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SAFETY COMPLIANCE TESTING FOR FMVSS 301R
FUEL SYSTEM INTEGRITY – REAR IMPACT

DAIMLER AG STUTTGART
2009 MERCEDES-BENZ C300
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16. Abstract A rear impact was conducted on a 2009 Mercedes-Benz C300 at MGA Research Corporation on July 7, 2009. 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 19.4 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 2009 Mercedes-Benz C300 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 July 7, 2009. Pre-and post-test photographs of the vehicle and dummies can be found in Appendix A.

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

- Left Rear Half 1000 fps
- Right Rear Half 1000 fps
- Overhead Overall 1000 fps
- Right 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: 2009 Mercedes-Benz C300 NHTSA No.: C90513
Test Program: FMVSS 301 Fuel System Integrity Test Date: 7/7/2009

TEST VEHICLE INFORMATION

Manufacturer	Daimler AG Stuttgart
Model	C300
Body Style	Passenger Car
Major Options	333 Sport Sedan Package
NHTSA No.	C90513
VIN	WDDGF54X49F226527
Color	Arctic White
Delivery Date	5/29/2009
Odometer Reading (mile)	561
Dealer	Enterprise Motorcars, Inc.
Transmission	Manual
Final Drive	Rear Wheel Drive
Number of Cylinders	6
Engine Displacement (L)	3.0
Engine Placement	Longitudinal

DATA FROM VEHICLE'S CERTIFICATION LABEL

Manufactured By	Daimler AG Stuttgart
Date of Manufacture	07/08

GVWR (kg)	2040
GAWR Front (kg)	995
GAWR Rear (kg)	1085

VEHICLE CAPACITY DATA

Measured Parameter	Front	Rear	Third	Total
Type of Seats	Bucket	Bench		
Number of Occupants	2	3		5
Capacity Wt. (VCW) (kg)				375
Number of Occupants x 68 kg.				340
Cargo Wt. (RCLW) (kg)				35

DATA SHEET NO. 1 (continued)

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DATA FROM VEHICLE'S TIRE PLACARD

Measured Parameter	Front	Rear
Maximum Tire Pressure (kPa)	350	350
Cold Pressure (kPa)	190	230
Recommended Tire Size	225/45R17	245/40R17
Recommended Load Range	91H	91H
Tire Size on Vehicle	225/45R17	245/40R17
Tire Manufacturer	Continental	Continental
Location of Placard of Vehicle	Lower B-Post	
Type of Spare Tire (full size/space saver)	Space Saver	

DATA SHEET NO. 2

PRE-TEST DATA

Test Vehicle: 2009 Mercedes-Benz C300 NHTSA No.: C90513
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WEIGHT OF TEST VEHICLE

	Units	As Delivered (UVW) (Axle)			As Tested (ATW) (Axle)		
		Front	Rear	Total	Front	Rear	Total
Left	kg	417.3	369.7		455.4	423.2	
Right	kg	403.7	383.7		437.7	435.0	
Ratio	%	52.1	47.9		51.0	49.0	
Totals	kg	821.0	753.4	1574.4	893.1	858.2	1751.3

CALCULATION OF TARGET TEST WEIGHT (TTW)

Measured Parameter	Units	Value
Total Delivered Weight (UVW)	kg	1574.4
Rated Cargo/Luggage Weight (RCLW)	kg	35
Weight of 2 P572E ATDs	kg	148
Calculated Vehicle Target Weight (TVTW)	kg	1757.4

Vehicle Wheelbase	2761 mm
Vehicle Width	1779 mm
Weight of Ballast Secured in Rear Seat	34.9 kg
Method of Securing Ballast	Ratchet Straps
Vehicle Components Removed for Weight Reduction	None

VEHICLE ATTITUDES

	Units	LF	RF	LR	RR
As Delivered	mm	657	659	656	660
As Tested	mm	640	644	643	646

DATA SHEET NO. 2 (continued)

PRE-TEST DATA

Test Vehicle:	2009 Mercedes-Benz C300	NHTSA No.:	C90513
Test Program:	FMVSS 301 Fuel System Integrity	Test Date:	7/7/2009

FUEL SYSTEM DATA

	Units: Liters
Usable Capacity of "Standard Tank" (Owner's Manual)	66
Usable Capacity Figure Furnished by COTR	66
Usable Capacity of "Optional" Tank	
92-94% of Usable Capacity	60.7 to 62.0
Actual Test Volume (entire fuel system filled)	61.3

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: 2009 Mercedes-Benz C300 NHTSA No.: C90513
Test Program: FMVSS 301 Fuel System Integrity Test Date: 7/7/2009

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)	Yokohama
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: 2009 Mercedes-Benz C300 NHTSA No.: C90513
Test Program: FMVSS 301 Fuel System Integrity Test Date: 7/7/2009

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)	19.4
Test Time	2:55 pm

WELDING ROD IMPACT POINT

	Units: mm
Vertical distance from target center (+ above target / - below target)	2 mm down
Horizontal distance from target center (+ to the right / - to the left)	14 mm left

DATA SHEET NO. 5

STATIC ROLLOVER TEST DATA

Test Vehicle:	2009 Mercedes-Benz C300	NHTSA No.:	C90513
Test Program:	FMVSS 301 Fuel System Integrity	Test Date:	7/7/2009

STODDARD SOLVENT SPILLAGE MEASUREMENT

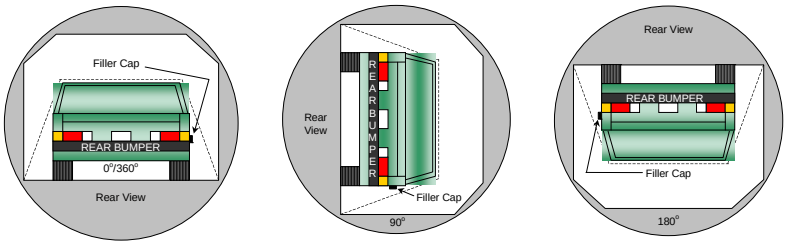
A. From impact until vehicle motion ceases: 0 g
(Maximum Allowable = 28 grams)

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

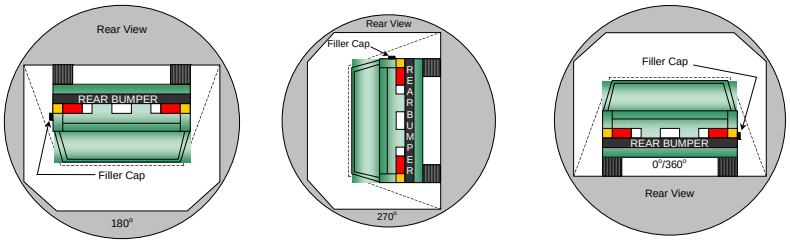
C. For the following 25 minutes: 0 g
(Maximum Allowable = 28 grams/minute)

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: 2009 Mercedes-Benz C300 NHTSA No.: C90513
Test Program: FMVSS 301 Fuel System Integrity Test Date: 7/7/2009

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

0° TO 90° Rotation Time (sec) = 119 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) = 115 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	

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TEST VEHICLE INFORMATION

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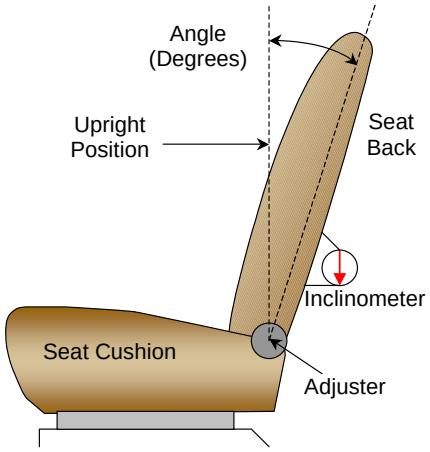
Test Program:	FMVSS 301 Fuel System Integrity	Test Date:	7/7/2009

NORMAL DESIGN RIDING POSITION

With the seat in the mid fore-aft seat track position the angle of the driver's seat back when it is in the nominal riding position is set at 21 degrees, front passenger is set at 21 degrees.



FRONT SEAT ASSEMBLY

Driver Seat Back Angle	21°
Passenger Seat Back Angle	21°

SEAT FORE/AFT POSITIONING

	Total Fore/Aft Travel	Placed in Position #
Driver Seat	285 mm	143 mm
Passenger Seat	285 mm	143 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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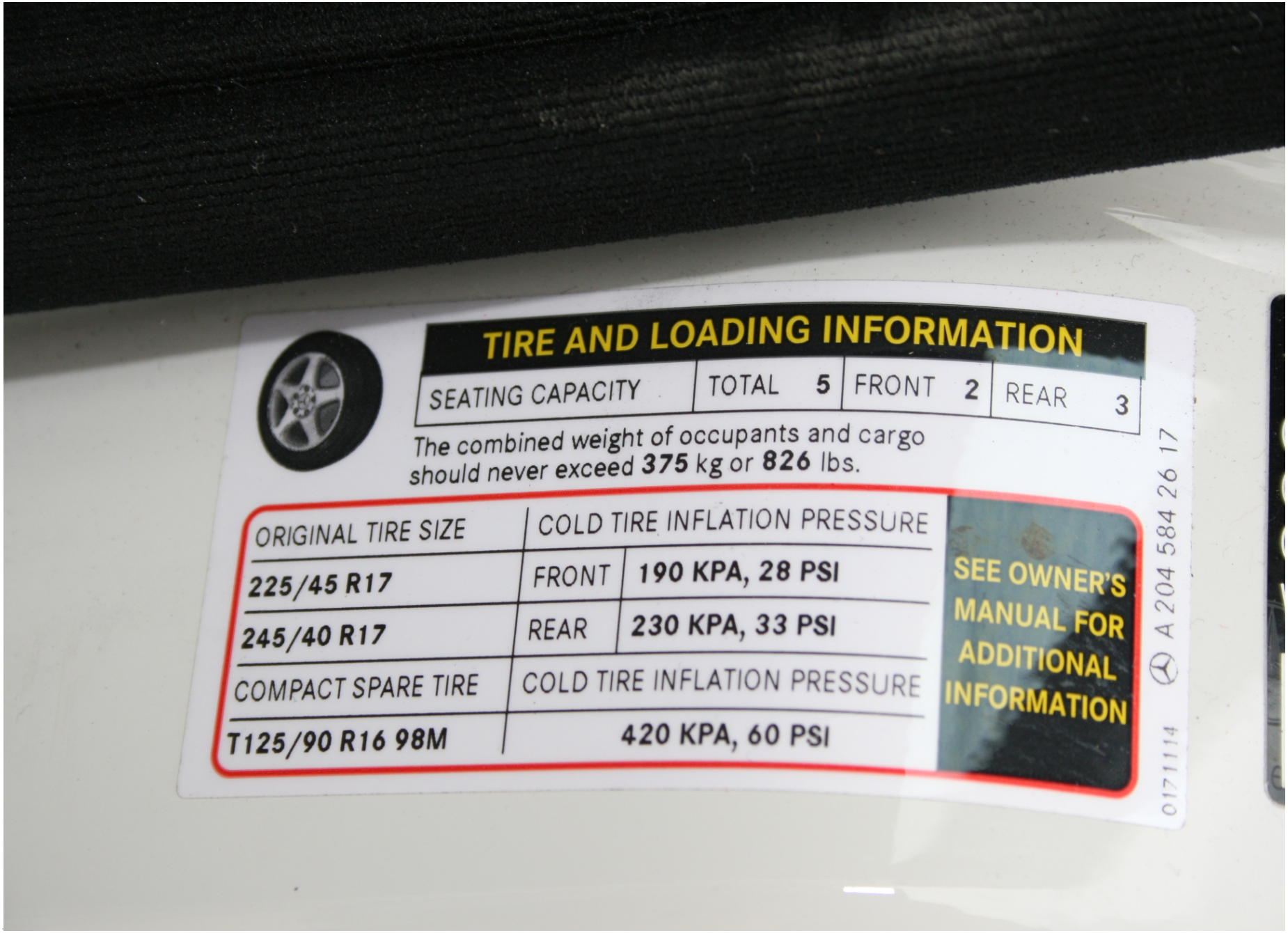
Vehicle's Certification Label



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 Close-up View of Vehicle

Post-Test Left Rear Close-up View of Vehicle

Pre-Test Right Side View of Vehicle

Post-Test Right Side View of Vehicle

Pre-Test Right Rear Close-up View of Vehicle

Post-Test Right Rear Close-up 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

Pre-Test ¾ Rear View From Right Side of Vehicle

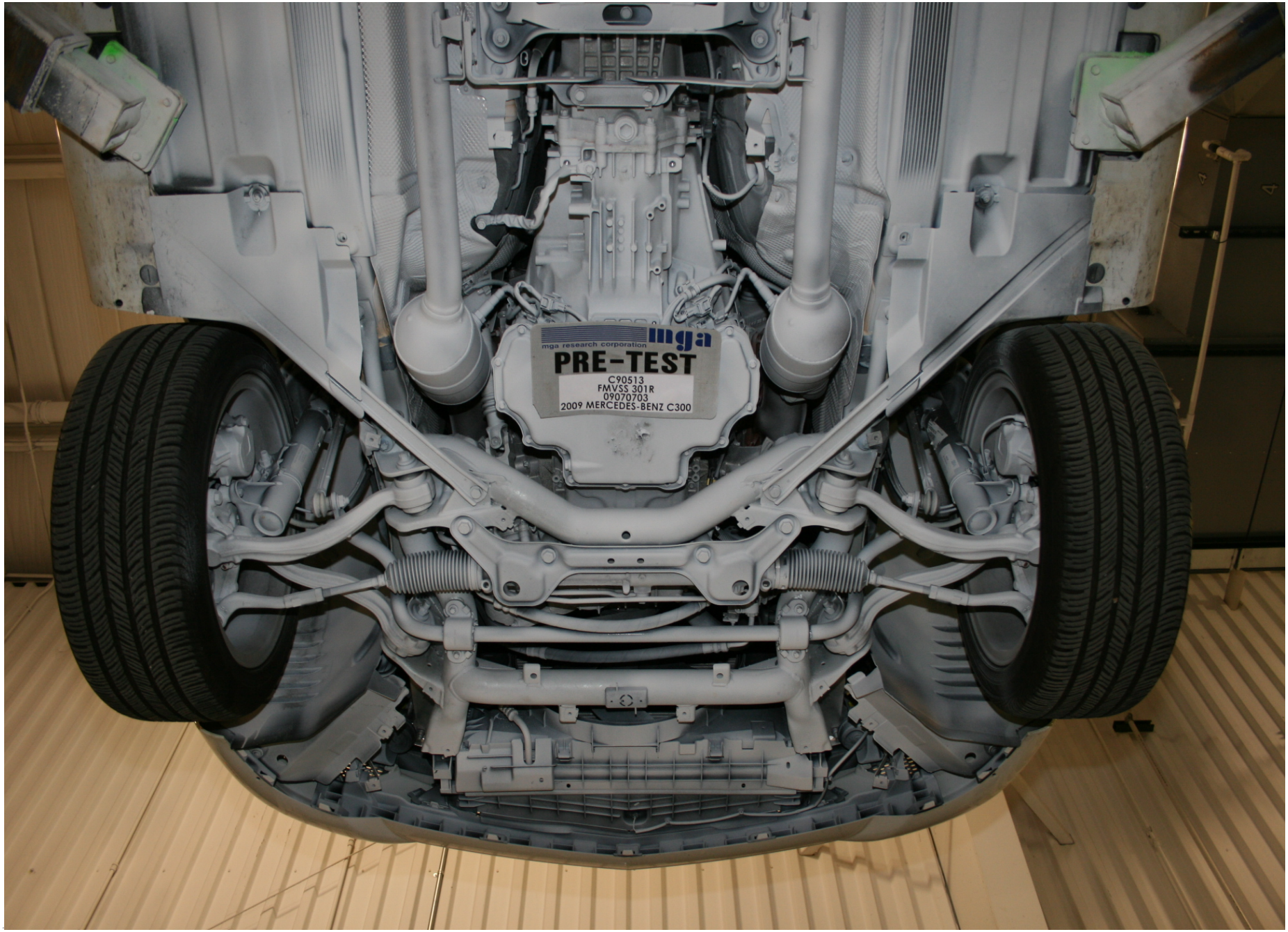
Post-Test ¾ Rear View From Right Side of Vehicle

Pre-Test ¾ Rear View From Left Side of Vehicle

Post-Test ¾ Rear View From Left Side of Vehicle

Pre-Test Impact Point

Post-Test Impact Point



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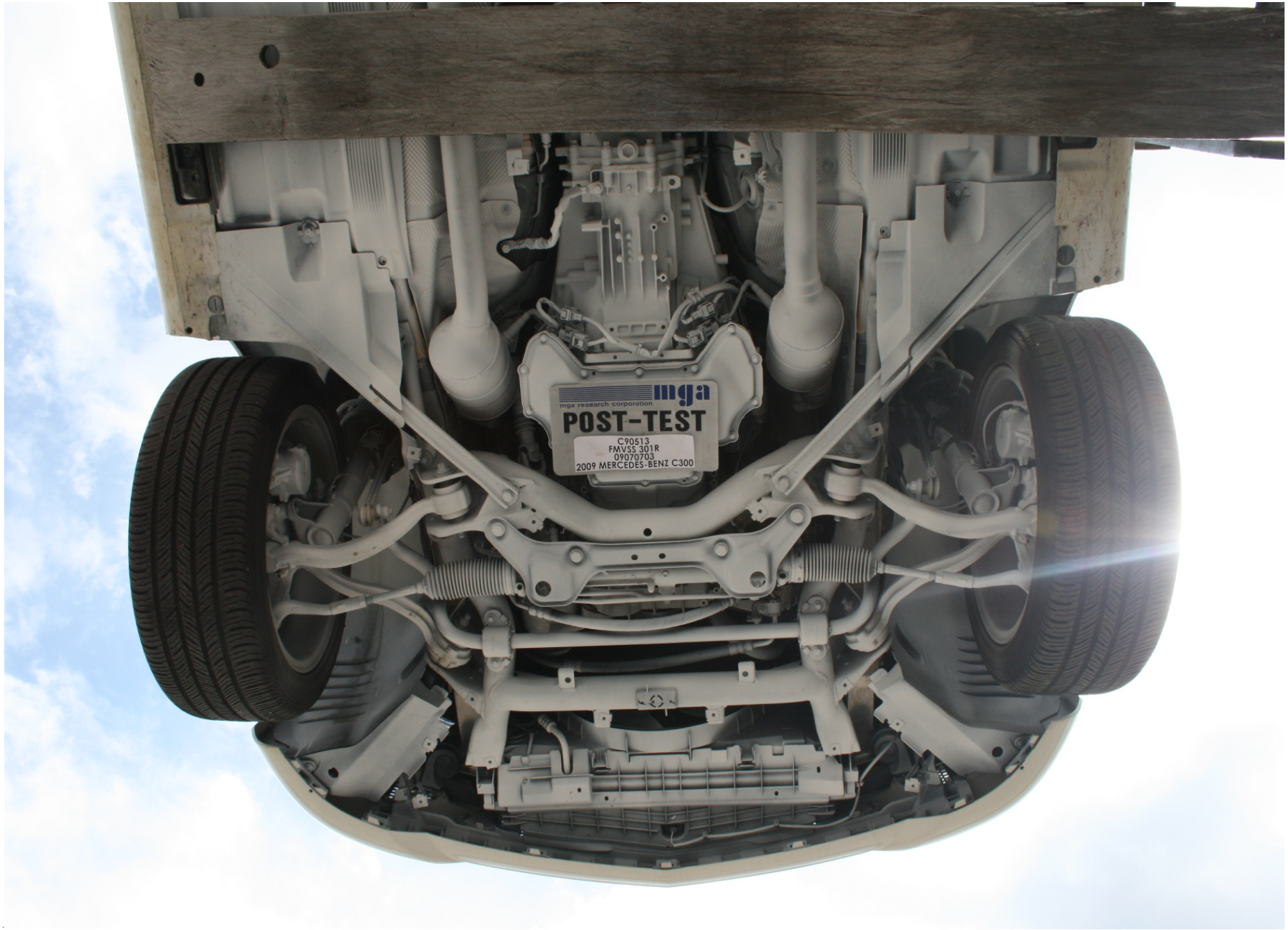

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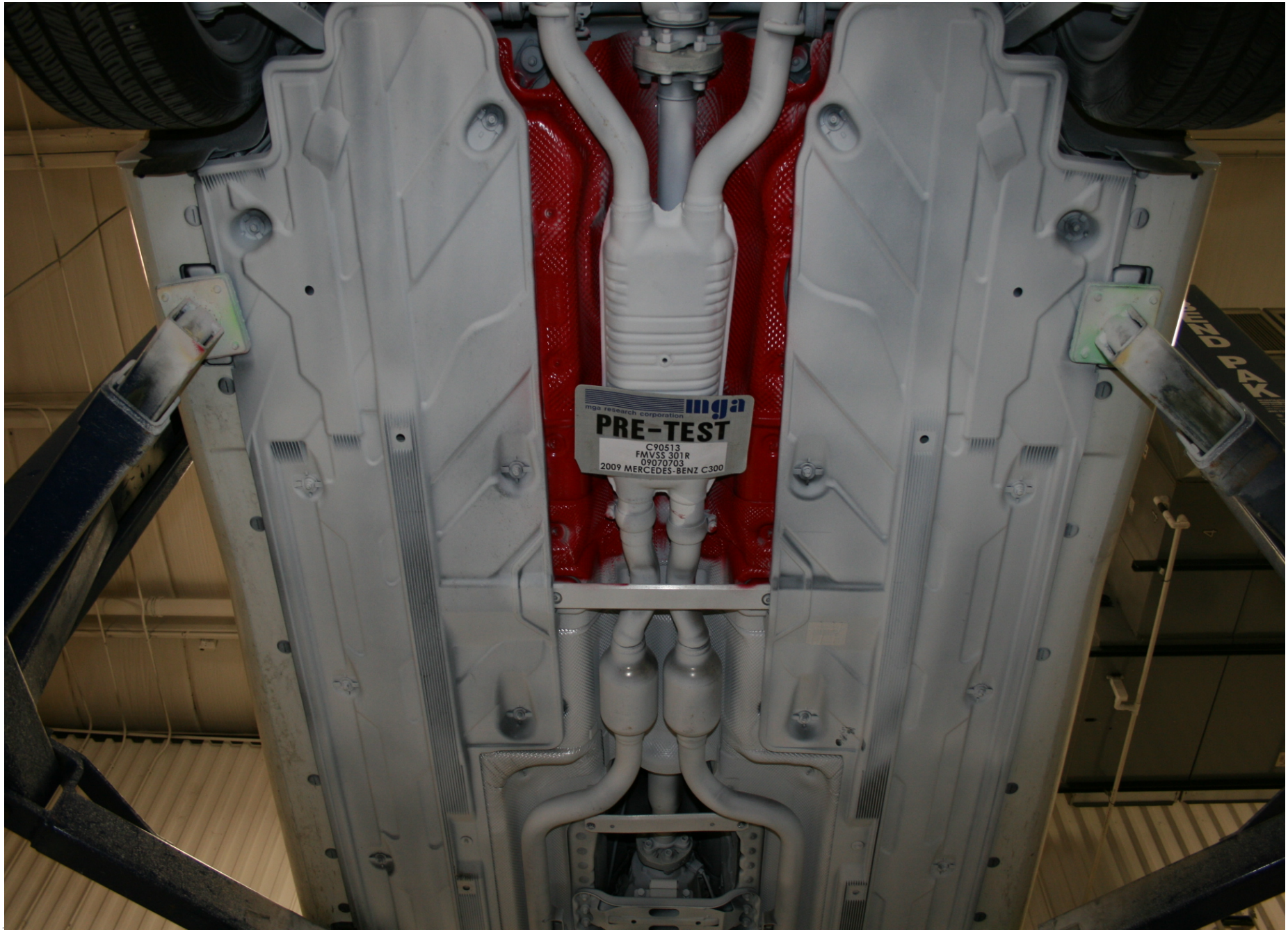

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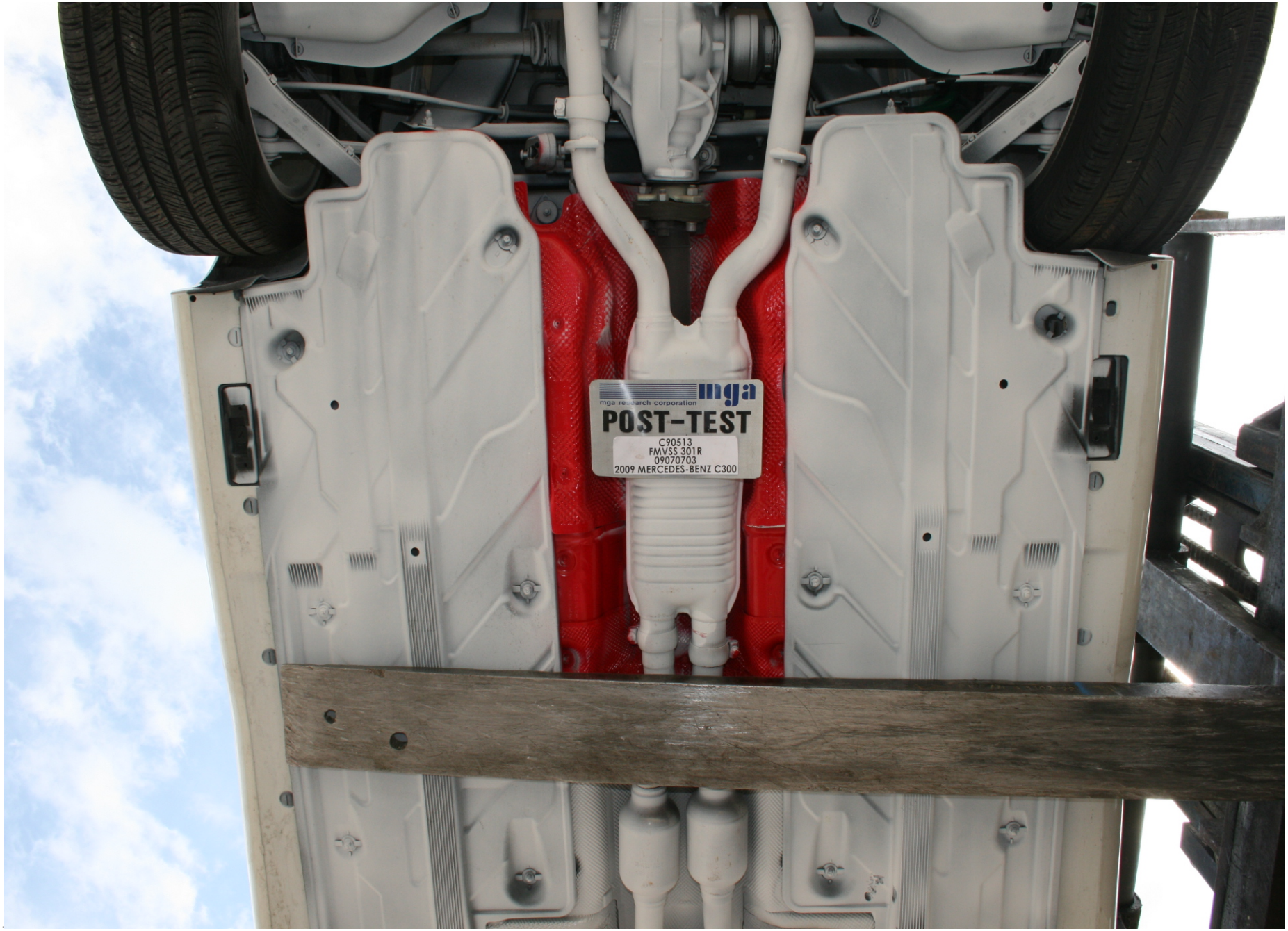

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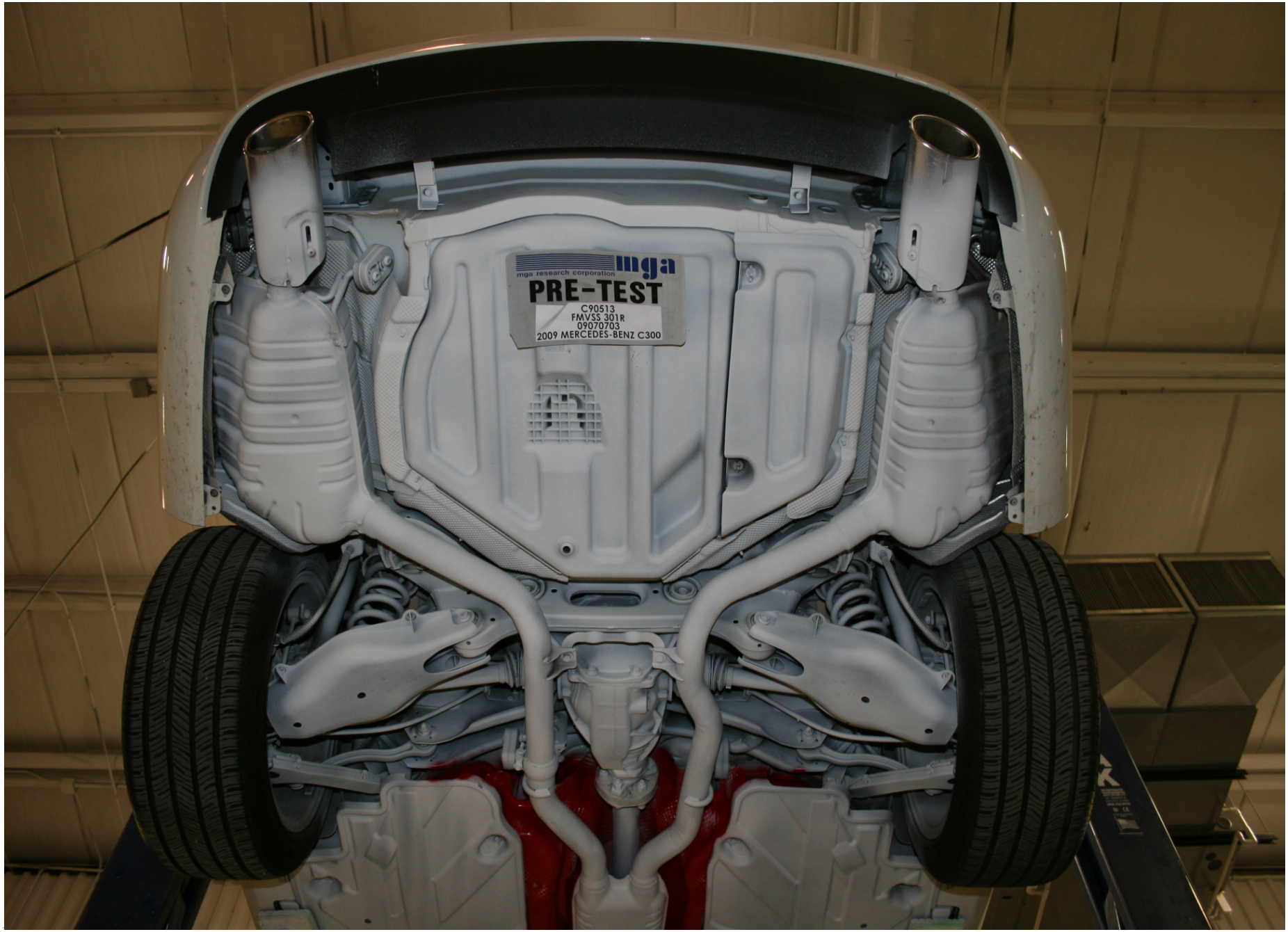
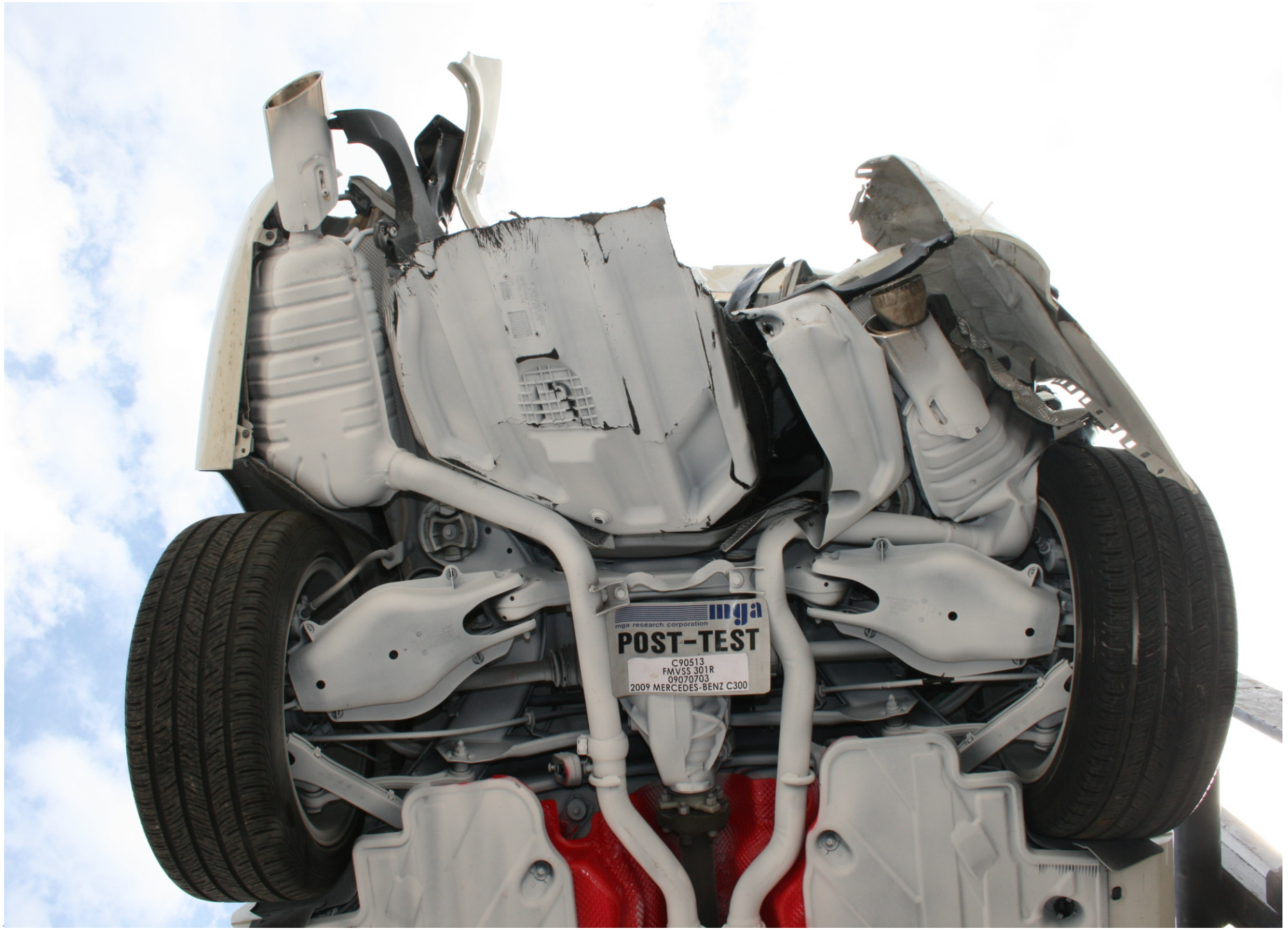


Pre-Test Underbody View 3



Post-Test Underbody View 3

Pre-Test Front View of MDB

Post-Test Front View of MDB

Pre-Test ¾ Right Side View of MDB

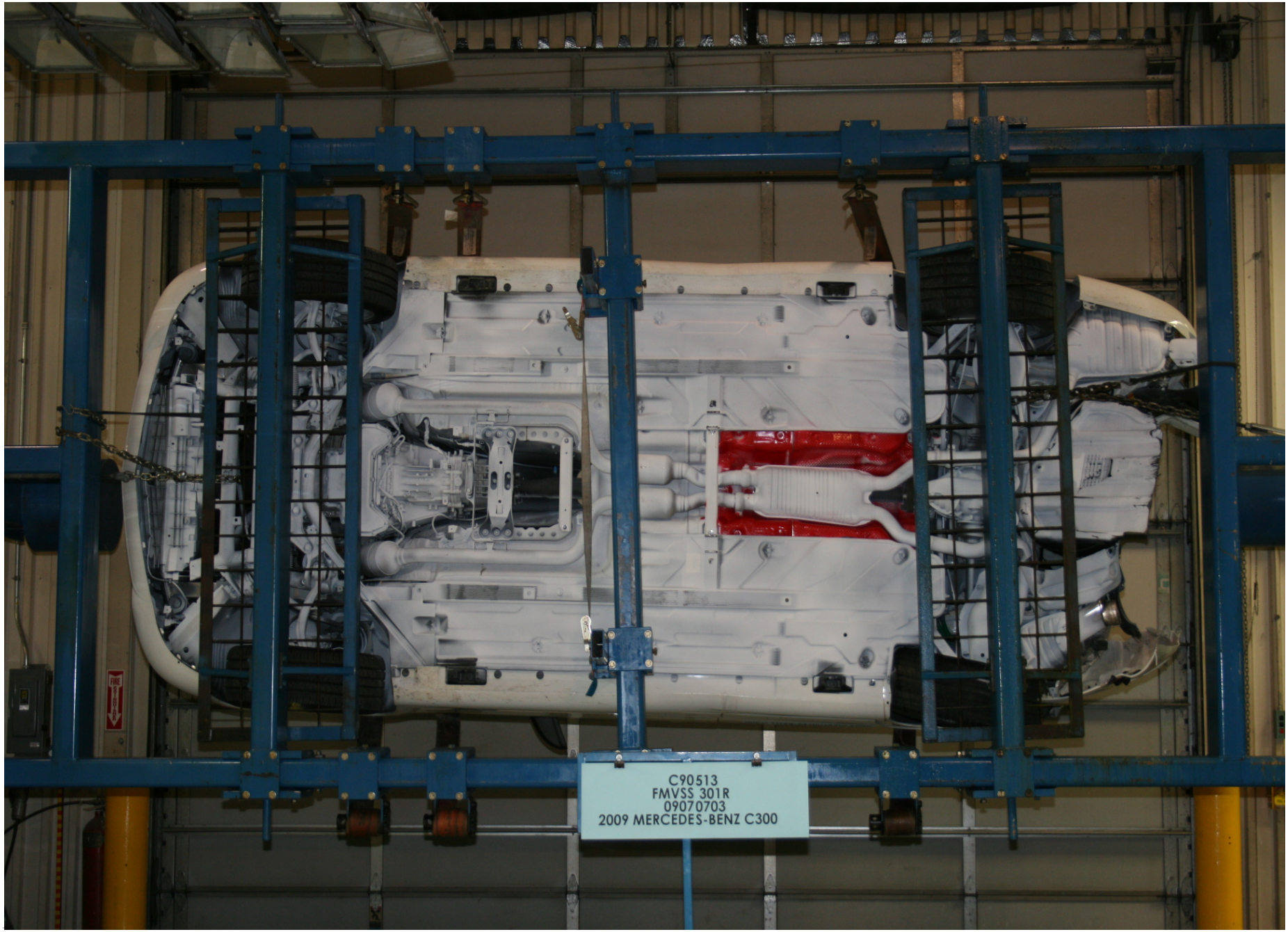
Post-Test ¾ Right Side View of MDB

Pre-Test ¾ Left Side View of MDB

Post-Test ¾ Left Side View of MDB

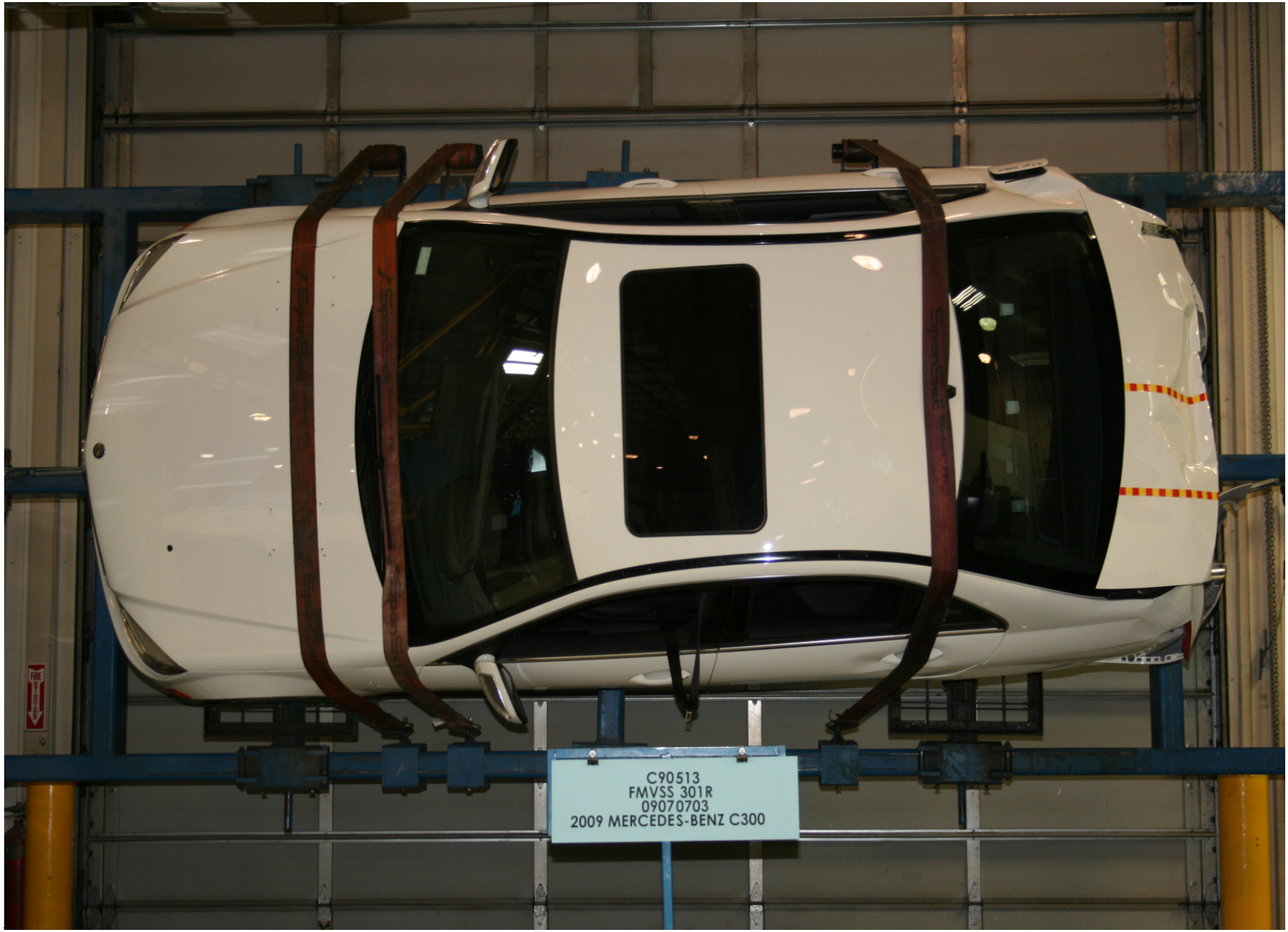
Pre-Test Top View of MDB

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