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Because each crash is a unique sequence of events, generalized conclusions cannot be made concerning the crashworthiness performance of the involved vehicle(s) or their safety systems.

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collision. The case vehicle is a	2000 Ford Taurus SE station wa	agon that was driven by a re	ant Protection System. This is a two vehicle, head-on type estrained 29-year-old female. The front right seat was I-door that was driven by a restrained 32-year-old female.
The case vehicle was traveling southbound, and the Chevrolet was traveling northbound and negotiating a right hand curve on the roadway. driver of the case vehicle said she saw the Chevrolet traveling in her lane. The driver of the case vehicle took evasive action by braking. The Chevrolet however continued coming at the case vehicle. The driver of the Chevrolet indicated that she must have fallen asleep and all she remembers was striking the case vehicle. The Chevrolet crossed into the southbound lane and the front of the case vehicle (12FDEW1) collide head-on with the Chevrolet. On impact, both front air bags in the case vehicle deployed. At impact the case vehicle sustained a total delta v of km/h (23.0 mph), a longitudinal delta v of -36.4 km/h (-22.6 mph) and a latitudinal delta v of -6.4 km/h (-4.0 mph). The downloaded Electronic Da Recorder (EDR) data indicates a cumulative longitudinal delta v of -38.1 km/h (-23.7 mph) at the 78 ms mark. The case vehicle sustained major damage and was towed from the scene due to damage. The case vehicle was later declared a total loss. The Chevrolet sustained damage su to require towing from the scene. The driver of the case vehicle sustained contusions to both hips, the left side of her chest, and both knees. also sustained a cervical strain. She was transported to hospital for treatment and released. The front right passenger sustained seat belt contusions to his right chest, abdomen and right shoulder. He was not transported. The driver of the Chevrolet also sustained "A" type injuries police report indicates that the injured received EMS attention and were transported to a hospital.			e case vehicle took evasive action by braking. The ated that she must have fallen asleep and all she and the front of the case vehicle (12FDEW1) collided t impact the case vehicle sustained a total delta v of 37.0 6.4 km/h (-4.0 mph). The downloaded Electronic Data t the 78 ms mark. The case vehicle sustained major ed a total loss. The Chevrolet sustained damage sufficient oth hips, the left side of her chest, and both knees. She ed. The front right passenger sustained seat belt river of the Chevrolet also sustained "A" type injuries. The
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BACKGROUND:

Description:	This Advanced Occupant Protection Systems case was generated by DSI through existing insurance contacts. NHTSA was notified of the case on September 25, 2000. DSI was assigned the case on September 26, 2000 and an on-site investigation was conducted. All field work was completed on September 29, 2000.
Investigation Type:	On-scene
Crash Location: Crash Date: Notification Date: Field Work Completed:	Illinois July, 2000 September 25, 2000 September 29, 2000

SUMMARY:

The collision occurred in Illinois in July, 2000 at 2356 hours. It was dark at the time of the crash, but the roadway was lighted. At the point of impact the roadway is a two way, two lane, undivided asphalt roadway. There is a single lane for northbound traffic with a positive 1.9% grade. There is a single lane for southbound traffic with a negative 1.8% grade. The roadway is bordered on both sides by a dirt/gravel shoulder. No traffic controls are present.

This is a two vehicle, head-on type collision. The case vehicle is a 2000 Ford Taurus SE station wagon

that was driven by a restrained 29-year-old female (59 in/149.9 cm-115 lb/52 kg). The front right seat was occupied by a restrained 50-year-old male (68 in/172.7 cm-170 lb/77 kg). The other vehicle is a 1991 Chevrolet Lumina 4-door that was driven by a restrained 32-year-old female.

The case vehicle was traveling southbound, and the Chevrolet was traveling northbound and negotiating a right hand curve on the roadway. The driver of the case vehicle said she saw the Chevrolet traveling in her lane. The driver of the case vehicle took evasive action by braking. The Chevrolet however continued



Figure 1. Approach to impact area for Chevrolet-north.

coming at the case vehicle. The driver of the Chevrolet indicated that she must have fallen asleep and all she remembers was striking the case vehicle. The Chevrolet crossed into the southbound lane and the front of the case vehicle (12FDEW1) collided head-on with the Chevrolet.

On impact, both front air bags in the case vehicle deployed. At impact the case vehicle sustained a total delta v of 37.0 km/h (23.0 mph), a longitudinal delta v of -36.4 km/h (-22.6 mph) and a latitudinal delta v of -6.4 km/h (-4.0 mph) as computed by WinSmash¹. The downloaded Electronic Data Recorder (EDR) data indicates a cumulative longitudinal delta v of -38.1 km/h (-23.7 mph) at the 78 ms mark. The EDR report is included as an attachment to this report.

After impact, the case vehicle was pushed backwards, rotated counterclockwise and came to final rest heading north-east straddling



Figure 2. Frontal damage to case vehicle.

both traffic lanes. The Chevrolet rotated slightly counterclockwise and continued moving forward. The Chevrolet then ran off the roadway and came to final rest heading north-east, off the roadway.

The case vehicle sustained major damage and was towed from the scene due to damage. The case vehicle was later declared a total loss. The Chevrolet sustained damage sufficient to require towing from the scene.

The driver of the case vehicle sustained contusions to both hips, the left side of her chest, and both knees. She also sustained a cervical strain. She was transported to hospital for treatment and released. The front right passenger sustained seat belt contusions to his right chest, abdomen and right shoulder. He was not transported.

The driver of the Chevrolet also sustained "A" type injuries. The police report indicates that the injured received EMS attention and were transported to a hospital.



Figure 3. Case vehicle driver's air bag.

¹ Calculated with Winsmash 1.2.1, Missing Vehicle algorithm using stiffness values calculated from NCAP testing.

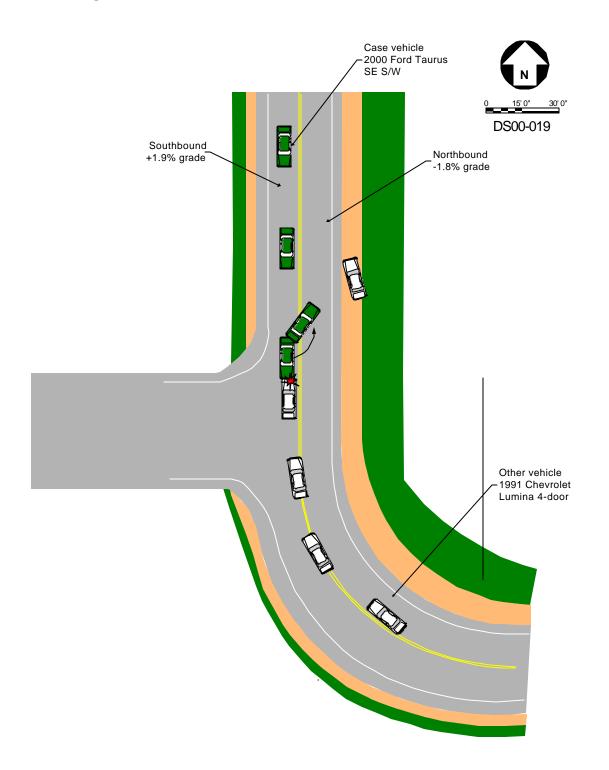


Figure 4. Case vehicle front right passenger's air bag.



Figure 5. Case vehicle-damage to knee bolster cover and adjusted foot controls.

Scene Diagram



DETAILED INFORMATION

Vehicles

Case vehicle		
Description:	2000 Ford Taurus stat	ion wagon ²
VIN:	1FAFP58SX46xxxxx	X
Odometer:	17,837 km (11,084 mi	les)
Engine:	3.0 L V6	
Reported Defects:	None	
Cargo:	None	
Damage Description:	Moderate frontal crush	. Towed from the scene.
CDC:	12FDEW2	
Delta V:	Total	37.0 km/h (23.0 mph)
	Longitudinal	-36.4 km/h (-22.6 mph)
	Latitudinal	-6.4 km/h (-4.0 mph)

Energy



Figure 8. Front view, case vehicle



76,388 joules (56,351 ft-lbs)

Figure 7. Angle view, case vehicle

²Company/fleet vehicle

AOPS discussion

This vehicle was equipped with an advanced occupant protection system. The system consists of a Restraint Control Module (RCM), dual stage front air bags, seat belt pretensioners, seat track sensors, and seat belt latch usage detectors. The system is controlled by the RCM. The primary function of the RCM is to control the deployment of the occupant protection systems. The system records longitudinal and lateral accerleration. Data related to the driver and passenger air bag deployment include: 80 milliseconds of crash pulse, deployment strategy of the dual-stage air bag system, seat belt latch use, pretensioner operation, and driver seat track location.

At impact the case vehicle sustained a total delta v of 37.0 km/h (23.0 mph), a longitudinal delta v of - 36.4 km/h (-22.6 mph) and a latitudinal delta v of -6.4 km/h (-4.0 mph) as computed by WinSmash³. The downloaded Electronic Data Recorder (EDR) data indicates a cumulative longitudinal delta v of - 38.1 km/h (-23.7 mph) at the 78 ms mark. The EDR report is included as an attachment to this report.

Both front seat positions of the case vehicle were equipped with seat belt pretensioners. The pretensioner barrels were checked and measured 5 cm (2.0 in.) for both barrels, indicating that they had deployed.

The case vehicle was also equipped with adjusted foot controls. The brake pedal had been displaced laterally to the left 2.5 cm (1.0 in), and this was probably due to heavy braking. The front barrel was checked and measured 5 cm (2.04 in).

The case vehicle driver's air bag was circular and measured 42 cm (16.5 in.) in diameter. It was equipped with two tethers and two vent holes. On the bottom of the rear portion of the air bag there was black transfer that appeared not to be a driver contact. The dual module covers opened in an "H" configuration. There were no indications of any damage to driver's air bag or the covers. The case vehicle front right passenger's air bag was rectangular and measured 43 cm (16.9 in) by 59 cm (23.2 in). It was equipped with two vent ports and did not have any tethers. On the face of the air bag there were black smudges that were caused by the module cover. The single flap module cover opened properly and was not damaged.

³ Calculated with Winsmash 1.2.1, Missing Vehicle algorithm using stiffness values calculated from NCAP testing.

Description:	1991 Chevrolet Lumina	L
VIN:	2G1WL54T7Mxxxxx	
Odometer:	Unknown	
Engine:	3.1 L V6	
Reported Defects:	None	
Cargo:	Unknown	
Damage Description:	Moderate frontal crush.	Towed from the scene.
CDC:	Unknown	
Delta V:	Total	43.3 km/h (26.9 mph)
	Longitudinal	-42.7 km/h (-26.5 mph)
	Latitudinal	-7.5 km/h (-4.7 mph)
	Energy	133,902 joules (98,677 ft-lbs)

Occupants

2000 Ford Taurus	Occupant 1	Occupant 2
Age/Sex:	29/Female	50/Male
Seated Position:	Front left	Front right
Seat Type:	Bucket, track position not known	Bucket, adjusted to the rear-most track position
Height:	150 cm (59 in.)	172 cm (68 in.)
Weight:	52 kg (115 lbs)	77 kg (170 lbs)
Occupation:	Sales	Unknown
Pre-existing Medical Condition:	None noted	None noted
Alcohol/Drug Involvement:	None	None
Driving Experience:	> 10 years	NA
Body Posture:	Normal, upright	Normal, upright
Hand Position:	10/2 o'clock positions - braked	Unknown
Foot Position:	Right foot on brake, left on floorboard	Both feet on floorboard
Restraint Usage:	Lap and shoulder belt used properly	Lap and shoulder belt used properly
Air bag:	Deployed at impact	Deployed at impact

1991 Chevrolet Lumina

Age/Sex:	32/Female
Seated Position:	Front left
Seat Type:	Unknown
Height:	Unknown
Weight:	Unknown
Occupation:	Unknown
Pre-existing Medical Condition:	None noted
Alcohol/Drug Involvement:	None
Driving Experience:	Presumed to be >10 years
Body Posture:	Unknown–driver was likely asleep
Hand Position:	Unknown
Foot Position:	Unknown
Restraint Usage:	Unknown - vehicle was equipped with automatic belts, police indicate that the lap and shoulder belts were being used

Injuries and Injury Mechanisms

2000 Ford Taurus (case vehicle)

	<u>INJURY</u>	OIC CODE	<u>ICD-9</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>
Driver:	Contusion, left hip	890402.1,2	924.01	Seat belt
	Contusion, right hip	890402.1,1	924.01	Seat belt
	Contusion, left chest	490402.1,2	922.1	Seat belt
	Contusion, left knee	890402.1,2	924.11	Lower instrument panel
	Contusion, right knee	890402.1,1	924.11	Lower instrument panel
	Cervical strain	640278.1,6	847.0	Impact forces
RF Occupant:	Contusion, right chest	490402.1,1	922.1	Seat belt
	Contusion, abdomen	590402.1,4	922.2	Seat belt
	Contusion, right shoulder	790402.1,1	923.0	Seat belt

1991 Chevrolet Lumina (other vehicle)

	<u>INJURY</u>	OIC CODE	<u>ICD-9</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>
Driver:	Injured, details unknown			

Occupant Kinematics

The driver of the case vehicle was seated in a normal, upright position and wearing the available lap and shoulder belt. The seat track track position is not known. She was wearing a sweatshirt and jeans. Prior to the crash, she was steering the case vehicle and braking in an effort to avoid the collision. As the case vehicle crashed head-on with the Chevrolet, the driver of the case vehicle responded to the 10E direction of principal force by moving essentially straight forward. Both of the driver's knees struck the lower instrument panel and cracked and deformed the rigid plastic knee bolster covering and the knee bolster. She also interacted with the driver's air bag and steering column in some fashion. The right shear module measured 2.5 cm (1 in) of column stroke. The driver loaded the lap and shoulder belt as she went forward–causing the contusions to her chest and hips. The brake pedal was deformed by the driver's right foot during braking and during the impact itself. There were no injuries reported as a result of this contact. The rear view mirror was knocked off during the collision, possibly by the driver's right hand as it was flung by the driver's air bag but there was no resultant injury.



Figure 9. Driver's seat position-knee contact to lower instrument panel

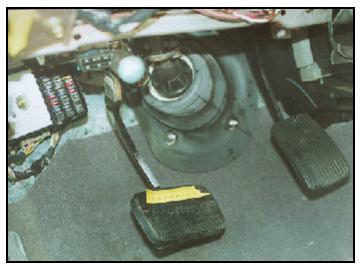


Figure 10. Deformed brake pedal

The front right occupant of the case vehicle was seated in a normal, upright position and wearing the available lap and shoulder belt. The seat track was adjusted to the rear-most track position. He responded to the headon crash with the Chevrolet by moving straight forward. This occupant loaded the lap and shoulder belt as he went forward–causing the contusions to his chest, shoulder, and abdomen. As the front right passenger's air bag deployed he likely contacted it to some degree, though there was no evidence of any specific contact.



Figure 11. Belt loading marks-driver's seat belt



Figure 12. Belt loading marks-front right passenger

Attachment 1 EDR report.

2000 Taurus/Sable EDR Report - Summary Page



Investigation Data

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EDR Control Module Data

Data Validity Check:	Valid	EDR Model Version:	141
Time From Side Safing D	ecision to Left (Driv	er) Side Bag Deployment:	Not Deployed
Time From Side Safing De	ecision to Right (Pa	ssenger) Side Bag Deployment:	Not Deployed
Passenger Airbag Switch	Position During Ev	ent:	N/A
Diagnostic Codes Active	When Event Occurr	ed:	0

Algorithm Times	Actual initiation depends on restraint system status (below).	ms
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Time From Algorithm Wak	20	
Time From Algorithm Wake	eup to Second Stage:	0

Restraint System Status

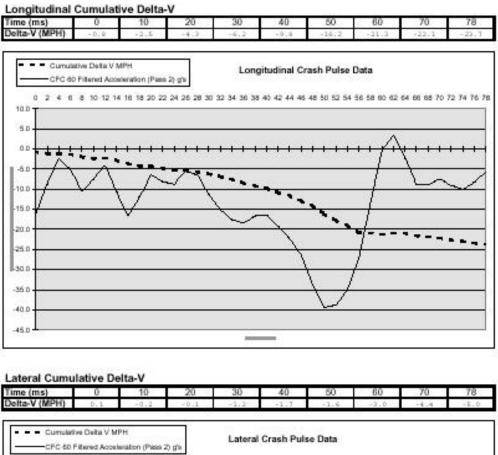
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Passenger Seat Belt Buckle:	Engaged	
Driver Seat Track In Forward Position:	No	- 3
Passenger Seat Weight Switch Position:	N/A	

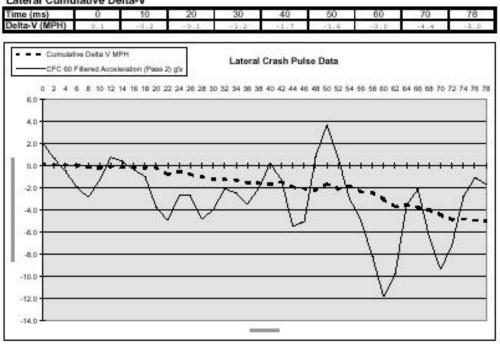
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Time From Algorithm Wakeup to First Stage Deployment Attempt:	20	20
Time From Algorithm Wakeup to Second Stage Deployment Attempt:	Disposal	Disposal

Notes

- 1. Read-out date is set by the PC interface tool.
- 2. Features and data parameters which are not available on the module are marked "N/A".
- 3. CFC 60 is a Butterworth 4-pole phaseless digital filter. (See SAE J211 Part 1 Appendix C dated March 1995.)
- 4. Total and maximum Delta-V results are not available from truncated/incomplete crash pulses.
- 5. Algorithm wakeup (0 ms) is not the first moment of vehicle contact or impact.
- 6. The Excel "Analysis ToolPak" Add-in must be enabled for this spreadsheet to operate properly.

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EDR Summary Report

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