

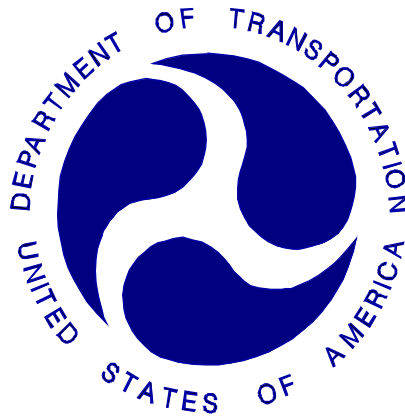
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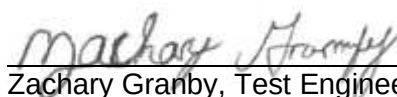
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SECTION 1

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. DTNH22-16-D-00032. The purpose of this test was to determine if the subject vehicle, a 2018 Ford Flex 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 2,184 kg 2018 Ford Flex SUV was impacted from the rear by a 1357.0 kg moving barrier at a velocity of 79.33 kph (49.29 mph). The test was performed by Calspan Corporation on August 30, 2018.

The test vehicle was equipped with a 70.4 liter fuel tank which was filled to 93 percent capacity with stoddard fluid prior to impact. Additional ballast (24 kg) was secured in the vehicle's rear passenger foot well. 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 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

Data Sheet No. 6 – FMVSS No. 301 Static Rollover Test Data

DATA SHEET NO. 1
TEST VEHICLE SPECIFICATIONS

Test Vehicle: 2018 Ford Flex SUV
Test Program: FMVSS 301R Compliance Rear Impact Test

NHTSA No.: C20180202
Test Date: 8/30/2018

TEST VEHICLE INFORMATION AND OPTIONS

NHTSA No.	C20180202
Model Year	2018
Make	Ford
Model	Flex
Body Style	SUV
Body Color	Blue
Odometer Reading (km/mi)	6.6 miles
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	No
Tilt Steering Wheel	Yes
Traction Control System (TCS)	Yes

DEALER AND DELIVERY INFORMATION FROM CERTIFICATION LABEL

Manufactured By	Ford Motor Co.
Date of Manufacture	06/17
VIN	2FMGK5B80JBA00343

GVWR (kg)	2722
GAWR Front (kg)	1311
GAWR Rear (kg)	1420

TIRE PLACARD & SIDEWALL INFORMATION

Tire Placard Location: Driver's Door Sill

Spare Tire Type: T155/70D17

Measured Parameter	Front	Rear
Tire Manufacturer	Hankook	Hankook
Tire Name	Optimo H725	Optimo H725
Tire Type	All Weather	All Weather
Max. Tire Pressure (kPa)	300	300
Recommended Tire Size	P235/60R17	P235/60R17
Load Index/Speed Symbol	100T	100T
Recommended Cold Tire Pressure (kPa)	240	240
Tire Size on Vehicle	P235/60R17	P235/60R17
Treadwear/ Traction Grade/ Temperature Grade	740 / A / B	740 / A / B

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)				526
DSC X 68.04 (kg)				476.28
Cargo Weight (RCLW) (kg)				49.72

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

Test Vehicle: 2018 Ford Flex SUV
Test Program: FMVSS 301R Compliance Rear Impact Test

NHTSA No.: C20180202
Test Date: 8/30/2018

TEST VEHICLE WEIGHTS

	Units	As Delivered (UVW)			As Tested (ATW)		
		Front	Rear	Total	Front	Rear	Total
Left	kg	551	466		602	505	
Right	kg	542	429		604	473	
Ratio	%	54	45		56	44	
Totals	kg	1093	895	1988	1206	978	2184

TARGET TEST WEIGHT CALCULATION (TTW)

Measured Parameter	Units	Value	
Total Unloaded Vehicle Weight (UVW)	kg	1988	(A)
Rated Cargo/Luggage Weight (RCLW)	kg	49.72	(B)
Weight of two P572E ATDS @ 74kg each	kg	155.4	(C)
Target Vehicle Test Weight (TVTW)	kg	2193.12	(A+B+C)

GENERAL TEST VEHICLE DATA

Measured Parameter	Units	Value
Vehicle Wheelbase	mm	2990
Vehicle Length (at Centerline)	mm	5131
Vehicle Width (B-Pillar)	mm	1908
Weight of Ballast Secured in Cargo Area ¹	kg	24
Type of Ballast		Lead Shot
Method of Securing Ballast		Floor Pan
Components Removed for Weight Reduction		0
Vehicle Width at Widest Point	mm	1923
Vehicle Width at Widest Point Location		Rear Wheel Axel
Centerline offset for impact line	mm	385
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	788	818	796	828	1346
As Tested (ATW)	mm	775	810	783	815	1339

DATA SHEET NO. 2 (Continued)
PRE-TEST DATA

Test Vehicle: 2018 Ford Flex SUV
Test Program: FMVSS 301R Compliance Rear Impact Test

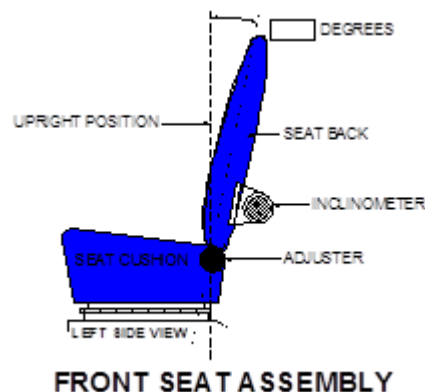
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SEATING

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.



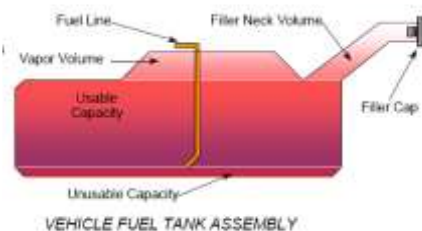
Measured Parameter	Deg.
Driver Seat Back Angle	15
Passenger Seat Back Angle	14.6

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 Travel	Test Position
Driver Seat	250	125
Passenger Seat	255	127



FUEL TANK CAPACITY DATA

Measured Parameter	Reference	Liters
Fuel System Capacity (Standard Tank)	Owner's Manual	70.4
COTR Usable Capacity (Standard Tank)	Form No. 1	70.4
Test Volume Range	92-94% of Usable Capacity	65.1 – 65.8
Actual Test Volume (Solvent Used)	93% of Usable Capacity	65.4

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

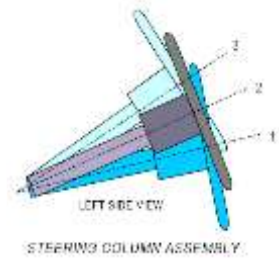
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PRE-TEST DATA

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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 25.7 degrees and 21 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: 2018 Ford Flex SUV
 Test Program: FMVSS 301R Compliance Rear Impact Test

NHTSA No.: C20180202
 Test Date: 8/30/2018

MDB Face Manufacturer: Plascore MDB Face Serial No. A0618242

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

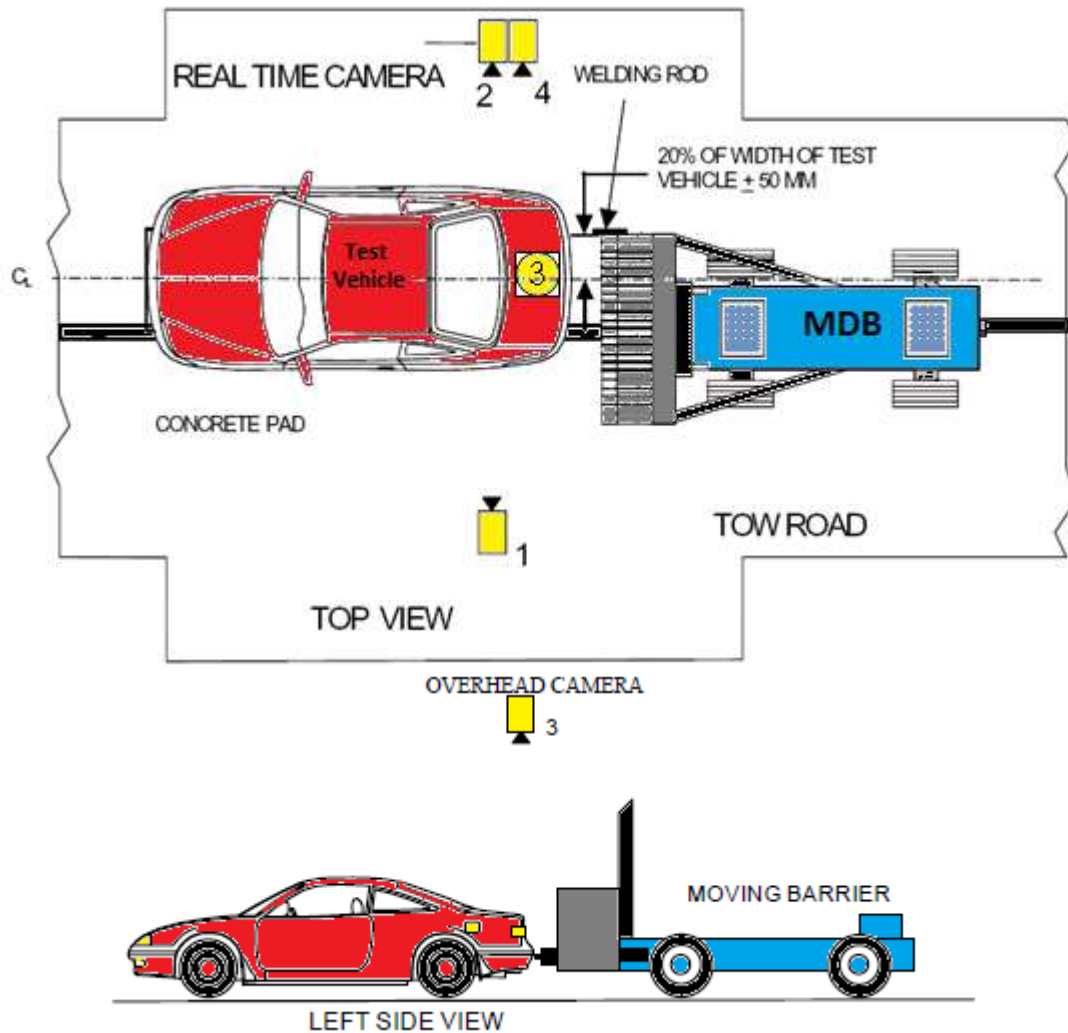
Brake Abort System? (Yes/No): Yes

Date of Last MDB Calibration: May 15, 2010

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

Test Vehicle: 2018 Ford Flex SUV
 Test Program: FMVSS 301R Compliance Rear Impact Test

NHTSA No.: C20180202
 Test Date: 8/30/2018



No.	Camera View	Coordinates (mm)			Angle (Deg)	Lens (mm)	Film Speed (fps)
		X*	Y*	Z*			
1	Left Side View	1468	-9246	-1554	-1.9	24	1000
2	Real-Time Camera						60
3	Overhead View	631	0	-9375	90	12.5	1000
4	Right Side View	1490	9188	-1567	-2.1	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: 2018 Ford Flex SUV
Test Program: FMVSS 301R Compliance Rear Impact Test

NHTSA No.: C20180202
Test Date: 8/30/2018

VIN: 2FMGK5B80JBA00343

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	79.33
Trap No. 2	km/h	79.38

WELDING ROD IMPACT POINT

Measurement Description	Tolerance	Units	Value
Vertical distance from target center (+ is above)	±40 mm	mm	+5
Horizontal distance from target center (+ is right)	±50 mm	mm	+21

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: 2018 Ford Flex SUV
Test Program: FMVSS 301R Compliance Rear Impact Test

NHTSA No.: C20180202
Test Date: 8/30/2018

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

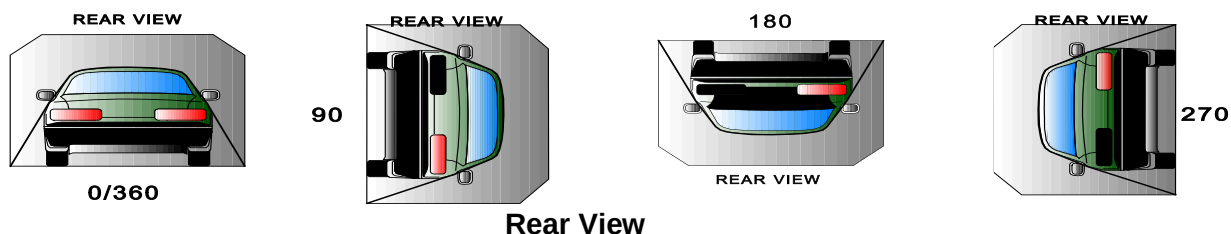
POST TEST STRUCTURAL OBSERVATIONS

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

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

Test Vehicle: 2018 Ford Flex SUV
 Test Program: FMVSS 301R Compliance Rear Impact Test

NHTSA No.: C20180202
 Test Date: 8/30/2018



ROLLOVER SOLVENT COLLECTION TIME TABLE

Test Phase	Rotation Time (spec. 1 -3 min)		Hold Time	Total Time		Next Whole Minute Interval
	Minutes	Seconds	Minutes	Minutes	Seconds	Minutes
0° to 90°	1	6	5	6	6	7
90° to 180°	1	6	5	6	6	7
180° to 270°	1	2	5	6	2	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-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

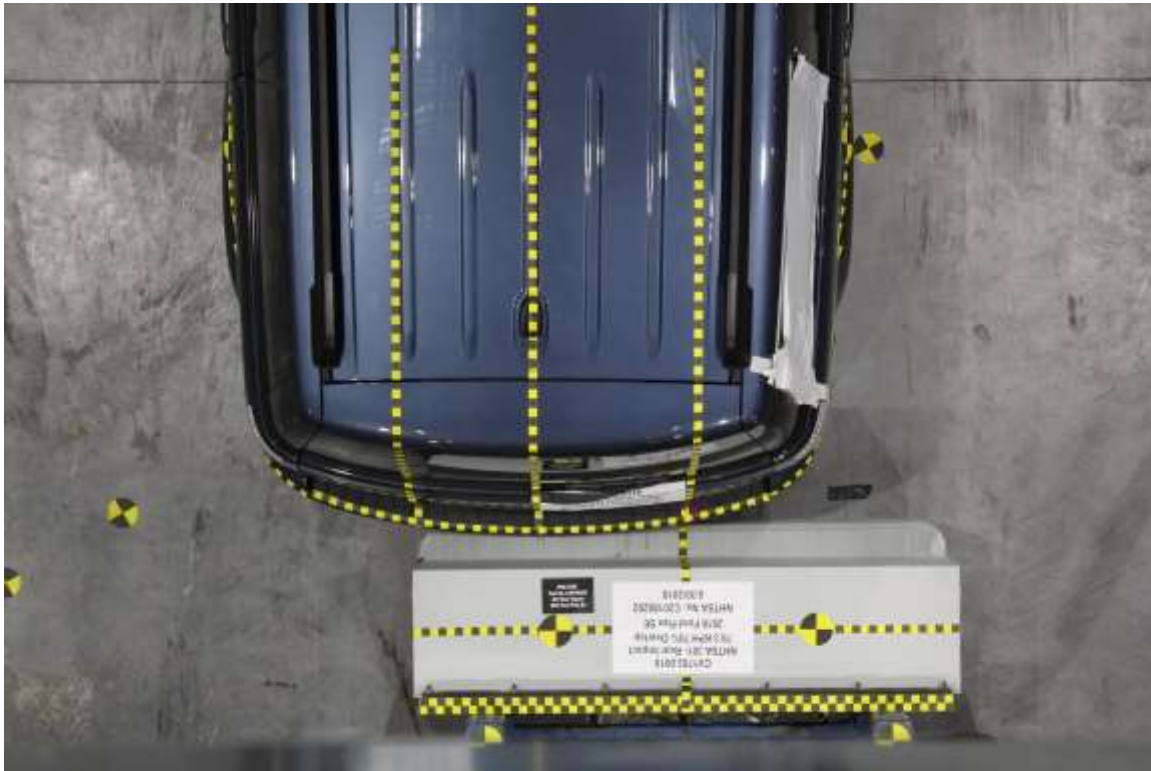


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Figure A-30: Post-Test Front Underbody View



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



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Figure A-40: Rollover 180° View



Figure A-41: Rollover 270° View



Figure A-42: Rollover 360° View