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16. Abstract

The purpose of the tests reported herein was to assess the performance of the Crashworthy Enhanced Highway Sign Assemblies according to the safety-performance evaluation guidelines included in the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) *Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH)*, Second Edition (1). The crash tests were performed in accordance with *MASH* Test Level 3 (TL-3).

This report provides details on the Crashworthy Enhanced Highway Sign Assemblies, the crash tests and results, and the performance assessment of the Crashworthy Enhanced Highway Sign Assemblies for *MASH* TL-3 longitudinal barrier evaluation criteria.

The Crashworthy Enhanced Highway Sign Assemblies met the performance criteria for *MASH* TL-3 support structures.

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The results reported herein apply only to the article tested. The full-scale crash tests were performed according to TTI Proving Ground quality procedures and American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware, Second Edition (*MASH*) guidelines and standards.

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Chapter 1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the tests reported herein was to assess the performance of Florida Department of Transportation' Crashworthy Enhanced Highway Sign Assemblies according to the safety-performance evaluation guidelines included in the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) *Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware* (*MASH*), Second Edition (1). The crash tests were performed in accordance with *MASH* Test Level 3 (TL-3) (as discussed in Chapter 3).

1.1. INITIAL ANALYSIS*

We examined various mounting height combinations for the components and determined that beyond a certain point, increasing the height to achieve a higher center of gravity will not enhance the system's performance. It is important to note that our analysis tends to overestimate outcomes. While the analysis for the 18-pound solar configuration indicates a potential impact on the vehicle, it is still possible to pass MASH testing, as our analysis only predicts the trajectory and not the force exerted on the occupant compartment upon impact.

In summary, we can proceed with crash testing the 18-pound configuration. If it passes, the other two configurations in Table 1.1, provided by FDOT, should be acceptable as well.

FDOT APL#	Specific Feature	Evaluation	Test 3-60	Test 3-61	Test 3-62
654-001-014	18 lbs solar/battery combo	Most critical	To be crash tested first	Not critical	To be crash tested if 3-60 passes
654-001-012	44 lbs solar/battery combo	Less critical than 18 lbs config	Not critical	Not critical	Not critical
654-001-013	25 lbs solar panel with an 80 lbs battery cabinet	Least critical of the 3 configurations	Not critical	Not critical	Not critical

Table 1.1. FDOT Enhanced Highway Sign Configurations.

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^{*} The opinions/interpretations identified/expressed in this section of the report are outside the scope of TTI Proving Ground's A2LA Accreditation.

Chapter 2. SYSTEM DETAILS

2.1. TEST ARTICLE AND INSTALLATION DETAILS

The installation was comprised of a 15 ft-0 inch tall, 4-inch diameter, 6061-T4 Aluminum pipe pole, secured to the concrete runway, supporting multiple-sign components and associated hardware. The post measured 16 ft-4½ inches to grade, with a solar panel assembly mounted at the top. Below the solar panel assembly was a 0.080-inch × 30-inch square aluminum sign that was mounted 10 ft-3½ inches from grade, with the sign oriented to give a diamond shape appearance. A flashing beacon and small sign panel were mounted 10 inches below the diamond shaped sign. An audible button with pedestrian sign was mounted 42 inches from grade to the bottom of the sign. The post assembly was secured to a transformer base, which was anchored to the concrete runway with four threaded rods epoxied in the concrete.

Figure 2.1 presents the overall information on the Crashworthy Enhanced Highway Sign Assemblies, and Figure 2.2 thru Figure 2.7 provide photographs of the installation. Appendix A provides further details on the Crashworthy Enhanced Highway Sign Assemblies. Drawings were provided by the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) Proving Ground, and construction was performed by TTI Proving Ground personnel.

2.2. DESIGN MODIFICATIONS DURING TESTS

No modifications were made to the installation during the testing phase.

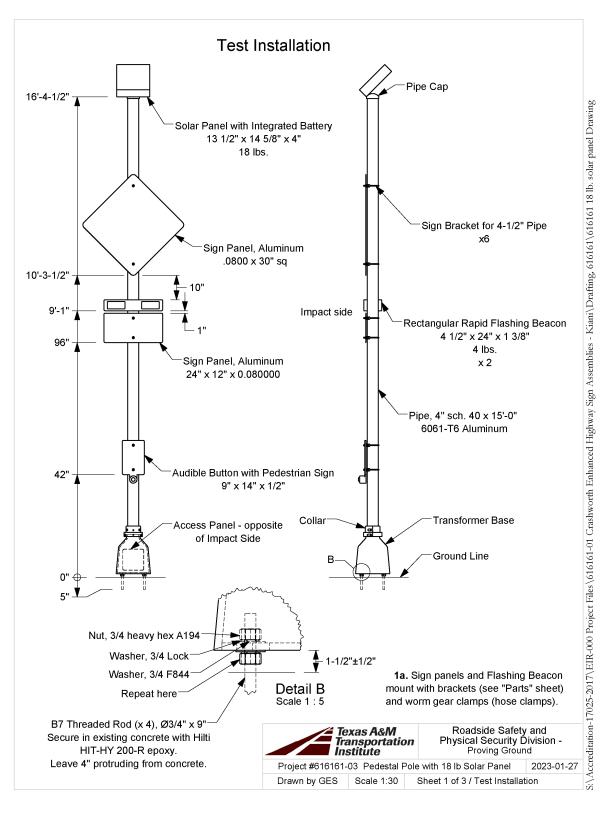


Figure 2.1. Details of Crashworthy Enhanced Highway Sign Assemblies.



Figure 2.2. Crashworthy Enhanced Highway Sign Assemblies prior to Testing.



Figure 2.3. The Rear of the Crashworthy Enhanced Highway Sign Assemblies prior to Testing.



Figure 2.4. The Top Portion of the Crashworthy Enhanced Highway Sign Assemblies prior to Testing.



Figure 2.5. The Lower Portion of the Crashworthy Enhanced Highway Sign Assemblies prior to Testing.



Figure 2.6. Rear of the Solar Panel on the Crashworthy Enhanced Highway Sign Assemblies prior to Testing.



Figure 2.7. The Anchor System of the Crashworthy Enhanced Highway Sign Assemblies prior to Testing.

2.3. MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS

Appendix B provides material certification documents for the materials used to install/construct the Crashworthy Enhanced Highway Sign Assemblies.

Chapter 3. TEST REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

3.1. CRASH TEST PERFORMED/MATRIX

Table 3.1 shows the test conditions and evaluation criteria for *MASH* TL-3 for support structures. The target critical impact points (CIPs) for each test were determined using the information provided in *MASH* Section 2.2.1 and Section 2.3.2. Figure 3.1 shows the target CIP for *MASH* Tests 3-60 and 3-62 on the Crashworthy Enhanced Highway Sign Assemblies. An engineering evaluation, based on the method from NCHRP Report 318, concluded that the sign would not interact with the 1100C vehicle during the 3-61 test, except for the initial impact (2). This finding concurred with previous studies, and as a result, the test was not performed (3).

Table 3.1. Test Conditions and Evaluation Criteria Specified for *MASH* TL-3 Support structures.

Test Designation	Test Vehicle	Impact Speed	Impact Angle	Evaluation Criteria
3-60	1100C	19 mi/h	0°	B, D, F, H, I, N
3-62	2270P	62 mi/h	0°	B, D, F, H, I, N

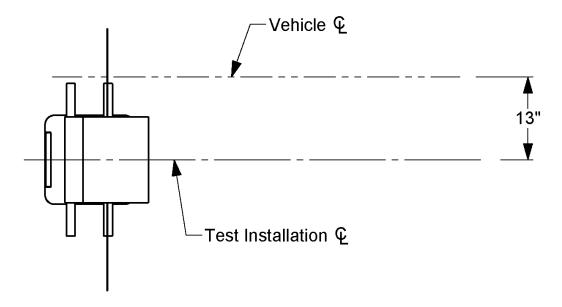


Figure 3.1. Target CIP for *MASH* TL-3 Tests on Crashworthy Enhanced Highway Sign Assemblies.

The crash tests and data analysis procedures were in accordance with guidelines presented in *MASH*. Chapter 4 presents brief descriptions of these procedures.

3.2. EVALUATION CRITERIA

The appropriate safety evaluation criteria from Tables 2.2 and 5.1 of *MASH* were used to evaluate the crash tests reported herein. Table 3.1 lists the test conditions and evaluation criteria required for *MASH* TL-3, and Table 3.2 provides detailed information on the evaluation criteria.

Table 3.2. Evaluation Criteria Required for *MASH* Testing.

Evaluation Factors	Evaluation Criteria
В.	The test article should readily activate in a predictable manner by breaking away, fracturing, or yielding.
D.	Detached elements, fragments, or other debris from the test article should not penetrate or show potential for penetrating the occupant compartment, or present undue hazard to other traffic, pedestrians, or personnel in a work zone. Deformations of, or intrusions into, the occupant compartment should not exceed limits set forth in Section 5.2.2 and Appendix E of <i>MASH</i> .
F.	The vehicle should remain upright during and after collision. The maximum roll and pitch angles are not to exceed 75 degrees.
H.	Occupant impact velocities (OIV) should satisfy the following limits: Preferred value of 10 ft/s, or maximum allowable value of 16 ft/s in the longitudinal direction.
I.	The occupant ridedown accelerations should satisfy the following: Preferred value of 15.0 g, or maximum allowable value of 20.49 g.
N.	Vehicle trajectory behind the test article is acceptable.

Chapter 4. TEST CONDITIONS

4.1. TEST FACILITY

The full-scale crash tests reported herein were performed at the TTI Proving Ground, an International Standards Organization (ISO)/International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) 17025-accredited laboratory with American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA) Mechanical Testing Certificate 2821.01. The full-scale crash tests were performed according to TTI Proving Ground quality procedures, as well as *MASH* guidelines and standards.

The test facilities of the TTI Proving Ground are located on The Texas A&M University System RELLIS Campus, which consists of a 2000-acre complex of research and training facilities situated 10 mi northwest of the flagship campus of Texas A&M University. The site, formerly a United States Army Air Corps base, has large expanses of concrete runways and parking aprons well suited for experimental research and testing in the areas of vehicle performance and handling, vehicle-roadway interaction, highway pavement durability and efficacy, and roadside safety hardware and perimeter protective device evaluation. The sites selected for construction and testing are along the edge of an out-of-service apron/runway. The apron/runway consists of an unreinforced jointed-concrete pavement in 12.5-ft × 15-ft blocks nominally 6 inches deep. The aprons were built in 1942, and the joints have some displacement but are otherwise flat and level.

4.2. VEHICLE TOW AND GUIDANCE SYSTEM

For the testing utilizing the 1100C and 2270P vehicles, each was towed into the test installation using a steel cable guidance and reverse tow system. A steel cable for guiding the test vehicle was tensioned along the path, anchored at each end, and threaded through an attachment to the front wheel of the test vehicle. An additional steel cable was connected to the test vehicle, passed around a pulley near the impact point and through a pulley on the tow vehicle, and then anchored to the ground such that the tow vehicle moved away from the test site. A 2:1 speed ratio between the test and tow vehicle existed with this system. Just prior to impact with the installation, the test vehicle was released and ran unrestrained. The vehicle remained freewheeling (i.e., no steering or braking inputs) until it cleared the immediate area of the test site.

4.3. DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEMS

4.3.1. Vehicle Instrumentation and Data Processing

Each test vehicle was instrumented with a self-contained onboard data acquisition system. The signal conditioning and acquisition system is a multi-channel data acquisition system (DAS) produced by Diversified Technical Systems Inc. The accelerometers, which measure the x, y, and z axis of vehicle acceleration, are strain gauge type with linear millivolt output proportional to acceleration. Angular rate sensors, measuring vehicle roll, pitch, and yaw rates, are ultra-small, solid-state units designed for crash test service. The data acquisition hardware and software conform to the latest SAE J211, Instrumentation for Impact Test. Each of

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the channels is capable of providing precision amplification, scaling, and filtering based on transducer specifications and calibrations. During the test, data are recorded from each channel at a rate of 10,000 samples per second with a resolution of one part in 65,536. Once data are recorded, internal batteries back these up inside the unit in case the primary battery cable is severed. Initial contact of the pressure switch on the vehicle bumper provides a time zero mark and initiates the recording process. After each test, the data are downloaded from the DAS unit into a laptop computer at the test site. The Test Risk Assessment Program (TRAP) software then processes the raw data to produce detailed reports of the test results.

Each DAS is returned to the factory annually for complete recalibration and to ensure that all instrumentation used in the vehicle conforms to the specifications outlined by SAE J211. All accelerometers are calibrated annually by means of an ENDEVCO® 2901 precision primary vibration standard. This standard and its support instruments are checked annually and receive a National Institute of Standards Technology (NIST) traceable calibration. The rate transducers used in the data acquisition system receive calibration via a Genisco Rate-of-Turn table. The subsystems of each data channel are also evaluated annually, using instruments with current NIST traceability, and the results are factored into the accuracy of the total data channel per SAE J211. Calibrations and evaluations are also made anytime data are suspect. Acceleration data are measured with an expanded uncertainty of ± 1.7 percent at a confidence factor of 95 percent (k = 2).

TRAP uses the DAS-captured data to compute the occupant/compartment impact velocities, time of occupant/compartment impact after vehicle impact, and highest 10-millisecond (ms) average ridedown acceleration. TRAP calculates change in vehicle velocity at the end of a given impulse period. In addition, maximum average accelerations over 50-ms intervals in each of the three directions are computed. For reporting purposes, the data from the vehicle-mounted accelerometers are filtered with an SAE Class 180-Hz low-pass digital filter, and acceleration versus time curves for the longitudinal, lateral, and vertical directions are plotted using TRAP.

TRAP uses the data from the yaw, pitch, and roll rate transducers to compute angular displacement in degrees at 0.0001-s intervals, and then plots yaw, pitch, and roll versus time. These displacements are in reference to the vehicle-fixed coordinate system with the initial position and orientation being initial impact. Rate of rotation data is measured with an expanded uncertainty of ± 0.7 percent at a confidence factor of 95 percent (k = 2).

4.3.2. Anthropomorphic Dummy Instrumentation

An Alderson Research Laboratories Hybrid II, 50th percentile male anthropomorphic dummy, restrained with lap and shoulder belts, was placed in the front seat on the opposite side of impact of the 1100C vehicle. The dummy was not instrumented.

According to MASH, use of a dummy in the 2270P vehicle is optional, and no dummy was used in the test.

4.3.3. Photographic Instrumentation Data Processing

Photographic coverage of each test included two digital high-speed cameras:

- One located at a right angle to the impact path and in line with the installation.
- One placed downstream from the installation at an angle to have a field of view of the interaction of the front of the vehicle with the installation.

A flashbulb on the impacting vehicle was activated by a pressure-sensitive tape switch to indicate the instant of contact with the Crashworthy Enhanced Highway Sign Assemblies. The flashbulb was visible from each camera. The video files from these digital high-speed cameras were analyzed to observe phenomena occurring during the collision and to obtain time-event, displacement, and angular data. A digital camera recorded and documented conditions of each test vehicle and the installation before and after the test.

Chapter 5. *MASH* TEST 3-60 (CRASH TEST NO. 616161-01-1)

5.1. TEST DESIGNATION AND ACTUAL IMPACT CONDITIONS

See Table 5.1 for details on *MASH* impact conditions for this test and Table 5.2 for the exit parameters. Figure 5.1 and Figure 5.2 depict the target impact setup.

Table 5.1. Impact Conditions for *MASH* 3-60 616161-01-1.

Test Parameter	Specification	Tolerance	Measured
Impact Speed (mi/h)	19	±2.5 mi/h	18.9
Impact Angle (deg)	0	±1.5°	0
Kinetic Energy (kip-ft)	34	≤34 kip-ft	29.1
Impact Location	Centerline of the sign post aligned 13 off the centerline of the vehicle towards the driver side	± 6 inches	Centerline of the sign post aligned 13 off the centerline of the vehicle towards the driver side

Table 5.2. Exit Parameters for *MASH* 3-60 616161-01-1.

Exit Parameter	Measured
Speed (mi/h) 15.0	
Brakes applied post impact (s)	Greater than 5 seconds
Vehicle at rest position	127 ft downstream of impact point 7 ft to the right side 2° right
Comments:	Vehicle remained upright and stable.



Figure 5.1. Crashworthy Enhanced Highway Sign Assemblies/Test Vehicle Geometrics for Test 616161-01-1.



Figure 5.2. Crashworthy Enhanced Highway Sign Assemblies/Test Vehicle Impact Location 616161-01-1.

5.2. WEATHER CONDITIONS

Table 5.3 provides the weather conditions for 616161-01-1.

Table 5.3. Weather Conditions 616161-01-1.

Date of Test	2023-02-03 AM
Wind Speed (mi/h)	7
Wind Direction (deg)	360
Temperature (°F)	40
Relative Humidity (%)	96
Vehicle Traveling (deg)	350

5.3. TEST VEHICLE

Figure 5.3 and Figure 5.4 show the 2017 Nissan Versa used for the crash test. Table 5.4 shows the vehicle measurements. Figure C.1 in Appendix C.1 gives additional dimensions and information on the vehicle.



Figure 5.3. Impact Side of Test Vehicle before Test 616161-01-1.

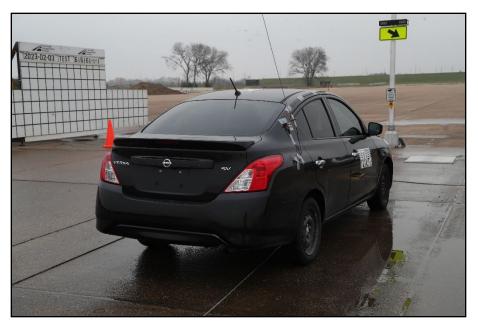


Figure 5.4. Opposite Impact Side of Test Vehicle before Test 616161-01-1.

Table 5.4. Vehicle Measurements 616161-01-1.

Test Parameter	MASH	Allowed Tolerance	Measured
Dummy (if applicable) ^a (lb)	165	N/A	165
Inertial Weight (lb)	2420	±55	2433
Gross Static ^a (lb)	2585	±25	2598
Wheelbase (inches)	98	±5	102.4
Front Overhang (inches)	35	±4	32.5
Overall Length (inches)	169	±8	175.4
Overall Width (inches)	65	±3	66.7
Hood Height (inches)	28	±4	30.5
Track Width ^b (inches)	59	±2	58.4
CG aft of Front Axle ^c (inches)	39	±4	41.2
CG above Ground ^{c,d} (inches)	N/A	N/A	N/A

^a If a dummy is used, the gross static vehicle mass should be increased by the mass of the dummy.

^b Average of front and rear axles.

^c For test inertial mass.

^d 2270P vehicle must meet minimum CG height requirement.

5.4. TEST DESCRIPTION

Table 5.5 lists events that occurred during Test No. 616161-01-1. Figures C.4, C.5, and C.6 in Appendix C.2 present sequential photographs during the test.

Table 5.5. Events during Test 616161-01-1.

Time (s)	Events
0.0000	Vehicle impacted the installation
0.0190	Base began to move
0.0330	Base released from anchor bolts in ground
0.0420	Post released from base
0.8770	Top of post contacted rear spoiler on vehicle
0.9275	Vehicles lost contact with post and sign while traveling at 15 mi/h

5.5. DAMAGE TO TEST INSTALLATION

The anchor bolts remained embedded in the concrete, but they were bent. The post landed 20 feet downstream and in-line with the impact path. The debris field from minor components of the installation spanned from the impact path to 10 feet to the left and 50 feet downstream. Figure 5.5 and Figure 5.6 show the damage to the Crashworthy Enhanced Highway Sign Assemblies.



Figure 5.5. Crashworthy Enhanced Highway Sign Assemblies after Test at Impact Location 616161-01-1.



Figure 5.6. Crashworthy Enhanced Highway Sign Assemblies after Test at the Anchor Bolts 616161-01-1.

5.6. DAMAGE TO TEST VEHICLE

Figure 5.7 and Figure 5.8 show the damage sustained by the vehicle. Figure 5.9 and Figure 5.10 show the interior of the test vehicle. Table 5.7 and Table 5.8 provide details on the occupant compartment deformation and exterior vehicle damage. Figures C.2 and C.3 in Appendix C.1 provide exterior crush and occupant compartment measurements.



Figure 5.7. Impact Side of Test Vehicle after Test 616161-01-1.

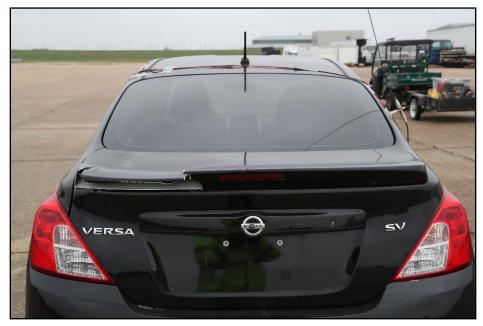


Figure 5.8. Rear Impact Side of Test Vehicle after Test 616161-01-1.



Figure 5.9. Overall Interior of Test Vehicle after Test 616161-01-1.



Figure 5.10. Interior of Test Vehicle on Impact Side after Test 616161-01-1.

Table 5.6. Occupant Compartment Deformation 616161-01-1.

Test Parameter	Specification	Measured
Roof	≤4.0 inches	0 inches
Windshield	≤3.0 inches	0 inches
A and B Pillars	≤5.0 overall/≤3.0 inches lateral	0 inches
Foot Well/Toe Pan	≤9.0 inches	0 inches
Floor Pan/Transmission Tunnel	≤12.0 inches	0 inches
Side Front Panel	≤12.0 inches	0 inches
Front Door (above Seat)	≤9.0 inches	0 inches
Front Door (below Seat)	≤12.0 inches	0 inches

Table 5.7. Exterior Vehicle Damage 616161-01-1.

Side Windows	The side windows remained intact
Maximum Exterior Deformation	½ inch in the front plane at bumper height
VDS	12FL1
CDC	12FLEN1
Fuel Tank Damage	None
Description of Damage to Vehicle:	The front bumper, trunk lid and spoiler were damaged. The trunk lid had a dent measuring 6×8 inches and 0.75 inches deep. The spoiler had a 14-inch long \times 5-inch wide break on the left side.

5.7. OCCUPANT RISK FACTORS

Data from the accelerometers were digitized for evaluation of occupant risk, and the results are shown in Table 5.9. Figure C.7 in Appendix C.3 shows the vehicle angular displacements, and Figures C.8 through C.10 in Appendix C.4 show acceleration versus time traces.

Table 5.8. Occupant Risk Factors for Test 616161-01-1.

Test Parameter	MASH ^a	Measured	Time
OIV, Longitudinal (ft/s)	≤16.0	5.4	0.3964 seconds on front of interior
	10.0		
OIV, Lateral (ft/s)	N/A	0.7	0.3964 seconds on front of interior
Ridedown, Longitudinal (g)	≤20.49	0.5	0.8778 - 0.8878 seconds
	15.0		
Ridedown, Lateral (g)	≤20.49	0.5	0.9194 - 0.9294 seconds
	15.0		
THIV (m/s)	N/A	1.7	0.3964 seconds on front of interior
ASI	N/A	0.3	0.0280 - 0.0780 seconds
50-ms Moving Avg.	NT/A	2.2	0.0011 0.05111
Accelerations (MA) Longitudinal (g)	N/A	-3.2	0.0011 - 0.0511 seconds
50-ms MA Lateral (g)	N/A	-0.6	0.0686 - 0.1186 seconds
50-ms MA Vertical (g)	N/A	-1.7	0.0044 - 0.0544 seconds
Roll (deg)	≤75	3	1.4991 seconds
Pitch (deg)	≤75	1	1.2896 seconds
Yaw (deg)	N/A	1	0.1534 seconds

a. Values in italics are the preferred MASH values

5.8. TEST SUMMARY

Figure 5.11 summarizes the results of *MASH* Test 616161-01-1.

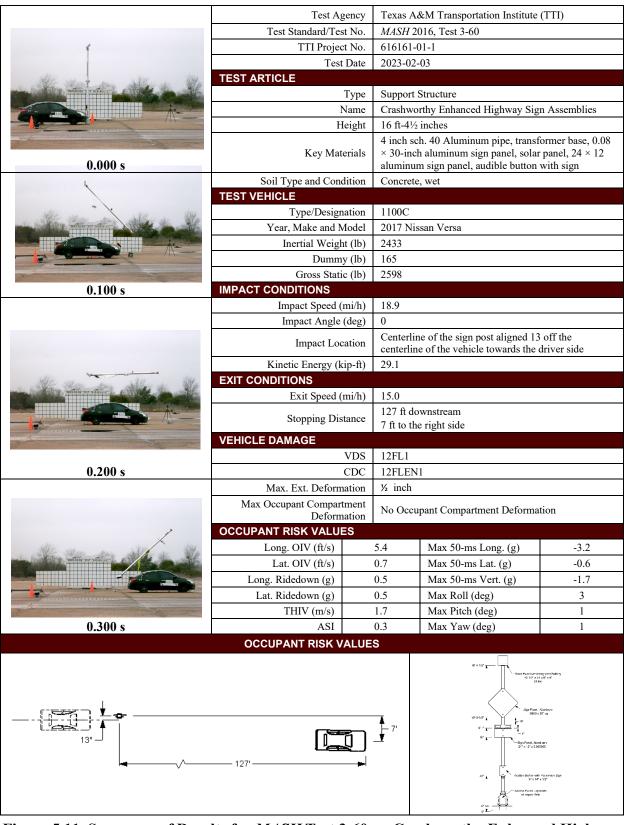


Figure 5.11. Summary of Results for *MASH* Test 3-60 on Crashworthy Enhanced Highway Sign Assemblies.

Chapter 6. *MASH* TEST 3-62 (CRASH TEST NO. 616161-01-2)

6.1. TEST DESIGNATION AND ACTUAL IMPACT CONDITIONS

See Table 6.1 for details on *MASH* impact conditions for this test and Table 6.2 for the exit parameters. Figure 6.1 and Figure 6.2 depict the target impact setup.

Table 6.1. Impact Conditions for *MASH* 3-62 616161-01-2.

Test Parameter	Specification	Tolerance	Measured
Impact Speed (mi/h)	62 mi/h	± 2.5 mi/h	60.7
Impact Angle (deg)	0°	± 1.5°	0
Kinetic Energy (kip-ft)	594 kip-ft	≥594 kip-ft	618.7
Impact Location	Centerline of the sign post aligned 13 off the centerline of the vehicle towards the driver side	± 6 inches	Centerline of the sign post aligned 13 off the centerline of the vehicle towards the driver side

Table 6.2. Exit Parameters for MASH 3-62 616161-01-2.

Exit Parameter	Measured
Speed (mi/h)	59.3
Brakes applied post impact (s)	1.75
Vehicle at rest position	328 ft downstream of impact point 4 ft to the left side 5° right
Comments:	Vehicle remained upright and stable.



Figure 6.1. Crashworthy Enhanced Highway Sign Assemblies/Test Vehicle Geometrics for Test 616161-01-2.



Figure 6.2. Crashworthy Enhanced Highway Sign Assemblies/Test Vehicle Impact Location 616161-01-2.

6.2. WEATHER CONDITIONS

Table 6.3 provides the weather conditions for 616161-01-2.

Table 6.3. Weather Conditions 616161-01-2.

Date of Test	2023-02-03 PM
Wind Speed (mi/h)	6
Wind Direction (deg)	304
Temperature (°F)	49
Relative Humidity (%)	88
Vehicle Traveling (deg)	350

6.3. TEST VEHICLE

Figure 6.3 and Figure 6.4 show the 2017 RAM 1500 used for the crash test. Table 6.4 shows the vehicle measurements. Figure D.1 in Appendix D.1 gives additional dimensions and information on the vehicle.



Figure 6.3. Impact Side of Test Vehicle before Test 616161-01-2.



Figure 6.4. Opposite Impact Side of Test Vehicle before Test 616161-01-2.

Table 6.4. Vehicle Measurements 616161-01-2.

Test Parameter	MASH	Allowed Tolerance	Measured
Dummy (if applicable) ^a (lb)	165	N/A	N/A
Inertial Weight (lb)	5000	± 110	5023
Gross Static ^a (lb)	5000	± 110	5023
Wheelbase (inches)	148	±12	140.5
Front Overhang (inches)	39	±3	40.0
Overall Length (inches)	237	±13	227.5
Overall Width (inches)	78	±2	78.5
Hood Height (inches)	43	±4	46.0
Track Width ^b (inches)	67	±1.5	68.25
CG aft of Front Axle ^c (inches)	63	±4	61.3
CG above Ground ^{c,d} (inches)	28	≥28	28.6

a If a dummy is used, the gross static vehicle mass should be increased by the mass of the dummy.

b Average of front and rear axles.
c For test inertial mass.
d 2770P

^d 2270P vehicle must meet minimum CG height requirement.

6.4. TEST DESCRIPTION

Table 6.5 lists events that occurred during Test No. 616161-01-2. Figures D.4, D.5, and D.6 in Appendix D.2 present sequential photographs during the test.

Table 6.5. Events during Test 616161-01-2.

Time (s)	Events
0.0000	Vehicle impacted the installation
0.0030	Base began to move
0.0070	Base released from anchor bolts in ground
0.0110	Post released from base
0.2600	Vehicle exited impact area traveling 59.3 mi/h

6.5. DAMAGE TO TEST INSTALLATION

The anchor bolts remained embedded in the concrete, but they were bent. The debris field from the components of the installation spanned from the 2.5 feet to the right to 18 feet to the left and from 2.5 feet upstream to 220 feet downstream. The base of the sign remained under the vehicle. Figure 6.5 and Figure 6.6 show the damage to the Crashworthy Enhanced Highway Sign Assemblies.



Figure 6.5. Crashworthy Enhanced Highway Sign Assemblies after Test at Impact Location 616161-01-2.



Figure 6.6. Crashworthy Enhanced Highway Sign Assemblies after Test at the Anchor Bolts 616161-01-2.

6.6. DAMAGE TO TEST VEHICLE

Figure 6.7 and Figure 6.8 show the damage sustained by the vehicle. Figure 6.9 and Figure 6.10 show the interior of the test vehicle. Table 6.7 and Table 6.8 provide details on the occupant compartment deformation and exterior vehicle damage. Figures D.2 and D.3 in Appendix D.1 provide exterior crush and occupant compartment measurements.



Figure 6.7. Impact Side of Test Vehicle after Test 616161-01-2.



Figure 6.8. Rear Impact Side of Test Vehicle after Test 616161-01-2.



Figure 6.9. Overall Interior of Test Vehicle after Test 616161-01-2.

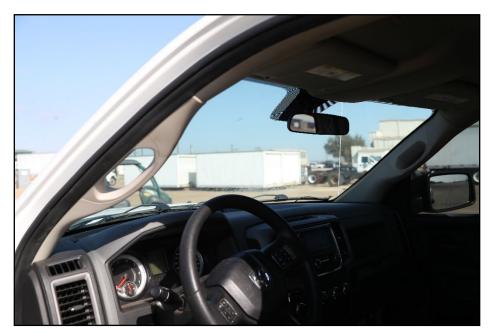


Figure 6.10. Interior of Test Vehicle on Impact Side after Test 616161-01-2.

Table 6.6. Occupant Compartment Deformation 616161-01-2.

Test Parameter	Specification	Measured
Roof	≤4.0 inches	0 inches
Windshield	≤3.0 inches	0 inches
A and B Pillars	≤5.0 overall/≤3.0 inches lateral	0 inches
Foot Well/Toe Pan	≤9.0 inches	0 inches
Floor Pan/Transmission Tunnel	≤12.0 inches	0 inches
Side Front Panel	≤12.0 inches	0 inches
Front Door (above Seat)	≤9.0 inches	0 inches
Front Door (below Seat)	≤12.0 inches	0 inches

Table 6.7. Exterior Vehicle Damage 616161-01-2.

Side Windows	The side windows remained intact		
Maximum Exterior Deformation	3.5 inches in the front plane at bumper height		
VDS	12FL2		
CDC	12FLEN1		
Fuel Tank Damage	None		
Description of Damage to Vehicle:	The front bumper, grill, and hood were damaged. The front bumper had a 8×14 -inch dent 3.5 inches deep 13 inches to the left of the vehicle's centerline. The hood had a 16×11 -inch dent that measured 2.5 inches convex in some places and 0.75 inches concave in others.		

6.7. OCCUPANT RISK FACTORS

Data from the accelerometers were digitized for evaluation of occupant risk, and the results are shown in Table 6.9. Figure D.7 in Appendix D.3 shows the vehicle angular displacements, and Figures D.8 through D.10 in Appendix D.4 show acceleration versus time traces.

Table 6.8. Occupant Risk Factors for Test 616161-01-2.

Test Parameter	MASH	Measured	Time
OIV, Longitudinal (ft/s)	≤16.0	1.9	1.0919 seconds on front of interior
	10.0		
OIV, Lateral (ft/s)	N/A	1.1	1.0919 seconds on front of interior
Ridedown, Longitudinal (g)	≤20.49	0.3	1.1747 - 1.1847 seconds
	15.0		
Ridedown, Lateral (g)	≤20.49	0.3	1.1692 - 1.1792 seconds
	15.0		
THIV (m/s)	N/A	0.7	1.1009 seconds on front of interior
ASI	N/A	0.1	0.0074 - 0.0574 seconds
50-ms MA Longitudinal (g)	N/A	-1.0	0.0003 - 0.0503 seconds
50-ms MA Lateral (g)	N/A	-0.3	0.1857 - 0.2357 seconds
50-ms MA Vertical (g)	N/A	-1.1	0.0162 - 0.0662 seconds
Roll (deg)	≤75	3	1.4873 seconds
Pitch (deg)	≤75	2	1.5000 seconds
Yaw (deg)	N/A	3	1.5000 seconds

^{a.} Values in italics are the preferred MASH values

6.8. TEST SUMMARY

Figure 6.11 summarizes the results of MASH Test 616161-01-2.

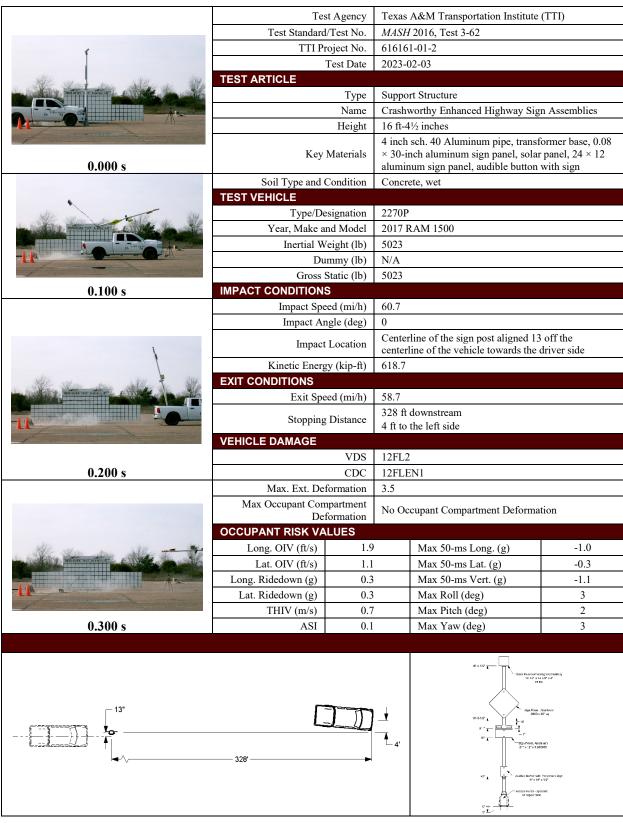


Figure 6.11. Summary of Results for *MASH* Test 3-62 on Crashworthy Enhanced Highway Sign Assemblies.

Chapter 7. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

7.1. ASSESSMENT OF TEST RESULTS

The crash tests reported herein were performed in accordance with *MASH* TL-3 on the Crashworthy Enhanced Highway Sign Assemblies.

7.2. CONCLUSIONS

Table 8.1 shows that the Crashworthy Enhanced Highway Sign Assemblies met the performance criteria for *MASH* TL-3 support structures.

Table 8.1. Assessment Summary for *MASH* TL-3 Tests on Crashworthy Enhanced Highway Sign Assemblies.

Evaluation Criteria	Description	Test No. 616161-01-1 <i>MASH</i> 3-60	Test No. 616161-01-2 <i>MASH</i> 3-62
В	Test Article Should Readily Activate	S	S
D	No Penetration into Occupant Compartment	S	S
F	Roll and Pitch Limit	S	S
Н	OIV Threshold	S	S
Ι	Ridedown Threshold	S	S
N Trajectory Behind Installation Acceptable		S	S
Overall		Pass	Pass

Note: S = Satisfactory

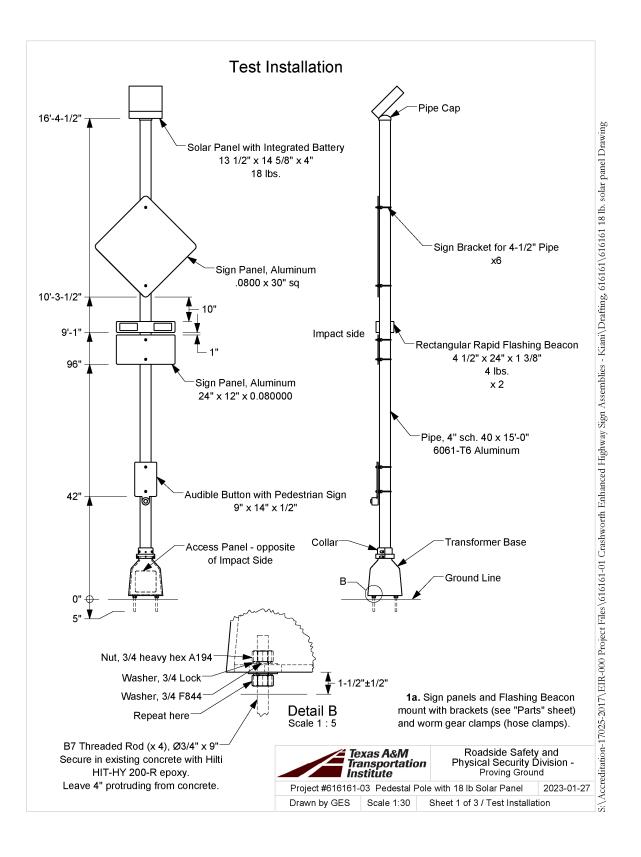
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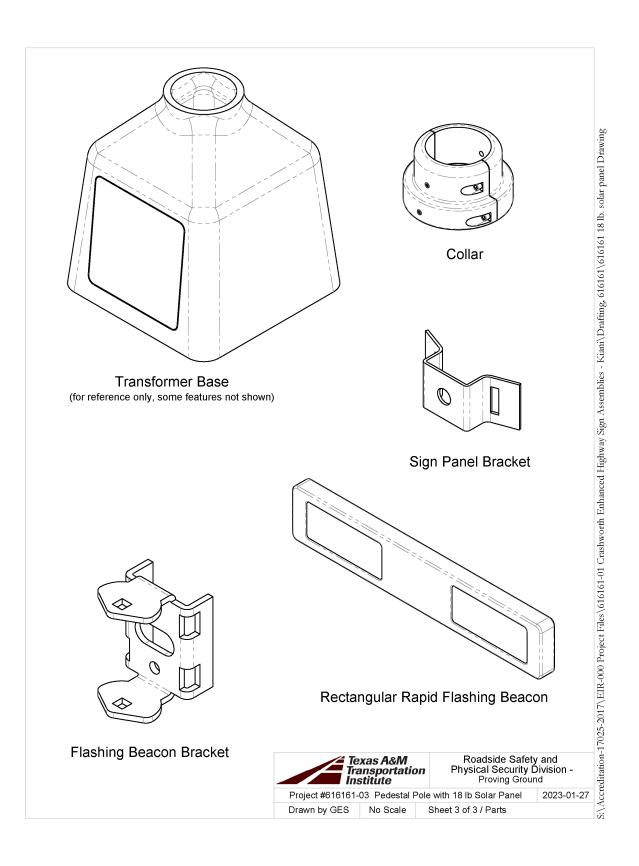
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APPENDIX A.	DETAILS OF CRASHWORTHY ENHANCED HIGHWAY SIGN ASSEMBLIES





APPENDIX B.	SUPPORTING CERTIFICATION DOCUMENTS	

APPENDIX C. MASH TEST 3-60 (CRASH TEST NO. 616161-01-1)

C.1. VEHICLE PROPERTIES AND INFORMATION

Date:	2023-02-03	Test No.:	616161-01-1	_ VIN No.:	3N1CN7AP5HL873327		
Year:	2017	Make:	Nissan	_ Model:	Versa		
Tire Inf	lation Pressure:	36 PSI	Odometer: 96606		Tire Size: <u>P185/65R15</u>		
Describ	Describe any damage to the vehicle prior to test: None						
• Dend	Denotes accelerometer location.						
NOTES	S: <u>None</u>		- A M		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		
Engine Engine							
Transm	nission Type: Auto or	☐ Manual		\			
$\overline{\square}$	FWD _ R	ND 4WC	P				
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Dummy	y Data:			Ls	G L K		
Type: Mass:		Percentile Male	_	——————————————————————————————————————	Lu "		
	Position: OPPO		_	——Е	-X		
Geome	etry: inches		◄		C		
A <u>66.7</u>	-	32.50	K <u>12.50</u>	P <u>4.50</u>	U <u>15.50</u>		
B <u>59.6</u>	<u>0</u> G	·	L <u>26.00</u>	Q <u>24.0</u>	0 V <u>21.25</u>		
C <u>175</u> .	40 H	41.16	M <u>58.30</u>	R <u>16.2</u>	5 W <u>41.25</u>		
D <u>40.5</u>	0 1	7.00	N <u>58.50</u>	S <u>7.50</u>	X <u>79.75</u>		
E <u>102.</u>	40	22.50	O <u>30.50</u>	T <u>64.5</u>	0		
	eel Center Ht Fro		Wheel Center H				
RA	NGE LIMIT: A = 65 ±3 inc	hes; C = 169 ±8 inches; E (M+N)/2 = 59 ±2	= 98 ±5 inches; F = 35 ±4 inches; H ! inches; W-H < 2 inches or use MASF	= 39 ±4 inches; O I Paragraph A4.3.2	(Top of Radiator Support) = 28 ±4 inches		
GVWR	Ratings:	Mass: Ib	<u>Curb</u>	<u>Test</u>	Inertial Gross Static		
Front	1750	_ M _{front}	1430	1455	<u>1540</u>		
Back	1687	_ M _{rear}	920	978	1058		
Total	3389	M _{Total}	2350	2433	2598		
Moss F	Nictribution:		Allowable TIM = 24	20 lb ±55 lb Allow	vable GSM = 2585 lb ± 55 lb		
lb	Distribution:	LF: <u>732</u>	RF: <u>723</u>	LR: <u>513</u>	RR: <u>465</u>		

Figure C.1. Vehicle Properties for Test No. 616161-01-1.

Date:	2023-02-03	Test No.:	616161-01-1	1	VIN No.:	3N1CN7AP5HL873327
Year:	2017	Make:	Nissan		Model:	Versa
	VI	EHICLE CI	RUSH MEA	ASUREM	ENT SHE	ET^1
Complete When Applicable						
	End Dam	age			Si	de Damage

Complete Wh	en Applicable
End Damage	Side Damage
Undeformed end width	Bowing: B1 X1
Corner shift: A1	B2 X2
A2	
End shift at frame (CDC)	Bowing constant
(check one)	X1+X2 _
< 4 inches	
≥ 4 inches	

 $\underline{\text{Note: Measure C}_1 \text{ to C}_6 \text{ from Driver to Passenger Side in Front or Rear Impacts} - Rear \text{ to Front in Side Impacts}.$

Specific Impact Number	Plane* of C-Measurements	Direct Damage									
		Width** (CDC)	Max*** Crush	Field L**	C_1	C_2	C ₃	C ₄	C ₅	C ₆	±D
	Measurements recorded										
	inches or mm										

¹Table taken from National Accident Sampling System (NASS).

Free space value is defined as the distance between the baseline and the original body contour taken at the individual C locations. This may include the following: bumper lead, bumper taper, side protrusion, side taper, etc. Record the value for each C-measurement and maximum crush.

Note: Use as many lines/columns as necessary to describe each damage profile.

Figure C.2. Exterior Crush Measurements for Test No. 616161-01-1.

^{*}Identify the plane at which the C-measurements are taken (e.g., at bumper, above bumper, at sill, above sill, at beltline, etc.) or label adjustments (e.g., free space).

^{**}Measure and document on the vehicle diagram the beginning or end of the direct damage width and field L (e.g., side damage with respect to undamaged axle).

^{***}Measure and document on the vehicle diagram the location of the maximum crush.

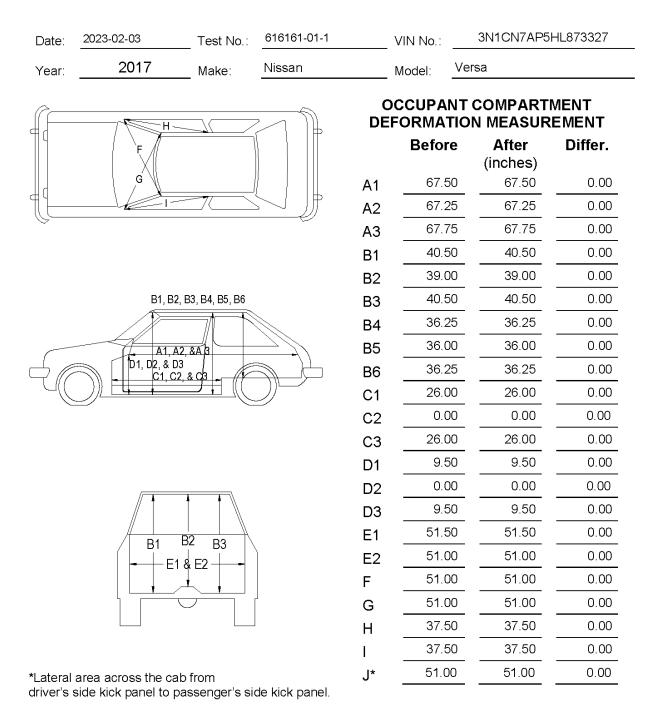


Figure C.3. Occupant Compartment Measurements for Test No. 616161-01-1.

C.2. SEQUENTIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

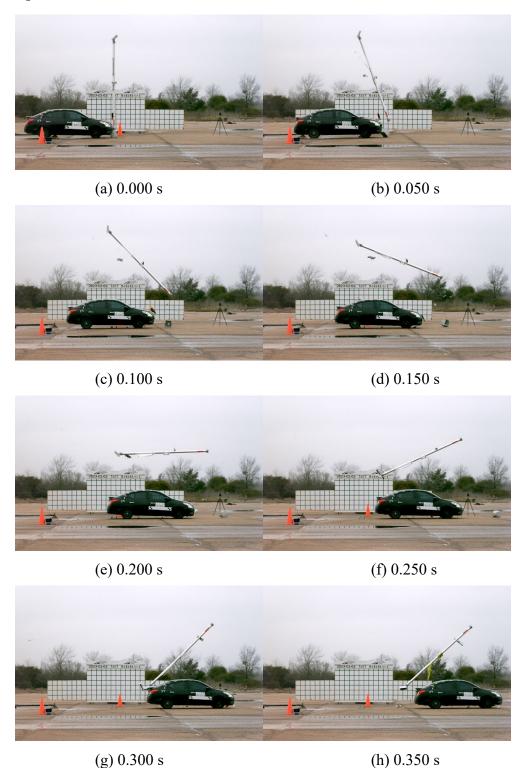


Figure C.4. Sequential Photographs for Test No. 616161-01-1 (Right Angle Views).

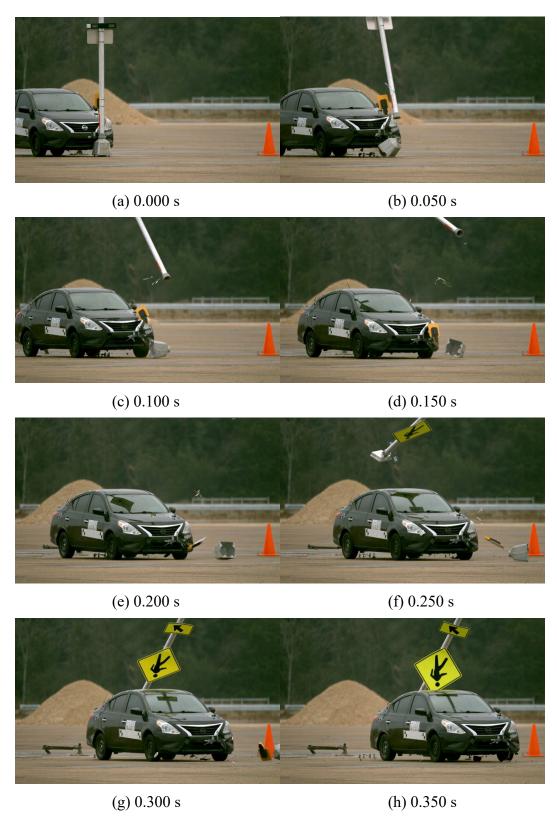
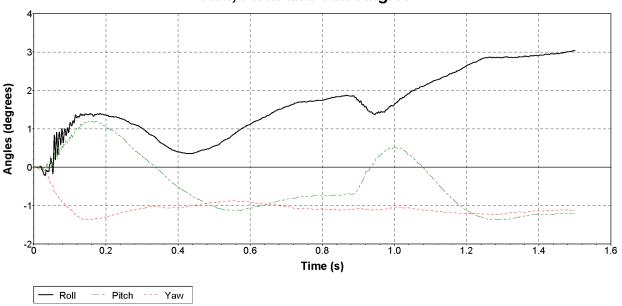


Figure C.5. Sequential Photographs for Test No. 616161-01-1 (Oblique Views).

C.3. VEHICLE ANGULAR DISPLACEMENTS

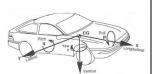
Roll, Pitch and Yaw Angles



Axes are vehicle-fixed. Sequence for determining orientation: 1. Yaw.

2. Pitch.

3. Roll.



Test Number: 616161-01-1

Test Standard Test Number: *MASH* Test 3-60 Test Article: Crashworthy Enhanced Highway

Sign Assemblies

Test Vehicle: 2017 Nissan Versa

Inertial Mass: 2433 lb Gross Mass: 2598 lb Impact Speed: 18.9 mi/h Impact Angle: 0 degreees

Figure C.6. Vehicle Angular Displacements for Test No. 616161-01-1.

C.4. VEHICLE ACCELERATIONS

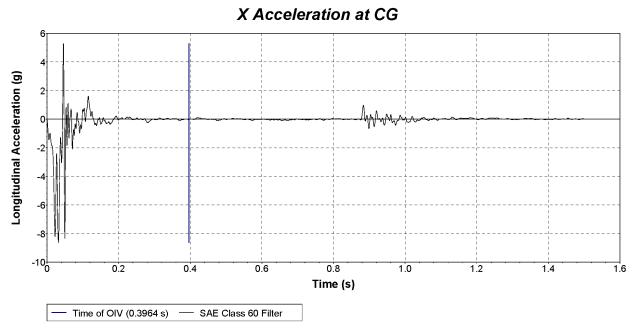


Figure C.7. Vehicle Longitudinal Accelerometer Trace for Test No. 616161-01-1 (Accelerometer Located at Center of Gravity).

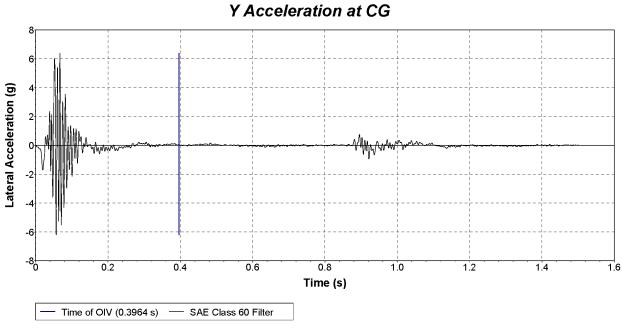


Figure C.8. Vehicle Lateral Accelerometer Trace for Test No. 616161-01-1 (Accelerometer Located at Center of Gravity).

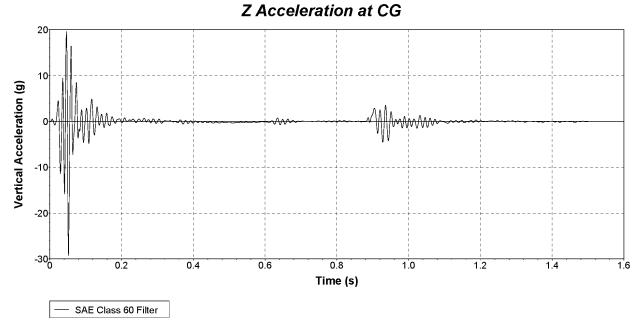


Figure C.9. Vehicle Vertical Accelerometer Trace for Test No. 616161-01-1 (Accelerometer Located at Center of Gravity).

APPENDIX D. MASH TEST 3-62 (CRASH TEST NO. 616161-01-2)

D.1. VEHICLE PROPERTIES AND INFORMATION

Date:2	2023-02-03	_ Test No.:	616161	-01-2	VIN No.:	1C6RR6F	T5HS	855799
Year:	2017	_ Make:	RAN	И	_ Model: _	1	500	
Tire Size:	265/70 R 17			Tire I	nflation Press	sure:	35	psi
Tread Type:	Highway				Odom	eter: 102197	,	
Note any dar	mage to the ve	hicle prior to t	est: None	!				
• Danatas a				•	◄ X —	-		
	ccelerometer l	ocation.			- W -			
NOTES: N	one		1				-	1
			A M					
Engine Type Engine CID:			WHEEL				1	WHEEL TRACK
Transmissio	n Type:					TEST INF	RTIAL C. M.	
Auto FWD	or <u>[</u> √ RWD] Manual ☐ 4WD		_ • Q	-			
		4000	P —	* * * * * * * * * *				
Optional Equ None	uipment:		1	-			_	B
			0 1 - 1		****	*	27	Dar I
Dummy Data Type:	a: NONE		<u> </u>	-	<u> </u>	L _v L _s		- +
Mass:		lb		← F →	— H — → L	G .	← D-	-
Seat Position	on:			↓	M FRONT	4	M	
Geometry:	inches			4	FRONT	c	REAR	_
· · —	5.50 F	40.00	. K	20.00	- P <u> </u>	3.00	U.	26.75
	4.00 G	28.60	. L	30.00	_ Q _	30.50	٧.	30.25
C 227		61.31	. М	68.50	_ R	18.00	W.	61.25
	1.00	11.75	. N	68.00	_ s	13.00	Χ.	79.00
E 140 Wheel Ce	nter	27.00	. O Wheel Well	46.00	_ T <u> </u>	77.00 Bottom Frame		
Height F	ront	14.75 Cle	arance (Front)		6.00	Height - Front		12.50
Wheel Ce Height F		14.75 Cle	Wheel Well arance (Rear)		9.25	Bottom Frame Height - Rear		22.50
RANGE LIMIT: A=78 ±2 inches; C=237 ±13 inches; E=148 ±12 inches; F=39 ±3 inches; G = > 28 inches; H = 63 ±4 inches; O=43 ±4 inches; (M+N)/2=67 ±1.5 inches								
GVWR Ratir	-	Mass: Ib	<u>Curk</u>		<u>Test In</u>		<u>Gro</u> :	ss Static
	3700	M _{front}		2903		2831		2831
	3900	M _{rear}		2066		2192		2192
	6700	M _{Total}		4969 (Allowable	Range for TIM and GS	5023 SM = 5000 lb ±110 lb)		5023
Mass Distril	bution: LF:	1478	RF:	1353	LR: 10	072 R	R:	1120
	_		· -				_	

Figure D.1. Vehicle Properties for Test No. 616161-01-2.

Date:	2023-02-03	_ Test No.:	616161-01-2	_ VIN No.:	1C6RR6FT5HS855799
Year:	2017	Make:	RAM	Model:	1500

VEHICLE CRUSH MEASUREMENT SHEET¹

Complete Wh	en Applicable
End Damage	Side Damage
Undeformed end width	Bowing: B1 X1
Corner shift: A1	B2 X2
A2	
End shift at frame (CDC)	Bowing constant
(check one)	X1+X2 _
< 4 inches	
≥ 4 inches	

Note: Measure C₁ to C₆ from Driver to Passenger Side in Front or Rear Impacts – Rear to Front in Side Impacts.

g:g.		Direct Damage									
Specific Impact Number	Plane* of C-Measurements	Width** (CDC)	Max*** Crush	Field L**	C ₁	C_2	C ₃	C ₄	C5	C ₆	±D
1	AT FT BUMPER	11	3.5	11							-13
	Measurements recorded										
	√inches or □mm										

¹Table taken from National Accident Sampling System (NASS).

Free space value is defined as the distance between the baseline and the original body contour taken at the individual C locations. This may include the following: bumper lead, bumper taper, side protrusion, side taper, etc. Record the value for each C-measurement and maximum crush.

Note: Use as many lines/columns as necessary to describe each damage profile.

Figure D.2. Exterior Crush Measurements for Test No. 616161-01-2.

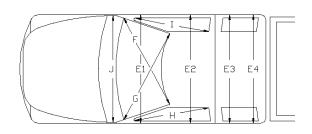
^{*}Identify the plane at which the C-measurements are taken (e.g., at bumper, above bumper, at sill, above sill, at beltline, etc.) or label adjustments (e.g., free space).

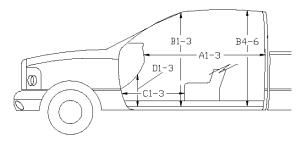
^{**}Measure and document on the vehicle diagram the beginning or end of the direct damage width and field L (e.g., side damage with respect to undamaged axle).

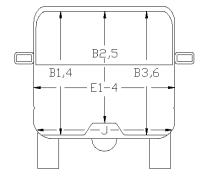
^{***}Measure and document on the vehicle diagram the location of the maximum crush.

 Date:
 2023-02-03
 Test No.:
 616161-01-2
 VIN No.:
 1C6RR6FT5HS855799

 Year:
 2017
 Make:
 RAM
 Model:
 1500







^{*}Lateral area across the cab from driver's side kickpanel to passenger's side kickpanel.

OCCUPANT COMPARTMENT DEFORMATION MEASUREMENT

DLI		1 MEAGOIN	
	Before	After	Differ.
		(inches)	
A1	65.00	65.00	0.00
A2	63.00	63.00	0.00
АЗ	65.50	65.50	0.00
B1	45.00	45.00	0.00
B2	38.00	38.00	0.00
В3	45.00	45.00	0.00
B4	39.50	39.50	0.00
B5	43.00	43.00	0.00
В6	39.50	39.50	0.00
C1	26.00	26.00	0.00
C2	0.00	0.00	0.00
C3	26.00	26.00	0.00
D1	11.00	11.00	0.00
D2	0.00	0.00	0.00
D3	11.50	11.50	0.00
E1	58.50	58.50	0.00
E2	63.50	63.50	0.00
E3	63.50	63.50	0.00
E4	63.50	63.50	0.00
F	59.00	59.00	0.00
G	59.00	59.00	0.00
Н	37.50	37.50	0.00
I	37.50	37.50	0.00
J*	25.00	25.00	0.00
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Figure D.3. Occupant Compartment Measurements for Test No. 616161-01-2.

D.2. SEQUENTIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

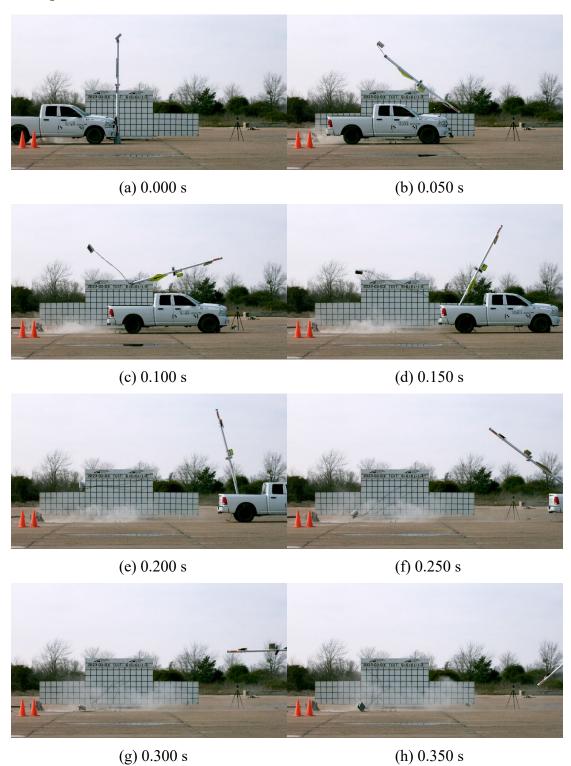


Figure D.4. Sequential Photographs for Test No. 616161-01-2 (Right Angle Views).

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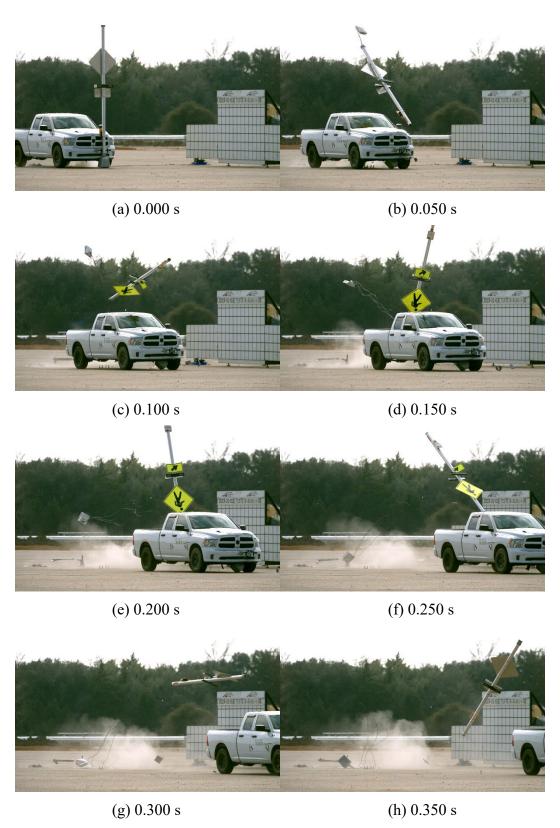
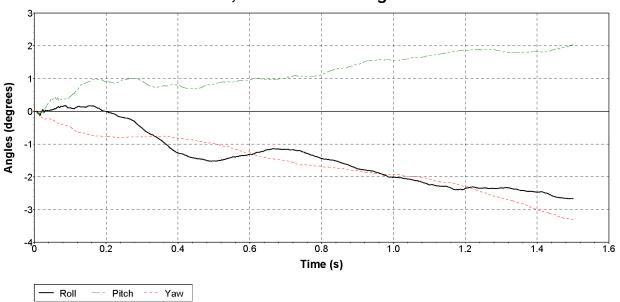


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D.3. VEHICLE ANGULAR DISPLACEMENTS

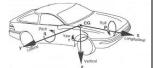
Roll, Pitch and Yaw Angles



Axes are vehicle-fixed. Sequence for determining orientation:

4. Yaw. 5. Pitch.

6. Roll.



Test Number: 616161-01-2

Test Standard Test Number: *MASH* Test 3-62 Test Article: Crashworthy Enhanced Highway

Sign Assemblies

Test Vehicle: 2017 RAM 1500

Inertial Mass: 5023 lb Gross Mass: 5023 lb Impact Speed: 60.7 mi/h Impact Angle: 0 degrees

Figure D.6. Vehicle Angular Displacements for Test No. 616161-01-2.

D.4. VEHICLE ACCELERATIONS

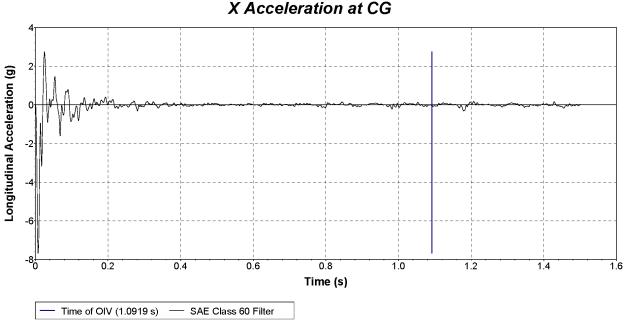


Figure D.7. Vehicle Longitudinal Accelerometer Trace for Test No. 616161-01-2 (Accelerometer Located at Center of Gravity).

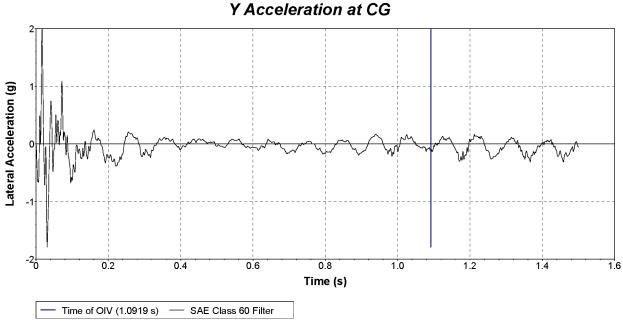


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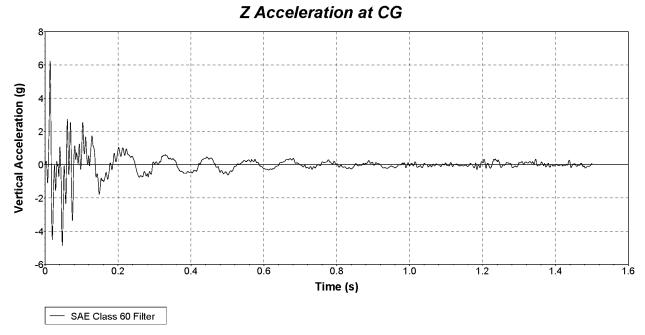


Figure D.9. Vehicle Vertical Accelerometer Trace for Test No. 616161-01-2 (Accelerometer Located at Center of Gravity).