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For over 60 years my cars have had slightly-convex mirrors mounted far forward on the front fenders and I have enjoyed a complete absence of blind spots in those areas critical to lane merging or lane changing without the necessity of moving my head. These slightly-convex mirrors allowed proper judgement of vehicle distances relative to the car.

Conventional side mirrors are inadequate for covering these blind-spot areas, especially the flat-surface driver's-side mirror mandated in the US. Irrespective of how they are adjusted, their field of view is simply inadequate in fully avoiding blind spots.

In my opinion, properly-positioned side rear-view cameras are an excellent solution to both the blind-spot problem as well as reduction in aerodynamic drag; furthermore, manually-actuated centrally-mounted rear-view cameras are a boon in certain driving situations (not just for backing-up) and should also be allowed to be turned on at the driver's discretion.

Of significant importance are the locations of the image viewing screens relative to the driver: they should be readily visible and in front of the driver, of sufficient size and resolution to readily discern small objects, and I believe it is imperative that they be viewable by the driver with only negligible turning of his/her head.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.