

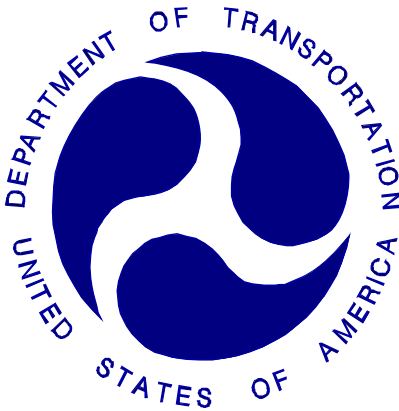
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2014 Acura MDX
SUV**

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SECTION 1

PURPOSE AND TEST PROCEDURE

This rear impact test is part of the FMVSS 301R Compliance Test Program sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) under Contract No. DTNH22-11-D-00243. The purpose of this test was to determine if the subject vehicle, a 2014 Acura MDX SUV, meets the performance requirements of FMVSS No. 301R "Fuel System Integrity – Rear Impact." The test was conducted in accordance with the Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance's Laboratory Test Procedure (TP-301R-02, dated January 17, 2007).

SECTION 2

COMPLIANCE TEST RESULTS SUMMARY

A 2,037 kg 2014 Acura MDX SUV was impacted from the rear by a 1357.0 kg moving barrier at a velocity of 79.63 kph (49.5 mph). The test was performed by Calspan Corporation on November 14, 2014.

The test vehicle was equipped with a 74 liter fuel tank which was filled to 93 percent capacity with stoddard fluid prior to impact. Additional ballast (60 kg) was secured in the vehicle's rear passenger footwell. Two ballast Part 572E 50th percentile male Anthropomorphic Test Devices (ATD) were placed in the front occupant seating positions.

The crash event was recorded by three high-speed cameras and one real-time camera. High-speed camera locations and other pertinent camera information can be found on page 3-7 of this report. Pre- and post-test photographs of the vehicle can be found in Appendix A.

There was no fuel system fluid spillage following the impact and including all portions of the static rollover test. The maximum vehicle longitudinal crush was 586 millimeters of which the average was 513 millimeters. The vehicle appeared to comply with all the requirements of FMVSS No. 301 "Fuel System Integrity."

SECTION 3

SUMMARY OF TEST RESULTS

This section contains information reporting for the following Data Sheets:

Data Sheet No. 1 – Test Vehicle Specifications

Data Sheet No. 2 – Pre-Test Data

Data Sheet No. 3 – Moving Deformable Barrier (MDB) Data

Data Sheet No. 4 – High Speed Camera Locations and Data Summary

Data Sheet No. 5 – Post-Test Data

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**DATA SHEET NO. 1
TEST VEHICLE SPECIFICATIONS**

Test Vehicle: 2014 Acura MDX SUV
 Test Program: FMVSS 301R Compliance Rear Impact Test

NHTSA No.: C20145301
 Test Date: 11/14/14

TEST VEHICLE INFORMATION AND OPTIONS

NHTSA No.	C20145301
Model Year	2014
Make	Acura
Model	MDX
Body Style	SUV
Body Color	Maroon
Odometer Reading (km/mi)	43.5 km / 27 mi
Engine Displacement (L)	3.5
Type/No. Cylinders	V6
Engine Placement	Transverse
Transmission Type	Automatic
Transmission Speeds	6-Speed
Final Drive	Front Wheel Drive

Overdrive	Yes
Air Conditioning (AC)	Yes
All-Wheel Drive (AWD)	No
Anti-Lock Brakes (ABS)	Yes
Automatic Door Locks (ADL)	Yes
Power Brakes	Yes
Power Seats	Yes
Power Steering	Yes
Power Windows	Yes
Stability Control (Auto-Leveling)	No
Sunroof/T-Top	Yes
Tilt Steering Wheel	Yes
Traction Control System (TCS)	Yes

DEALER AND DELIVERY INFORMATION FROM CERTIFICATION LABEL

Manufactured By	Honda MFG. of Alabama, LLC
Date of Manufacture	12/13
VIN	5FRYD3H29EB014243

GVWR (kg)	2435
GAWR Front (kg)	1275
GAWR Rear (kg)	1240

TIRE PLACARD & SIDEWALL INFORMATION

Tire Placard Location: Driver's Door Sill

Spare Tire Type: None

Measured Parameter	Front	Rear
Tire Manufacturer	Michelin	Michelin
Tire Name	Latitude Tour HP	Latitude Tour HP
Tire Type	All Season	All Season
Max. Tire Pressure (kPa)	300	300
Recommended Tire Size	P245/60R18	P245/60R18
Load Index/Speed Symbol	105H	105H
Recommended Cold Tire Pressure (kPa)	240	240
Tire Size on Vehicle	P245/60R18	P245/60R18
Treadwear/ Traction Grade/ Temperature Grade	400 / A / A	400 / A / A

VEHICLE CAPACITY DATA

Measured Parameter	Front	Rear	Third	Total
Designated Seating Capacity (DSC)	2	3	2	7
Seat Type (Bench, Bucket, or Split Bench)	Bucket	Bench	Bench	
Capacity Weight (VCW) (kg)				532
DSC X 68.04 (kg)				476.28
Cargo Weight (RCLW) (kg)				55.72

**DATA SHEET NO. 2
PRE-TEST DATA**

Test Vehicle: 2014 Acura MDX SUV
 Test Program: FMVSS 301R Compliance Rear Impact Test

NHTSA No.: C20145301
 Test Date: 11/14/14

TEST VEHICLE WEIGHTS

	Units	As Delivered (UVW)			As Tested (ATW)		
		Front	Rear	Total	Front	Rear	Total
Left	kg	574	350		623	409	
Right	kg	534	375		586	419	
Ratio	%	60%	40%		59%	41%	
Totals	kg	1108	725	1833	1209	828	2037

TARGET TEST WEIGHT CALCULATION (TTW)

Measured Parameter	Units	Value	
Total Unloaded Vehicle Weight (UVW)	kg	1833	(A)
Rated Cargo/Luggage Weight (RCLW)	kg	55.72	(B)
Weight of two P572E ATDS @ 74kg each	kg	155.4	(C)
Target Vehicle Test Weight (TVTW)	kg	2044.12	(A+B+C)

*As tested Weight = (TVTW -10kg) <=ATW < (TVTW -5kg); TVTW = Weight of Test Vehicle with 2 dummies and 55.72kg of Cargo Weight

GENERAL TEST VEHICLE DATA

Measured Parameter	Units	Value
Vehicle Wheelbase	mm	2823
Vehicle Length (at Centerline)	mm	4821
Vehicle Width	mm	1927
Weight of Ballast Secured in Cargo Area ¹	kg	60
Type of Ballast		Lead Shot
Method of Securing Ballast		Rear Foot well
Components Removed for Weight Reduction		0
Vehicle Width at Widest Point	mm	1970
Vehicle Width at Widest Point Location		Front Wheel Axel
Centerline offset for impact line	mm	394
Filler neck side (left/right)		Right

¹ Ballast weight does not include the weight of instrumentation, on-board cameras and data acquisition system

TEST VEHICLE ATTITUDE AND CG

	Units	Left		Right		CG (aft of front axle)
		Front	Rear	Front	Rear	
As Delivered (UVW)	mm	830	837	830	843	1117
As Tested (ATW)	mm	814	823	817	829	1147

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PRE-TEST DATA**

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 Test Program: FMVSS 301R Compliance Rear Impact Test

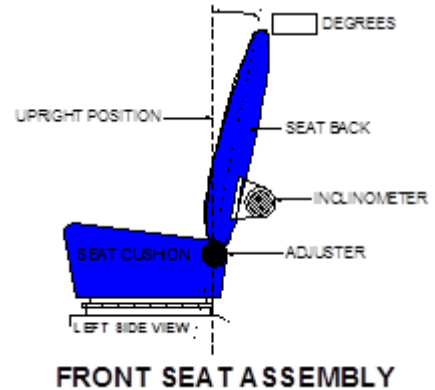
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SEATING

Nominal Design Riding Position (for adjustable driver and passenger seat backs). *Please describe how to position the inclinometer to measure the seat back angle. Include description of the location of the adjustment latch detent, if applicable.*

Driver Seat Instructions: The driver seat back was positioned according to the Nominal Design Riding position listed in FORM 1.

Passenger Seat Instructions: The passenger seat back was positioned to the Nominal Design Riding position listed in FORM 1.



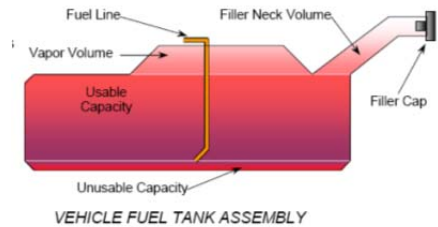
Measured Parameter	Deg.
Driver Seat Back Angle	-3.0
Passenger Seat Back Angle	-3.0

SEAT FORE/AFT POSITIONING

Driver Seat: Was positioned according to the Nominal Design Riding position listed in FORM1.

Passenger Seat: Was positioned according to the Nominal Design Riding position listed in FORM1.

	Total # of Positions	Placed in Position #
Driver Seat	287	144
Passenger Seat	285	143



FUEL TANK CAPACITY DATA

Measured Parameter	Reference	Liters
Fuel System Capacity (Standard Tank)	Owner's Manual	74.0
COTR Usable Capacity (Standard Tank)	Form No. 1	74.0
Test Volume Range	92-94% of Usable Capacity	68.08 – 69.56
Actual Test Volume (Solvent Used)	93% of Usable Capacity	68.82

FUEL SYSTEM DATA

Measured Parameter	Value
Test Fluid Type	Stoddard Solvent
Test Fluid Specific Gravity	0.764
Test Fluid Kinematic Viscosity (centistokes)	0.96
Test Fluid Color	Purple
Electric Fuel Pump?	Yes
Can Activate Electric Fuel Pump with Ignition Switch On but Engine Off?	Yes

Fuel Pump Comments : None

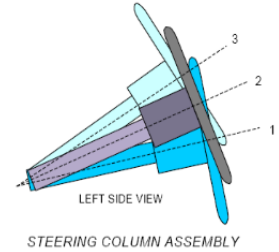
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STEERING COLUMN ADJUSTMENT

Steering wheel and column adjustments are made so that the steering wheel hub is at the center of its geometric locus it describes when it moves through its full range of motion.



Operational Instructions: Tilt wheel was positioned to mid-range at 21.5 degrees and mid fore/aft position at 20 mm

SEAT BELT UPPER ANCHORAGE

Nominal design riding position

Operational Instructions: Anchorage were set to the most upright position

COMMENTS: None

**DATA SHEET NO. 3
MOVING DEFORMABLE BARRIER (MDB) DATA**

Test Vehicle: 2014 Acura MDX SUV
 Test Program: FMVSS 301R Compliance Rear Impact Test

NHTSA No.: C20145301
 Test Date: 11/14/14

MDB Face Manufacturer: Plascore MDB Face Serial No. A0813004

MDB SPECIFICATIONS

Measurement Description	Length (mm)
Overall Width of Framework Carriage	1250
Overall Length of MDB (incl. honeycomb impactor face)	4120
Wheelbase of Framework Carriage	2591
Tread of Framework Carriage (Front & Rear)	1880
CG Location of Front Axle	1136

MDB WEIGHTS

	Units	Front	Rear	Total
Left	kg	358.0	322.0	680.0
Right	kg	404.0	273.0	677.0
Ratio	%	56.2%	43.8%	100.0%
Totals	kg	762.0	595.0	1357.0

MDB TIRE SIZE & PRESSURES

	Units	Requirement	Left Front	Right Front	Left Rear	Right Rear
Tire Size		P205/75R15	P205/75R15	P205/75R15	P205/75R15	P205/75R15
Tire Pressure	kPa	200 ± 21	207	207	207	207

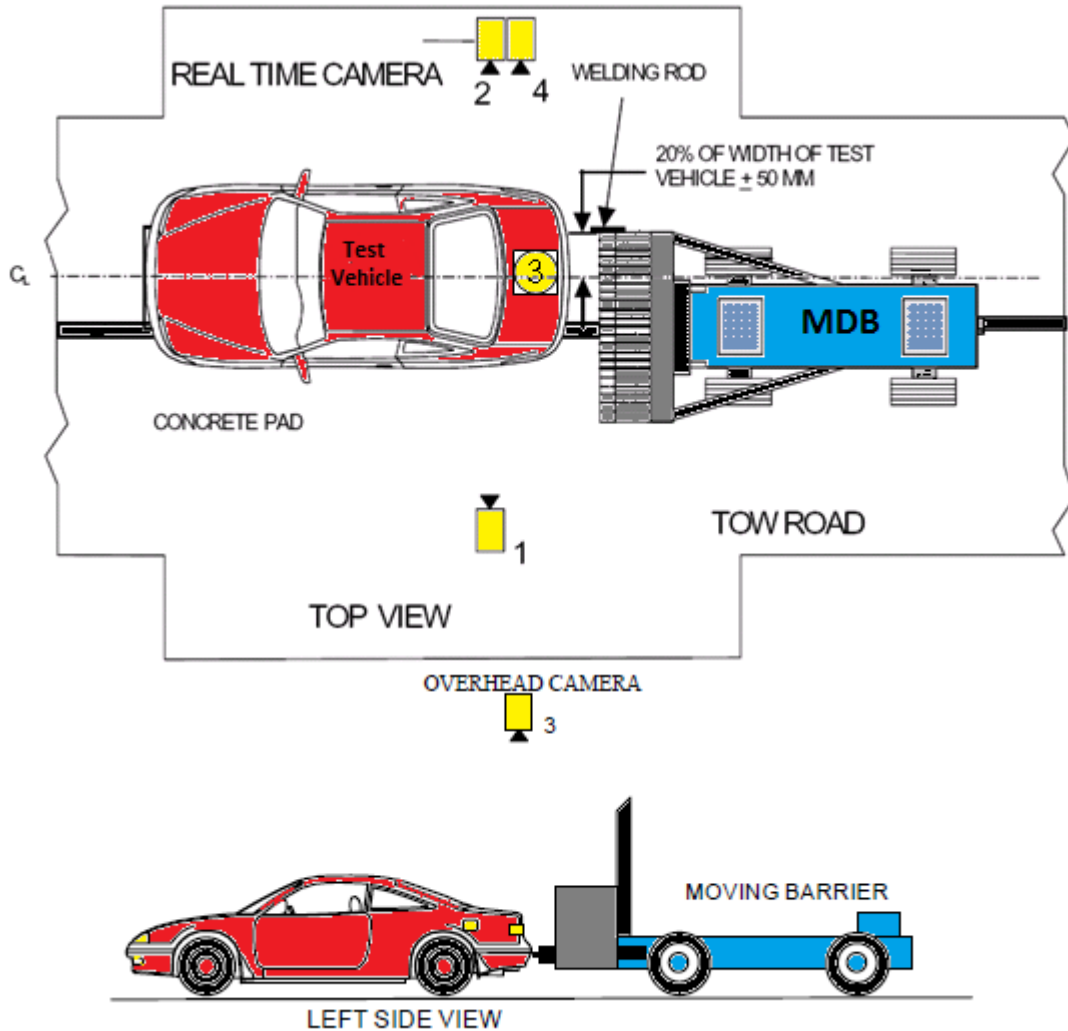
Brake Abort System? (Yes/No): Yes

Date of Last MDB Calibration: May 15, 2010

DATA SHEET NO. 4
HIGH SPEED CAMERA LOCATIONS AND DATA SUMMARY

Test Vehicle: 2014 Acura MDX SUV
 Test Program: FMVSS 301R Compliance Rear Impact Test

NHTSA No.: C20145301
 Test Date: 11/14/14



No.	Camera View	Coordinates (mm)			Angle (Deg)	Lens (mm)	Film Speed (fps)
		X*	Y*	Z*			
1	Left Side View	1049	10263	1170	+1.6	24	1000
2	Real-Time Camera						30
3	Overhead View	0	-84	5333	90	14	1000
4	Right Side View	1413	9139	1168	+2.9	24	1000

* Reference (from point of impact); all measurements accurate to within ±6 mm.

X = (Impact Point) + Forward

Y = (Impact Point) + To Right

Z = (Ground Level) + Down

**DATA SHEET NO. 5
POST-TEST DATA**

Test Vehicle: 2014 Acura MDX SUV
 Test Program: FMVSS 301R Compliance Rear Impact Test

NHTSA No.: C20145301
 Test Date: 11/14/14

VIN: 5FRYD3H29EB014243

REQUIRED IMPACT VELOCITY RANGE: 78.5 to 80.1 km/h

ACTUAL IMPACT VELOCITY (WITHIN 1.5 M OF IMPACT PLANE)

Measurement Description	Units	Speed
Trap No. 1	km/h	79.63
Trap No. 2	km/h	79.64
Average Impact Speed	km/h	79.63

WELDING ROD IMPACT POINT

Measurement Description	Tolerance	Units	Value
Vertical distance from target center (+ is above)	±40 mm	mm	0
Horizontal distance from target center (+ is right)	±50 mm	mm	+7

STODDARD SOLVENT SPILLAGE MEASUREMENT:

- A. From impact until vehicle motion ceases:
 (Maximum allowable is 28 grams) 0 grams
- B. For the 5-minute period after motion ceases:
 (Maximum allowable is 28 grams) 0 grams
- C. For the next 25 minutes:
 (Maximum allowable is 28 grams/minute) 0 grams
- D. Spillage Details: No Spillage Occurred

**DATA SHEET NO. 5
POST-TEST DATA (Continued)**

Test Vehicle: 2014 Acura MDX SUV
 Test Program: FMVSS 301R Compliance Rear Impact Test

NHTSA No.: C20145301
 Test Date: 11/14/14

DOOR OPENING AND SEAT TRACK INFORMATION

Description	Driver	Passenger
Locked/Unlocked Doors	Unlocked	Unlocked
Front Door Opening	Closed & Operational	Closed & Operational
Rear Door Opening	Closed & Operational	Closed & Operational
Seat Track Shift (mm)	0	0
Seat Back Failure	Reclined	Reclined
Glazing Damage	None	None

POST TEST STRUCTURAL OBSERVATIONS

Critical Areas of Performance	Observations and Conclusions
Windshield Damage	None
Window Damage	None
Other Notable Effects	None

VEHICLE CRUSH MEASUREMENTS: LENGTH

Measurement	Left Side	Centerline	Right Side
Pre-Test	4739	4921	4737
Post-Test	4215	4335	4308
Crush	-524	-586	-429

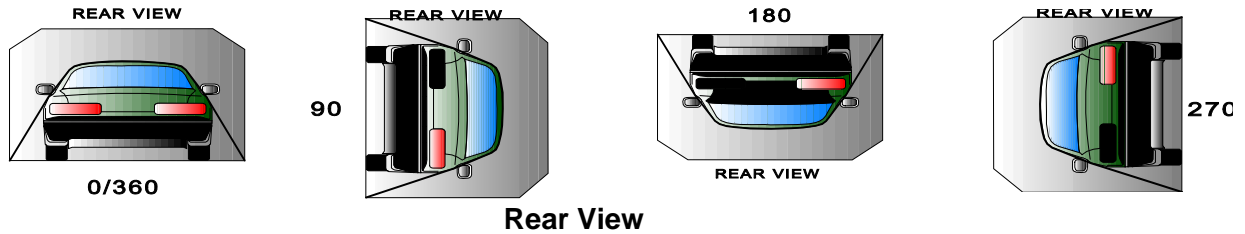
VEHICLE CRUSH MEASUREMENTS: WHEELBASE

Measurement	Left Side	Right Side
Pre-Test	2825	2820
Post-Test	2678	2832
Crush	-147	12

**DATA SHEET NO. 6
FMVSS NO. 301 STATIC ROLLOVER TEST DATA**

Test Vehicle: 2014 Acura MDX SUV
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ROLLOVER SOLVENT COLLECTION TIME TABLE

Test Phase	Rotation Time (spec. 1 -3 min)		Hold Time	Total Time		Next Whole Minute Interval
	Minutes	Seconds		Minutes	Seconds	
0° to 90°	1	11	5	6	11	7
90° to 180°	1	5	5	6	5	7
180° to 270°	1	0	5	6	0	7
270° to 360°	1	7	5	6	7	7

FMVSS 301 REQUIREMENTS TABLE (Maximum allowable solvent spillage)

First 5 Minutes (grams)	6th Minute (grams)	7th Minute (grams)	8th Minute (grams)
142	28	28	28

ACTUAL TEST VEHICLE STODDARD SOLVENT SPILLAGE TABLE

Test Phase	First 5 Minutes (grams)	6th Minute (grams)	7th Minute (grams)	8th Minute (grams)
0° to 90°	0	0	0	
90° to 180°	0	0	0	
180° to 270°	0	0	0	
270° to 360°	0	0	0	

ROLLOVER STODDARD SOLVENT SPILLAGE LOCATION TABLE

Test Phase	Spillage Location
0° to 90°	None
90° to 180°	None
180° to 270°	None
270° to 360°	None

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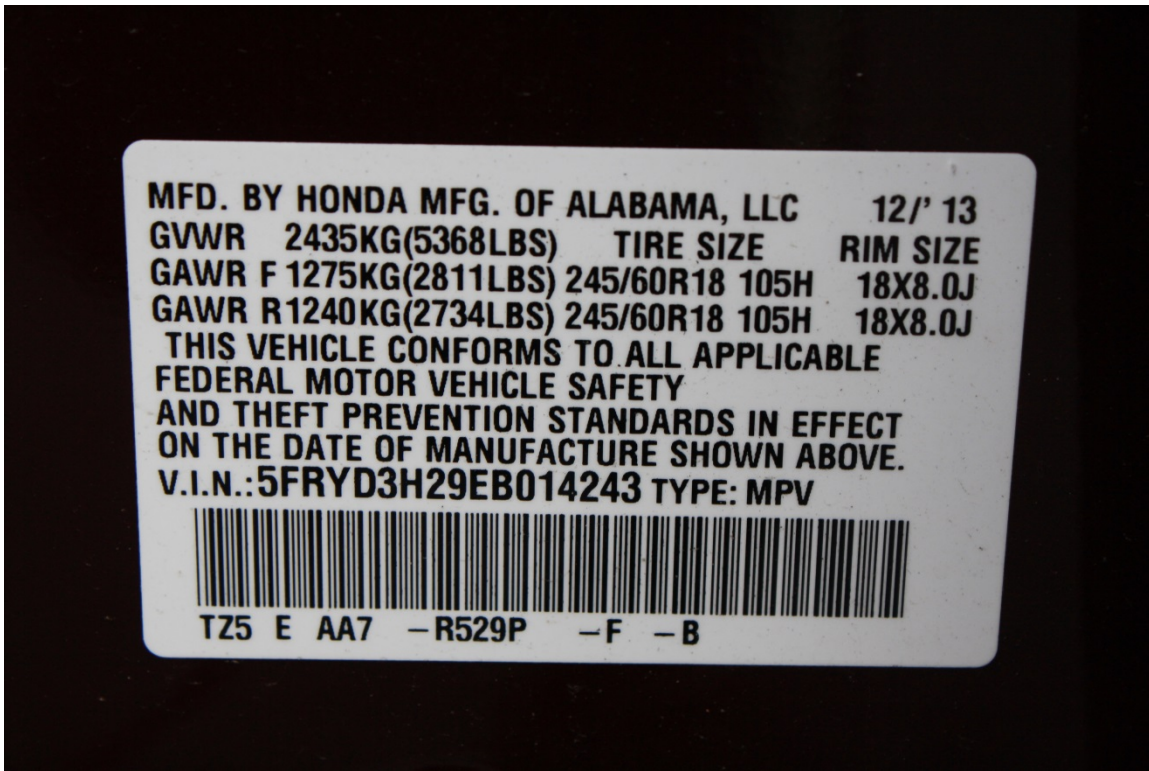


Figure A-1: Vehicle Certification Placard

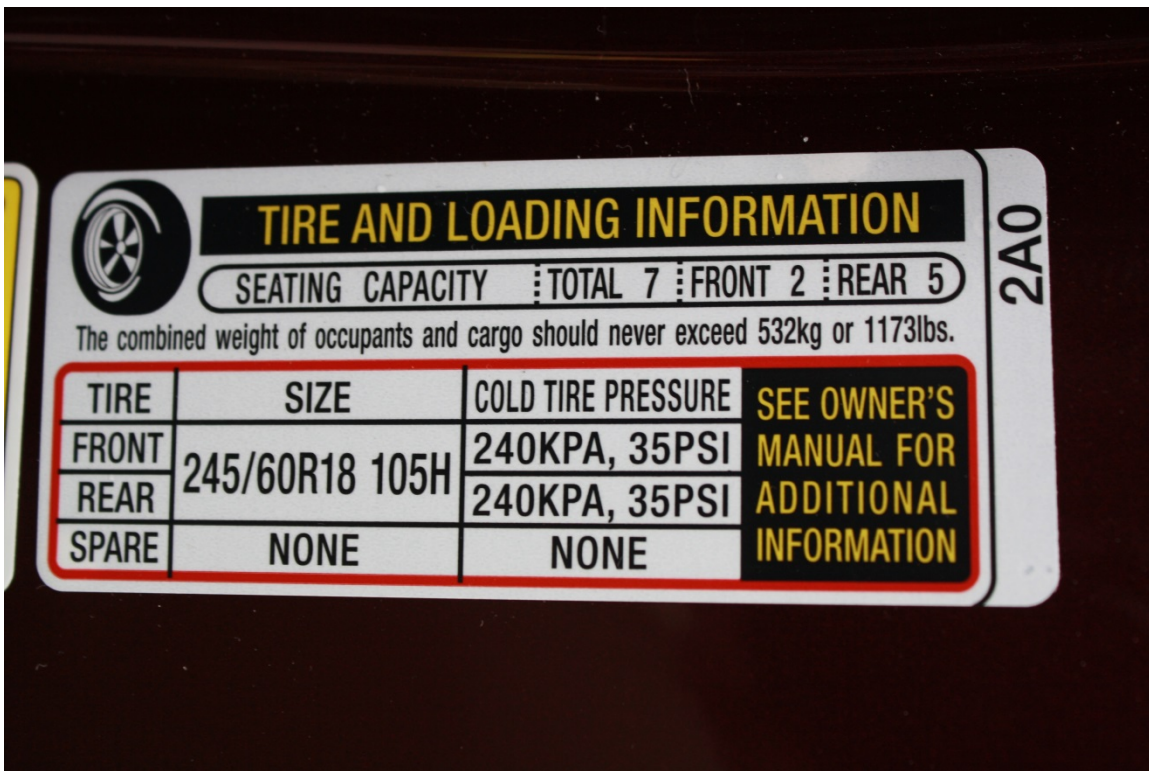


Figure A-2: Vehicle Tire Placard



Figure A-3: Pre-Test Front View



Figure A-4: Post-Test Front View



Figure A-5: Pre-Test Left Side View



Figure A-6: Post-Test Left Side View



Figure A-7: Pre-Test Right Side View



Figure A-8: Post-Test Right Side View



Figure A-11: Pre-Test Right Front 3/4 View



Figure A-12: Post-Test Right Front 3/4 View



Figure A-13: Pre-Test Left Rear 3/4 View



Figure A-14: Post-Test Left Rear 3/4 View



Figure A-15: Pre-Test Right Rear 3/4 View



Figure A-16: Post-Test Right Rear 3/4 View



Figure A-17: Pre-Test Rear View



Figure A-18: Post-Test Rear View



Figure A-19: Pre-Test MDB Front View



Figure A-20: Post-Test MDB Front View



Figure A-21: Pre-Test MDB Left Side View



Figure A-22: Post-Test MDB Left Side View



Figure A-23: Pre-Test MDB Right Side View



Figure A-24: Post-Test MDB Right Side View



Figure A-25: Pre-Test MDB Top View



Figure A-26: Post-Test MDB Top View

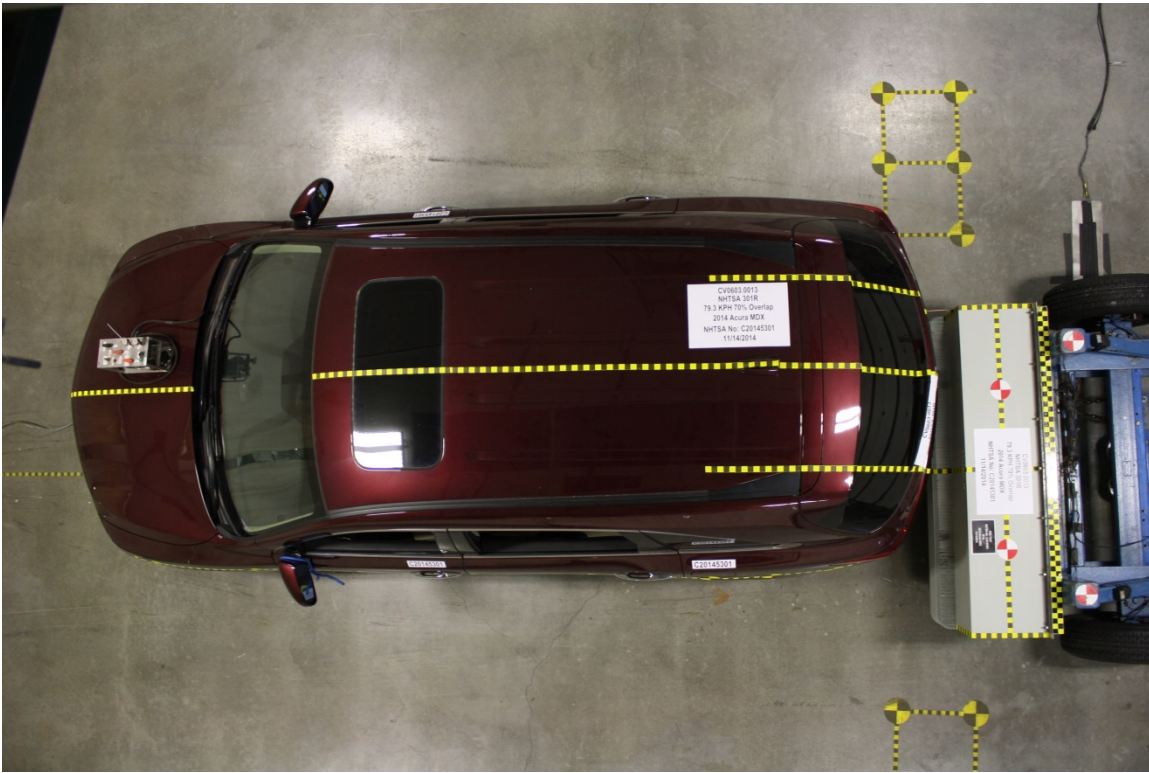


Figure A-27: Pre-Test Overhead Vehicle and MDB View



Figure A-28: Post-Test Impact Target View

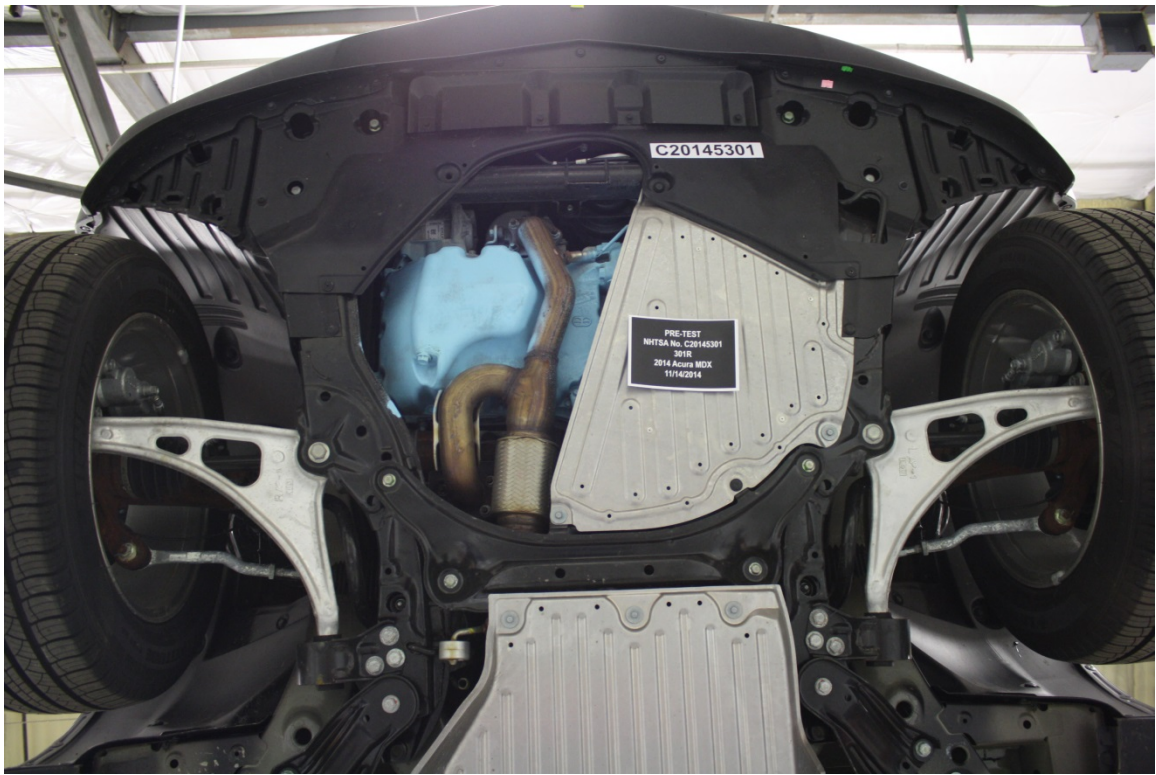


Figure A-29: Pre-Test Front Underbody View



Figure A-30: Post-Test Front Underbody View



Figure A-31: Pre-Test Mid Underbody View



Figure A-32: Post-Test Mid Underbody View

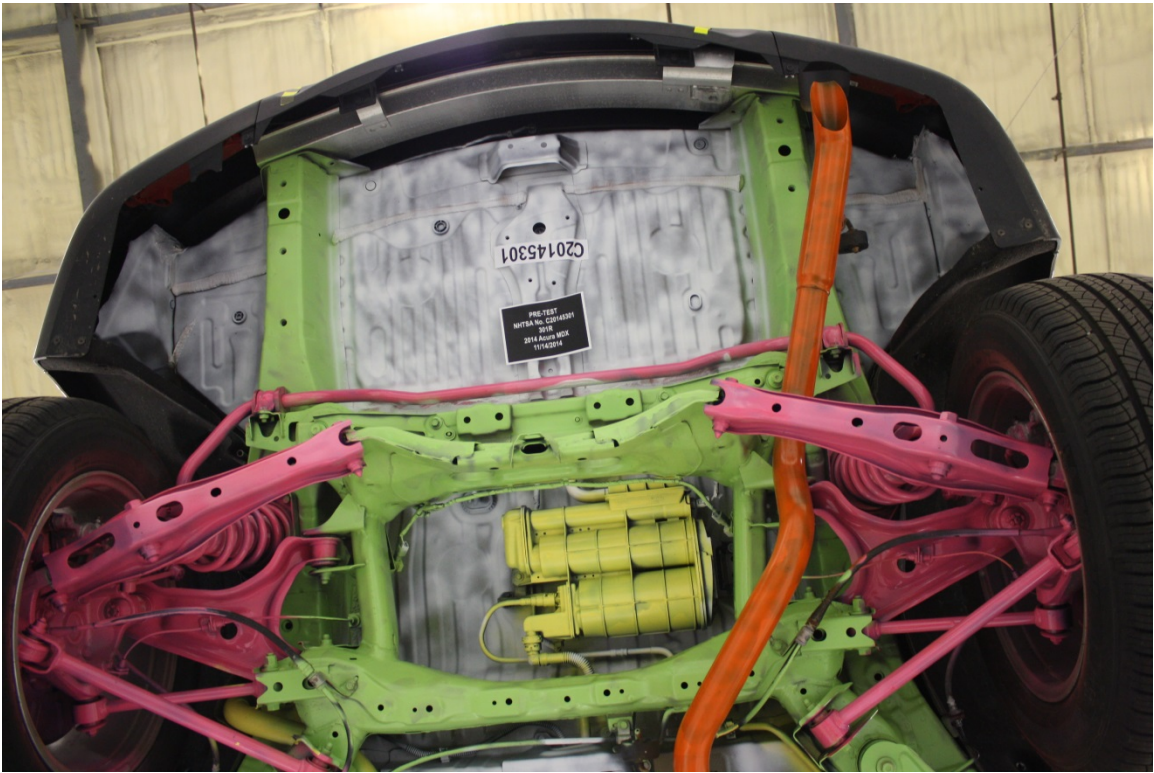


Figure A-33: Pre-Test Rear Underbody View



Figure A-34: Post-Test Rear Underbody View



Figure A-35: Pre-Test Fuel Filler Cap View



Figure A-36: Post-Test Fuel Filler Cap View



Figure A-37: Impact View



Figure A-38: Speed Trap View*



Figure A-39: Rollover 90° View



Figure A-40: Rollover 180° View



Figure A-41: Rollover 270° View



Figure A-42: Rollover 360° View