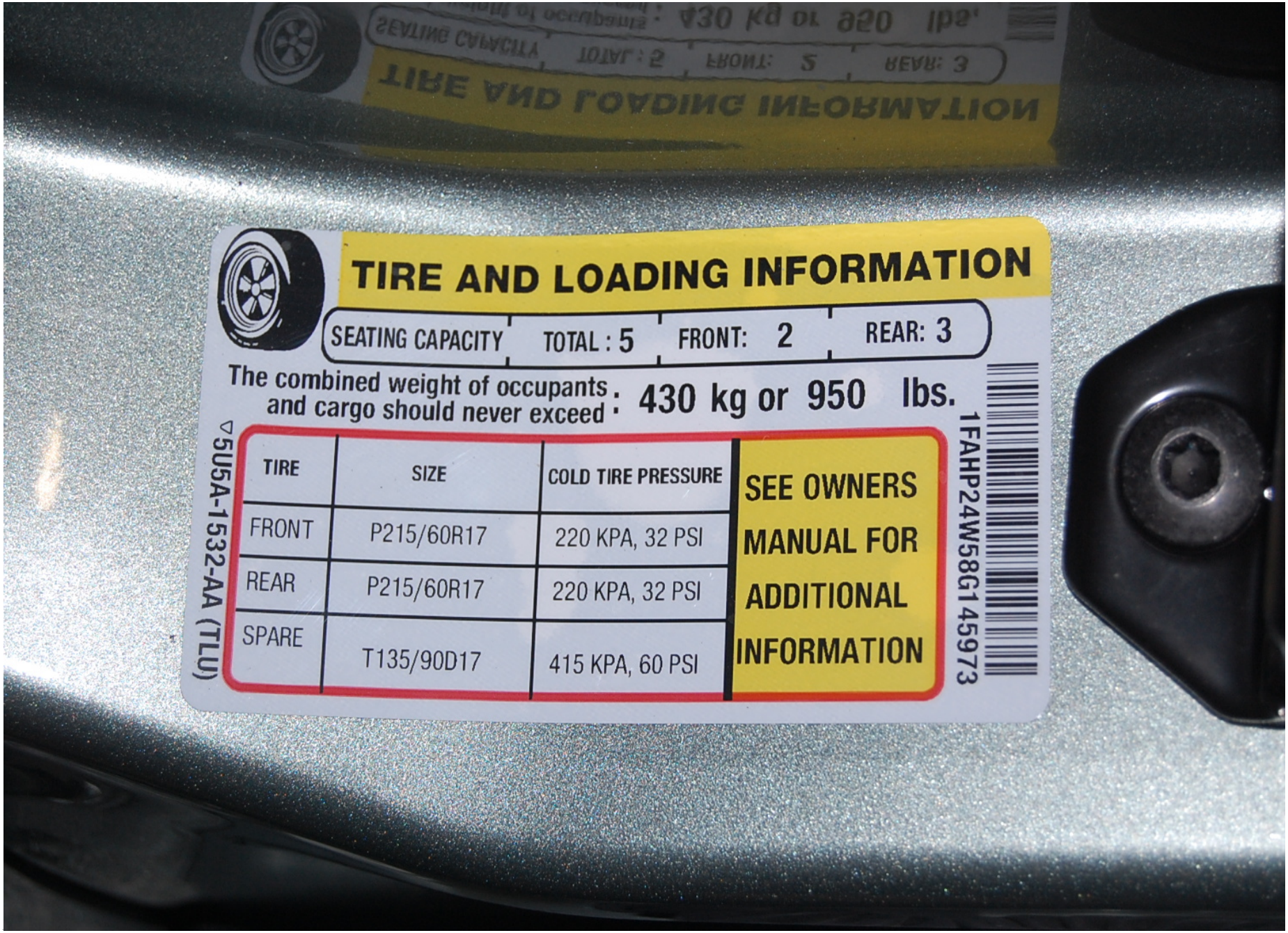
Vehicle's Certification Label



Vehicle's Tire Placard

Pre-Test Front View of Vehicle

Post-Test Front View of Vehicle

Pre-Test Left Side View of Vehicle

Post-Test Left Side View of Vehicle

Pre-Test Left Rear Closeup View of Vehicle

Post-Test Left Rear Closeup View of Vehicle

Pre-Test Right Side View of Vehicle

Post-Test Right Side View of Vehicle

Pre-Test Right Rear Closeup View of Vehicle

Post-Test Right Rear Closeup View of Vehicle

Pre-Test Rear View of Vehicle

Post-Test Rear View of Vehicle

Pre-Test ¾ Frontal View From Right Side of Vehicle

Post-Test ¾ Frontal View From Right Side of Vehicle

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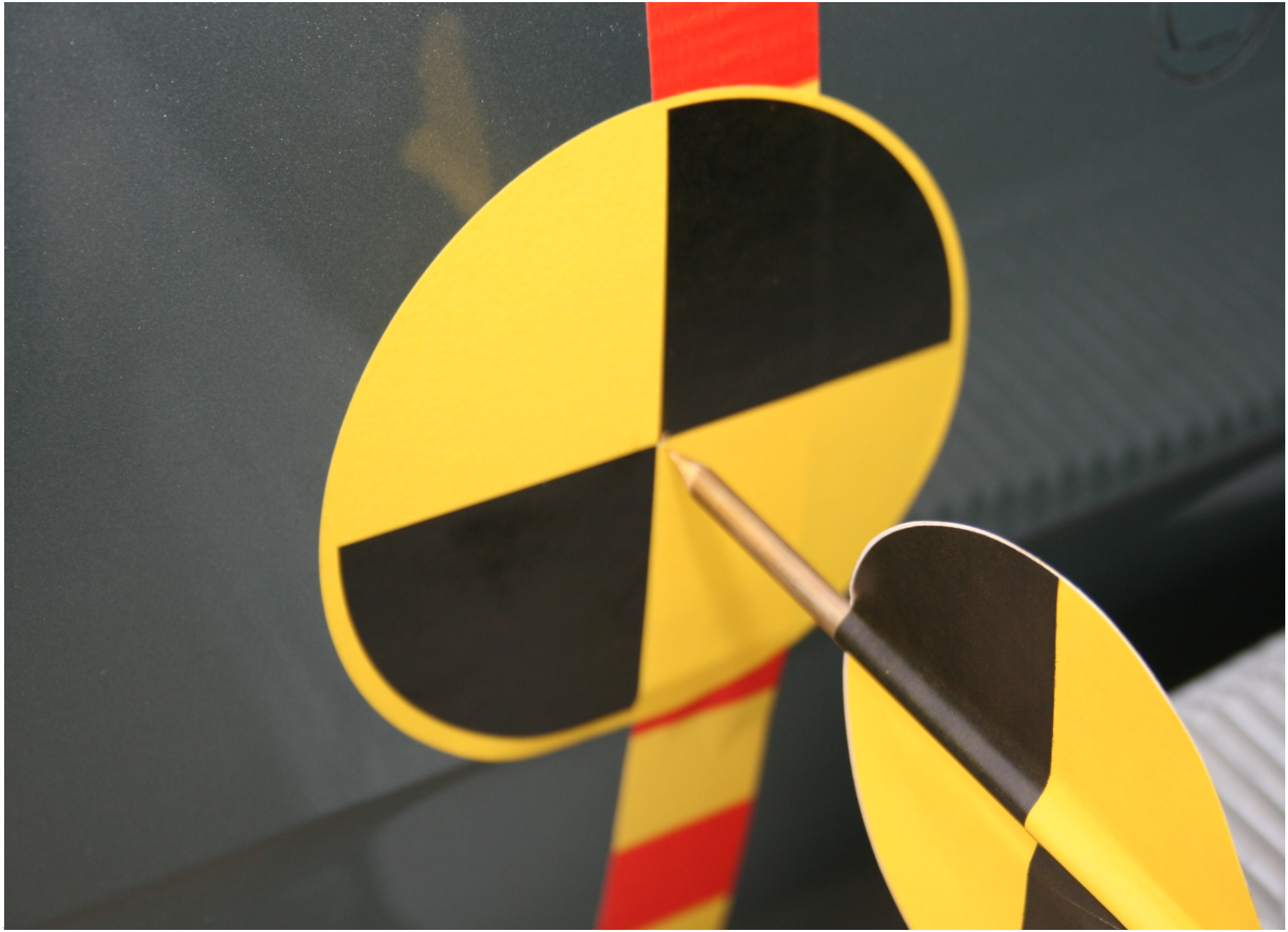
Post-Test ¾ Rear View From Left Side of Vehicle



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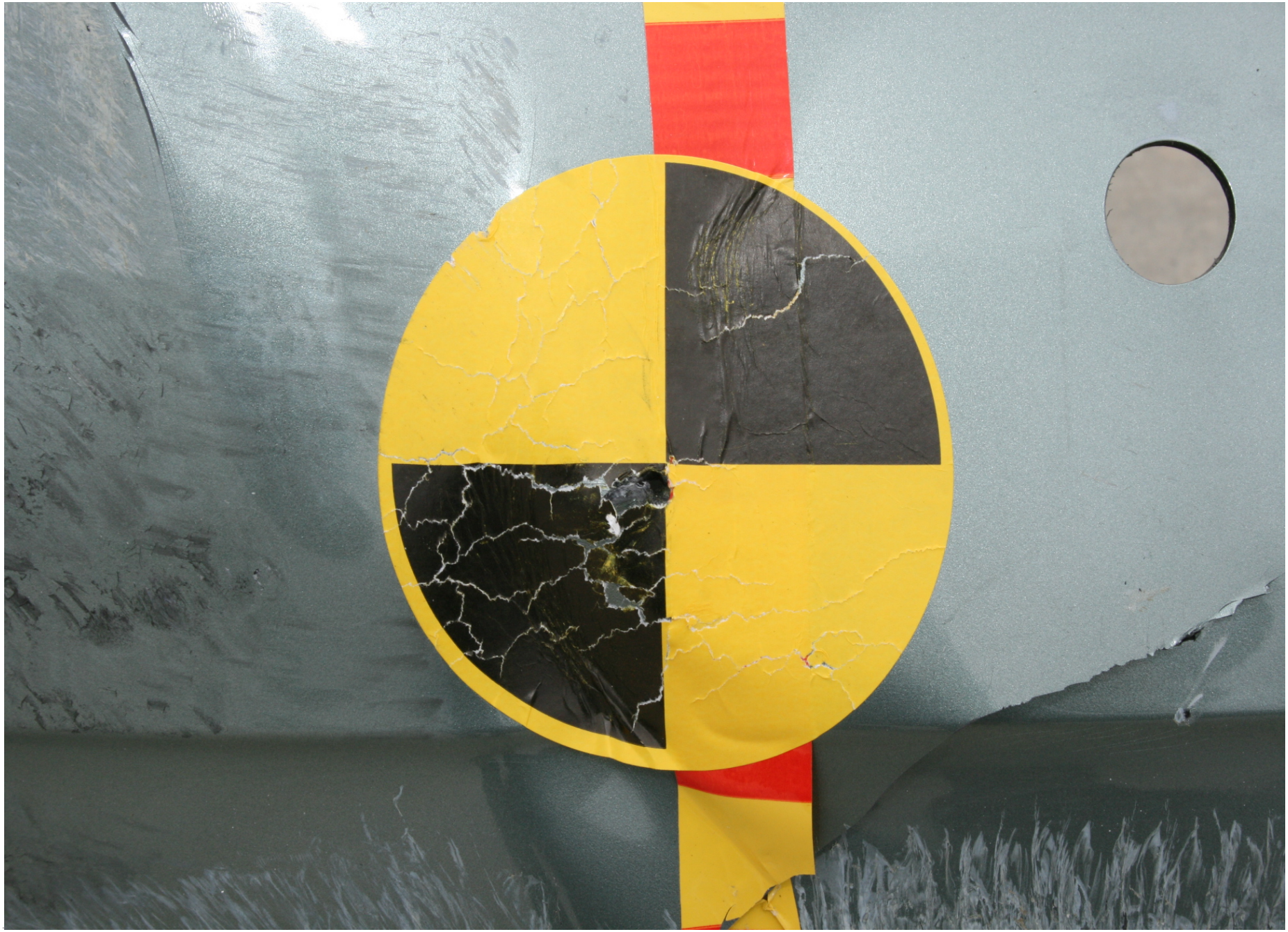

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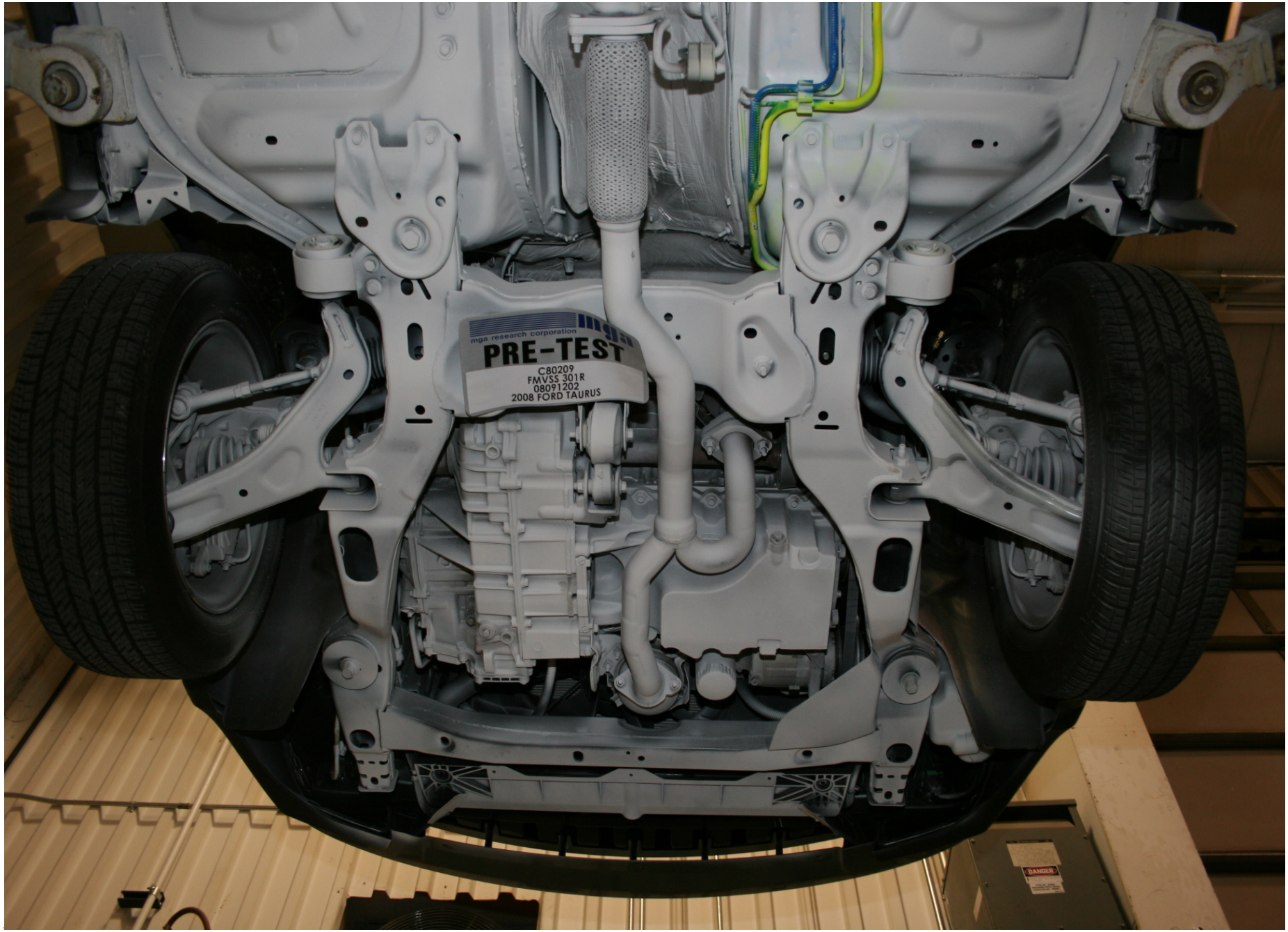

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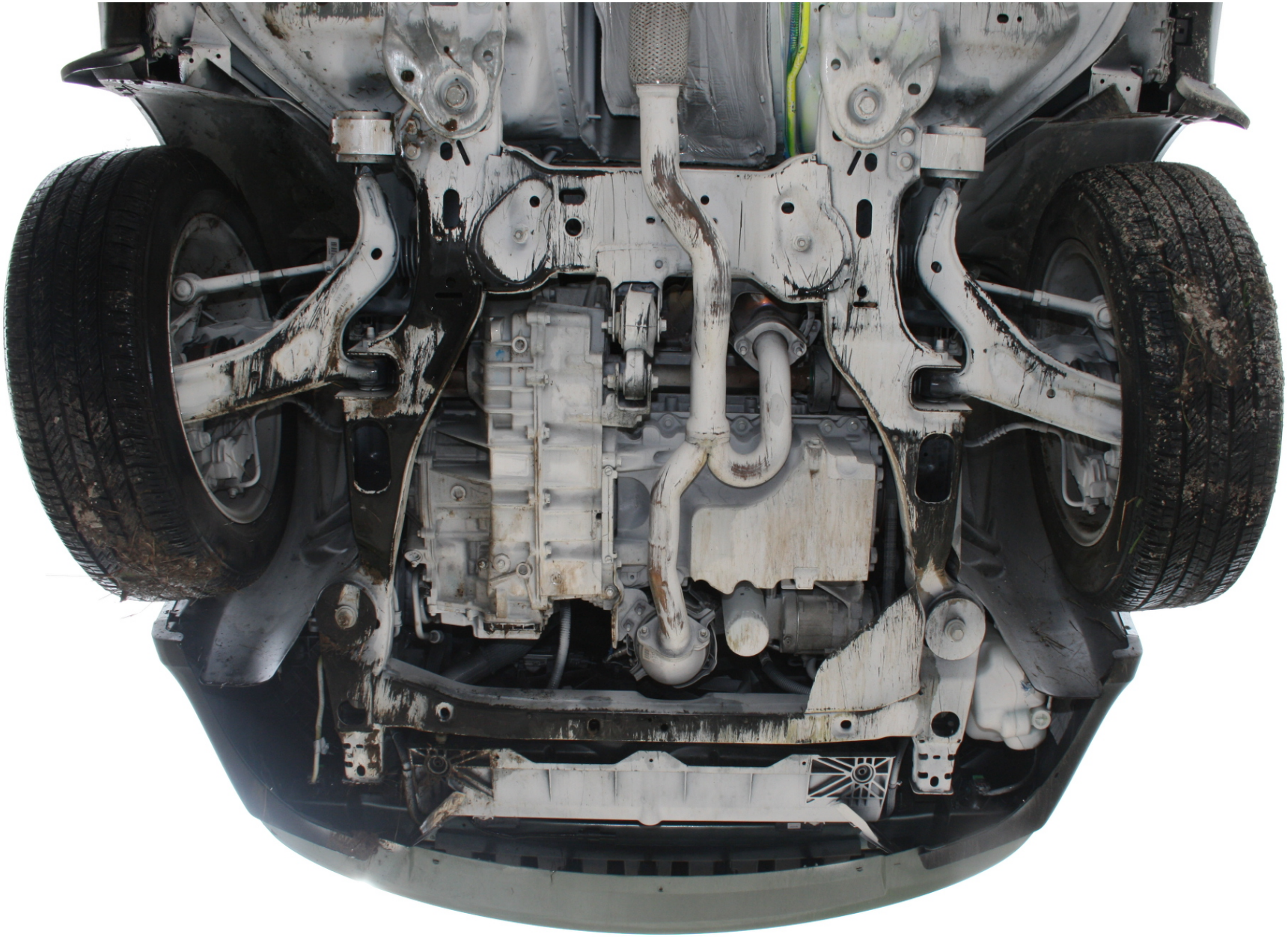
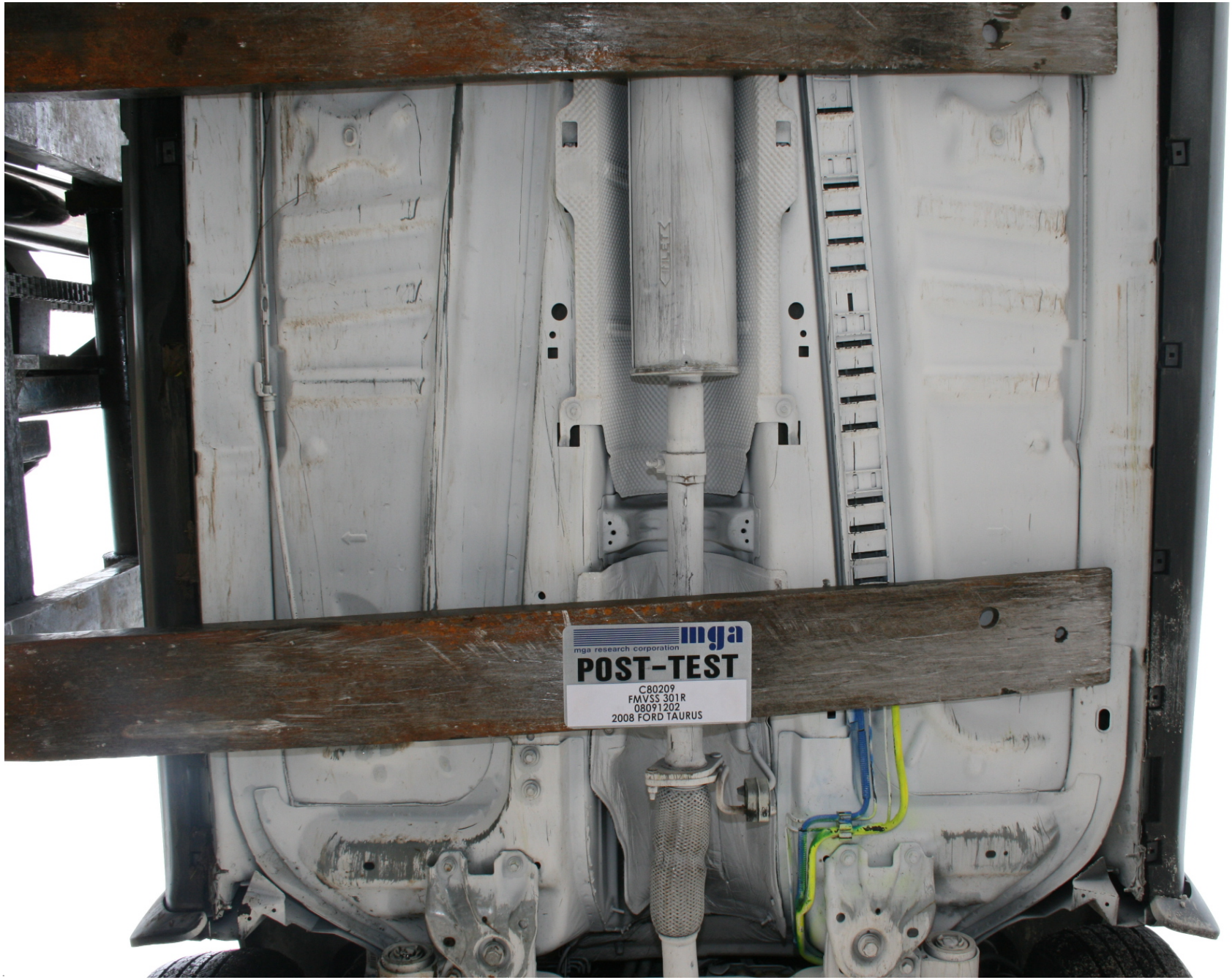


Post-Test Underbody View 1

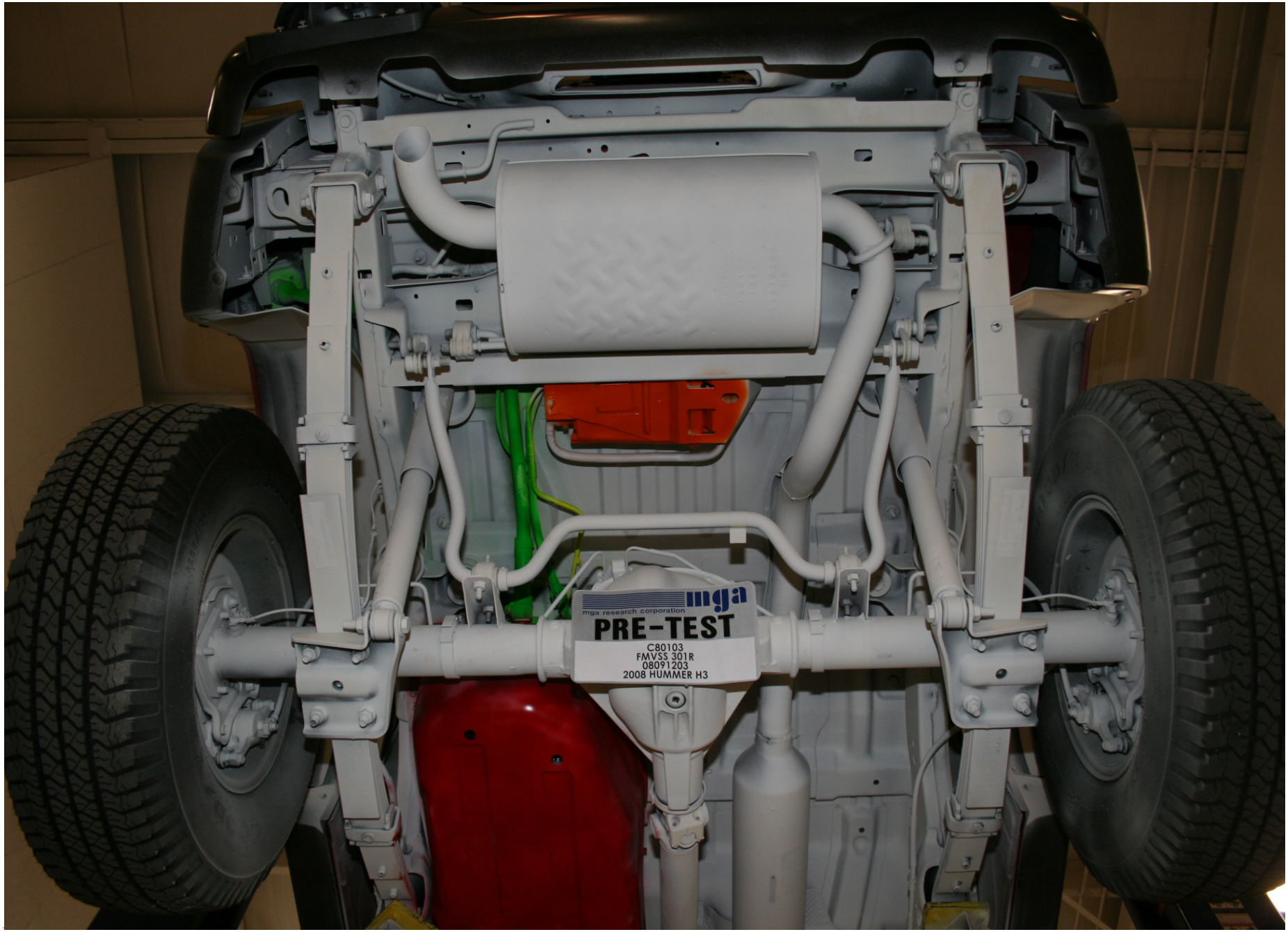
Pre-Test Underbody View 2



Post-Test Underbody View 2

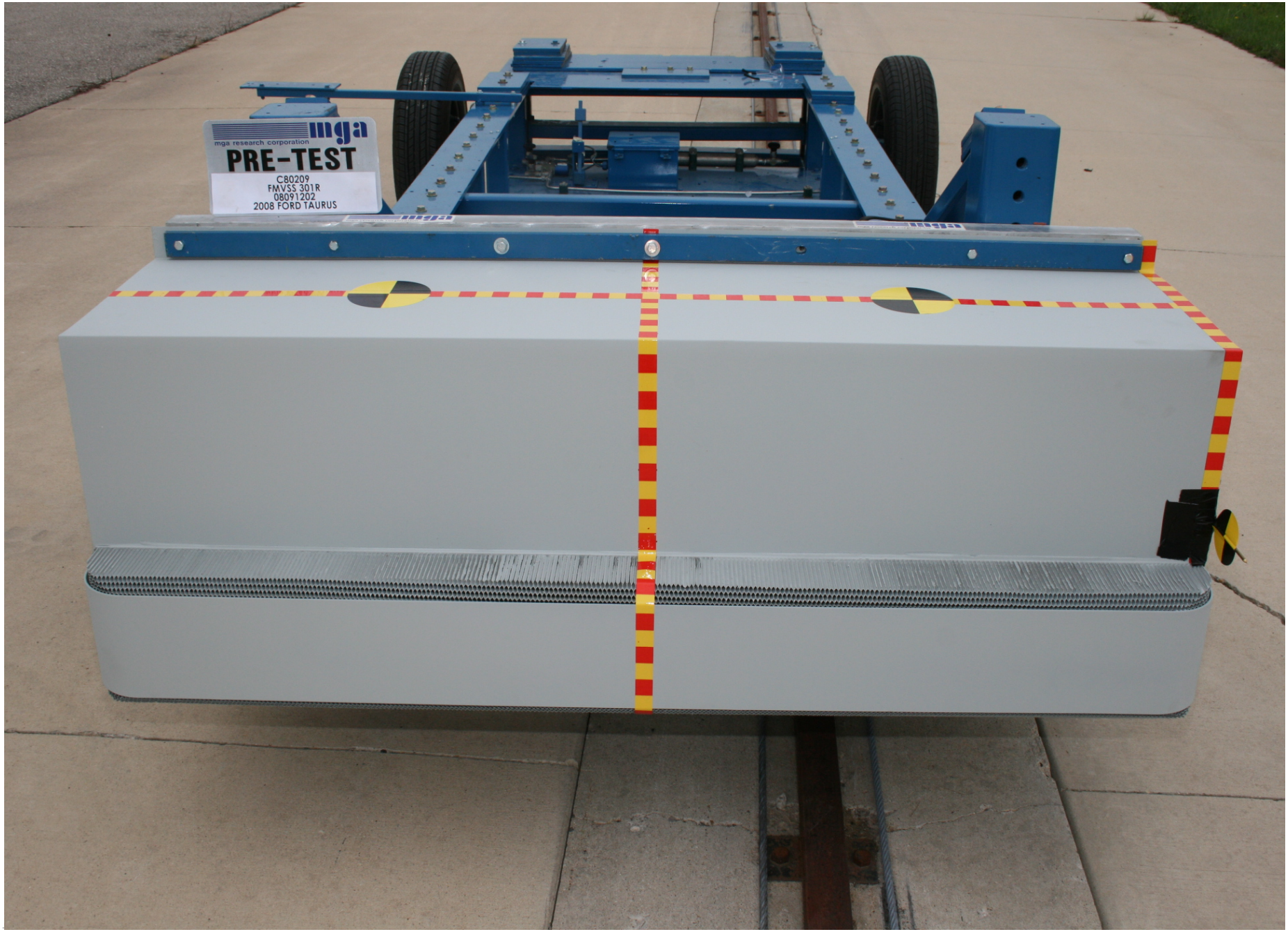
Pre-Test Underbody View 3

Post-Test Underbody View 3



Pre-Test Underbody View 4

Post-Test Underbody View 4



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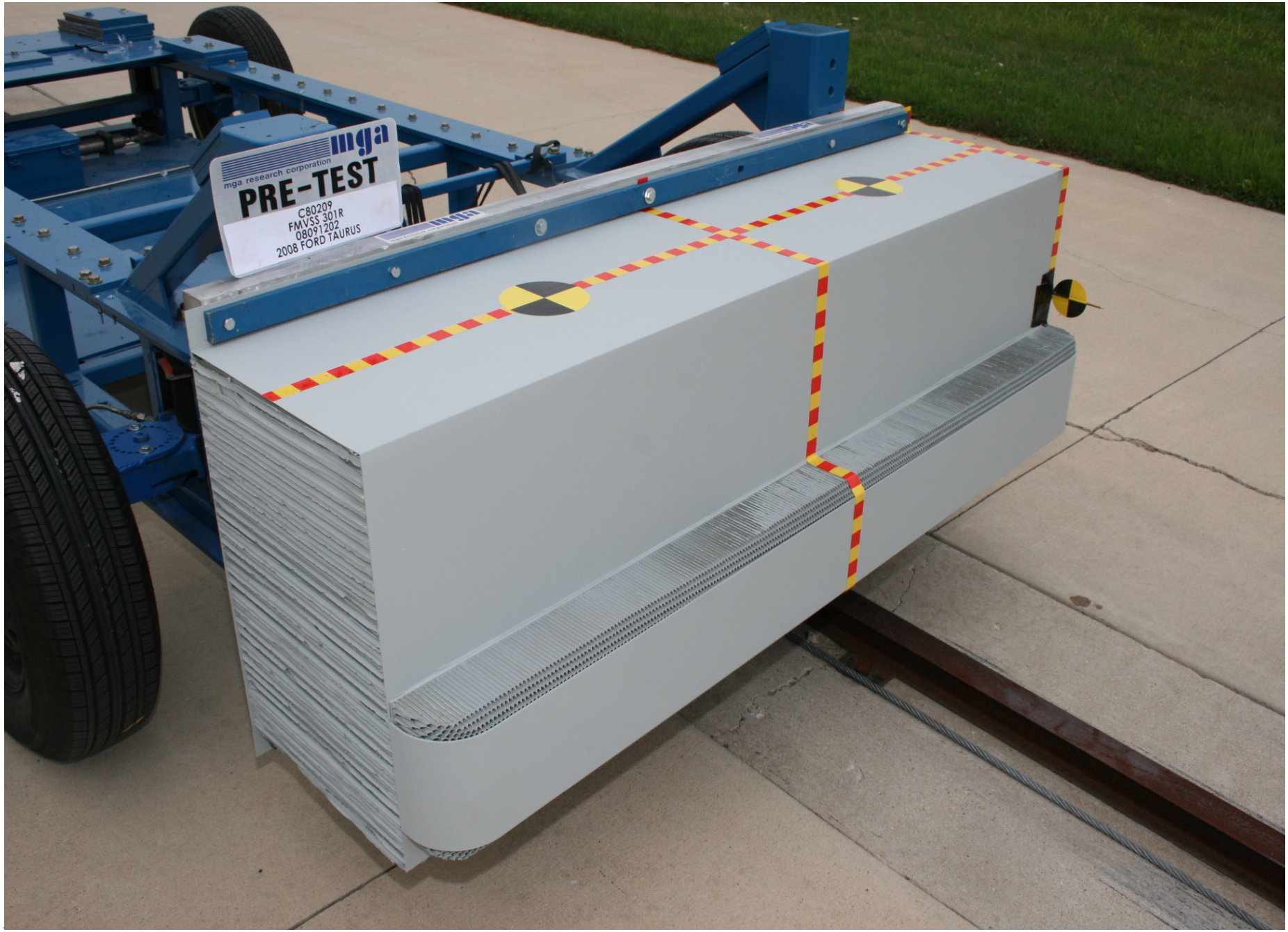
Post-Test Front View of MDB



Pre-Test ¾ Right Side View of MDB

Post-Test ¾ Right Side View of MDB

Pre-Test ¾ Left Side View of MDB

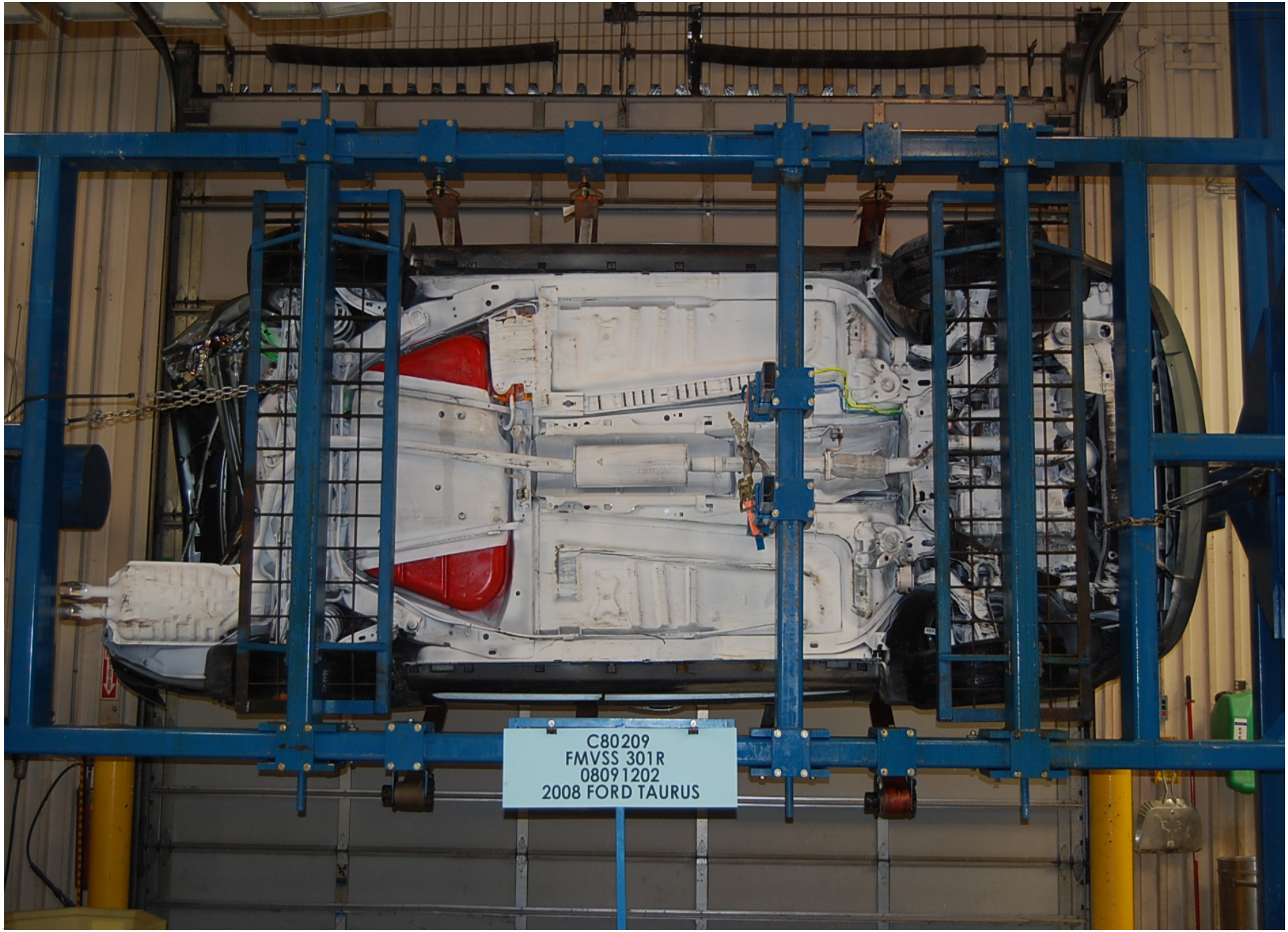
Post-Test ¾ Left Side View of MDB

Pre-Test Top View of MDB

Post-Test Top View of MDB

Static Rollover at 90 Degrees

Static Rollover at 180 Degrees



Static Rollover at 270 Degrees

Static Rollover at 360 Degrees