

New Safety Recommendations

Safety Recommendation Number	Safety Recommendation Recipient	Safety Recommendation Text
H-17-037	United States Department of Transportation	Define the data parameters needed to understand the automated vehicle control systems involved in a crash. The parameters must reflect the vehicle's control status and the frequency and duration of control actions to adequately characterize driver and vehicle performance before and during a crash.
H-17-038	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration	Develop a method to verify that manufacturers of vehicles equipped with Level 2 vehicle automation systems incorporate system safeguards that limit the use of automated vehicle control systems to those conditions for which they were designed.
H-17-039	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration	Use the data parameters defined by the US Department of Transportation in response to Safety Recommendation H-17-37 as a benchmark for new vehicles equipped with automated vehicle control systems so that they capture data that reflect the vehicle's control status and the frequency and duration of control actions needed to adequately characterize driver and vehicle performance before and during a crash; the captured data should be readily available to, at a minimum, National Transportation Safety Board investigators and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration regulators.

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H-17-040	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration	Define a standard format for reporting automated vehicle control systems data, and require manufacturers of vehicles equipped with automated vehicle control systems to report incidents, crashes, and vehicle miles operated with such systems enabled.
H-17-041	Manufacturers of vehicles equipped with Level 2 vehicle automation systems (Volkswagen Group of America, BMW of North America, Nissan Group of North America, Mercedes-Benz USA, Tesla Inc., and Volvo Group North America)	Incorporate system safeguards that limit the use of automated vehicle control systems to those conditions for which they were designed.
H-17-042	Manufacturers of vehicles equipped with Level 2 vehicle automation systems (Volkswagen Group of America, BMW of North America, Nissan Group of North America, Mercedes-Benz USA, Tesla Inc., and Volvo Group North America)	Develop applications to more effectively sense the driver's level of engagement and alert the driver when engagement is lacking while automated vehicle control systems are in use.
H-17-043	Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers and to the Association of Global Automakers	Notify your members of the importance of incorporating system safeguards that limit the use of automated vehicle control systems to those conditions for which they were designed.

Reiterated Safety Recommendations

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H-13-030	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration	Develop minimum performance standards for

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		connected vehicle technology for all highway vehicles.
H-13-031	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration	Once minimum performance standards for connected vehicle technology are developed, require this technology to be installed on all newly manufactured highway vehicles.

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