

Docket: NHTSA-2020-0106 Proposed Rule

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Since the NCAP Next Steps meeting on October 01, 2018 there has been continued efforts to move the NCAP updates forward but to date none have been more vital than taking advantage of this Proposed Rule.

Never before since the beginning of NCAP as our most useful tool for the NHTSA to inform the consumer of safety information has it been more critical than today. With the advent of Driver Assist and Automated Driver innovations being released in production vehicles and prototypes being tested on our public roads we need NCAP more than ever to assure our present safety and to ensure our leadership in the future.

Although the industry was slow to recognize the value of NCAP initially, eventually it was made clear of the advantages from a safety ratings system. The industry has since taken full advantage of the 5 Star rating but the consumer has lost the ability to objectively compare safety features in today's vehicles.

Today the NHTSA is challenged with reevaluating the levels of certified independent testing and industry self-assessment that continues to meet safety standard requirements. Standards that will need to be updated to define the testing levels of all safety feature conditions and speeds.

Industry has always commented on the clarity of NCAP. In this docket is an example of what this division has shown in support of for industry to also take advantage of this Proposed Rule to comment on updates to NCAP. Updates that define safety feature testing levels and conditions at speeds that are required to add a safety feature to the Safety Feature Label.

Industry has proven to be the leader of innovations that drive regulations. Regulations are proven to be the leadership in innovation safety. NCAP is the clearest way forward for all road vehicle safety innovations and regulated safety standards to advance.

Thank you for all your support to advance the NCAP Rating System and Labeling as well to encourage industry and other stakeholders to comment on these proposed updates as shown in this reference document.

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