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**SAFETY COMPLIANCE TESTING FOR
FMVSS NO. 214S
SIDE IMPACT PROTECTION (STATIC)**

**FORD MOTOR CO.
2006 FORD FUSION, PASSENGER CAR
NHTSA NO. C60202**

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SECTION 1 INTRODUCTION

1.0 PURPOSE OF COMPLIANCE TEST

A 2006 Ford Fusion 4-door passenger car was subjected to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 214 testing to determine if the vehicle was in compliance with the requirements of the standard. FMVSS No. 214 establishes requirements for the side doors of a Motor Vehicle to minimize the safety hazard caused by intrusion into the passenger compartment as a result of a side impact accident.

1.1 TEST VEHICLE

The test vehicle was a 2006 Ford Fusion 4-door passenger car. Nomenclature applicable to the test vehicle are:

- A. Vehicle Identification Number: 3FAFP06Z56R135176
- B. NHTSA No.: C60202
- C. Manufacturer: FORD MOTOR COMPANY
- D. Manufacture Date: 12/05

The vehicle's front and rear seating systems were removed for this test. All vehicle windows were closed and all doors were locked for this test.

1.2 TEST DATE

The test vehicle was subjected to FMVSS No. 214 testing on June 28, 2006.

SECTION 2 TEST PROCEDURE AND SUMMARY OF RESULTS

2.0 TEST PROCEDURE

All tests were conducted in accordance with NHTSA, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance (OVSC) Laboratory Procedure, TP-214S-05 dated 14 September 1993 and General Testing Laboratories, Inc. (GTL) Test Procedure, TP-214S-05, "Static – Side Impact Protection".

Each vehicle shall be able to meet the requirements of either, at the manufacturer's option, 2.1 or 2.2 when any of its side doors that can be used for occupant egress are tested.

2.1 OPTION ONE

With any seats that may affect load upon or deflection of the side of the vehicle removed from the vehicle, each vehicle must be able to meet the requirements of 2.1.1 through 2.1.3.

2.1.1 INITIAL CRUSH RESISTANCE

The initial crush resistance shall not be less than 2,250 pounds.

2.1.2 INTERMEDIATE CRUSH RESISTANCE

The intermediate crush resistance shall not be less than 3,500 pounds.

2.1.3 PEAK CRUSH RESISTANCE

The peak crush resistance shall not be less than two times the curb weight of the vehicle or 7,000 pounds, whichever is less.

2.2 OPTION TWO

With seats installed in the vehicle, and located in any horizontal or vertical position to which they can be adjusted and at any seat back angle to which they can be adjusted, each vehicle must be able to meet the requirements of 2.2.1 through 2.2.3.

2.2.1 INITIAL CRUSH RESISTANCE

The initial crush resistance shall not be less than 2,250 pounds.

2.2.2 INTERMEDIATE CRUSH RESISTANCE

The intermediate crush resistance shall not be less than 4,375 pounds.

SECTION 2 CONTINUED

2.2.3 PEAK CRUSH RESISTANCE

The peak crush resistance shall not be less than three and one half times the curb weight of the vehicle or 12,000 pounds, whichever is less.

SECTION 3
COMPLIANCE TEST DATA

DATA SHEET 1
TEST VEHICLE RECEIVING-INSPECTION

VEH. MOD YR/MAKE/MODEL/BODY: 2006 FORD FUSION PASSENGER CAR
 VEH. NHTSA NO.: C60202 ; VIN: 3FAFP06Z56R135176
 VEH. BUILD DATE: 12/05 ; TEST DATE: JUNE 28, 2006
 TEST LABORATORY: GENERAL TESTING LABS
 OBSERVERS: G. FARRAND, J. LATANE, J. GIBSON

A. First compliance test by laboratory for this vehicle is the static FMVSS 214 test.

Yes No (Go to item 2)

(1) Label test vehicle with NHTSA Number

(2) Verify all options on the "window sticker" are present on the vehicle

(3) Verify tires and wheel rims are new and the same as listed

(4) Verify there are no dents or other interior or exterior flaws

(5) Verify the glove box contains an owner's manual, warranty document, consumer information, and extra keys

(6) Verify the vehicle is equipped with the proper fuel filler cap

(7) If the vehicle has been delivered from the dealer, verify the vehicle has been properly prepared and is in running condition

B. Verify seat adjusters are working

Yes No

C. Verify there is a seat belt at each seating position

Yes No

D. Without disturbing the integrity of each seat belt and anchorage, verify that each seat belt is attached to the anchorage. For seat belts that are attached to the seat, also verify the seats are attached to the seat anchors and the seat anchors are attached to the vehicle.

Yes No

E. Curb Weight of Vehicle: 3280 LBS.

F. COMMENTS: (Explain any problems here)

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APPROVED BY: D. MESSICK

DATA SHEET 2
PRETEST PREPARATION

VEH. MOD YR/MAKE/MODEL/BODY: 2006 FORD FUSION PASSENGER CAR
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 VEH. BUILD DATE: 12/05 ; TEST DATE: JUNE 28, 2006
 TEST LABORATORY: GENERAL TESTING LABS
 OBSERVERS: G. FARRAND, J. LATANE, J. GIBSON

Prior to testing the following will be accomplished:

		<u>TEST</u>	
		1	2
A.	Check the manufacturers certification statement to determine if the vehicle should be tested with or without seats installed.	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>
B.	Remove all seats unless the vehicle has been certified with the seats installed. If the seats remain in the vehicle, they are to be adjusted per the COTR's instructions.	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>
C.	Close all windows	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>
D.	Lock All doors	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>
E.	State door tested	<u>LF</u>	<u>RR</u>
F.	State the length of a horizontal line drawn on door through a point 5 inches vertically above lowest point of test door	<u>43.0</u>	<u>29.0</u>
G.	State vertical distance from the lowest part of test door to bottom of loading device	<u>5"</u>	<u>5"</u>
H.	State position of vertical centerline of loading device on the midpoint of line determined step F	<u>21.5</u>	<u>14.5</u>
I.	Determine that the vertical axis of the loading device is perpendicular to the longitudinal and lateral axis of the test vehicle	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>
J.	Determine that the top of the loading device is above the door window opening but not touching any structure above the window opening	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>

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DATA SHEET 3
STATIC LOAD TEST - BACK-UP SYSTEM DATA

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 VEH. NHTSA NO.: C60202 ; VIN: 3FAFP06Z56R135176
 VEH. BUILD DATE: 12/05 ; TEST DATE: JUNE 28, 2006
 TEST LABORATORY: GENERAL TESTING LABS
 OBSERVERS: G. FARRAND, J. LATANE, J. GIBSON

RESULTS: Plots of load versus displacement and time versus displacement obtained from the back-up data (attach plots to data sheet) showed that:

TEST #1 - GTL #5581 (LEFT FRONT DOOR)

- A. The initial crush resistance was 2889 lbs.
 B. The intermediate crush resistance was 5108 lbs.
 C. The peak crush resistance was 12,043 lbs at 12.60 inches
 D. The rate of loading was .2"/sec

The dial indicator and the inclinometer showed the following deflections.

LOADING DEVICE TRAVEL	DIAL INDICATOR	INCLINOMETER
0 inches	<u>0.0000</u>	<u>0</u>
2 inches	<u>0.0230</u>	<u>0</u>
4 inches	<u>0.0890</u>	<u>0</u>
6 inches	<u>0.0990</u>	<u>0</u>
12 inches	<u>0.3250</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>12.6</u> Inches (full travel)	<u>0.3370</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>0</u> Inches (removal)	<u>0.0657</u>	<u>0</u>

TEST #2 - GTL #5582 (RIGHT REAR DOOR)

- A. The initial crush resistance was 3194 lbs.
 B. The intermediate crush resistance was 6425 lbs.
 C. The peak crush resistance was 12,762 lbs at 11.90 inches
 D. The rate of loading was .2"/sec

DATA SHEET 3 CONTINUED
STATIC LOAD TEST - BACK-UP SYSTEM DATA

The dial indicator and the inclinometer showed the following deflections.

LOADING DEVICE TRAVEL	DIAL INDICATOR	INCLINOMETER
0 inches	<u>0.0000</u>	<u>0</u>
2 inches	<u>0.0015</u>	<u>0</u>
4 inches	<u>0.0030</u>	<u>0</u>
6 inches	<u>0.0052</u>	<u>0</u>
12 inches	<u>0.1910</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>12.50</u> Inches (full travel)	<u>0.2488</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>0</u> Inches (removal)	<u>0.1227</u>	<u>0</u>

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DATA SHEET 4
DATA REDUCTION

VEH. MOD YR/MAKE/MODEL/BODY: 2006 FORD FUSION PASSENGER CAR
 VEH. NHTSA NO.: C60202 ; VIN: 3FAFP06Z56R135176
 VEH. BUILD DATE: 12/05 ; TEST DATE: JUNE 28, 2006
 TEST LABORATORY: GENERAL TESTING LABS
 OBSERVERS: G. FARRAND, J. LATANE, J. GIBSON

Data from the primary data systems will be analyzed and the plots attached to the data sheet.

RESULTS - The load versus displacement plot showed that - -

TEST #1 - GTL #5581 (LEFT FRONT DOOR)

- A. The initial crush resistance was 2899 lbs.
- B. The intermediate crush resistance was 5130 lbs.
- C. The peak crush resistance was 12,047 lbs at 12.60 inches

The time versus displacement plot showed that - -

The rate of loading was .2"/sec

TEST #2 - GTL #5582 (RIGHT REAR DOOR)

- A. The initial crush resistance was 3196 lbs.
- B. The intermediate crush resistance was 6458 lbs.
- C. The peak crush resistance was 12,782 lbs at 11.80 inches

The time versus displacement plot showed that - -

The rate of loading was .2"/sec

Comparison of the ABOVE DATA with the BACKUP DATA indicates the following - -

Primary and Backup data agree.

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SECTION 4
TEST EQUIPMENT LIST

EQUIPMENT	DESCRIPTION	MODEL/ SERIAL NO.	CAL. DATE	NEXT CAL. DATE
COMPUTER	AT&T	486DX266	N/A	N/A
TEST FIXTURE	GTL 214	214	N/A	N/A
A/D INTERFACE	METRABYTE	DAS-16(F)	BEFORE USE	BEFORE USE
SCALES	FAIRBANKS	N/A	BEFORE USE	BEFORE USE
SIGNAL CONDITIONER	METRABYTE	EXP-RES	BEFORE USE	BEFORE USE
LOAD CELLS	REVERE REVERE	44243A 44243B	12/05	12/06
LINEAR POT.	WALDALE WALDALE	123456A 123456B	BEFORE USE	BEFORE USE
INCLINOMETER	STARRETT	360/002	05/06	05/07
DIAL INDICATOR	MIOTO	0001-2	BEFORE USE	BEFORE USE

SECTION 5
PHOTOGRAPHS



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FIGURE 5.1
FRONT VIEW OF VEHICLE PRE-TEST



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FIGURE 5.2
LEFT SIDE VIEW OF VEHICLE PRE-TEST



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FIGURE 5.3
RIGHT SIDE VIEW OF VEHICLE PRE-TEST



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FIGURE 5.4
REAR VIEW OF VEHICLE PRE-TEST



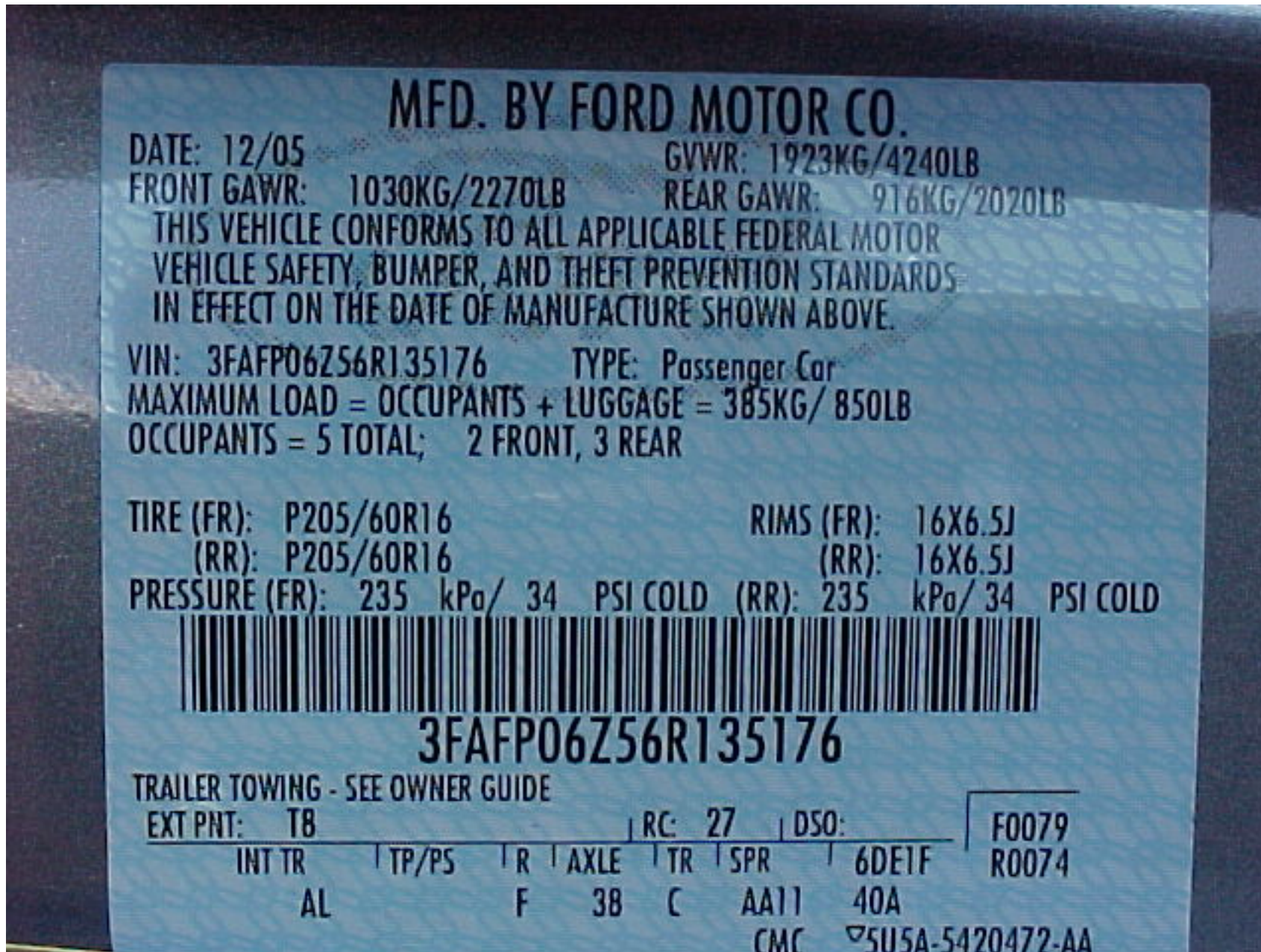
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FIGURE 5.5
 $\frac{3}{4}$ FRONTAL VIEW FROM LEFT SIDE OF VEHICLE
PRE-TEST



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FIGURE 5.6
¾ REAR VIEW FROM RIGHT SIDE VIEW OF VEHICLE
PRE-TEST



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FIGURE 5.7
 VEHICLE CERTIFICATION LABEL

TIRE AND LOADING INFORMATION

SEATING CAPACITY TOTAL : 5 FRONT: 2 REAR: 3

The combined weight of occupants : 385 kg or 850 lbs.
and cargo should never exceed :

TIRE	SIZE	COLD TIRE PRESSURE
FRONT	P205/60R16	235 KPA, 34 PSI
REAR	P205/60R16	235 KPA, 34 PSI
SPARE	T145/80D16	415 KPA, 60 PSI

SEE OWNERS MANUAL FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FIGURE 5.8
VEHICLE TIRE INFORMATION LABEL



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FIGURE 5.9
VEHICLE VIN PLATE



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FIGURE 5.10
INSTRUMENTATION SET-UP



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FIGURE 5.11
REAR VEHICLE TIE DOWN – TEST 1



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FIGURE 5.12
FRONT VEHICLE TIE DOWN – TEST 1



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FIGURE 5.13
LOAD DEVICE AGAINST DOOR – PRE-TEST 1



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FIGURE 5.14
LOAD DEVICE AGAINST DOOR @ MAX LOAD -
TEST 1



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FIGURE 5.15
DIAL INDICATOR AT MAX LOAD – TEST 1



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FIGURE 5.16
POST TEST DOOR OUTSIDE – TEST 1



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FIGURE 5.17
POST TEST DOOR INSIDE – TEST 1



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FIGURE 5.18
REAR VEHICLE TIE DOWN – TEST 2



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FIGURE 5.19
FRONT VEHICLE TIE DOWN – TEST 2



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FIGURE 5.20
LOAD DEVICE AGAINST DOOR – PRE-TEST 2



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FIGURE 5.21
LOAD DEVICE AGAINST DOOR @ MAX LOAD -
TEST 2



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FIGURE 5.22
DIAL INDICATOR AT MAX LOAD – TEST 2



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FIGURE 5.23
POST TEST DOOR OUTSIDE – TEST 2



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FIGURE 5.24
POST TEST DOOR INSIDE – TEST 2



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FIGURE 5.25
FRONT VIEW OF VEHICLE POST TEST



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FIGURE 5.26
LEFT SIDE VIEW OF VEHICLE POST TEST



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FIGURE 5.27
RIGHT SIDE VIEW OF VEHICLE POST TEST



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FIGURE 5.28
REAR VIEW OF VEHICLE POST TEST



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FIGURE 5.29
¾ FRONTAL VIEW FROM LEFT SIDE OF VEHICLE
POST TEST



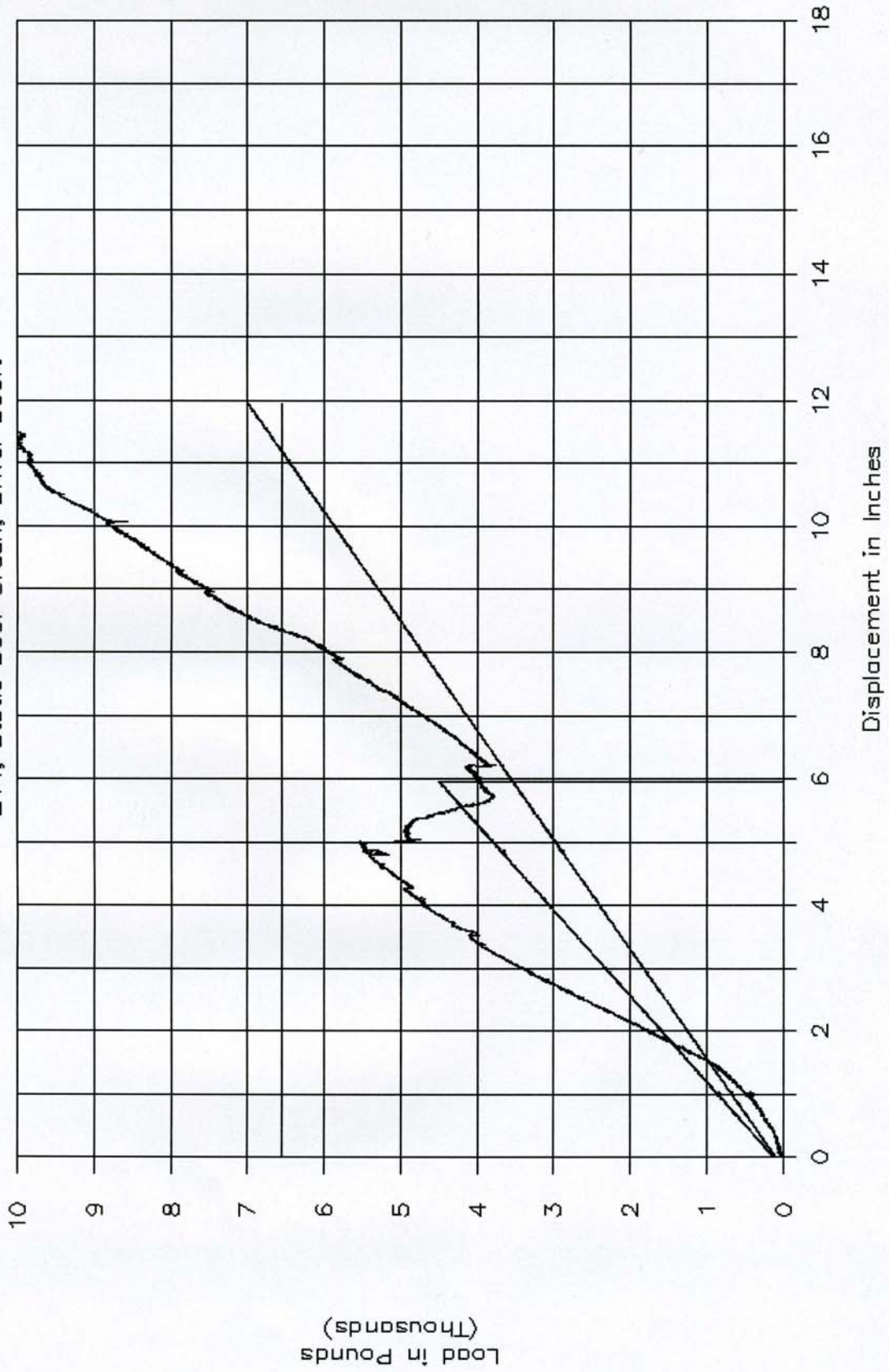
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FIGURE 5.30
¾ REAR VIEW FROM RIGHT SIDE OF VEHICLE
POST TEST

SECTION 6
TEST DATA PLOTS

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214, Static Door Crush, Driver Door.



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214, Static Door Crush, Right Rear Door

