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Advanced Crash Test Dummy Research

Why Advanced Crash Test Dummies?

- Field Data: Significant number of injuries/fatalities still occur despite current regulations/consumer metric programs
- How to address?
 - 1. <u>Crash Tests</u>: Evaluate test conditions not currently in regulation/consumer metric programs that are prevalent in the field data
 - 2. <u>Dummies</u>: Develop/document new ATDs that are more human-like and have enhanced instrumentation
 - 3. <u>Injury Criteria</u>: Given 1 and/or 2, develop and apply new injury measures that could be used to design improved safety countermeasures



THOR 50th Male – Extended Overview

THOR 5th Female

LODC 10 year old

WorldSID 50th Male

WorldSID 5th Female

BioRID

THOR-50M

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THOR-50M Overview

- THOR = Test Device for Human Occupant Restraint
 - Anthropomorphic Test Device (ATD)
 - 50th percentile male ("THOR-50M")
- Provides improvements over the Hybrid III 50th percentile male ATD
 - More biofidelic (human-like)
 - Enhanced instrumentation
 - Increased injury prediction capability
- Used in NHTSA research projects dating back to 1999
 - ~175 tests in Vehicle Database
 - ~1400 tests in Biomechanics Database
- Funded by NHTSA throughout development



THOR-50M Documentation

Title	Description
Drawing Package	Engineering drawings describing detailed design, 2D and 3D database
Qualification	Procedures and response specifications in component and fully body impact tests
Durability	Elevated-energy qualification tests to ensure sufficient durability in repeated use
R&R (THOR Qualification)	Repeated qualification tests to evaluate repeatability and reproducibility of results
R&R (Oblique w/ THOR)	Repeated Oblique crash tests to ensure repeatability and reproducibility of crash test results
Biofidelity	Quantitative biofidelity assessment and comparison to Hybrid III
PADI	Procedures for assembly, disassembly, inspection; serves as user's manual for a dummy
Seating Procedure	Step-by-step positioning procedure in the driver or right front passenger seat for a crash test
Injury Criteria	Describes development of injury risk functions and their application to THOR

Docket ID NHTSA-2019-0106 NHTSA Crashworthiness Research – THOR-50M Documentation

THOR-50M Drawing Package

- August 2018 version
 - 2D Drawings: PDF, AutoCAD
 - 3D Parametric Database: Autodesk Inventor, STEP
 - Drawing revisions since August 2016 release
 - Parts list
- Updates since August 2016 release
 - External dimensions (per procedure in PADI)
 - Body segment mass & C.G. location
 - Design updates to improve usability, durability, accuracy
 - Drawing updates to improve manufacturability



THOR-50M Qualification Manual

- September 2018 version
 - Step-by-step procedures for qualification testing
 - Performance specifications
 - At least one specification for each measurement used in Injury Criteria
 - Includes comparison to August 2016 specifications
- Updates since August 2016 release
 - Standardized specification corridor width (±10%)
 - Ensure that face response meets biofidelity corridor
 - Reduced total number of specifications
 - Removed redundant measurements in neck tests
 - Use peak resultant deflection in thorax tests



THOR-50M Durability

- Durability in Qualification Procedures
 - 5 tests in each qualification test mode
 - 1) Baseline level
 - 2) +10% Energy
 - 3) +20% Energy
 - 4) +30% Energy
 - 5) Baseline level
 - NHTSA BioDB (<u>TSTNOs 12085-12159</u>)
- Durability in Crash Tests
 - 150+ vehicle crash tests
 - 300+ sled tests
 - 1000+ component tests



THOR-50M R&R (Qualification)

- Repeatability
 - Similarity of responses from repeated tests on same THOR
- Reproducibility
 - Similarity of responses from different THORs
 - Similarity of responses from the same THOR at different labs
- Quantify results using Coefficient of Variation σ

$$CV = \frac{o}{\mu} \times 100\%$$

- Results used to define qualification specifications
- NHTSA BioDB (<u>TSTNOs 12285-12794</u>)



THOR-50M R&R (Oblique w/ THOR)

- Repeatability
 - Similarity of responses from repeated tests on same vehicle and same THOR
- Reproducibility
 - Similarity of responses from repeated tests on same vehicle and same THOR at different lab
- Result
 - R&R metrics same or better than frontal rigid barrier test mode with Hybrid III 50th
 - Recommended improvements to seating procedure
- Source
 - Saunders et al., "Repeatability and Reproducibility of Oblique Moving Deformable Barrier Test Procedure," 2018 SAE World Congress
 - NHTSA VehDB (see paper for TSTNOs)



THOR-50M Biofidelity

- Biofidelity
 - Describes the similarity of a surrogate (ATD, human body model) to a human
 - Response corridors are developed from post-mortem human surrogates (PMHS, or cadaver)
 - Surrogate response compared to corridor, quantified using BioRank
 - THOR-50M demonstrates improved biofidelity compared to Hybrid III 50th
- Source
 - Data in NHTSA BioDB (see paper for TSTNOs)
 - Parent et al., "Biofidelity Evaluation of the THOR and Hybrid III 50th Percentile Male Frontal Impact Anthropomorphic Test Devices," 2017 Stapp Conference



Body Region	THOR-50M	H3-50M
Head	Excellent	Poor
Neck	Good	Poor
Thorax	Excellent	Good
Abdomen	Marginal	Marginal
Knee/Thigh/Hip	Good	Poor
Lower Extremity	Good	N/A
Whole-body	Good	Good

THOR-50M PADI

- Procedures for Assembly, Disassembly, and Inspection
- Also describes
 - Handling and storage
 - H-point tool assembly and use
 - Posture adjustments
 - Instrumentation cable routing and grounding
 - Instrumentation polarity check
 - Thorax/abdomen instrumentation calibration and post-processing
 - External dimension measurement procedure





THOR-50M Seating Procedure

- Describes procedure for positioning THOR-50M in vehicle for crash testing
 - Driver
 - Right Front Passenger
- Changes from previous publication (<u>NHTSA-2015-0119-0009</u>, <u>NHTSA-2015-0119-0022</u>)
 - Driver heel point accounts for both suspended and floormounted accelerator pedals
 - Wider tolerances on H-point target location
 - Additional seat position fore/aft adjustment to avoid leg contact
 - Head angle about the Y-axis set to 0 degrees (± 1 degree), but may deviate after all other steps are conducted
- Published in NTL (<u>https://rosap.ntl.bts.gov/view/dot/40786</u>)





THOR-50M Injury Criteria

- For each body region:
 - Field and Historical Fleet Data
 - Literature Review
 - Design & Instrumentation
 - Biofidelity
 - Review of Available Data
 - Injury Risk Function Formulation
 - Application of Risk Function to THOR-50M
 - Fleet Test Data
 - Limitations
- Peer-reviewed
 - Reviewer comments and responses to be published



THOR-50M Finite Element Model

- Allows virtual crash tests, parametric analyses
- Developed by NHTSA with support from academic and industry partners
- Recent updates carried out under contract with University of Virginia Center for Applied Biomechanics
 - Updated to meet drawing package, qualification specifications
 - Experimental characterization of neck, thorax
 - Key improvements to torso, pelvis flesh, molded shoes
 - New jacket model to improve robustness
 - Stability checks in increased-energy simulations
 - Decreased simulation times by ~75%



THOR-50M Alternate Configurations – Shoulder

- Contract awarded to TRC
 - Design, build, and evaluate two shoulder prototypes
- Evaluate alternate design vs. baseline
 - Quasi-static rotation
 - Fit check in THOR-50M
 - Quasi-static biofidelity (Tornvall et al., 2005)
 - Qualification test (upper thorax)
- Selected one design to move forward
- Next steps
 - Evaluation in sled and/or vehicle testing
 - Complete drawings/specifications





THOR-50M Alternate Configurations – In-dummy DAS

- Contract awarded to DTS
 - Design and install in-dummy data acquisition system (DAS) in THOR-50M
- Evaluate alternate design vs. baseline (umbilical)
 - Compare mass and C.G. locations of body segments
 - Fit check in THOR-50M
 - Compare full set of qualification tests
- Next steps
 - Compare vehicle crash test results





THOR-50M Alternate Configurations – IR-TRACC

- Contract awarded to ATD-LabTech
 - Commercially-available thoracic and abdominal 3D deflection instrumentation
- Evaluate alternate design vs. baseline
 - Calibration
 - Fit check in THOR-50M
 - Qualification tests
 - Sled tests (near-side frontal oblique)
- Next steps
 - Develop framework for evaluating alternate designs







Use in NHTSA Research Projects

8 THOR-50M ATDs owned by NHTSA

164 Vehicle Crash Tests



48 Crash Simulation Sled Tests



Dynamic Component Tests







THOR 50th Questions?

THOR 5th Percentile Female ATD

Ellen Lee



THOR-05F: 5th Percentile Female ATD

- Incorporates key improvements from THOR-50M
- Human-like characteristics that mimics human seat belt interaction
- Designed to match small femalespecific anthropometry and mass properties
- State-of-the-art measurement capabilities, including built-in capacity for on-board DAS
- Improved injury prediction capabilities, e.g. abdominal pressure sensors



Female-specific Design and Data Collection



THOR-05F Biofidelity

- Biofidelity
 - Describes the similarity of a surrogate (ATD, human body model) to a human
 - Response corridors are developed from postmortem human surrogates (PMHS, or cadaver)
 - Surrogate response compared to corridor, quantified using BioRank







Current Research

- Evaluating 3 prototype ATDs
 - Repeatability, durability
 - Sled testing in rear and front seat configurations
- Developing Injury Risk Curves
 - Collecting biomechanical data (PMHS) and conducting matched pair ATD tests
- Developing technical reports & documentation:

Biofidelity Requirements Manual	R&R and Durability Reports
Biofidelity Report	PADI
Drawing Package	Injury Criteria Report



For more information, see Docket ID NHTSA-2019-0107 NHTSA Crashworthiness Research – THOR-05F Documentation

Large Omnidirectional Child (LODC) ATD

Jason Stammen, Ph.D.



Head has inertial/mass properties matching pediatric data

Source: Loyd (Duke)

Shoulders and thorax reflect pediatric anatomy and mimic pediatric response

Sources: Kent/Parent (UVA), Maltese (CHOP), Agnew/Bolte (OSU)

Biofidelic, instrumented abdomen to measure beltinduced loading

Sources: Kent (UVA), Beillas (IFSTTAR) Ramachandra (OSU), Hardy (Wayne State)



Anthropometry matches actual seated child data

Source: Reed (UMTRI)

Neck can elongate and allows for free Z axis rotation; response matching pediatric data

Sources: Dibb/Luck/Myers (Duke), Thunnissen 1995

> Flexible cervicothoracic & thoracic spine for more biofidelic head trajectory and neck loads

Sources: Kang (OSU), Lopez-Valdes/Ash (UVA), Arbogast (CHOP), Pintar/Yoganandan (MCW) 2005 - 2009: Testing of Hybrid III 10YO establishes the need for improvements in biofidelity; pediatric biomechanical studies



Stammen et al. (2012) ABME



FIGURE 11. Applied chin force correlates strongly to the HIC outcome in sled testing (data from Stammen and Sullivan¹⁶).

LODC History

2005 - 2009: Testing of Hybrid III 10YO establishes the need





LODC History

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2010 – 2012: Design and construction of initial LODC prototype thorax; NHTSA decides to leave HIC requirement out of FMVSS 213 due to issues with Hybrid III 10YO chin-chest





Stammen et al. (2014) Advances in Child Injury Prevention









Recent Upgrades

Recent Work

- Usability improvements with slight improvement in biofidelity
- Evaluated R&R
- Shoulder/thorax biofidelity improved by including additional biofidelity test condition







Suntay & Stammen "Evaluation of the Large Omnidirectional Child (LODC) ATD" DOT HS 812 755. https://rosap.ntl.bts.gov/view/dot/41843

Recent Work

- Feasible to use ATD in non-frontal conditions
- Tested in vehicle rear seat, aircraft seat, lateral, oblique, and rear impact









Suntay & Stammen "Evaluation of the Large Omnidirectional Child (LODC) ATD" DOT HS 812 755. <u>https://rosap.ntl.bts.gov/view/dot/41843</u>

Recent Work

 Upper arm/shoulder and belt engagement improved; prevent artificial belt folding



Suntay & Stammen "Evaluation of the Large Omnidirectional Child (LODC) ATD" DOT HS 812 755. <u>https://rosap.ntl.bts.gov/view/dot/41843</u>



- Developing new chest deflection system
- Can be used instead of or in tandem with IR-TRACC
- More details at SAE Government/Industry







- Developing FE model
- Meshing almost complete
- Material property analysis & experimental validation underway





- Initiating a study at Ohio State to evaluate the frontal shoulder range of motion & stiffness in pediatric volunteers
- Trial testing with LODC to refine experimental details
- Volunteer testing starting in 2020
- Real-time biofidelity assessment of LODC



From: Tornvall, et al. (2005) "Comparison of shoulder rangeof-motion and stiffness between volunteers, Hybrid III and THOR Alpha in static frontal impact loading" International Journal of Crashworthiness, 10:2, 151-160.





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- Leveraging pediatric biomechanical data, developmental transfer functions, CIREN cases, NTDB injury data, and ATD tests to derive injury risk functions
- Initial focus is on abdomen thorax, head, and spine to follow



- Generating documentation needed for Part 572: drawing package, parts list, user's manual, and qualification procedures
- Open source ATD: will include material properties, tooling, and other manufacturing details



Summary

- NHTSA initiated work on the LODC to address limitations with Hybrid III 10YO
- Recent pediatric biomechanical research has provided the data needed to make the LODC biofidelic
- Recent work has focused on improving repeatability, usability, and widening its application bandwidth
- Current activities are focused on completing the LODC design, building a computational model, injury risk functions, and Part 572 documentation

RESEARCH DOCKET ENTRIES

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WorldSID 50th Percentile Male ATD

Kevin Moorhouse, Ph.D.



WSID-50M: 50th Percentile Male ATD

- Features include: six independent ribs tuned for humanlike response, RibEye measurement system capable of measuring lateral and oblique rib displacements, and on-board DAS
- Anthropometry derived from UMTRI AMVO data set
- Biofidelity quantitatively evaluated using Biofidelity Ranking System (BioRank); demonstrated improvement compared to ES-2re





Current Research

- Developing single-arm qualification test
- Design improvements:
 - Shoulder pad
 - Split thorax pads
 - Sleeveless suit



Developing technical reports & documentation

Available (see Docket):

- Biofidelity Evaluation (ESV 2009)
- Dummy Seating Procedure: DOT HS 812 729 <u>https://rosap.ntl.bts.gov/view/dot/41900</u>
- Optimal RibEye LED Locations: DOT HS 812 758 https://rosap.ntl.bts.gov/view/dot/41937

For more information, see Docket ID NHTSA-2019-0108 NHTSA Crashworthiness Research – WorldSID-50M Documentation

Current Research

- Developing single-arm qualification test
- Design improvements:
 - Shoulder pad
 - Split thorax pads
 - Sleeveless suit



Developing technical reports & documentation

Future Reports:

- RibEye Implementation/Evaluation Report
- R&R, Durability Report
- PADI, Qualification Procedures
- Injury Criteria, Drawing Package

For more information, see Docket ID NHTSA-2019-0108 NHTSA Crashworthiness Research – WorldSID-50M Documentation

WorldSID 5th Percentile Female ATD

Kevin Moorhouse, Ph.D.



WSID-05F: 5th Percentile Female ATD

- Represents small-size adult female and adolescent
- Features include: six independent ribs tuned for humanlike response, RibEye measurement system capable of measuring lateral and oblique rib displacements, and on-board DAS
- Anthropometry derived from UMTRI AMVO data set





RibEye LEDs



Current Research

- Evaluating Biofidelity
 - Dummy tests complete
 - Developing new response targets
 - Refining BioRank system
 - Comparing to SID-IIs
- Measuring Mass Properties
- Developing Seating Procedure
- Future Work
 - Dummy Upgrades
 - Pelvis, shoulder, and neck bracket
 - RibEye Implementation/Evaluation
 - R&R Evaluation
 - Injury Risk Curve Development



- Durability Evaluation
- Qualification Procedures Development
- PADI
- Drawing Package

For more information, see Docket ID NHTSA-2019-0109 NHTSA Crashworthiness Research – WorldSID-05F Documentation

BioRID-II 50th Percentile Male ATD

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BioRID-II: 50th Percentile Male ATD

- Offers human-like characteristics, such as a fully articulated spine that contains elastomeric elements that represents muscles and discs.
- The unique design of the BioRID-II allows it to move like a human while promoting realistic seat back interaction
- Includes state-of-the-art measurement capabilities that can detect whiplash injuries









Current Research

- Developing Extension-Based **Injury Criteria**
 - Collecting biomechanical data (PMHS) and conducting matched pair ATD tests
- Installation of qualification sled
- Evaluation of qualification tests



- Biofidelity Evaluation (Stapp 2012)
- Various other Stapp/IRCOBI/ESV/TIP publications

Future work:

- R&R, Durability, Drawing Package, PADI
- Qualification Procedures, Seating Procedure
- Injury Criteria, Injury Risk Curves

For more information, see Docket ID NHTSA-2019-0111 NHTSA Crashworthiness Research – BioRID-II Documentation





Summary of NHTSA ATD Research Dockets

ATD	Docket Number - Title
THOR-50M	NHTSA-2019-0106 - NHTSA Crashworthiness Research – THOR-50M Documentation
THOR-05F	NHTSA-2019-0107 - NHTSA Crashworthiness Research – THOR-05F Documentation
LODC	NHTSA-2019-0110 - NHTSA Crashworthiness Research – LODC Documentation
WorldSID-50M	NHTSA-2019-0108 - NHTSA Crashworthiness Research – WorldSID-50M Documentation
WorldSID-05F	NHTSA-2019-0109 - NHTSA Crashworthiness Research – WorldSID-05F Documentation
Bio-RID II	NHTSA-2019-0111 - NHTSA Crashworthiness Research – BioRID II Documentation



Clarification or Questions?