Comment from Michael DeKort

What an unfortunate waste of money, time, common sense and ultimately people's lives. Just like the nonsense that you can't impose safety standards on autonomous vehicles or technology will slow because the standard is being descriptive as to what technology is used. Really? Why do I care what provably competent tech is used to keep Tesla's from ramming into more stationary objects like police cars, fire trucks, street sweepers, trailers, barriers, tow trucks, people etc-and killing people?

Same here. Why not focus on the result desired vs how it is achieved? If a system drives a not a human and no wheel is needed then so be it. Focus on the driving performance. (Now having said this. No one is remotely close to L3 let alone a steering wheel free perfect L5. As such there should not be an option to not provide a wheel, at least as a recovery or backup option. Additionally, the driving test cannot just focus on the driving result because machine learning systems can do what appears to be the right thing coincidentally or by luck. The Perception, Planning and Execution threads must also be tested to ensure they are doing as desired as well.)