

Incident Reconstruction Form

Case Number _____ Investigator Number _____ QA# _____ Noncollision _____

CDC and Crush Measurements

Vehicle Number: _____ Impact Sequence Number: _____ PDOF (degrees): _____

Object Contacted (see list)	Direction of Force (clock)	Shift Classif. (SAEJ224.)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
			Direction of Force (with shift)	Deformation Location	Specific Longitudinal or Lateral Location	Specific Vertical or Lateral Location	Type of Damage Distribution	Deformation Extent	
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

(numbers in parentheses above are 7 digits specified in SAE J224)

Crush Profile in Inches

The crush profile for the damage described in the CDC(s) above should be documented in the appropriate space below.
(All measurements are in inches.)

L								± D
Direct+Induced Width	C ₁	C ₂	C ₃	C ₄	C ₅	C ₆		L midpoint offset
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	+ -

Maximum Crush _____

(‘C’ measurments taken left to right, rear to front. ‘D’ positive right of center, and forward of center)

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Attach another sheet if there are more than two damage- or injury-producing impacts.

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Codes for Object Contacted (01-30)—Vehicle Number

Noncollision

- (31) Rollover (excludes end-over-end)
- (32) Rollover — end-over-end
- (33) Fire or explosion
- (34) Jackknife
- (35) Other intraunit damage (specify): _____

- (36) Noncollision injury
- (38) Other noncollision (specify): _____

(39) Noncollision — details unknown _____

- (57) Fence
- (58) Wall
- (59) Building
- (60) Ditch or culvert
- (61) Ground
- (62) Fire hydrant
- (63) Curb
- (64) Bridge
- (65) Other fixed object (specify): _____

(69) Unknown fixed object

Collision with Fixed Object

- (41) Tree <= 10 cm in diameter
- (42) Tree > 10 cm in diameter
- (43) Shrubbery or bush
- (44) Embankment
- (45) Breakaway pole or post (any diameter) _____

Nonbreakaway Pole or Post

- (50) Pole or post (= 10 cm in diameter)
- (51) Pole or post (> 10 cm but = 30 cm in diameter)
- (52) Pole or post (>30 cm in diameter)
- (53) Pole or post (diameter unknown)
- (54) Concrete traffic barrier
- (55) Impact attenuator
- (56) Other traffic barrier (includes guardrail) (specify): _____

Collision with Nonfixed Object

- (70) Passenger car, light truck, van, or other vehicle not in-transport
- (71) Medium/heavy truck or bus not in-transport
- (72) Pedestrian
- (73) Cyclist or cycle
- (74) Other nonmotorist or conveyance

- (75) Vehicle occupant
- (76) Animal
- (77) Train
- (78) Trailer, disconnected in transport
- (79) Object fell from vehicle in-transport
- (88) Other nonfixed object (specify): _____

- (89) Unknown nonfixed object
- (98) Not applicable or not occupied
- (99) Unknown event or object

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For each impact with probability of injury or damage to result in fire:

Vehicle Number _____

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Impact Number _____

Impact Number _____

Travel speed _____ mph

Travel speed _____ mph

Basis _____

Basis _____

Travel speed probable range _____ to _____ mph
(If not calculated, put 999 in range, explain in comment.)

Travel speed probable range _____ to _____ mph
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Comment _____

Comment _____

Impact speed _____ mph

Impact speed _____ mph

Basis _____
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Impact speed probable range _____ to _____ mph

Impact speed probable range _____ to _____ mph

Delta V _____ mph

Delta V _____ mph

Basis _____

Basis _____

Delta V probable range _____ to _____ mph

Delta V probable range _____ to _____ mph

Comment _____

Comment _____

Energy absorption _____ ft-lbs

Energy absorption _____ ft-lbs

Basis _____

Basis _____

Energy absorption probable range _____ to _____

Energy absorption probable range _____ to _____

Comment _____

Comment _____

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Guidelines for Incident Reconstruction

Can use worksheet for reconstruction program, must attach program output.

Techniques for speed

- Witness (travel speed only)
- Critical speed scuff (travel speed)
- Scuff and skid (impact speed)
- Skid (with travel speed source for impact speed)
- Momentum (impact speed, Delta V)
- Computer model (Impact speed, Delta V, energy from crash, trajectory)

Concise narrative; description of incident:

(note – one narrative per incident)

Techniques for energy

- Computer model, conservation of energy (undeformable object collision)

Stiffness sources:

Crash test data

Calculate A, B values

Look for closest approximation in test data, angle, delta V, offset, surface

Modifications for narrow object:

- research
- range of variance in literature

Modifications for angled:

- range of variance in literature

Comments include how close test approximates incident

Modifications for override (underride), similar for override/underride

Document all for QA

Approach

Use the best sources available; explain. For instance, if reliable stiffness data are available, but you have good witness travel speed, skid mark, and coefficient of friction data, calculations based on Newton's laws.

Summarize incident reconstruction; Document for QA

- Note sources of all input data
- Attach references, vehicle specifications
- Formulae used—source of formulae if appropriate
- Source(s) of coefficient of friction (and any modifications used for wet measurements and dry road incident, etc.)
- Document and justify all judgements made