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CALSPAN REMOTE NON-DEPLOYMENT AIR BAG INVESTIGATION

CALSPAN CASE NO. 92-14

VEHICLE - 1991 ALFA ROMEO 164

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CALSPAN REMOTE NON-DEPLOYMENT AIR BAG INVESTIGATION

CALSPAN CASE NO. 92-14

VEHICLE - 1991 ALFA ROMEO 164 LOCATION - FL

SUMMARY

This remote investigation focused on a 1991 Alfa Romeo that was equipped with a supplemental driver's air bag system. The Alfa Romeo was involved in a front to side impact configuration with a 1986 Chevrolet Cavalier at the junction of a four lane roadway and a shopping center driveway. The crash occurred on 1991, during daylight hours. The air bag system did not deploy as a result of the crash which caused over \$10,000 of frontal damage to the Alfa Romeo 164.

The Alfa Romeo was traveling in a southerly direction on the inboard travel lane of a four lane roadway at a driver estimated speed of 48-56 KPH (30-35 mph). The Chevrolet Cavalier initiated a left turn across the Alfa Romeo's path of travel and was traveling at an estimated speed of 16-24 KPH (10-15 mph). The center frontal area of the Alfa Romeo impacted the left front corner area of the Chevrolet. The impact rotated the Chevrolet which allowed the right frontal area of the Alfa to engage with the left front wheel and fender area of the Cavalier. Resultant directions of force were within the 12 o'clock sector for the air bag equipped vehicle and probably within the 10 o'clock sector for the Cavalier. Maximum crush was estimated at 20-25.4 cm (8-10") at the center of the front bumper of the Alfa Romeo. As a result of the crash, the Alfa Romeo underwent an estimated velocity change of 16-19 KPH (10-12 mph).

The impact rotated the Chevrolet Cavalier approximately 90° in a clockwise direction and displaced it south of the point of impact (POI). The Alfa Romeo continued forward before coming to rest approximately 4.6 m (15') south of the POI. The Alfa Romeo was occupied by the 15 year old male driver and four passengers. The four occupants in the outboard seated positions were restrained by the manual 3-point lap and shoulder belt system. A center rear occupant was restrained by the 2-point manual lap belt. All occupants initiated a forward trajectory and loaded the active belt systems. The driver and left rear passenger were not injured. The right front adult female passenger sustained thoracic back strain (AIS-1) from the impact force and subsequent restraint loading. The center rear and right rear passengers sustained abdominal abrasions (AIS-1) from loading the lap belt of their respective restraint systems.

The Alfa Romeo was towed to a local body shop that repaired the vehicle. All major frontal components inclusive of the bumper, hood, both front fenders, and radiator support panel were replaced. The vehicle was subsequently towed to an component ealership where the air bag system was inspected and tested for defects or faults. No problems were found by an experienced service technician.

Based on photographs of the vehicle, interviews with the owner, and review of the repair order and the police accident report, the believes that the Alfa Romeo did not sustain a sufficient deceleration that is required for deployment. The estimated velocity change was near the threshold required for deployment.

CALSPAN REMOTE NON-DEPLOYMENT AIR BAG INVESTIGATION

CALSPAN CASE NO. 92-14

VEHICLE - 1991 ALFA ROMEO 164 LOCATION - FL

ACCIDENT DATA

	Location/Street:	Intersection of a county road	and parking lot driveway
	City/Township:	, FL -	
	Area Type:	Urban/Commercial	
	Accident Date/Time:	1991,	daylight hours
	Investigating Police Agency:	Police Department	*:
	Accident Type:	Car/car, front to side impact	configuration
	Air Bag Vehicle Occupant Injury Severity:	Minor (AIS-1)	
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	Lighting Conditions:	Daylight	
	Weather:	Clear	
	Precipitation:	None	
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<u>110</u>	IWAI	Air Bag Vehicle	Vehicle #2
	Location:	County road	Parking lot driveway
	Number of Lanes:	4	2
	Surface:	Asphalt	Asphalt
	Vertical Alignment:	Level	Level
	Horizontal Alignment:	Straight	Straight
	Traffic Density:	Moderate	Moderate
	Speed Limit:	35	Unknown if posted
	Traffic Controls:	None	None

VEHICLES

<u>v LIII</u>		Air Bag Vehicle	Vehicle #2
	Year:	1991	1986
	Make:	Alfa Romeo	Chevrolet
	Model:	164	Cavalier
	Body Style:	4 dr. sedan	4 dr. sedan
	V.I.N.:	ZAREA33A3M6 (production	
	Odometer:	number) 11,181.5 km (6,945 miles)	Unknown
	Tow Status:	Towed due to damage	Towed due to damage
	Previous Repairs:	None, routine maintenance	Unknown
VEHI	CLE DAMAGE	Air Bag Vehicle	Vehicle #2
	Object Struck:	Vehicle #2	
	Event Number:	1	
	Damage Location:	Center and right frontal area	Left front corner and fender area
	CDC:	12-FZEW-2	10-LFEW-3
	Estimated Maximum Crush:	20-25.4 cm (8-10")	Unknown, no photographs
	Damaged Components:	Front bumper, grille, hood, radiator support panel, both front fenders (refer to attached repair order)	Front bumper, left front fender, left front tire and wheel
	Repair Estimate:	10,211.69	Total loss

COLLISION SEQUENCE

Pre-Crash: The air bag equipped 1991 Alfa Romeo 164 was proceeding in a southerly direction on the inboard travel lane of the four lane county road at a driver estimated speed of 48-56 KPH (30-35 mph). The driver of vehicle #2 was exiting a shopping center parking lot and was attempting a left turn across the southbound travel lanes. Due to moderate to heavy traffic volume, the driver of vehicle #2 apparently attempted to "beat" the Alfa Romeo across the roadway and initiated her left turn directly in front of the southbound vehicle. As a result, the driver of the Alfa Romeo did not have sufficient time to initiate avoidance actions (i.e., braking).

COLLISION SEQUENCE (CONT'D.)

- The center frontal area of the Alfa Romeo impacted the left Crash: front corner area of vehicle #2. The owner and rear seated passenger of the Alfa Romeo estimated vehicle #2's speed at impact at 16-24 KPH (10-15 mph). Due to the left turning action of vehicle #2, the vehicle was diagonal to the southbound travel lane at impact. Initial contact involved the center frontal area of the Alfa Romeo and the left front corner area of vehicle #2. The impact rotated vehicle #2 in a clockwise direction which resulted in additional engagement between the right frontal area of the Alfa and the left front wheel and fender area of vehicle #2. Resultant directions of force were within the 12 o'clock sector for the air bag equipped vehicle and probably within the 10 o'clock sector for vehicle #2. Based on the attached photographs of the Alfa Romeo, the vehicle underwent an estimated velocity change of 16-19 KPH (10-12 mph), which was near the threshold required for air bag deployment.
- Post-Crash: The Alfa Romeo came to rest approximately 4.6 m (15') forward of the point of impact, facing in a southerly direction. Vehicle #2 was rotated in a clockwise direction and displaced forward of the final rest position of the Alfa Romeo. At rest, vehicle #2 was facing in a southeasterly direction diagonal to the travel lane.

HUMAN FACTORS/OCCUPANT DATA

	Air Bag Vehicle
Driver:	15 year old male
Height:	72''
Weight:	160 lbs.
Manual Restraint System Usage:	3-point lap and shoulder belt
Usage Source:	Interview, police report
Eyewear:	None
Vehicle Familiarity:	3 months
Route Familiarity:	Unknown
Manner of Leaving Scene:	Private vehicle
Type of Medical Treatment:	None, not injured

DRIVER INJURIES

Injury	Severity (OIC/AIS)	Source
Not injured	N/A	N/A

DRIVER KINEMATICS

The driver of the Alfa Romeo was reportedly in a normal driving position at impact with both hands on the steering wheel. He was properly restrained by the manual 3-point lap and shoulder belt system. In response to the front impact sequence, the driver initiated a forward trajectory and loaded the manual belt system which prevented him from contact with interior components and probable injury.

PASSENGER DATA

Right Front Passenger:	43 year old female
Height:	Unknown
Weight:	Unknown
Manual Restraint System Usage:	3-point lap and shoulder belt system
Usage Source:	Interview data, police report
Manner of Leaving Scene:	Ambulance
Type of Medical Treatment:	Treated at a local hospital and released

RIGHT FRONT PASSENGER INJURIES

Injury	Severity (OIC/AIS)	Source
Thoracic back strain	Minor (BSTM-1)	Impact force/ restraint loading

RIGHT FRONT PASSENGER KINEMATICS

The right front passenger of the Alfa Romeo was properly restrained by the manual 3-point lap and shoulder belt system. She was in a normal seated position; however, as she detected vehicle #2 approaching from her right, the right front passenger turned to her left in an attempt to shield herself from the impending impact. As a result of the 12 o'clock impact force, the right front passenger was displaced forward and loaded the manual belt system. Due to her abnormal posture and subsequent restraint loading, the passenger sustained strain to the mid back area. She was transported by ambulance to a local hospital where she was treated for her injury and released.

HUMAN FACTORS/OCCUPANT DATA (CONT'D.)

PASSENGER DATA

Left Rear Occupant:	45 year old male
Height:	Unknown
Weight:	Unknown
Manual Restraint System Usage:	3-point lap and shoulder belt
Usage Source:	Interview data, police report
Manner of Leaving Scene:	Private vehicle
Type of Medical Treatment:	None, not injured

LEFT REAR OCCUPANT INJURIES

Injury	Severity (OIC/AIS)	Source
Not injured	N/A	N/A

LEFT REAR OCCUPANT KINEMATICS

The left rear occupant was in a normal seated position at impact and was properly restrained by the manual 3-point lap and shoulder belt system. He initiated a forward trajectory in response to the frontal impact force and loaded the belt system which prevented him from probable injury.

PASSENGER DATA

Center Rear Occupant:	10 year old female
Height:	Unknown
Weight:	Unknown
Manual Restraint System Usage:	Lap belt
Usage Source:	Interview data
Manner of Leaving Scene:	Private vehicle
Type of Medical Treatment:	None

CENTER REAR OCCUPANT INJURIES

Injury	Severity (OIC/AIS)	Source
Abdominal abrasions	Minor (MCAI-1)	Lap belt

CENTER REAR OCCUPANT KINEMATICS

The center rear occupant was restrained by the manual 2-point lap belt. She initiated a forward trajectory in response to the 12 o'clock impact force and loaded the manual belt which abraded her abdominal area. The child's parents declined medical treatment for the minor, superficial injury.

PASSENGER DATA

Right Rear Occupant:	18 year old male
Height:	Unknown
Weight:	Unknown
Manual Restraint System Usage:	3-point lap and shoulder belt
Usage Source:	Interview data
Manner of Leaving Scene:	Private vehicle
Type of Medical Treatment:	None

RIGHT REAR OCCUPANT INJURIES

Injury	Severity (OIC/AIS)	Source
Abdominal abrasions	Minor (MCAI-1)	Lap belt webbing of the 3-point system

RIGHT REAR OCCUPANT KINEMATICS

The right rear occupant was reportedly in a normal seated position at impact. He was properly restrained by the manual 3-point lap and shoulder belt system. At impact, he initiated a forward trajectory and loaded the manual belt system which abraded his abdominal area. The superficial injury did not require medical attention.

AIR BAG SYSTEM

The 1991 Alfa Romeo 164 was equipped with a supplemental driver's air bag system. The system consisted of two front mounted crash sensors, a diagnostic unit, an air bag indicator lamp, the clockspring assembly, and the steering wheel mounted air bag module assembly. The crash sensors were mounted on the top surface of the inner fenders approximately 30 cm (12") rearward of the radiator support panel. Basic air bag data from the Owner's Manual is included as an attachment to this report.

The Alfa Romeo was involved in a front to side impact sequence with a 1986 Chevrolet Cavalier that resulted in moderate frontal damage to the air bag equipped vehicle. Frontal crush was estimated at 20-25.4 cm (8-10") located at the center portion of the front bumper. The Alfa Romeo sustained a 12 o'clock impact force that resulted in an estimated longitudinal velocity change of 16-19 KPH (10-12 mph). The supplemental driver's air bag system did not deploy as a result of the crash which produced over \$10,000 of frontal damage to the Alfa Romeo 164.

The owner of the vehicle was concerned that the air bag failed to deploy and notified according to the subsequently assigned to the investigation was obtained from multiple interviews with the owner, photographs of the damaged Alfa Romeo, the Police Accident Report, and the vehicle repair order. These items are included as attachments to this report.

The owner stated that he leased the vehicle new and was the primary driver of the Alfa Romeo. He did not experience problems with the vehicle or with the air bag system prior to the crash. The owner further stated that the air bag indicator lamp would illuminate for approximately six seconds as the ignition was turned to the on and run positions, then go out and remain off during the operation of the vehicle. He assumed this sequence had occurred prior to the crash.

Following the crash and repair of the Alfa Romeo, the body shop transported the vehicle to an **second second and an and an anti-second anti-second and anti-second anti-second**

Based on the attached photographs, the vehicle and all data associated with the case, where believes that the vehicle did not sustain a sufficient longitudinal deceleration required to deploy the air bag system. The vehicle did, however, sustain a velocity change that was near the deployment threshold.

ATTACHMENTS

Police Accident Report

Vehicle Repair Order

Vehicle Photographs

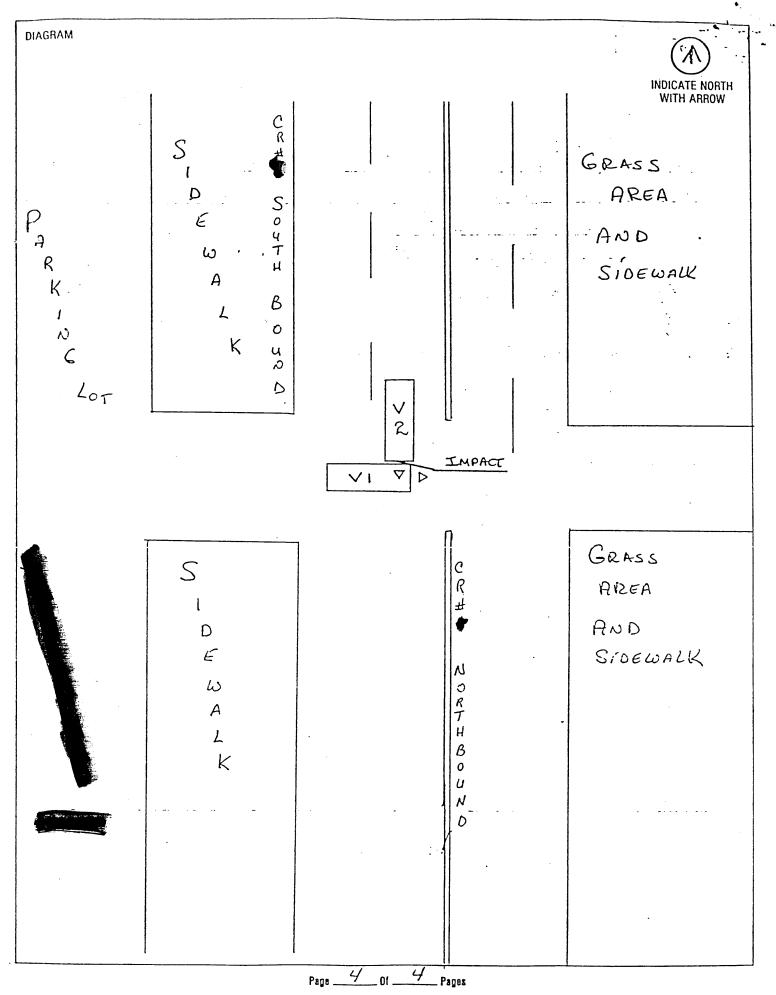
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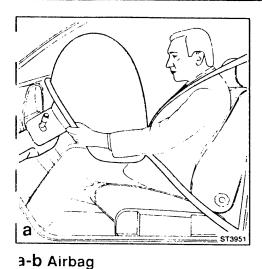


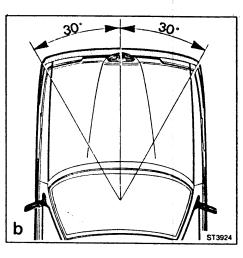
Overall Views Of The Frontal Damage To The Alfa Romeo.





Perpendicular Views Showing The Extent Of Crush.





An additional safety device (airbag) is fitted to your vehicle.

n the case of a frontal impact, or impact with educed angle (not lateral), the airbag inflates instantaneously between the steering wheel and the driver, thus preventing the triver from hitting the steering column, the vindshield or the door post.

After activation due to impacts, the airbag deflates in a very short time, thus allowing he driver to eventually recover control of the 'ehicle

The efficiency of the various airbag system components is checked during the starting phase by the Alfa Romeo Control unit. Correct system operation is indicated by illumination of the relevant indicator light for a few seconds; during this period all the components of the system are checked and, if found efficient, the indicator light will go off. The indicator light remains on for a few seconds after the other

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If during the check the indicator light does not illuminate, have your vehicle checked as soon as possible by an Alfa Romeo dealer.

The airbag system is continuously monitored by the control unit even after the indicator light has gone off; in case of any malfunction the indicator light will start to flash.

In case the indicator light comes on after the starting phase, or at any time during driving, have your vehicle checked as soon as possible by an Alfa Romeo dealer, since proper operation of the air bag could be affected.

The airbag system has been designed to operate ONLY in the event of a frontal impact, because its additional protection function is effective only with this type of impact.

The main safety protection is always provided by the seat belt, which is assisted by the airbag only in case of frontal impact.

For maximum protection in case of a collision, Alfa Romeo recommends that you always fasten your safety belts when traveling.

Safety warnings

- . The activation of the airbag is accompanied by the emission of a small amount of smoke, harmless for the occupants, and by a loud inflation noise.
- Proper operation of the airbag is guaranteed until the expiration date shown on the label located on the L.H. central post:

VEHICLE EQUIPPED WITH AIR-BAG SYSTEM. SYSTEM LIFE DURATION: TEN YEARS. SYSTEM MAINTENANCE: EVERY TWO YEARS MINIMUM. TIME REFERENCE: COMPLIANCE SEE LABEL FURTHER DETAILS AND VEHICLE SCRAPPING PROCEDURES: SEE OWNERS' MANUAL.

On expiration, have the system checked by an Alfa Romeo dealer, which will apply the next verification date on the label.

Following the activation of the airbag, it is necessary to transport your vehicle to an Alfa Romeo dealer for refurbishing of the system.

In this event, and for your own safety, it is advisable to replace also the seats belts, screws and brackets which where stressed by the collision (Also refer to "Seat Belts" section).

Do not carry-out any maintenance activity and/or mechanical and electrical modifications of the system or associated components.

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Any activity on the electrical system should only be carried-out after the engine has been shut-off, the ignition key has been removed and, finally, the negative pole of the battery has been disconnected.

indicator lights are extinguished.

Any maintenance activity (e.g. fitting of a radio set) must always be carried-out by an Alfa Romeo dealer.

- Do not place or fix any object to the steering wheel, or in the adjacent area.
- Any activity or unauthorized handling of the system may cause inadvertent operation of the airbag. In this event, contact an Alfa Romeo dealer.
- Drivers are advised not to travel holding objects such as drink cans or bottles, pipes, etc, which could be distractive or cause injuries in case of activation of the airbag.
- In case the vehicle is sold; inform the new owner that the vehicle is fitted with the airbag system.

Also provide the new owner with this manual, and recommend him to read carefully the information relevant to the use of the airbag and of the seat belts.

When any welding is carried-out on the vehicle it is mandatory to disconnect the airbag control unit and the battery terminals.

If the vehicle is placed in an oven for curing of the paintwork it is mandatory to disconnect and remove the airbag module from the steering wheel until the paint curina is over.

Disassembly and reassembly of the airbag module in the steering wheel must be carried out by specialized operators at an authorized Alfa Romeo dealer only, and following applicable procedures.

In case the vehicle is scrapped, alert the people in charge about the presence of the airbag, so that the proper procedures and precautions can be adopted (discharge system pressure).



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Important notes

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- Always fasten your seat belts before starting travel, and ensure they are properly adjusted.
- To reduce slack, immediately after "buckle up", if necessary, adjust the lap portion of the belt by moving the buckle.
- To ensure maximum protection when traveling, all occupants must wear their respective seat belts.
- Do not strap more than one person with each belt. Ensure the belt is not swung over your neck.
- A seat belt assembly installed at the driver's seating position is adjustable for fit persons whose corpulence varies the 5th percentile adult fe to the 95th percentile adult male.
- For all seating positions the installed assembly is adjustable to fit persons whose corpulence varies from the 50th percentile 6 year-old child to the 95th percentile adult male.
- Seat belts must **never** be worn by a child sitting on the knees of a passenger.
- Pregnant women must ensure the seat belt is placed so that no pressure is felt on their abdomen. Be sure the lap portion of the belt is as low on your hips as possible. Whenever possible, it is advisable to accomodate the pregnant women on seats provided with lap belts only.
- The belt buckle and tongue should always be kept on top of seat, ready for use.

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- To avoid injuries do not wear belts over rigid or breakable objects or on clothing, such as eye glasses, pens, keys, etc.
- Several layers of heavy clothing may interfere with proper positioning of belts.
- Never rub belts against sharp objects.
- Ensure the automatic retractors are kept free of any obstruction that could prevent secure locking.
- The belts could lock tight during sudden or sharp turns, when disengaged too rapidly, or during acceleration or braking of the vehicle.
- All seat belts, including retractors and
- * attaching hardware, which have been
- subject to high stress or in use during a collision should be replaced. Even if the belts show no damage, the original strength
- could have been weakened. Replacement belts should be of an Alfa
- Romeo approved type.
- Always replace the belts if worn or not operating properly.
- Replacement of the belts must be carriedout by an Alfa Romeo dealer, since unskilled persons could compromise the safety and proper operation of the belts.
- Any modification to, or disassembly of the belts, may not conform to the original strength characteristics, and in any case the best performance and safety are obtained in their original design.

To minimize the risk of personal injury in the event of a collision or a sudden stop,

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both the driver and the front passenger reclining seatbacks must be in a fairly upright position while the vehicle is in motion. If the seat back is significantly reclined, the risk of slipping off the belts in the event of a collision is highly increased.

 Verify that the retractors lock correctly by sharply tugging the webbing: the belt should lock. The belt should retract rapidly and without any interference.

Care of seat belts

- Ensure the belts are never twisted and that they are always correctly reeled in when not in use.
- Frequently remove any dust or dirt from the webbing and from the buckle and tongue using a clean dry cloth; do not rub excessively.
- Never lubricate any component of the seat belts, and particularly the buckles, the automatic retractors and the tongues.
- If the belts require cleaning, a mild soap and water solution should be used.
 Under no circumstances should chemical agents such as gasoline, alcohol, kerosene, etc. be used since they are extremely flammable and may also weaken the webbing material.
- When the belts have been washed, keep them reeled out until completely dry.
- Never use dye or bleaching agents on the seat belts.