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SAFETY COMPLIANCE TESTING FOR FMVSS 301
FUEL SYSTEM INTEGRITY – REAR IMPACT

HONDA MOTOR COMPANY
2007 HONDA CIVIC
4-DOOR SEDAN

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16. Abstract

Compliance tests were conducted on the subject 2007 Honda Civic 4-door Sedan in accordance with the specifications of the Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance Test Procedure No. TP-301R-02 for the determination of FMVSS 301 compliance. Test failures identified were as follows:

The test vehicle appeared to comply with all requirements of FMVSS 301R-02 "Fuel System Integrity – Rear Impact." The test vehicle was previously impacted at an unknown low velocity prior to conducting this test during which it sustained slight damage. The deformable barrier face was replaced prior to conducting the compliance test.

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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 2007 Honda Civic 4-door Sedan, 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 1499 kg 2007 Honda Civic 4-door Sedan was impacted from the rear by an 1362.5 kg moving barrier at a velocity of 79.5 kph (49.4 mph). The test vehicle was previously impacted at an unknown low velocity prior to conducting this test during which it sustained slight damage. The deformable barrier face was replaced prior to conducting the compliance test. The test was performed by Calspan Corporation on September 6, 2007.

The test vehicle was equipped with a 43.2 liter fuel tank which was filled to 92 percent capacity with stoddard fluid prior to impact. Additional ballast (44 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.

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 maximum vehicle longitudinal crush was 620 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: 2007 Honda Civic 4-door Sedan

Vehicle Body Color: Gray NHTSA Number: C75303

Engine Data: 4 Cylinders; - CID; 1.3 Liters; - cc

Transmission: IMA Speed; - Manual; x Automatic; - Overdrive

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

MAJOR TEST VEHICLE OPTIONS:

x AC; x Pwr Steering; x Power Brakes; x Power Locks; - Power Seats

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

DEALER AND DELIVERY INFORMATION:

Date Received: 7/13/07 ; Odometer Reading 126 km

Selling Dealer: Ralph Pontiac Inc.

Dealer Address: 3939 West Ridge Rd Rochester , NY 14626

DATA FROM VEHICLE'S CERTIFICATION LABEL:

Vehicle Manufacturer: Honda Motor Company

Vehicle Build Date: 09/05/07

VIN:: JHMFA36297S026286

GVWR: 1720 kg; GAWR: 895 kg FRONT; 835 kg REAR

DATA FROM VEHICLE'S TIRE LABEL AND SIDEWALL:

Location of Tire Placard: Driver Side B-Pillar

Type of Spare Tire: Temporary

	Front	Rear
Maximum Tire Pressure (sidewall - kPa)	300	300
Cold Pressure (tire placard - kPa) – test pressure	220	220
Recommended Tire Size (tire placard)	P195/65R15	P195/65R15
Vehicle Tire Size with load index & speed symbol	89S	89S
Tire Manufacturer	Dunlop	Dunlop
Tire Name	SP 37AS	SP 37AS
Treadwear, Traction, Temperature	320 A B	320 A B

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) = 385 kg

No. of Occupants x 68.04 kg = 340.2 kg

Rated Cargo/Luggage Weight (RCLW) = 44.8 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 =	389	378	58.5	767.0
Rear =	281	262.5	41.5	543.5
			Total Delivered Weight (UDW) =	1310.5

CALCULATION OF VEHICLE'S TARGET TEST WEIGHT:

Total Delivered Weight (UDW) =	1310.5	kg
Rated Cargo/Luggage Weight (RCLW) =	44.8	kg
Weight of 2 p.572E Dummies @ 78 each =	148	kg
TARGET TEST WEIGHT =	1503.3	kg

WEIGHT OF TEST VEHICLE WITH TWO DUMMIES AND 40.5 KG OF CARGO WEIGHT:

	Left Side (kg)	Right Side (kg)	Ratio (%)	Total (kg)
Front =	446	433	58.6	879.0
Rear =	315	305	41.4	620.0
			Total Vehicle Test Weight (ATW) =	1499.0

Weight of Ballast Secured in Vehicle[1] = 44 kg Ballast Type Shot Bags

Method of securing Ballast: Location with tape to hold down

Components Removed for Weight Reduction: None

VEHICLE ATTITUDE (all dimension in millimeters):

	Left Front	Right Front	Left Rear	Right Rear	CG[2]
AS DELIVERED:	679	691	682	692	1582
AS TESTED:	660	674	659	669	1585

Vehicle's Wheel Base: 2703 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: 1754 mm Location: Door Handle

Centerline offset for impact line: 350 mm

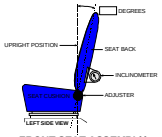
Filler neck side (left/right) Left

DATA SHEET 2 (continued)

PRE-TEST DATA

Vehicle: 2007 Honda Civic 4-door Sedan NHTSA No. C75303

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: 23 on seatback

Measurement instructions: From 0 detent which is forward-most detent, move back 4 detents

Seat back angle for passenger's seat: 23 on seatback

Measurement instructions: From 0 detent which is forward-most detent, move back 4 detents

2. SEAT FORE AND AFT POSITIONING:

Positioning of the driver's seat: 25 detents with seat in lowest position, went from forward-most position which is 0 detent to 10th detent

Positioning of the passenger's seat: 25 detents in seat travel, went from forward-most position which is 0 detent to 12th detent

3. FUEL TANK CAPACITY DATA:

3.1 A. "Usable Capacity" of the standard equipment fuel tank is 46.9 liters

B. "Usable Capacity" of the optional equipment fuel tank is N/A liters

C. "Usable Capacity" of the vehicle(s) used for certification testing to requirements of FMVSS 301 = 43.1 to 44.3 liters

3.2 Actual Amount of Stoddard solvent added to vehicle for test = 43.2 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.

With ignition turned "ON"

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 distance is 45 mm – placed in 22.5 mm position

70º to 65º angle range – placed in mechanical middle of 67.5º

5. SEAT BELT UPPER ANCHORAGE:

Nominal design riding position: Range travel 60 mm with 4 detents, placed in top position as requested

6. COMMENTS:

None

DATA SHEET 3

MOVING DEFORMABLE BARRIER (MDB) DATA

Vehicle: 2007 Honda Civic 4-door Sedan NHTSA No. C75303

MDB FACE MANUFACTURER AND SERIAL NUMBER:

087A0107-2 074B1106

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):

TIRE PRESSURE:

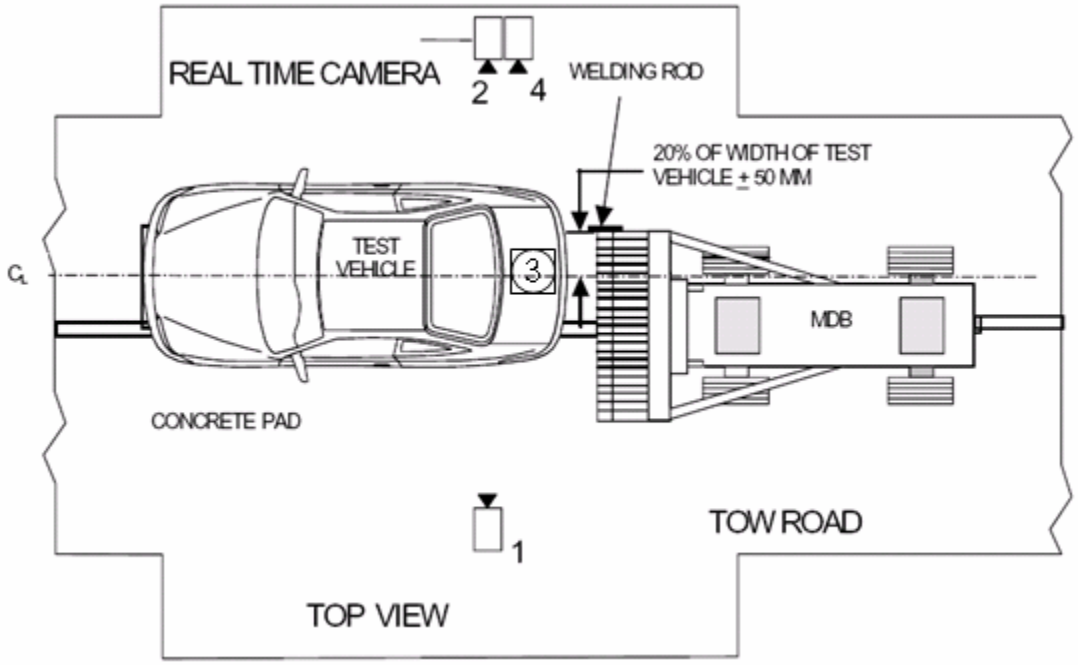
Left Front	=	207	kPa	Left Rear	=	207	kPa
Right Front	=	207	kPa	Right Rear	=	207	kPa

Brake Abort System? (Yes/No)	Yes
Date of Last Calibration:	6/15/07

DATA SHEET 4

HIGH SPEED CAMERA LOCATIONS AND DATA SUMMARY

Vehicle: 2007 Honda Civic 4-door Sedan NHTSA No. C75303



Camera No.	View	Coordinates (millimeters)			Angle (deg.)	Lens (mm)	Film Speed (fps)
		X*	Y*	Z*			
1	Left Side View	7361	2151	949	0.6	24	1000
2	Real-Time Camera	-	-	-	-	-	30
3	Overhead View	0	436	4880	90	14	1000
4	Right Side View	8773	1115	1094	1.5	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: 2007 Honda Civic 4-door Sedan NHTSA No. C75303

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

ACTUAL IMPACT VELOCITY WITHIN 1.5 M OF IMPACT PLANE:

Trap No. 1 = 79.5 km/h Trap No. 2 = 79.5 km/h

Average Impact Speed = 79.5 km/h

Comments:

The test vehicle was previously impacted at an unknown low velocity prior to conducting this test during which it sustained slight damage. The deformable barrier face was replaced prior to conducting the compliance test.

WELDING ROD IMPACT POINT:

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

-2 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: 2007 Honda Civic 4-door Sedan NHTSA No. C75303

POST TEST SEAT DATA

LOCATION	SEAT MOVEMENT (mm)	SEAT BACK FAILURE
P1 (Left Front)	10	NONE
P2 (Right Front)	15	NONE

POST TEST ATD CONTACT DATA

LOCATION	Position 1 (Driver)	Position 2 (Passenger)
Head	Back of head to head restraint	Back of head to head restraint
Chest	N/A	N/A
Abdomen	N/A	N/A
Left Knee	N/A	N/A
Right Knee	N/A	N/A

VEHICLE DIMENSIONS:

Vehicle length:

	Left Side	Centerline	Right Side
Pre-Test	4426	4498	4426
Post-Test	3814	3878	3973
Crush	612	620	453

Vehicle Wheel Base:

	Left Side	Right Side
Pre-Test	2703	2703
Post-Test	2581	2712
Crush	122	-9

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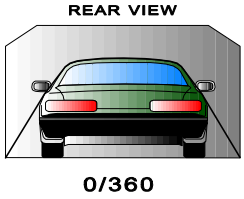
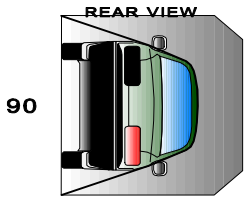
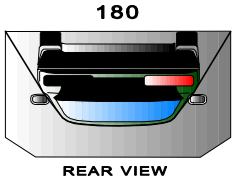
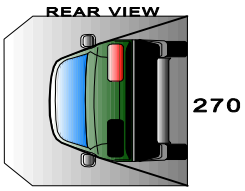
FMVSS 301 ROLLOVER DATA

Vehicle: 2007 Honda Civic 4-door Sedan NHTSA No.: C75303









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	09	seconds	5	minutes	6	minutes	9	seconds	7	minutes
90º - 180º	1	minutes	01	seconds	5	minutes	6	minutes	1	seconds	7	minutes
180º-270º	0	minutes	50	seconds	5	minutes	5	minutes	50	seconds	6	minutes
270º-360º	1	minutes	09	seconds	5	minutes	6	minutes	9	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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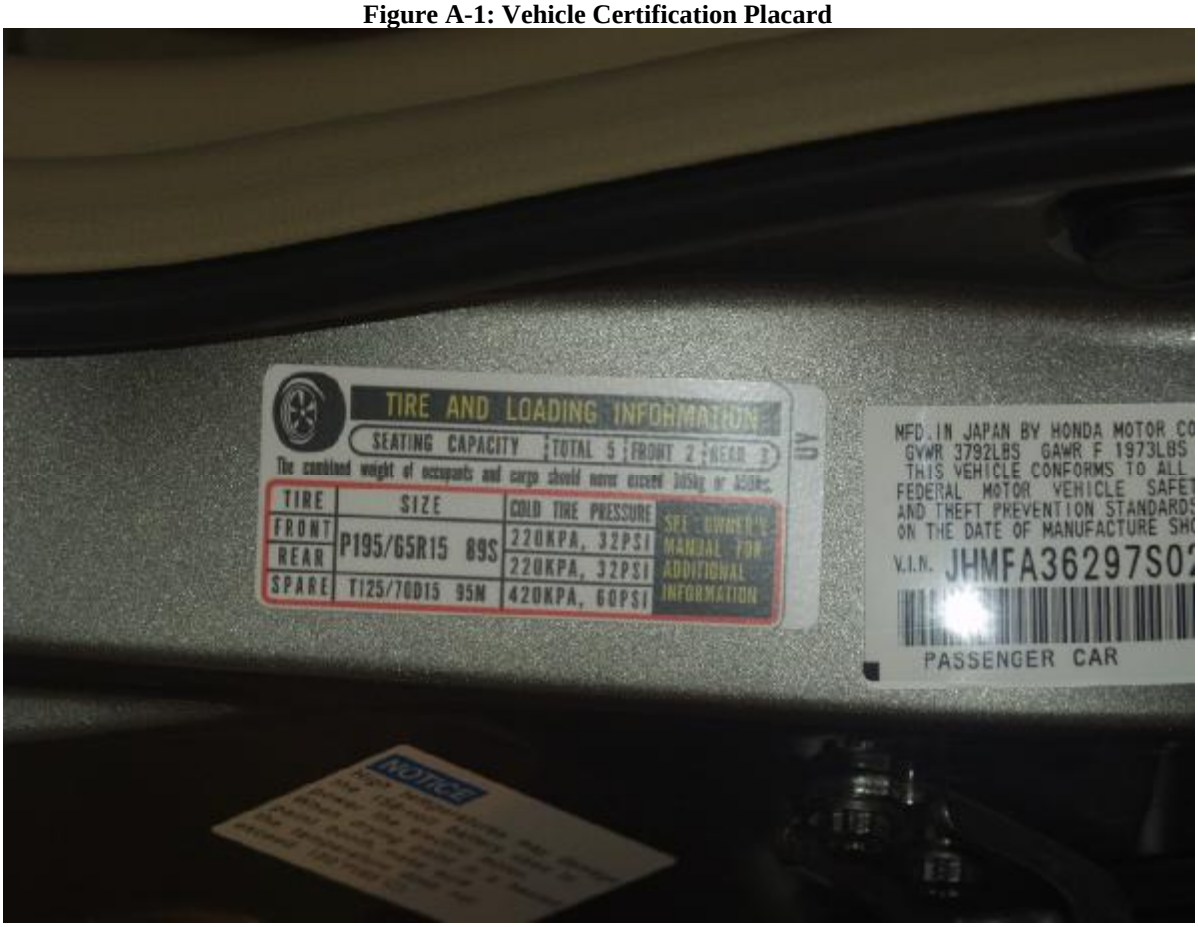

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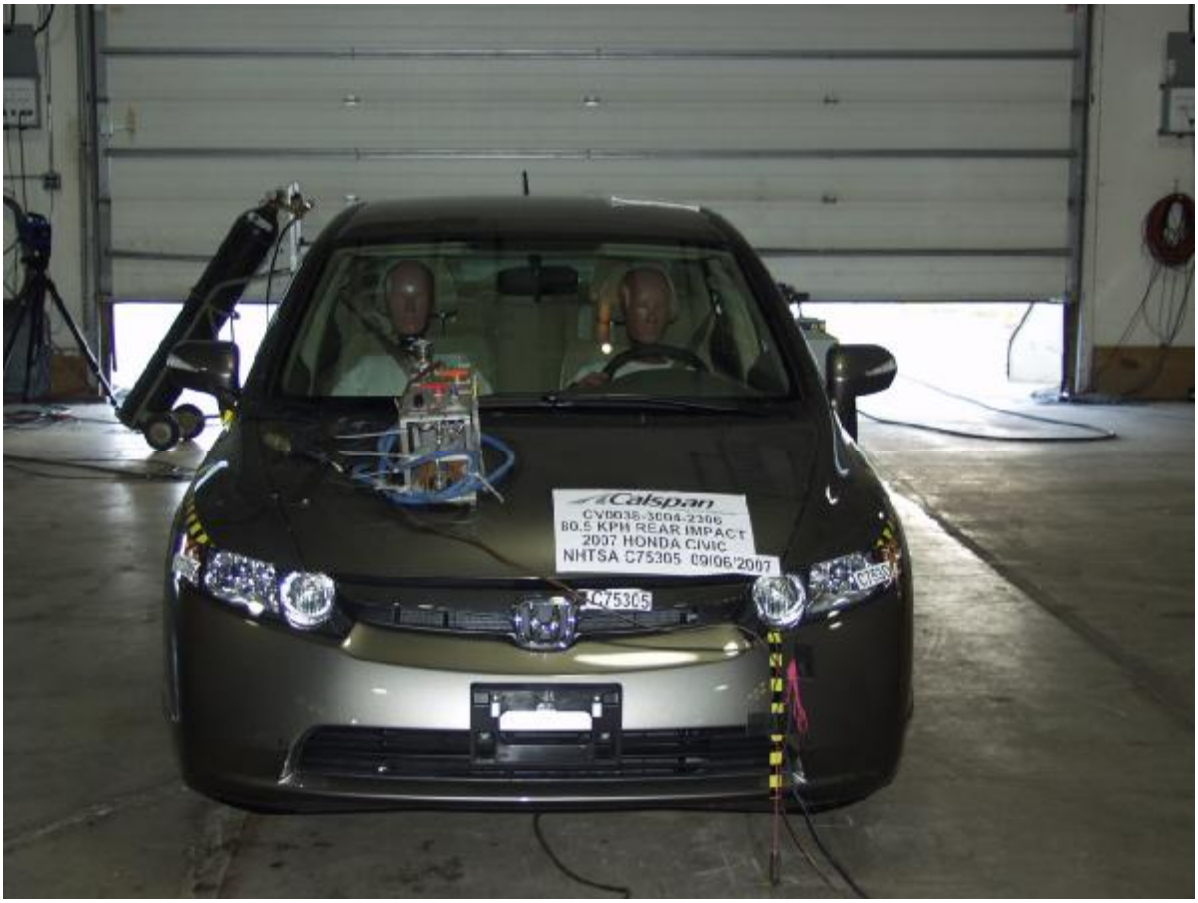

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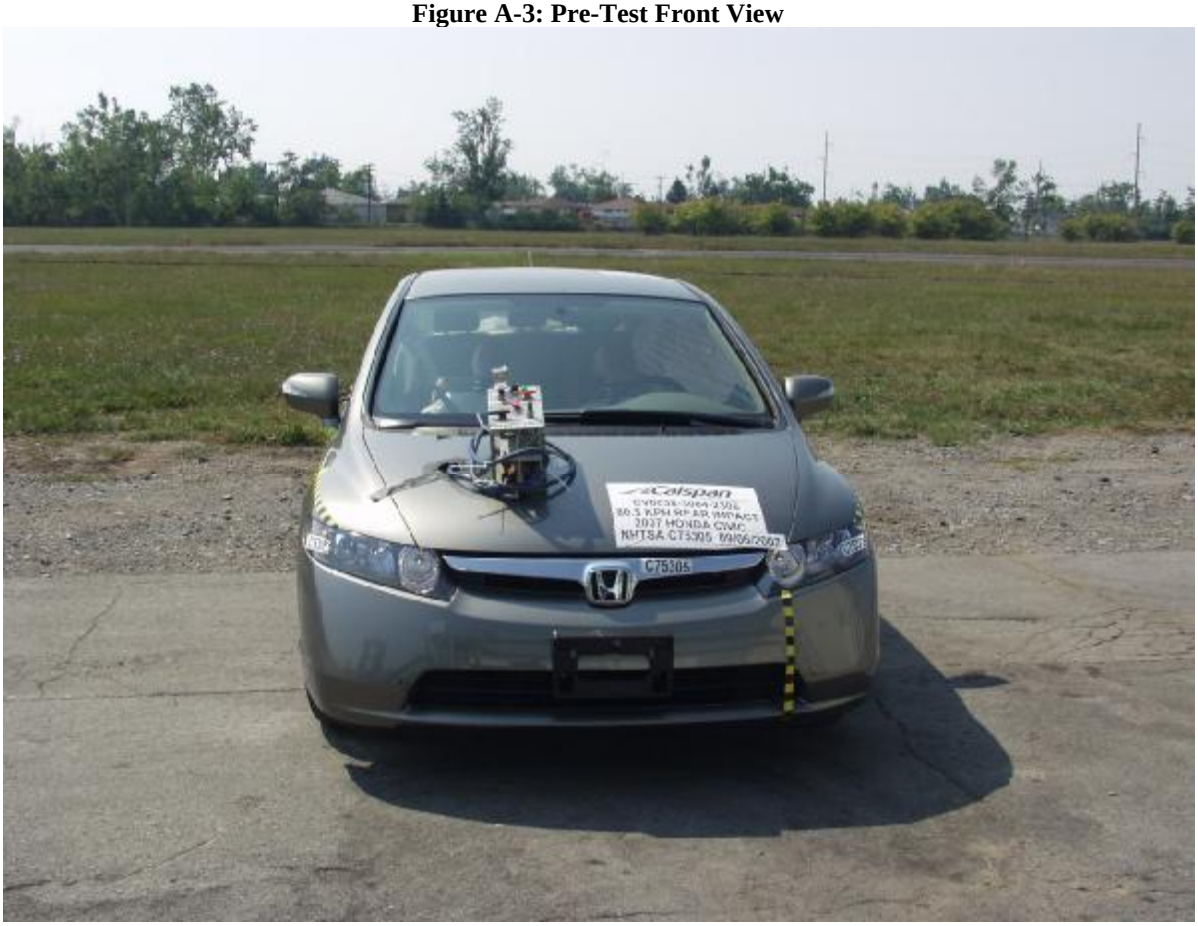

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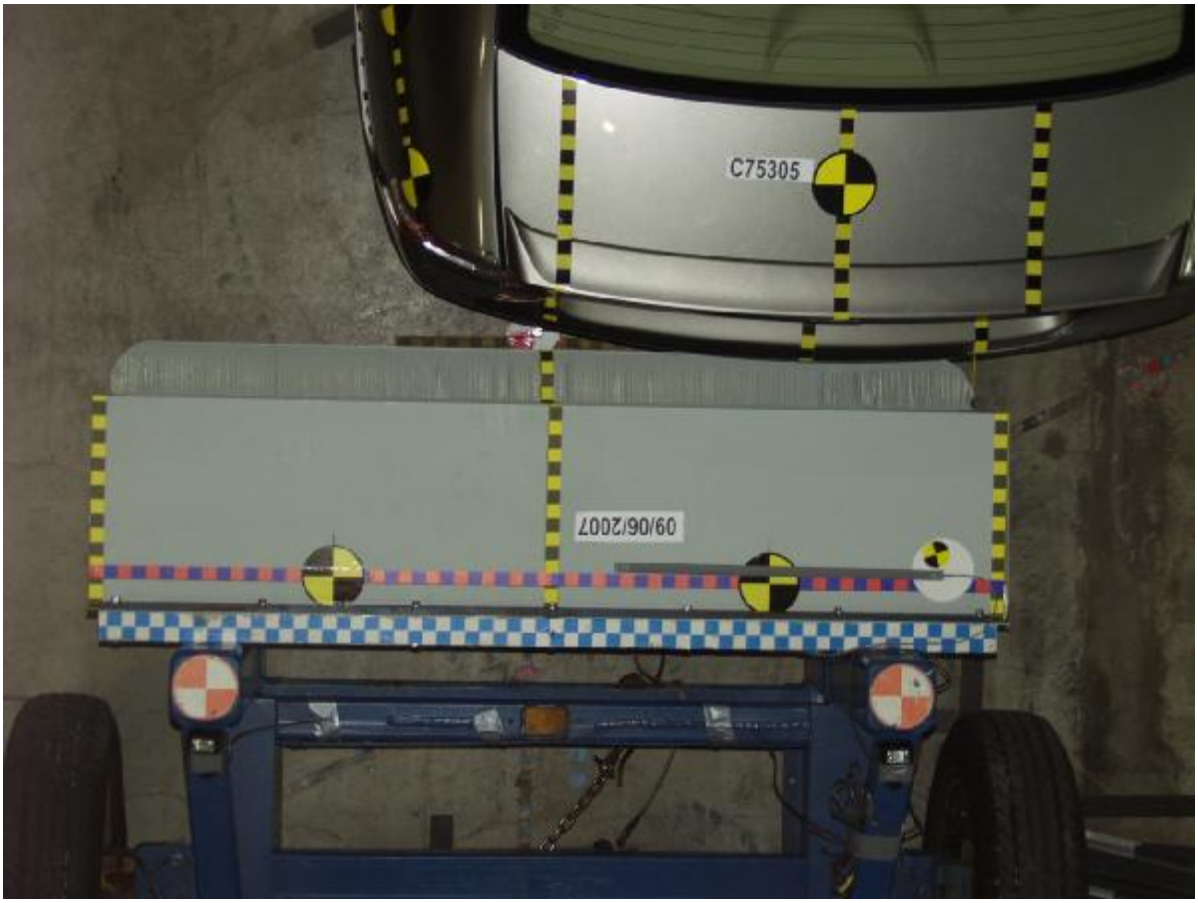

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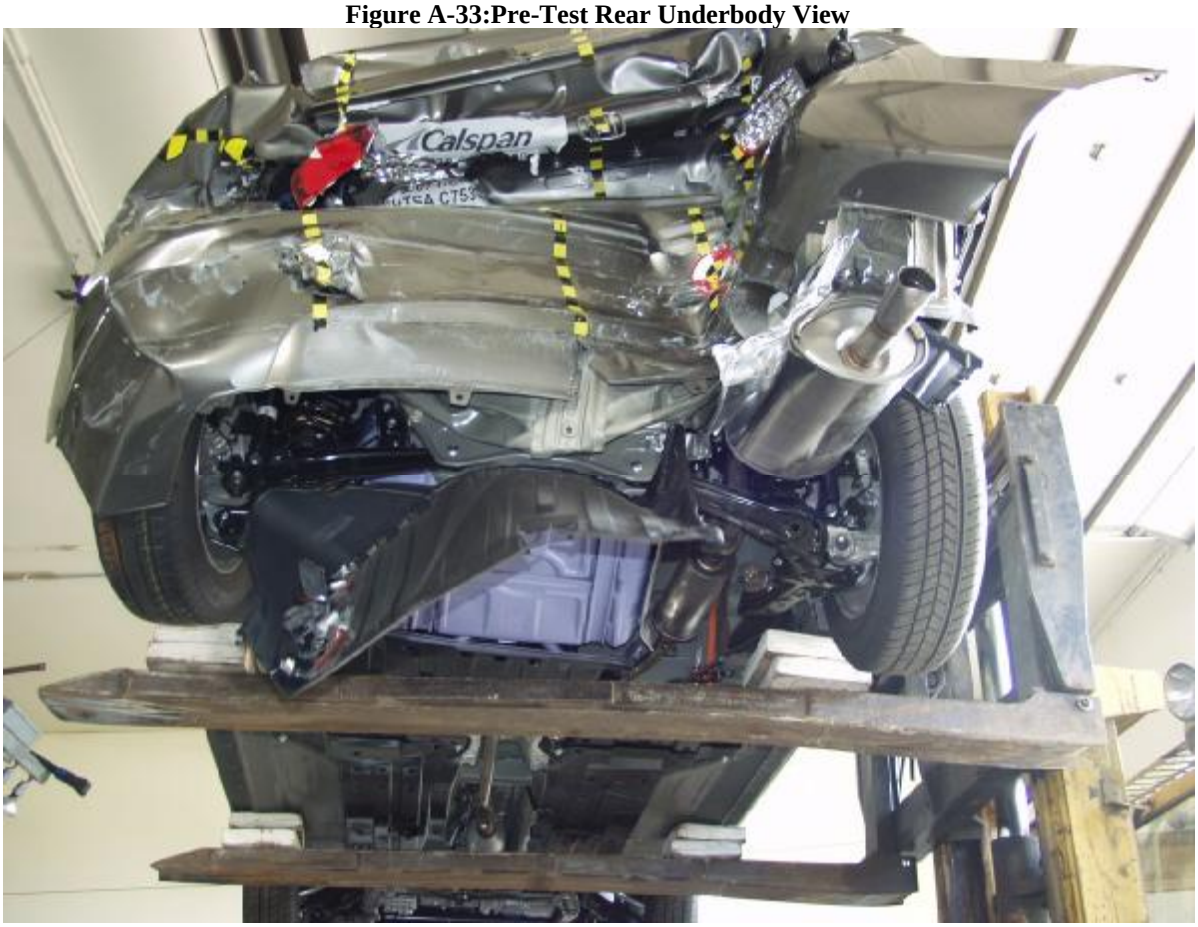

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