Comment from Anonymous

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This comment is in regards to "Drivers' [sic] Use of Camera-Based Rear Visibility Systems Versus Traditional Mirrors."

I need glasses to focus on anything close - a common age-related problem for people over 40 (presbyopia). I wear bifocals while driving where the upper lens allows me to see far away clearly, and the lower lens allows me to see the instrument panel clearly.

If cameras are to be used instead of mirrors, it would be important that the display is at the level of the instrument panel, below the windshield. If the display were located in the upper area of the windshield, like a conventional rear-view mirror, it would be very difficult to tilt my head up far enough to view it clearly with bifocals.

Many cars today have rear-view mirrors that can be switched between a conventional mirror and a video display for a rear-facing camera. A video display in this location is a bad design for anyone with presbyopia (about 25% of the global population).