

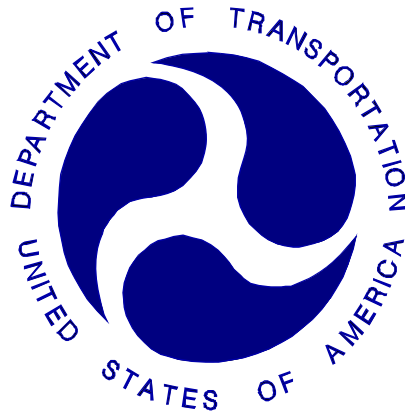
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FUEL SYSTEM INTEGRITY – REAR IMPACT**

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Four Door Sedan**

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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 Mercedes-Benz E-350 four door sedan, 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 1,985 kg 2014 Mercedes-Benz E-350 four door sedan was impacted from the rear by a 1357.0 kg moving barrier at a velocity of 79.05 kph (49.1 mph). The test was performed by Calspan Corporation on 8/28/2014.

The test vehicle was equipped with a 80 liter fuel tank which was filled to 93 percent capacity with stoddard fluid prior to impact. Additional ballast (22.6 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 544 millimeters of which the average was 444 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:

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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 Mercedes-Benz E-350 four door sedan
Test Program: FMVSS 301R Compliance Rear Impact Test

NHTSA No.: C20144301
Test Date: 8/28/2014

TEST VEHICLE INFORMATION AND OPTIONS

NHTSA No.	C20144301
Model Year	2014
Make	Mercedes-Benz
Model	E-350
Body Style	Four Door Sedan
Body Color	Black
Odometer Reading (km/mi)	264 km / 164 mi
Engine Displacement (L)	3.5
Type/No. Cylinders	V6
Engine Placement	Inline
Transmission Type	Automatic
Transmission Speeds	7-Speed
Final Drive	Rear 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	Daimler AG Stuttgart
Date of Manufacture	04/13
VIN	WDDHF5KBXEA804763

GVWR (kg)	2300
GAWR Front (kg)	1095
GAWR Rear (kg)	1235

TIRE PLACARD & SIDEWALL INFORMATION

Tire Placard Location: Driver's Door Sill

Spare Tire Type: T155-70R17

Measured Parameter	Front	Rear
Tire Manufacturer	Goodyear	Goodyear
Tire Name	Eagle LS	Eagle LS
Tire Type	All Season	All Season
Max. Tire Pressure (kPa)	350	350
Recommended Tire Size	P245/45R17	P245/45R17
Load Index/Speed Symbol	95H	95H
Recommended Cold Tire Pressure (kPa)	240	290
Tire Size on Vehicle	P245/45R17	P245/45R17
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	-	5
Seat Type (Bench, Bucket, or Split Bench)	Bucket	Bench	--	
Capacity Weight (VCW) (kg)				375
DSC X 68.04 (kg)				340.2
Cargo Weight (RCLW) (kg)				34.8

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

Test Vehicle: 2014 Mercedes-Benz E-350 four door sedan
Test Program: FMVSS 301R Compliance Rear Impact Test

NHTSA No.: C20144301
Test Date: 8/28/2014

TEST VEHICLE WEIGHTS

	Units	As Delivered (UVW)			As Tested (ATW)		
		Front	Rear	Total	Front	Rear	Total
Left	kg	455	443		487	485	
Right	kg	479	433		529	484	
Ratio	%	52%	48%		51%	49%	
Totals	kg	934	876	1810	1016	969	1985

TARGET TEST WEIGHT CALCULATION (TTW)

Measured Parameter	Units	Value	
Total Unloaded Vehicle Weight (UVW)	kg	1810	(A)
Rated Cargo/Luggage Weight (RCLW)	kg	34.8	(B)
Weight of two P572E ATDS @ 78kg each	kg	148.0	(C)
Target Vehicle Test Weight (TVTWT)	kg	1992.8	(A+B+C)

*As tested Weight = (TVTWT - 10kg) <= ATW < (TVTWT - 5kg); TVTWT = Weight of Test Vehicle with 2 dummies and 34.8kg of Cargo Weight

GENERAL TEST VEHICLE DATA

Measured Parameter	Units	Value
Vehicle Wheelbase	mm	2874
Vehicle Length (at Centerline)	mm	4885
Vehicle Width	mm	1836
Weight of Ballast Secured in Cargo Area ¹	kg	22.6
Type of Ballast		Steel Plate
Method of Securing Ballast		Rear Foot well
Components Removed for Weight Reduction		0
Vehicle Width at Widest Point	mm	1852
Vehicle Width at Widest Point Location		Rear Axle
Centerline offset for impact line	mm	368
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	707	715	706	720	1391
As Tested (ATW)	mm	688	703	690	702	1403

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PRE-TEST DATA

Test Vehicle: 2014 Mercedes-Benz E-350 four door sedan
Test Program: FMVSS 301R Compliance Rear Impact Test

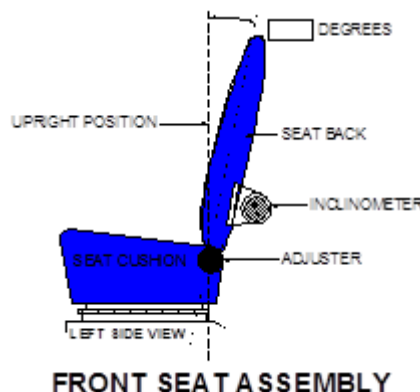
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SEATING

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	21*
Passenger Seat Back Angle	21*

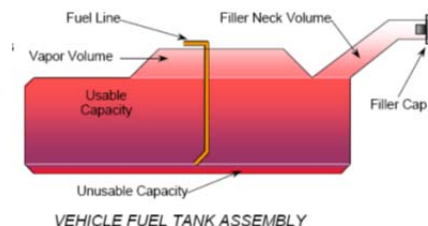
*Measurement taken off seat back

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	325	163
Passenger Seat	325	163



FUEL TANK CAPACITY DATA

Measured Parameter	Reference	Liters
Fuel System Capacity (Standard Tank)	Owner's Manual	80
COTR Usable Capacity (Standard Tank)	Form No. 1	80
Test Volume Range	92-94% of Usable Capacity	73.6 – 75.2
Actual Test Volume (Solvent Used)	93% of Usable Capacity	74.4

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

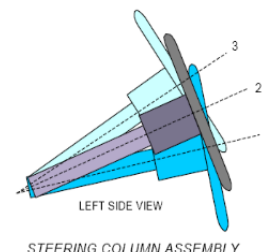
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STEERING COLUMN ADJUSTMENT

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 23.2 degrees and mid fore/aft position at 25 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 Mercedes-Benz E-350 four door sedan
 Test Program: FMVSS 301R Compliance Rear Impact Test

NHTSA No.: C20144301
 Test Date: 8/28/2014

MDB Face Manufacturer: Plascore MDB Face Serial No. A0713076

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

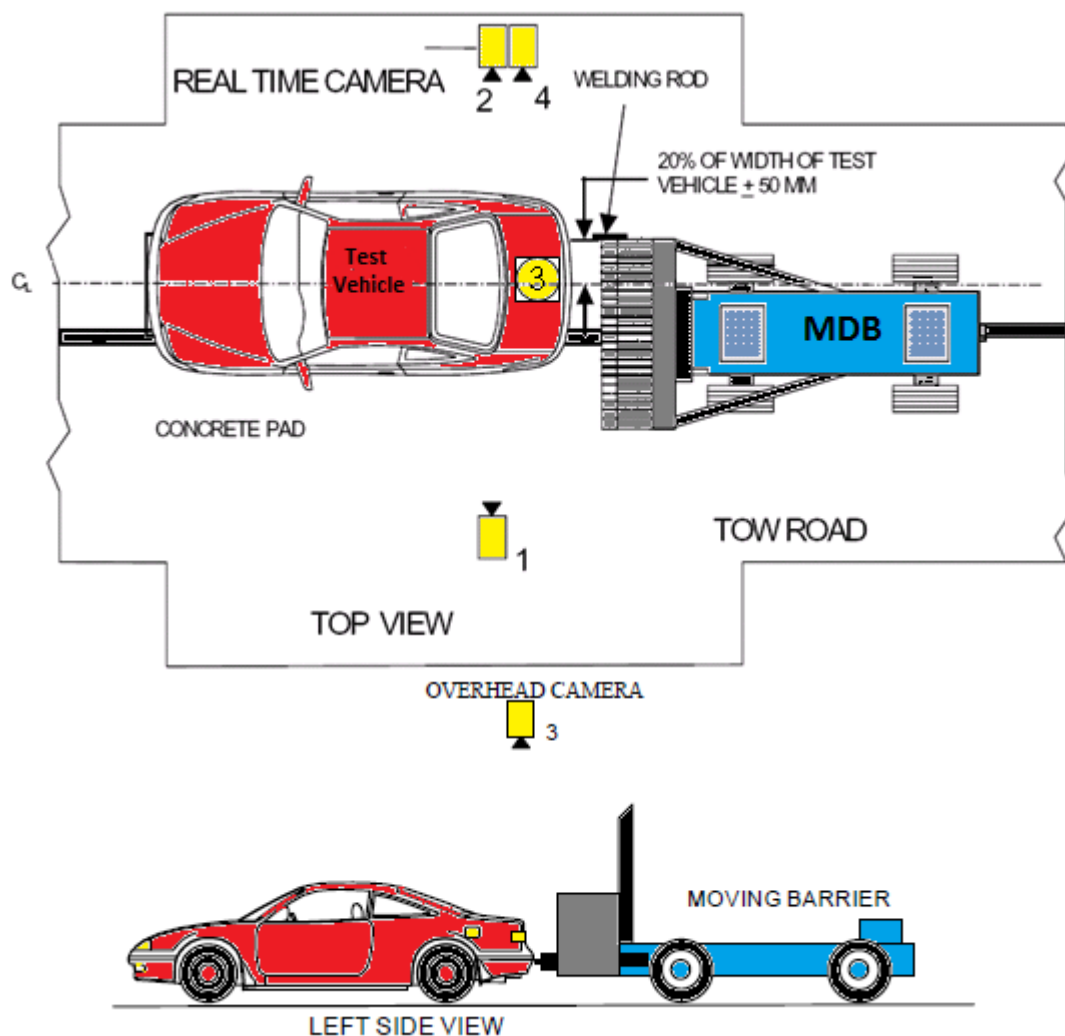
Brake Abort System? (Yes/No): Yes

Date of Last MDB Calibration: May 15, 2010

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

Test Vehicle: 2014 Mercedes-Benz E-350 four door sedan
 Test Program: FMVSS 301R Compliance Rear Impact Test

NHTSA No.: C20144301
 Test Date: 8/28/2014



No.	Camera View	Coordinates (mm)			Angle (Deg)	Lens (mm)	Film Speed (fps)
		X*	Y*	Z*			
1	Left Side View	1747	10677	1012	-0.3	24	1000
2	Real-Time Camera						30
3	Overhead View	315	0	5273	90	14	1000
4	Right Side View	1574	9979	930	-1.2	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 Mercedes-Benz E-350 four door sedan
Test Program: FMVSS 301R Compliance Rear Impact Test

NHTSA No.: C20144301
Test Date: 8/28/2014

VIN: WDDHF5KBXEA804763

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	79.05
Trap No. 2	km/h	79.05
Average Impact Speed	km/h	79.05

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	0

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 Mercedes-Benz E-350 four door sedan
Test Program: FMVSS 301R Compliance Rear Impact Test

NHTSA No.: C20144301
Test Date: 8/28/2014

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	Jammed
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	4797	4885	4800
Post-Test	4509	4341	4298
Crush	-288	-544	-502

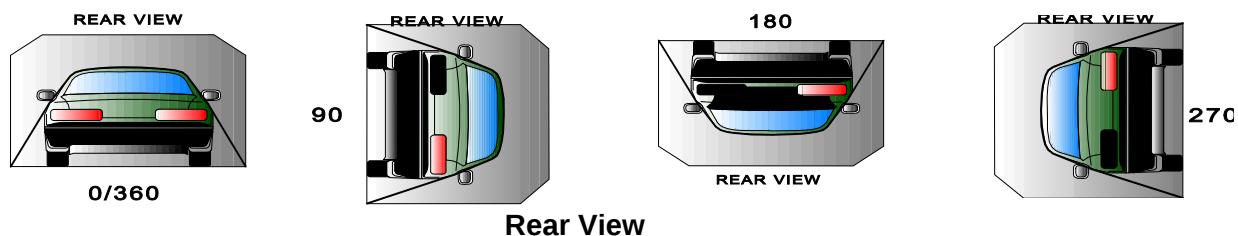
VEHICLE CRUSH MEASUREMENTS: WHEELBASE

Measurement	Left Side	Right Side
Pre-Test	2875	2873
Post-Test	2877	2786
Crush	2	-87

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

Test Vehicle: 2014 Mercedes-Benz E-350 four door sedan
 Test Program: FMVSS 301R Compliance Rear Impact Test

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 Test Date: 8/28/2014



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	13	5	6	13	7
90° to 180°	1	5	5	6	5	7
180° to 270°	1	0	5	6	0	7
270° to 360°	1	9	5	6	9	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

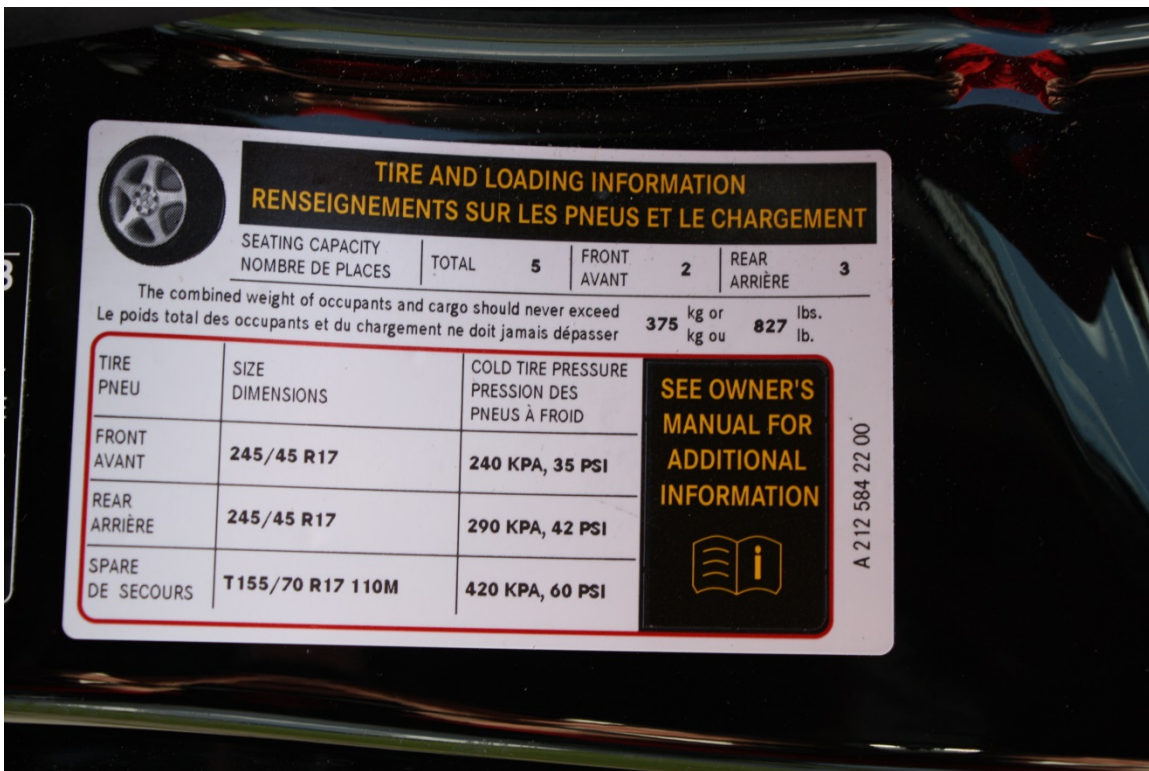


Figure A-2: Vehicle Tire Placard



Figure A-3: Pre-Test Front View



Figure A-4: Post-Test Front View

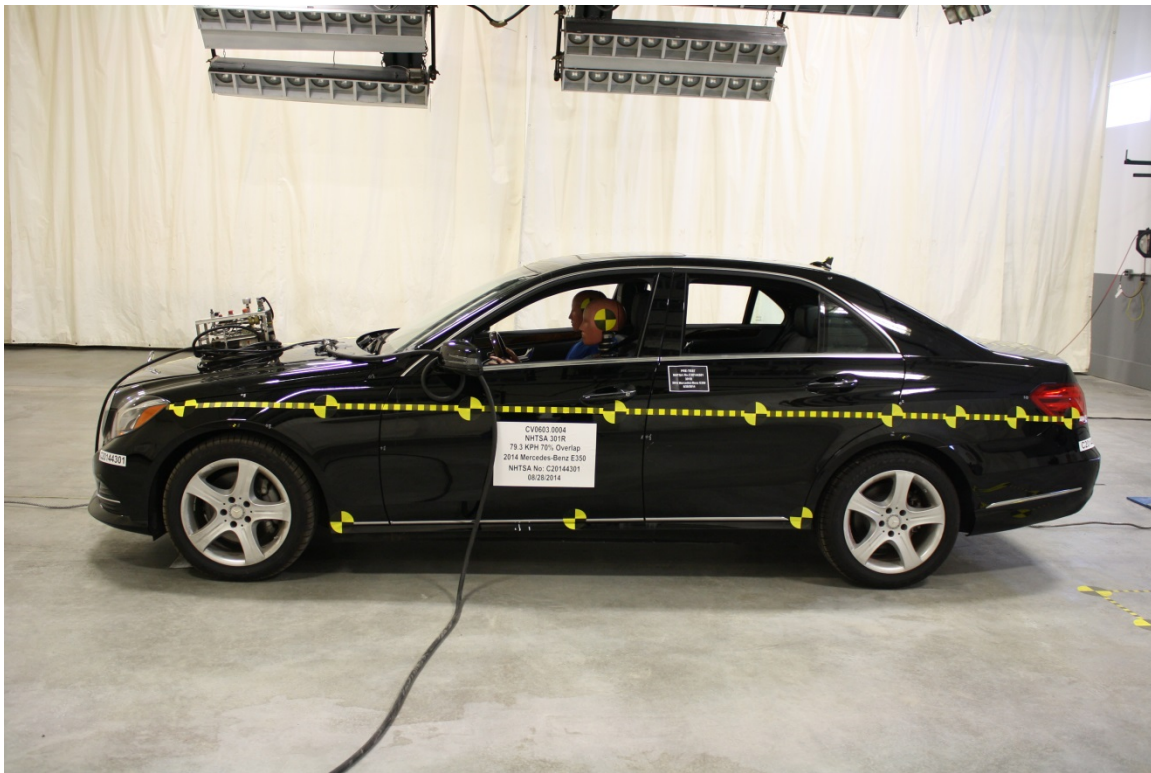


Figure A-5: Pre-Test Left Side View



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-9: Pre-Test Left Front 3/4 View



Figure A-10: Post-Test Left Front 3/4 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

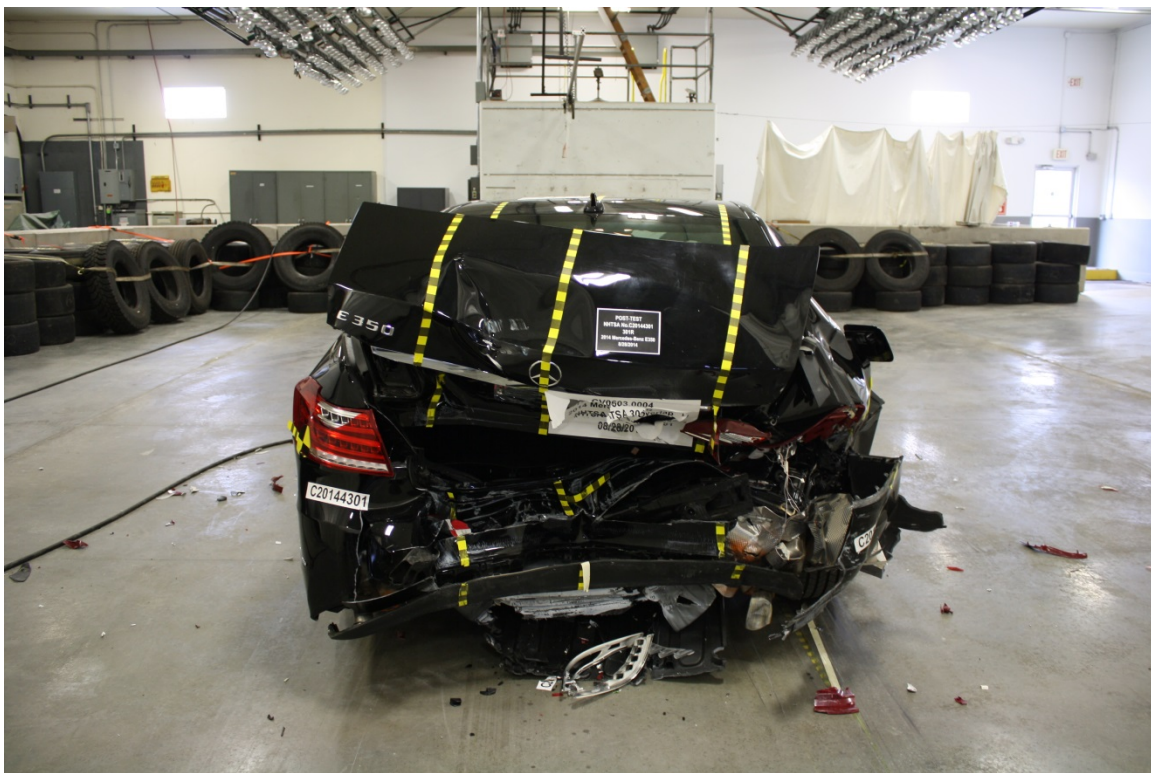


Figure A-18: Post-Test Rear View



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

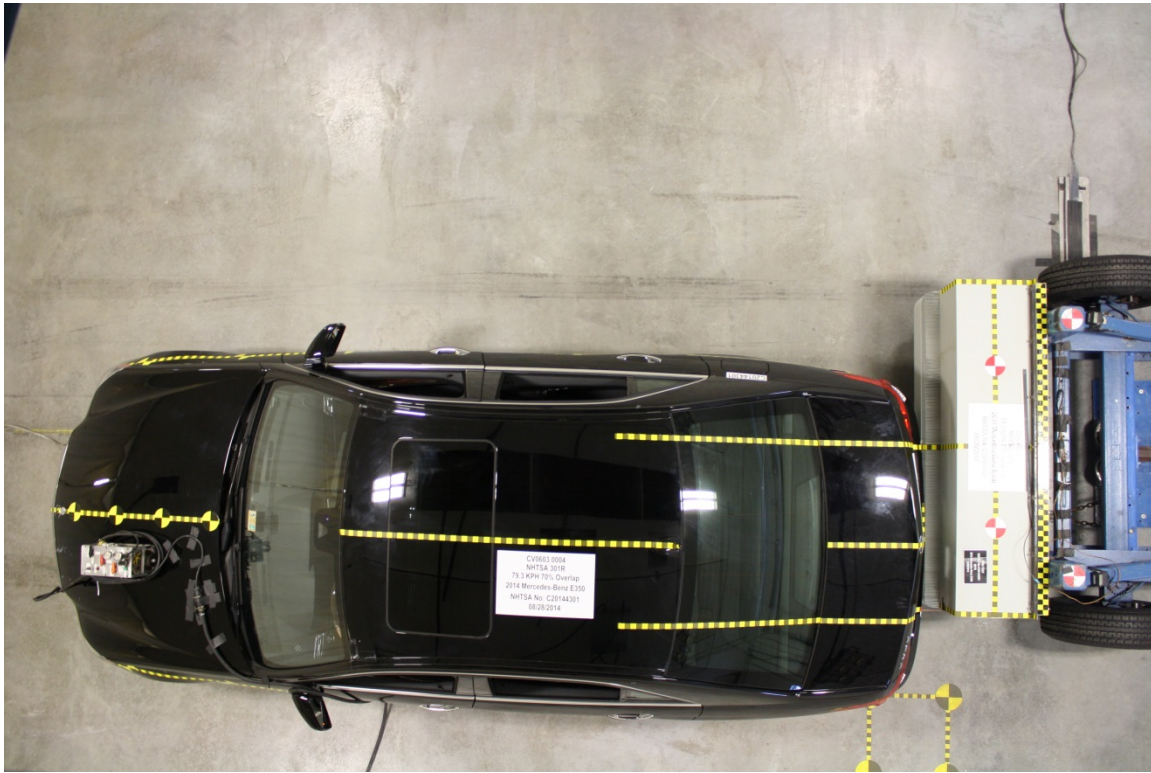


Figure A-27: Pre-Test Overhead Vehicle and MDB View



Figure A-28: Post-Test Impact Target View



Figure A-29: Pre-Test Front Underbody View

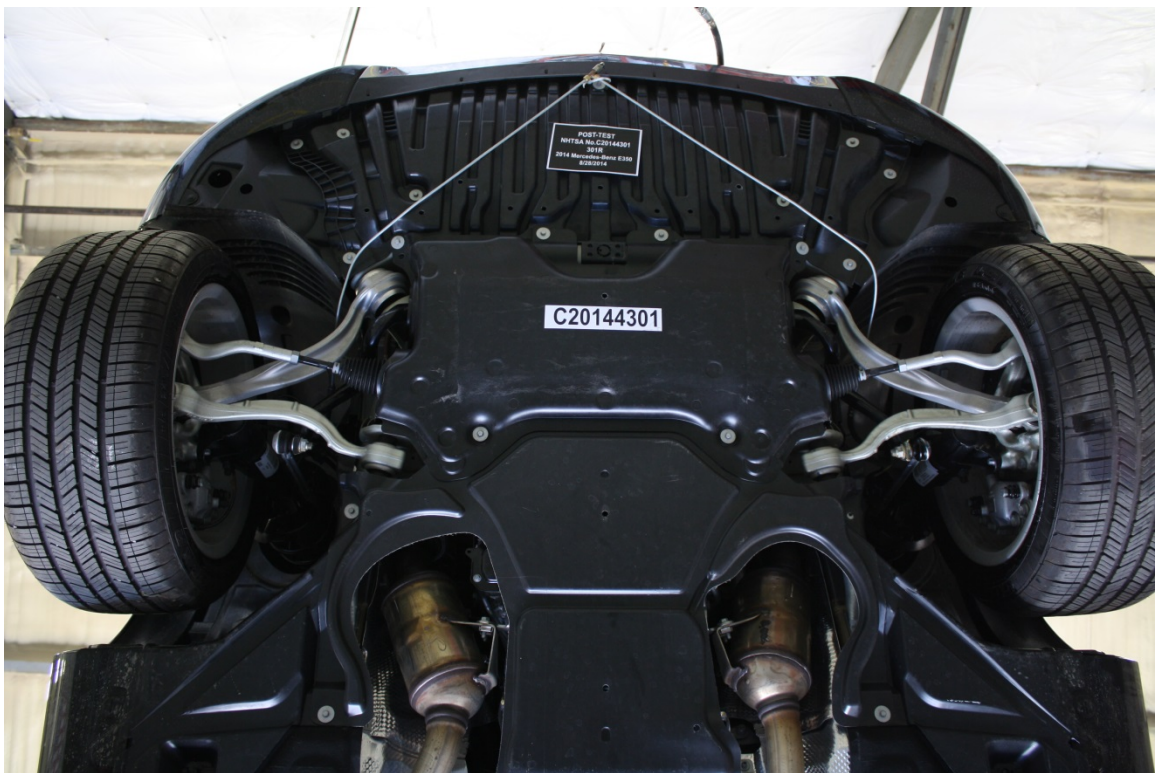


Figure A-30: Post-Test Front Underbody View

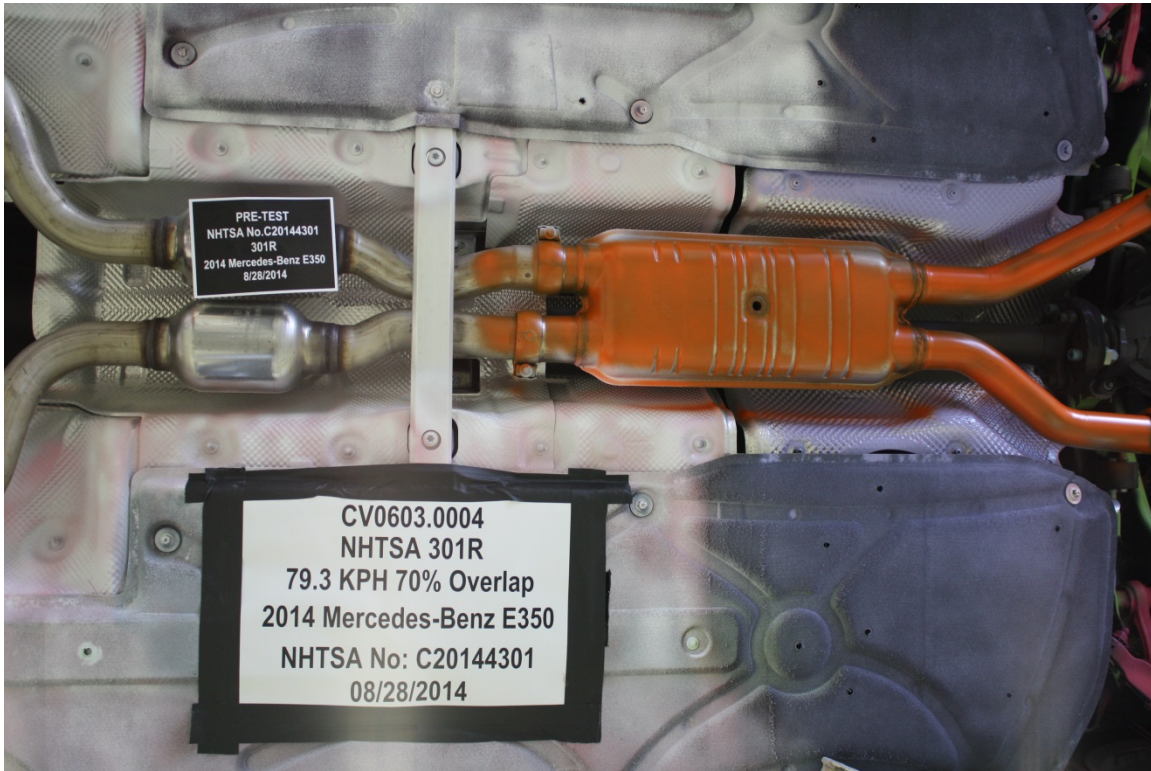


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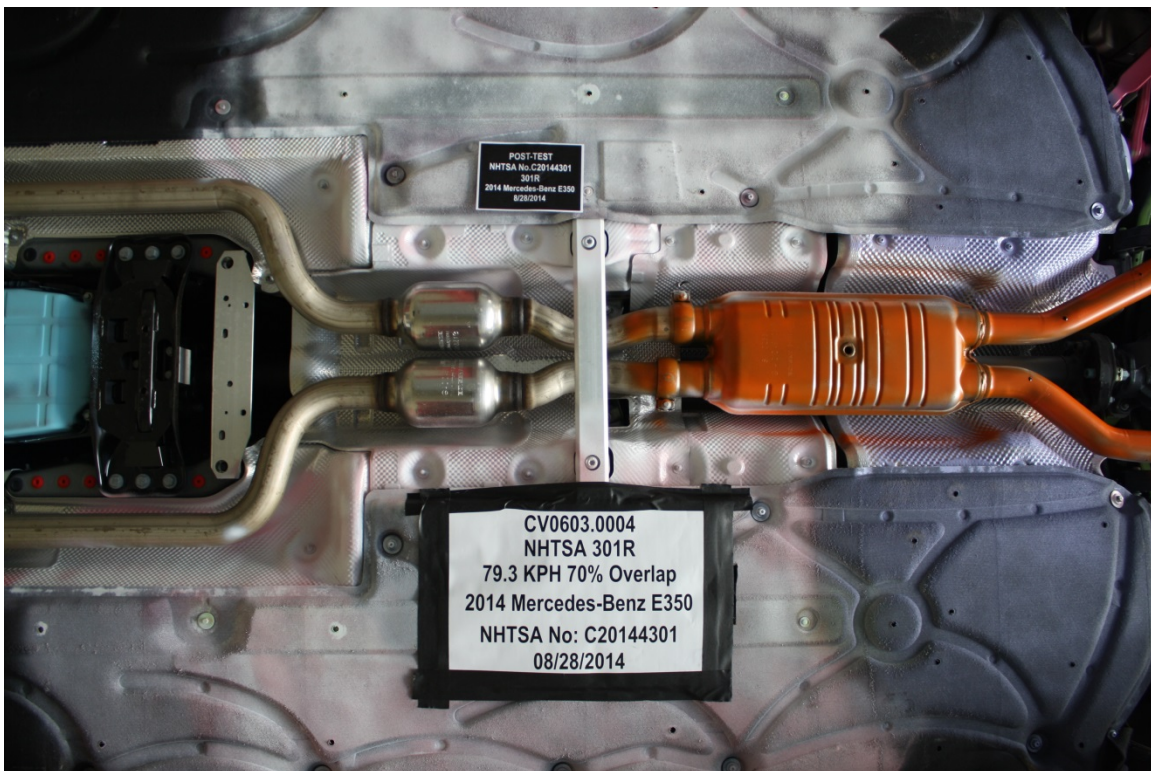


Figure A-32: Post-Test Mid Underbody View

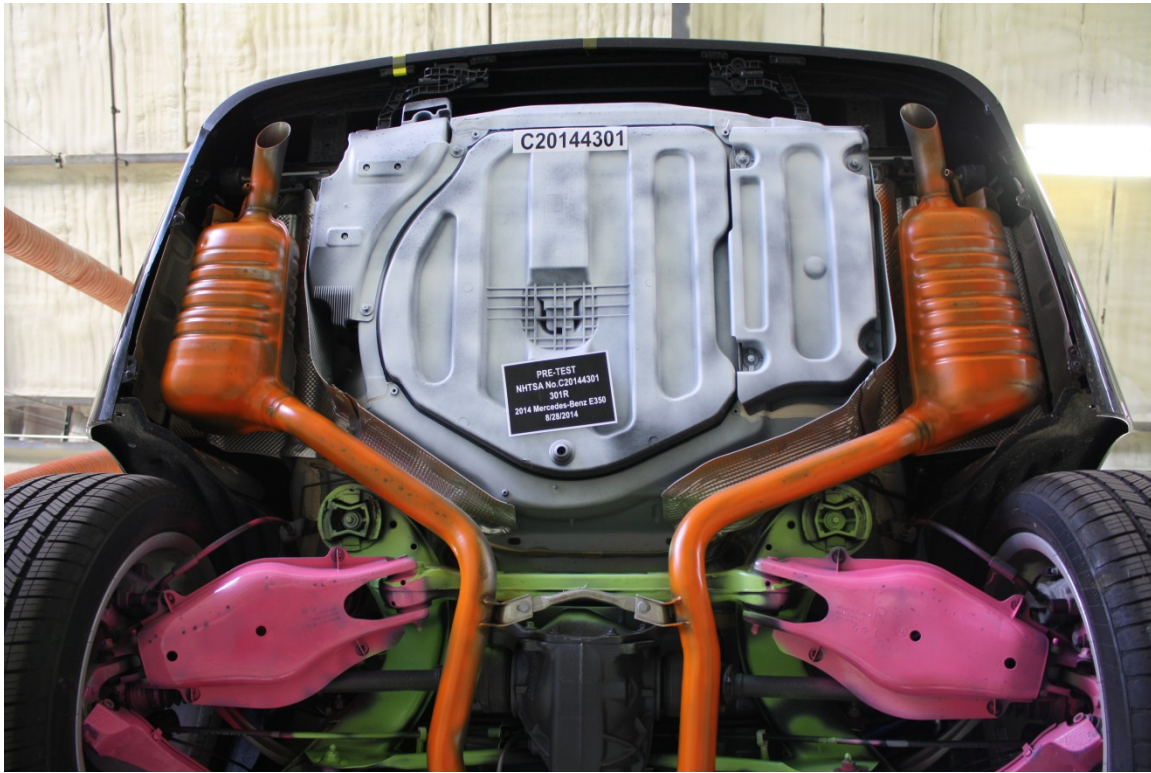


Figure A-33:Pre-Test Rear Underbody View

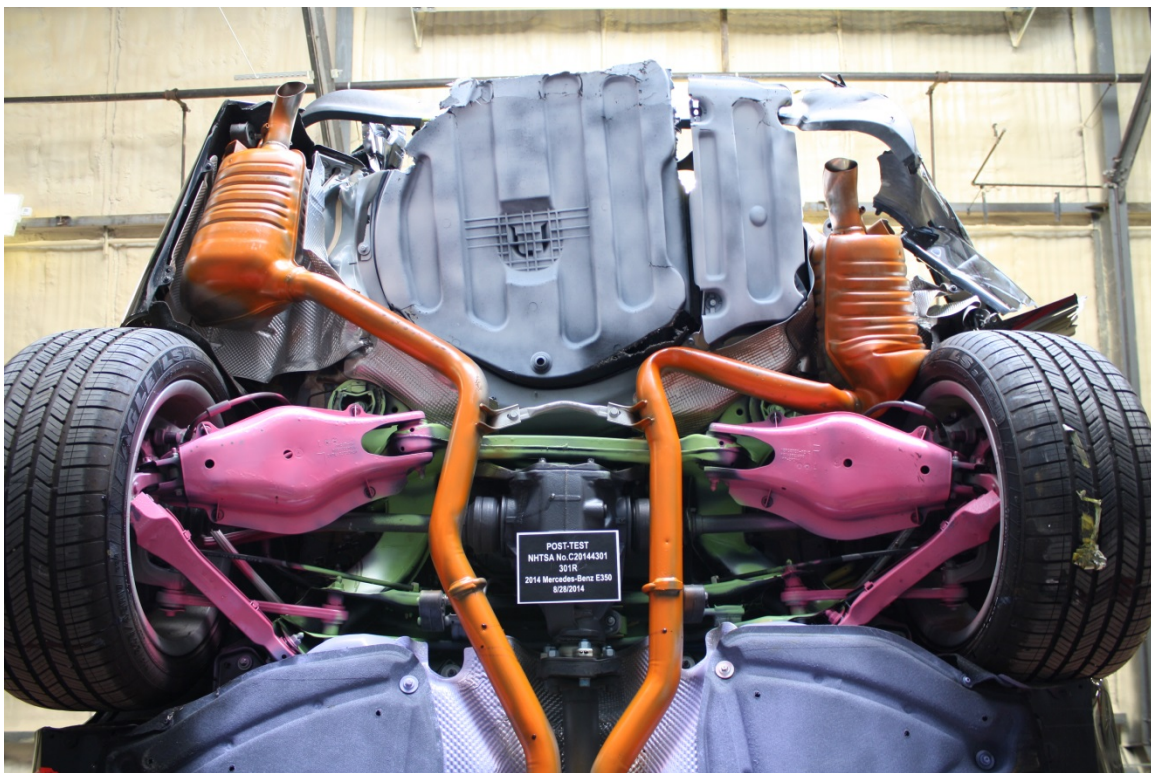


Figure A-34: Post-Test Rear Underbody View



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

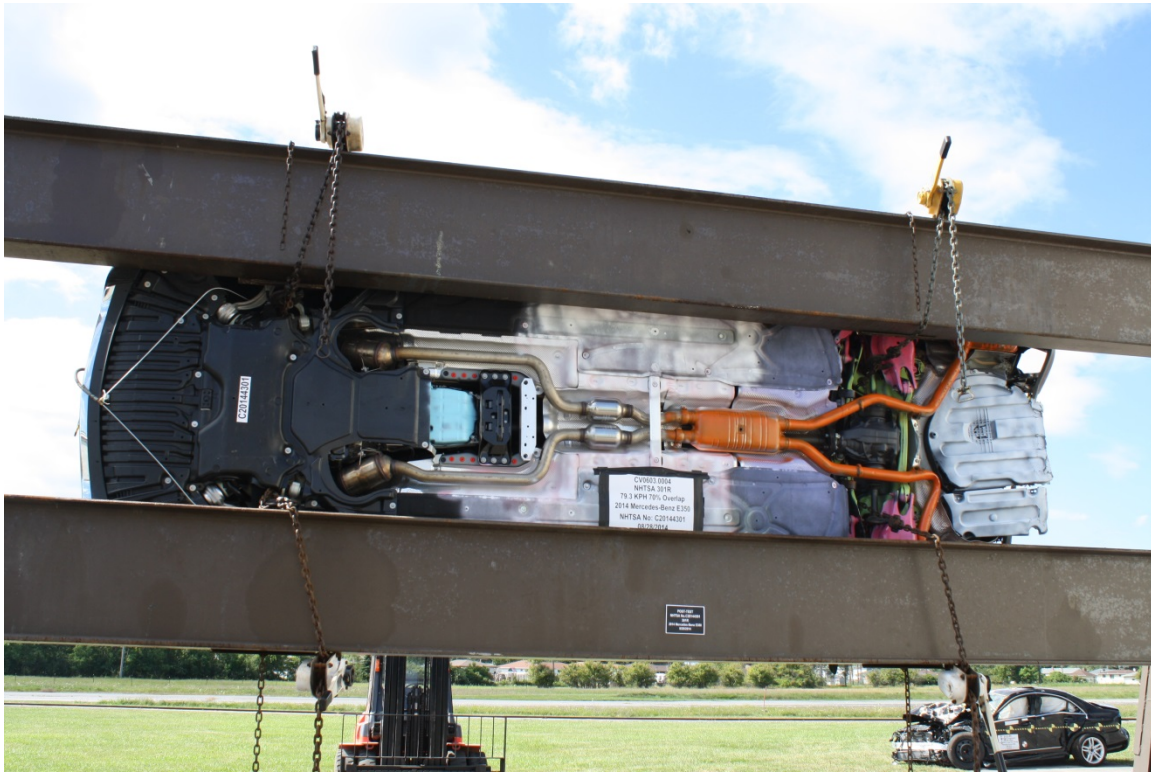


Figure A-39: Rollover 90° View



Figure A-40: Rollover 180° View



Figure A-41: Rollover 270° View



Figure A-42: Rollover 360° View