

Comment from Nathan Powell

While camera systems now coming into widespread use in the automotive field provide undeniable improvements in terms of outward visibility from vehicles I am opposed to any change in regulations that would allow camera system to replace traditional mirrors. While camera systems and the screens they display their images on are needed they suffer from the same ills that plague most pieces of modern computerized technology, namely they are fairly short lived, prone to technical faults, and expensive to replace.

Given the average age of the American automobile is at an all time high and not likely to decrease anytime soon it would seem to me to be unwise to allow automakers to replace a notoriously reliable technology (mirrors) that will certainly last as long as the car they are equipped to with one that almost certainly will not. In my opinion doing so would endanger the safety of all American's who use our nations motorways in the future. Camera's should be required to supplement mirrors and increase viability as well as safety but they should never be allowed to replace mirrors.