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FUEL SYSTEM INTEGRITY – REAR IMPACT

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2008 ACURA RDX
4-DOOR SUV

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PURPOSE AND TEST PROCEDURE

This rear impact test is part of the FMVSS 301 Compliance Test Program sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) under Contract No. DTNH22-06-C-00031. The purpose of this test was to determine if the subject vehicle, a 2008 Acura RDX 4-Door SUV, meets the performance requirements of FMVSS No. 301R-02 "Fuel System Integrity – Rear Impact." The test was conducted in accordance with the Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance's Laboratory Test Procedure (TP-301R-02, dated January 17, 2007).

SECTION 2

COMPLIANCE TEST RESULTS SUMMARY

A 1983.5 kg 2008 Acura RDX 4-Door SUV was impacted from the rear by a 1357.5 kg moving barrier at a velocity of 79.57 kph (49.44 mph). The test was performed by Calspan Corporation on September 10, 2008.

The test vehicle was equipped with a 68.1 liter fuel tank which was filled to 93 percent capacity with Stoddard fluid prior to impact. Additional ballast (58 kg) was secured in the vehicle cargo area. Two ballast Part 572E 50th percentile male Anthropomorphic Test Device (ATD) were placed in the front occupant seating positions and.

The crash event was recorded by three high-speed cameras and one real-time camera. High-speed camera locations and other pertinent camera information are found on page 3-6 of this report. Pre- and post-test photographs of the vehicle can be found in Appendix A.

There was no fuel system fluid spillage following the impact or during any portion of the static rollover test. The average vehicle longitudinal crush was 371 millimeters. The vehicle appeared to comply with all the requirements of FMVSS No. 301 "Fuel System Integrity."

SECTION 3

SUMMARY OF TEST RESULTS

DATA SHEET 1

TEST VEHICLE SPECIFICATIONS

TEST VEHICLE INFORMATION:

Year/Make/Model/Body Style: 2008 Acura RDX 4-Door SUV

Vehicle Body Color: White NHTSA Number: C85300

Engine Data: 4 Cylinders; - CID; 2.3 Liters; - cc

Transmission: 5 Speed; - Manual; X Automatic; X Overdrive

Final Drive: - Rear Wheel Drive; - Front Wheel Drive; X Four Wheel Drive

MAJOR TEST VEHICLE OPTIONS:

X AC; X Pwr Steering; X Power Brakes; X Power Locks; X Power Seats

X ABS; X Tilt Wheel; - Stab Control - Traction Control - Anti-Theft

DEALER AND DELIVERY INFORMATION:

Date Received: August 25, 2008 ; Odometer Reading 499 km

Selling Dealer: Hendrick Acura

Dealer Address: Charlotte, NC 28227

DATA FROM VEHICLE'S CERTIFICATION LABEL:

Vehicle Manufacturer: Honda of America Mfg

Vehicle Build Date: 08/07

VIN:: 5J8TB18288A002184

GVWR: 2220 kg; GAWR: 1155 kg FRONT; 1080 kg REAR

DATA FROM VEHICLE'S TIRE LABEL AND SIDEWALL:

Location of Tire Placard: Left Front Door Sill

Type of Spare Tire: T165/80D17 104M

	Front	Rear
Maximum Tire Pressure (sidewall - kPa)	300	300
Cold Pressure (tire placard - kPa) – test pressure	220	220
Recommended Tire Size (tire placard)	P235/55R18 99V	P235/55R18 99V
Vehicle Tire Size with load index & speed symbol	P235/55R18 99V	P235/55R18 99V
Tire Manufacturer	Michelin	Michelin
Tire Name	Pilot HXMXM4	Pilot HXMXM4
Treadwear, Traction, Temperature	300, A, A	300, A, A

VEHICLE CAPACITY DATA:

Type of Front Seats: - Bench; X Bucket; - Split Bench

Number of Occupants: 2 Front; 3 Rear; 5 Total

Vehicle Capacity Weight (VCW) = 395.0 kg

No. of Occupants x 68.04 kg = 340.2 kg

Rated Cargo/Luggage Weight (RCLW) = 54.8 kg

DATA SHEET 2

PRE-TEST DATA

WEIGHT OF TEST VEHICLE AS RECEIVED FROM DEALER (with maximum fluids)= UDW:

	Left Side (kg)	Right Side (kg)	Ratio (%)	Total (kg)
Front =	513	507	57.3	1020.0
Rear =	388	371	42.7	759.0
		Total Delivered Weight (UDW) =		1779.0

CALCULATION OF VEHICLE'S TARGET TEST WEIGHT:

Total Delivered Weight (UDW) =	1779.0	kg
Rated Cargo/Luggage Weight (RCLW) =	54.8	kg
Weight of 2 p.572E Dummies @ 78 each =	156	kg
TARGET TEST WEIGHT =	1989.8	kg

WEIGHT OF TEST VEHICLE WITH TWO DUMMIES AND 48.5 KG OF CARGO WEIGHT:

	Left Side (kg)	Right Side (kg)	Ratio (%)	Total (kg)
Front =	580.0	551.5	57.0	1131.5
Rear =	432.0	420.0	43.0	852.0
		Total Vehicle Test Weight (ATW) =		1983.5

Weight of Ballast Secured in Vehicle[1] = 58 kg Ballast Type Lead Shot

Method of securing Ballast: Compartment

Components Removed for Weight Reduction: None

VEHICLE ATTITUDE (all dimension in millimeters):

	Left Front	Right Front	Left Rear	Right Rear	CG[2]
AS DELIVERED:	786	792	795	800	1131
AS TESTED:	771	780	783	789	1138

Vehicle's Wheel Base: 2650 mm

[1]Ballast weight does not include the weight of instrumentation, on-board cameras and data acquisition system

[2]Rearward of the front axle centerline.

VEHICLE PRE-TEST WIDTH AND IMPACT OFFSET MEASUREMENT:

Vehicle Width at Widest Point: 1863 mm Location: C-Pillar

Centerline offset for impact line: 374 mm

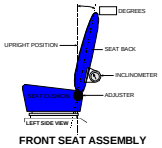
Filler neck side (left/right) Left

DATA SHEET 2 (continued)

PRE-TEST DATA

Vehicle: 2008 Acura RDX 4-Door SUV NHTSA No. C85300

Nominal Design Riding Position for adjustable driver and passenger seat backs. Please describe how to position the inclinometer to measure the seat back angle. Include description of the location of the adjustment latch detent, if applicable.



FRONT SEAT ASSEMBLY

Seat back angle for driver's seat: 9 degrees

Measurement instructions: Recline seat back to achieve 9 degrees from vertical measured at the head restraint post

Seat back angle for passenger's seat: 9 degrees

Measurement instructions: Recline seat back to achieve 9 degrees from vertical measured at the head restraint post

2. SEAT FORE AND AFT POSITIONING:

Positioning of the driver's seat: Seat was placed 148 mm (mid-position) from the most forward position. Total amount of travel = 296 mm

Positioning of the passenger's seat: Seat was placed 148 mm (mid-position) from the most forward position. Total amount of travel = 296 mm

3. FUEL TANK CAPACITY DATA:

3.1 A. "Usable Capacity" of the standard equipment fuel tank is 68.13 liters

B. "Usable Capacity" of the optional equipment fuel tank is - liters

C. "Usable Capacity" of the vehicle(s) used for certification testing to requirements of FMVSS 301 = 62.68 to 64.04 liters

3.2 Actual Amount of Stoddard solvent added to vehicle for test = 63.4 liters

Stoddard Fluid: specific gravity: 0.764 ; kinematic viscosity: 0.96 centistokes; color: Red

3.3 Is vehicle equipped with electric fuel pump? Yes- X ; No- -

If YES, explain the vehicle operating conditions under which the fuel pump will pump fuel.

The fuel pump will operate for approximately three (3) seconds with the ignition in the "ON" position, after which the fuel pump automatically shuts off.

4. STEERING COLUMN ADJUSTMENTS:

Steering wheel and column adjustments are made so that the steering wheel hub is at the geometric center of the locus it describes when it is moved through its full range of driving positions. If the tested vehicle has any of these adjustments, does your company use any specific procedures to determine the geometric center.

Operational Instructions: Telescoping wheel was placed 25 mm (mid-position) from most forward position. Steering column was placed in mid-position (27.1 degrees from horizontal)

5. SEAT BELT UPPER ANCHORAGE:

Nominal design riding position: Upper anchorage was placed in the uppermost detent.

(0 – full up; 3rd detent – full down); Seat belt anchorage placed in detent 0.

6. COMMENTS:

None

DATA SHEET 3

MOVING DEFORMABLE BARRIER (MDB) DATA

Vehicle: 2008 Acura RDX 4-Door SUV NHTSA No. C85300

MDB FACE MANUFACTURER AND SERIAL NUMBER:

Plascore A0608076

MDB DETAILS:

Overall Width of Framework Carriage	=	1250	millimeters
Overall Length of MDB (incl. honeycomb impact face)	=	4120	millimeters
Wheelbase of Framework Carriage	=	2591	millimeters
Tread of Framework Carriage (Front & Rear)	=	1875	millimeters
C.G. Location Rearward of Front Axle	=	1139	millimeters

MDB WEIGHT:

Left Front	=	357.0	kg	Left Rear	=	323.0	kg
Right Front	=	404.0	kg	Right Rear	=	273.5	kg
TOTAL FRONT =		761.0	kg	TOTAL REAR	=	596.5	kg
TOTAL MDB WEIGHT =		1357.5	kg				

Tires (Mfr, line, size): Dunlop A/T Radial Rover P205/75R15

TIRE PRESSURE:

Left Front	=	207	kPa	Left Rear	=	207	kPa
Right Front	=	207	kPa	Right Rear	=	207	kPa

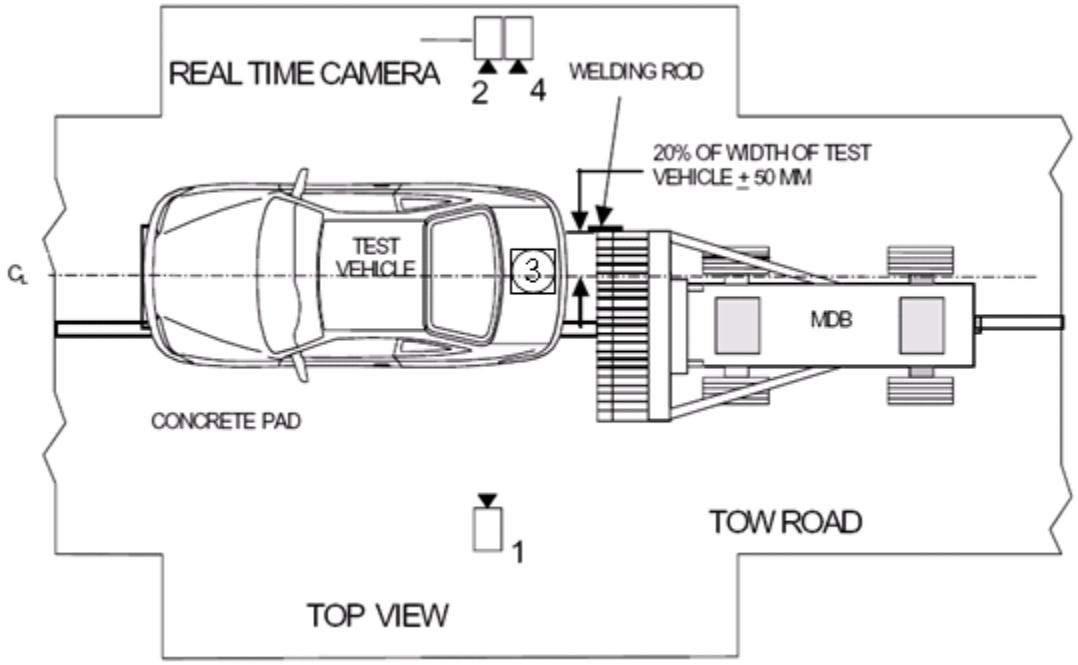
Brake Abort System? (Yes/No) Yes

Date of Last Calibration: 6/15/07

DATA SHEET 4

HIGH SPEED CAMERA LOCATIONS AND DATA SUMMARY

Vehicle: 2008 Acura RDX 4-Door SUV NHTSA No. C85300



Camera No.	View	Coordinates (millimeters)			Angle (deg.)	Lens (mm)	Film Speed (fps)
		X*	Y*	Z*			
1	Left Side View	1850	-7620	1015	-2.1	28	1000
2	Real-Time Camera	-	-	-	-	-	30
3	Overhead View	0	-100	4880	-90.0	20	1000
4	Right Side View	1990	-7671	1010	-1.0	28	1000

* Reference (from point of impact); all measurements accurate to within ±6 mm.

X = (Impact Point) + Forward
Y = (Impact Point) + To Right
Z = (Ground Level) + Down

DATA SHEET 5

POST-TEST DATA

Vehicle: 2008 Acura RDX 4-Door SUV NHTSA No. C85300

REQUIRED IMPACT VELOCITY RANGE:: 78.5 to 80.1 km/h

ACTUAL IMPACT VELOCITY WITHIN 1.5 M OF IMPACT PLANE:

Trap No. 1 = 79.47 km/h Trap No. 2 = 79.41 km/h

Average Impact Speed = 79.44 km/h

WELDING ROD IMPACT POINT:

-11 mm Vertical distance from target center (+ is above) Tolerance: ±40 mm

7 mm Horizontal distance from target center (+ is right) Tolerance: ±50 mm

STODDARD SOLVENT SPILLAGE MEASUREMENT:

A. Front impact until vehicle motion ceases -

Actual = 0 g Maximum Allowable = 28 g

B. For 5 minute period after vehicle motion ceases -

Actual = 0 g Maximum Allowable = 28 g

C. For next 25 minutes -

Actual = 0 g/minute Maximum Allowable = 28 g/minute

D. Provide Spillage Details:

None

DATA SHEET 5

POST-TEST DATA (Continued)

Vehicle: 2008 Acura RDX 4-Door SUV NHTSA No. C85300

POST TEST SEAT DATA

LOCATION	SEAT MOVEMENT (mm)	SEAT BACK FAILURE
P1 (Left Front)	0	Seat back reclined rearward
P2 (Right Front)	0	Seat back reclined rearward

POST TEST ATD CONTACT DATA

LOCATION	Position 1 (Driver)	Position 2 (Passenger)
Head	None	None
Chest	None	None
Abdomen	None	None
Left Knee	None	None
Right Knee	None	None

VEHICLE DIMENSIONS:

Vehicle length:

	Left Side	Centerline	Right Side
Pre-Test	4453	4594	4454
Post-Test	4069	4176	4143
Crush	384	418	311

Vehicle Wheel Base:

	Left Side	Right Side
Pre-Test	2650	2650
Post-Test	2605	2644
Crush	45	6

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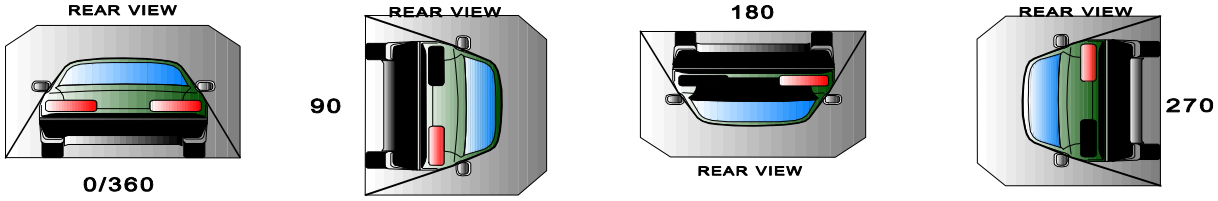
FMVSS 301 ROLLOVER DATA

Vehicle: 2008 Acura RDX 4-Door SUV NHTSA No.: C85300



I. DETERMINATION OF SOLVENT COLLECTION TIME PERIOD:

Rollover Stage	Rotation Time (spec. 1 -3 min)				FMVSS 301 Hold Time		Total Time				Next Whole Minute Interval	
0º - 90º	1	minutes	06	seconds	5	minutes	6	minutes	6	seconds	7	minutes
90º - 180º	1	minutes	06	seconds	5	minutes	6	minutes	6	seconds	7	minutes
180º-270º	1	minutes	02	seconds	5	minutes	6	minutes	2	seconds	7	minutes
270º-360º	1	minutes	10	seconds	5	minutes	6	minutes	10	seconds	7	minutes

II. FMVSS 301 REQUIREMENTS: (Maximum allowable solvent spillage):

First 5 minutes from onset of rotation	6th min.	7th min.	8th min. (if required)
142 g	28 g	28 g	28 g

III. ACTUAL TEST VEHICLE SOLVENT SPILLAGE:

Rollover Stage	First 5 minutes from onset of rotation (g)	6th min. (g)	7th min. (g)	8th min. (if required) (g)
0º - 90º	0	0	0	N/A
90º - 180º	0	0	0	N/A
180º-270º	0	0	0	N/A
270º-360º	0	0	0	N/A

Note: Record spillage for whole minute intervals only as determined above.

IV. SOLVENT SPILLAGE LOCATION(S):

Rollover Stage	Spillage Location
0º - 90º	None
90º - 180º	None
180º-270º	None
270º-360º	None

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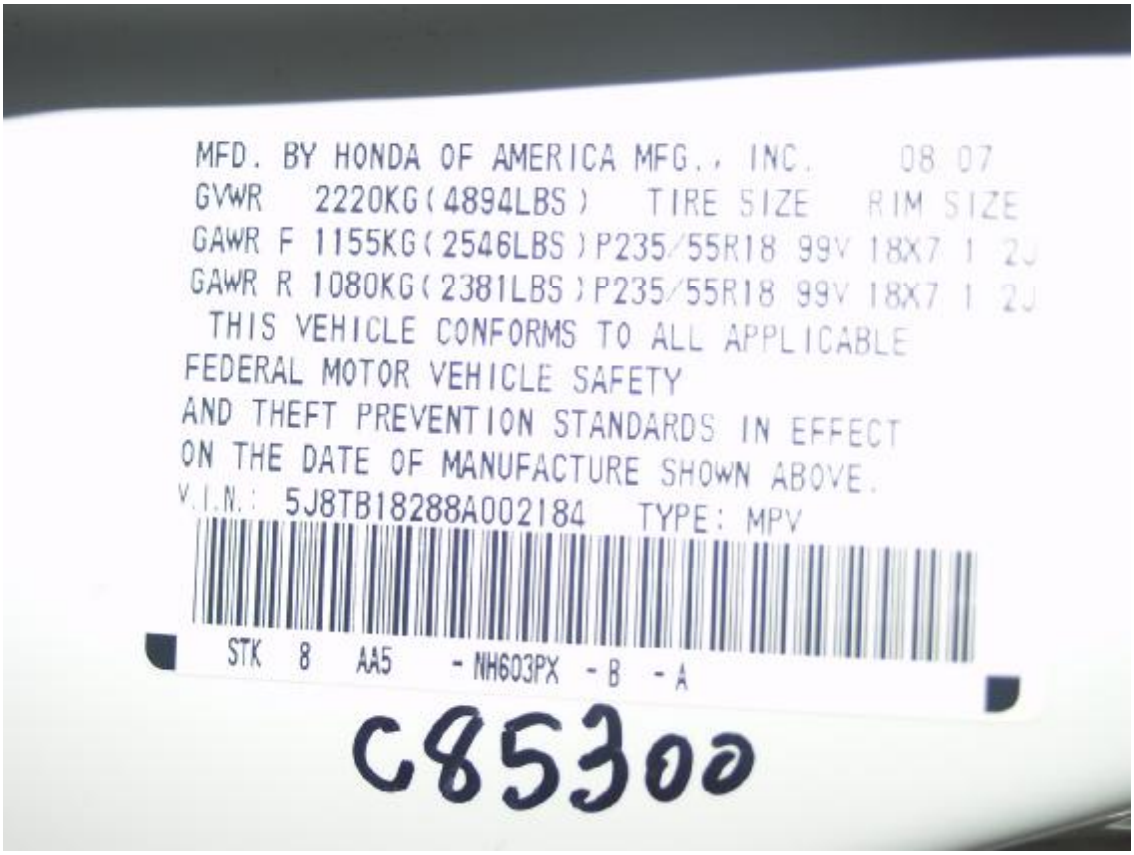

Figure A-1: Vehicle Certification Placard

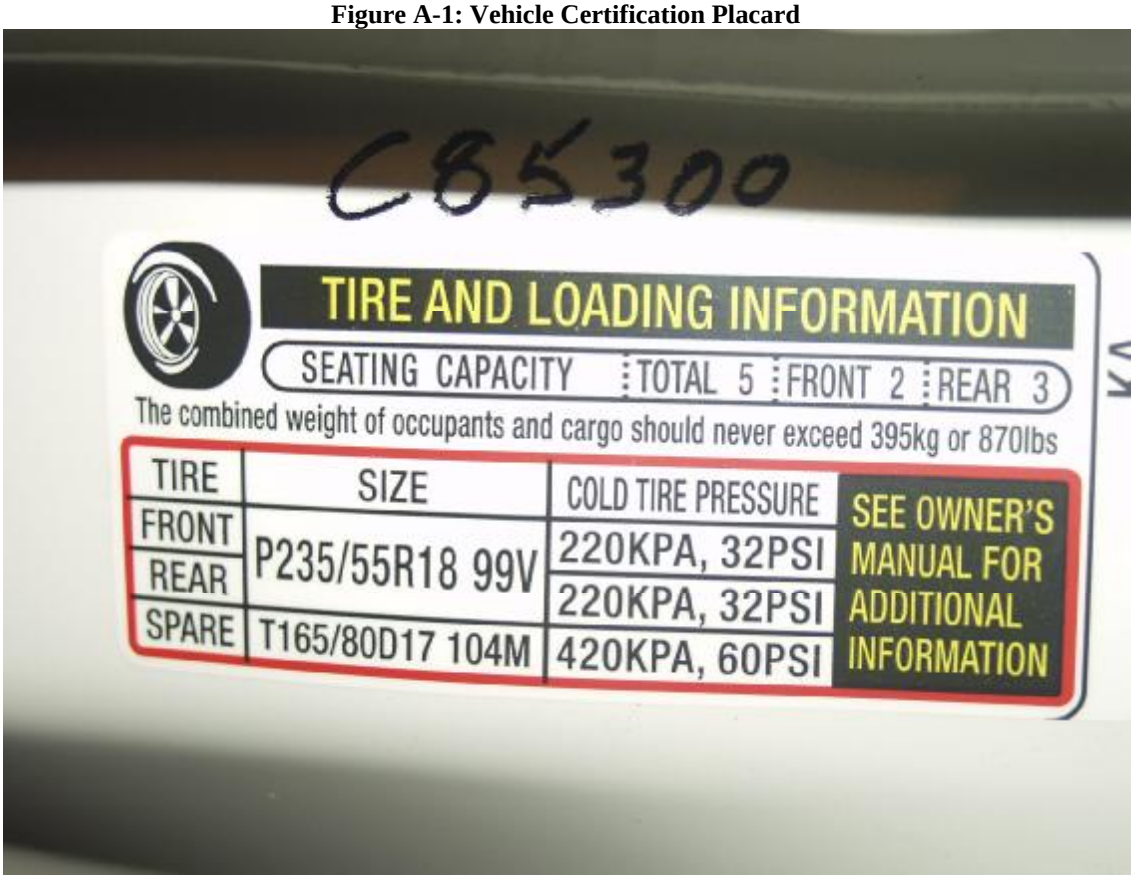

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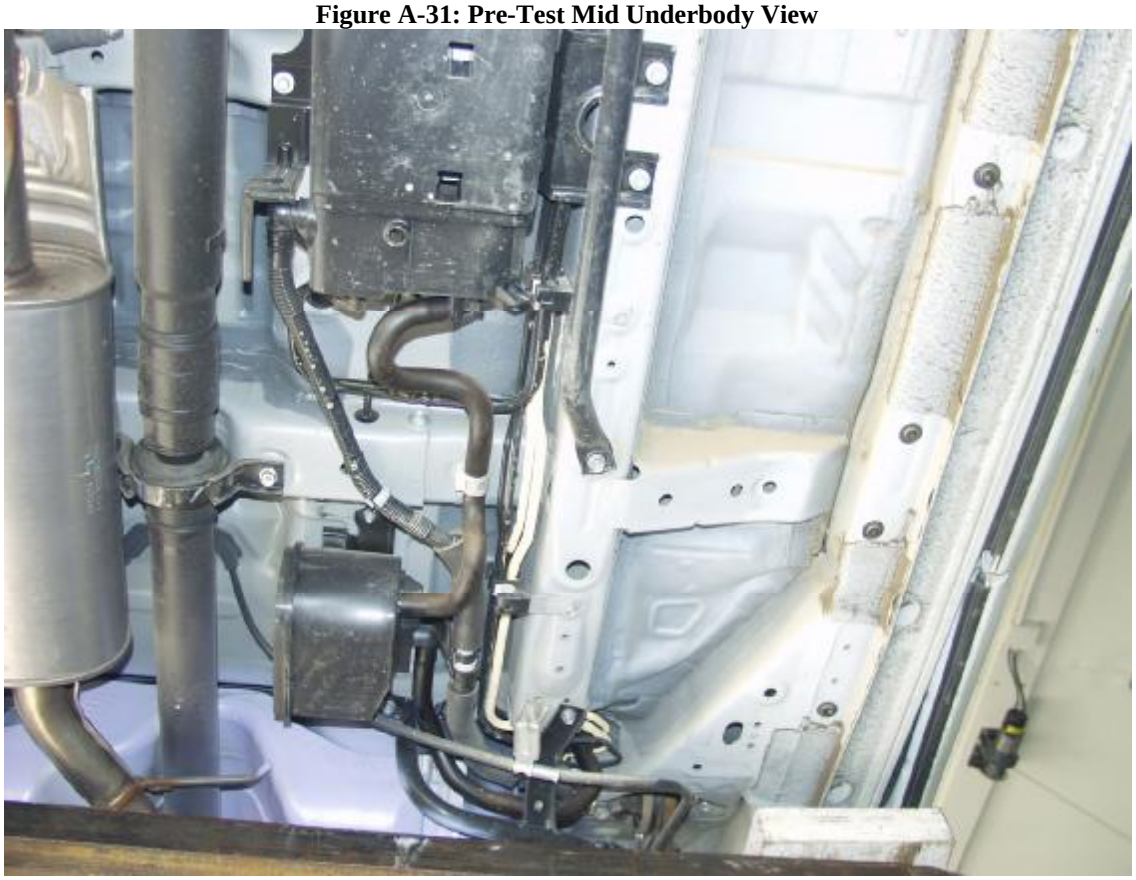
Figure A-31: Pre-Test Mid Underbody View



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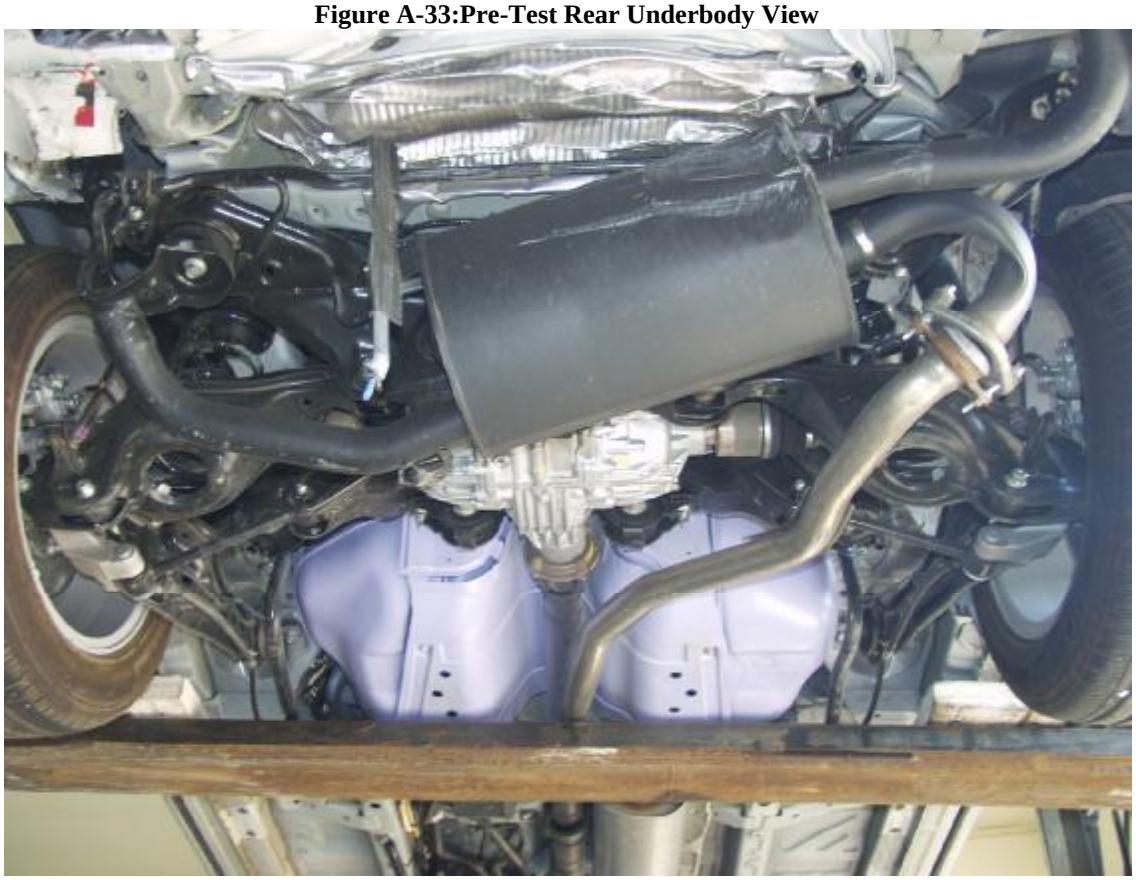

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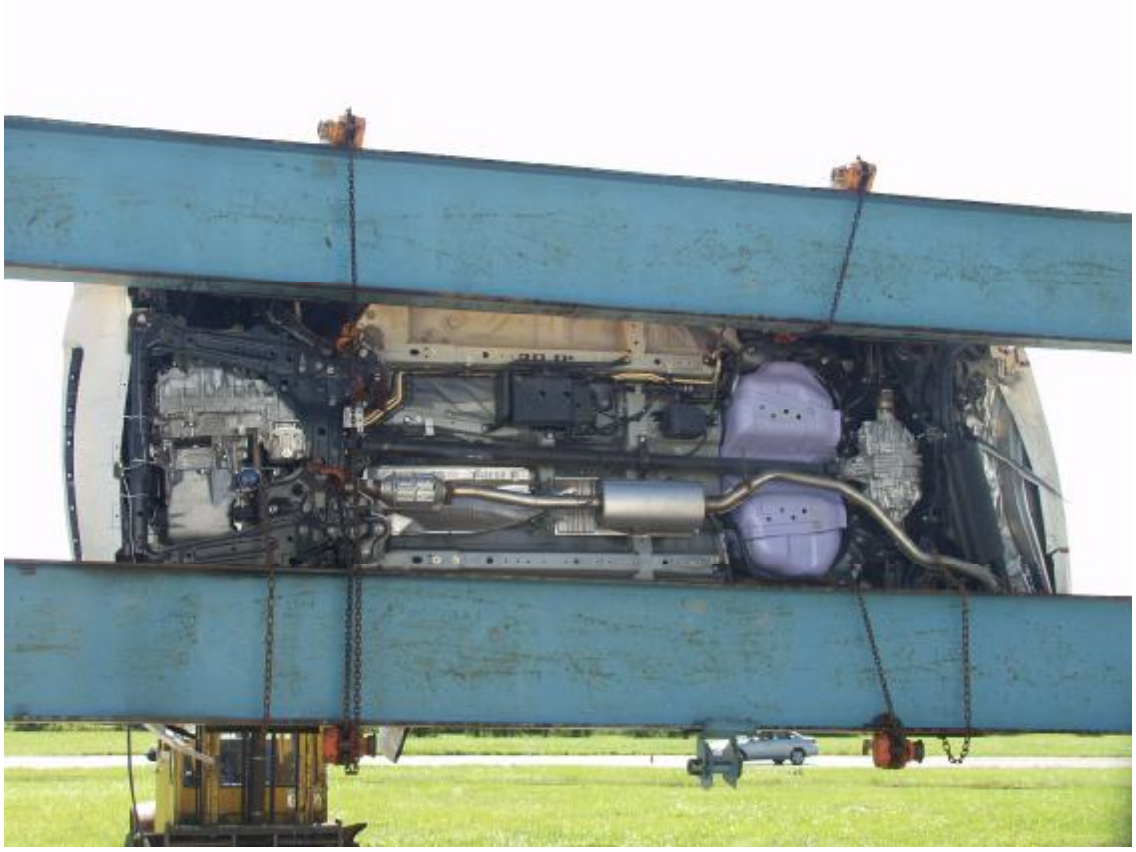

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