

Comment from Ross Nicholson

Please abolish mirror requirements in automobiles. Cameras will increase the vehicle fleet's gasoline and gasoline-equivalent mileage by an average of 3.2%. On my ordered Aptera, mirrors will increase air resistance of the vehicle passing through the atmosphere by 200%.

Camera systems are increasing safety on our roads and autonomous systems can diminish highway deaths to near zero. Mirrors are now superfluous. It is preposterous to force cameras to mimic mirrors. I have tested a camera system in my velomobile (legally a bicycle on the road) and found them adequate to the purpose.

Your insistence upon mirrors is akin to insisting someone walk in front of a car carrying a flag so that horses can be forewarned.

I know you did a lot of work on mirrors and you may have even improved safety by a percentage or three in the old days. That's great. Time to move on. We need to stop all traffic deaths and the only way we are going to get there is via cameras. Mirrors and chrome on vehicles should be avoided.

Cameras can also record and deposit its views centrally so that any necessary technology improvements can be made.

Let us automate rear-vision devices such that greater safety can be had.

At least let electric cars be exempt.

You don't have regulations on the amount of engine noise drivers must endure. You are not the font of all wisdom.