



Driver Monitoring

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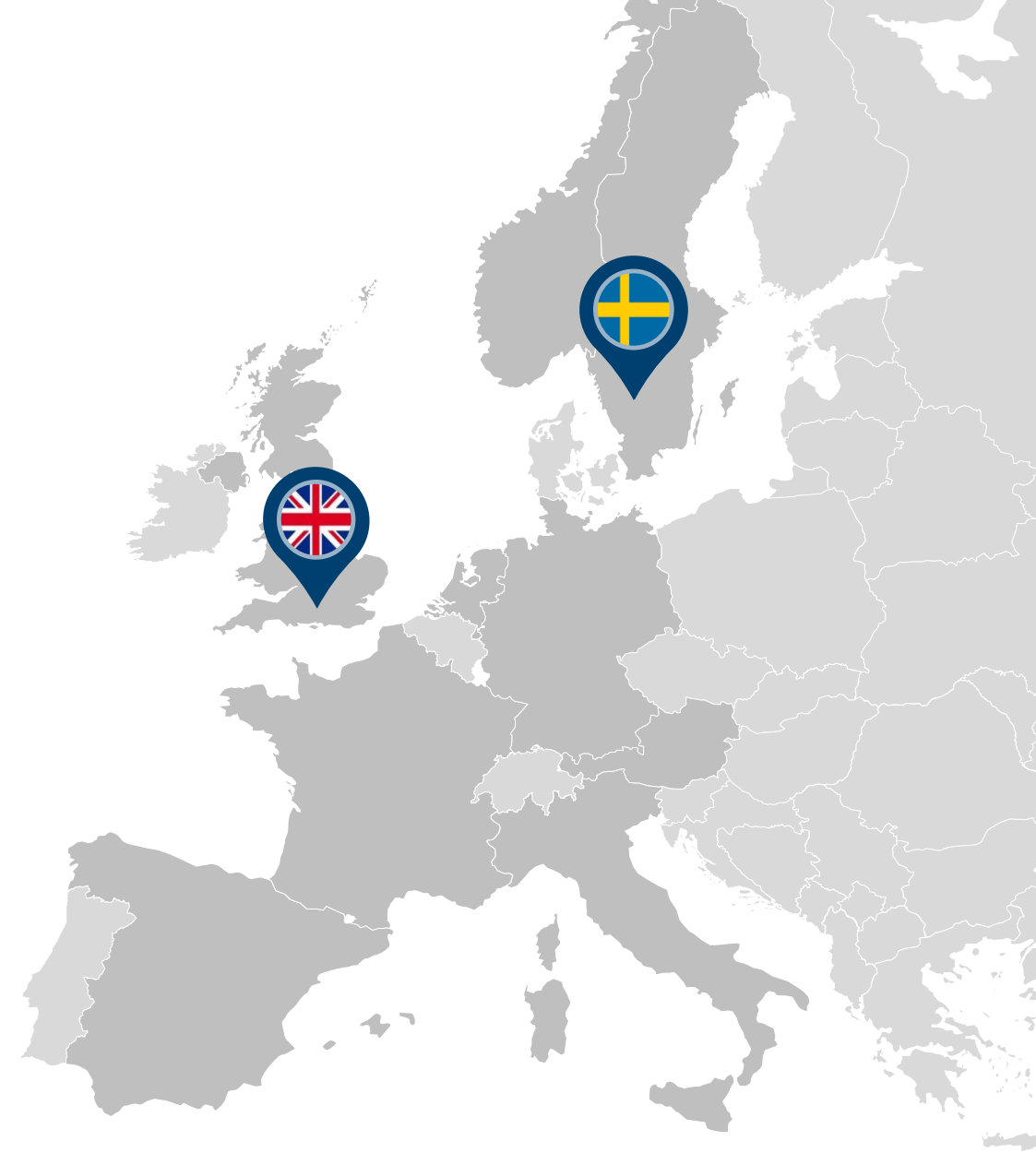
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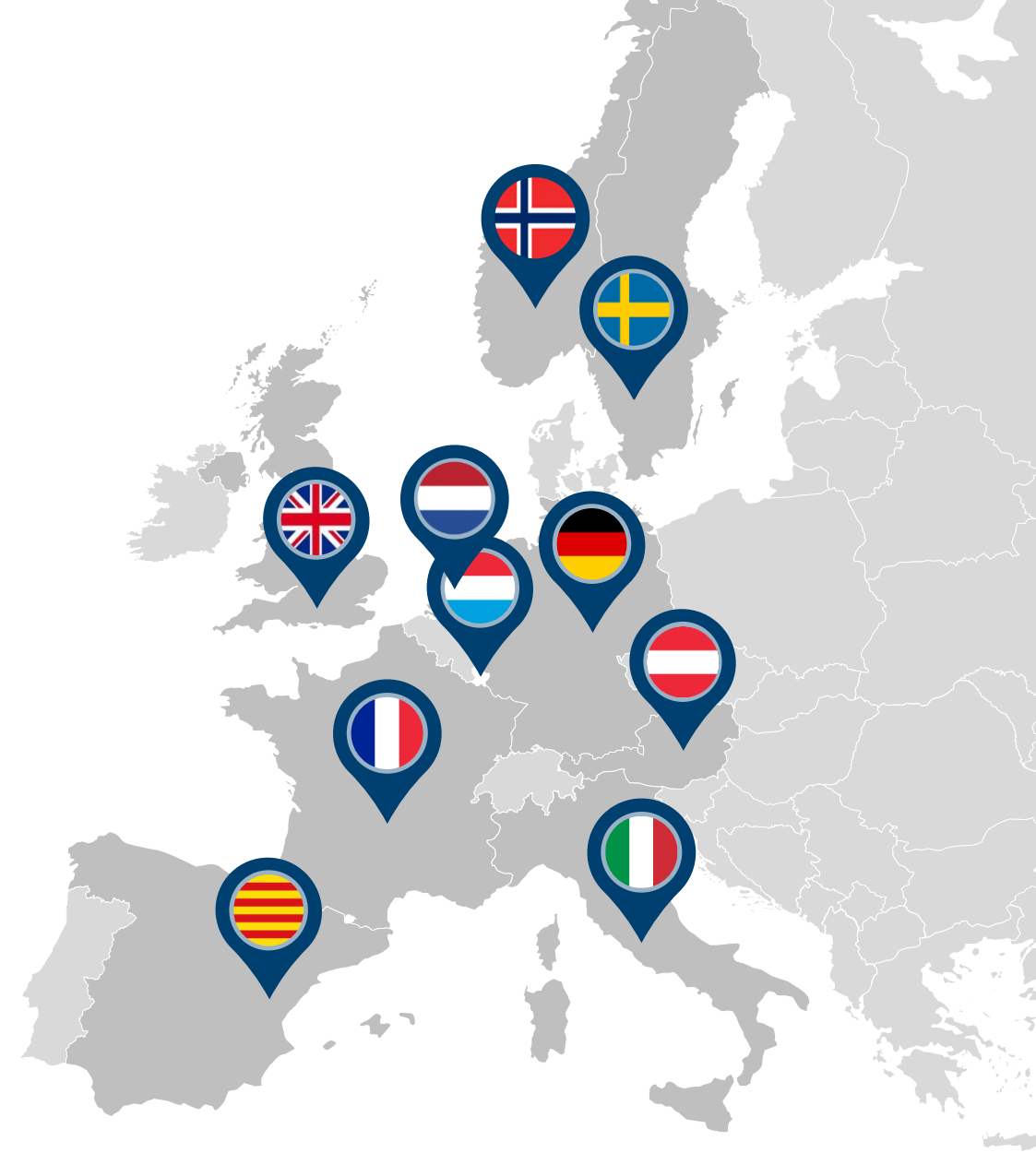
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Euro NCAP founded 1997



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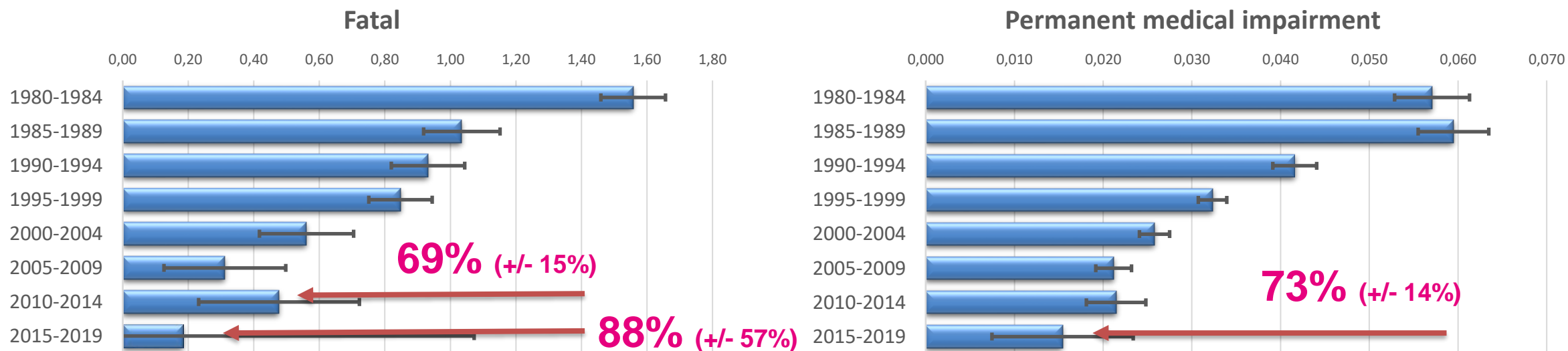


Euro NCAP - some highlights

- 1997 founded
- 2001 first 5 star car
- 2002 seat belt reminder
- 2003 child protection
- 2008 whiplash
- 2011 stability control (ESC) included in rating
- 2012 pedestrian in overall rating
- 2014 auto-brake (AEB) car-to-car
- 2016 AEB pedestrian
- 2018 AEB cyclist
- 2020 front crash compatibility

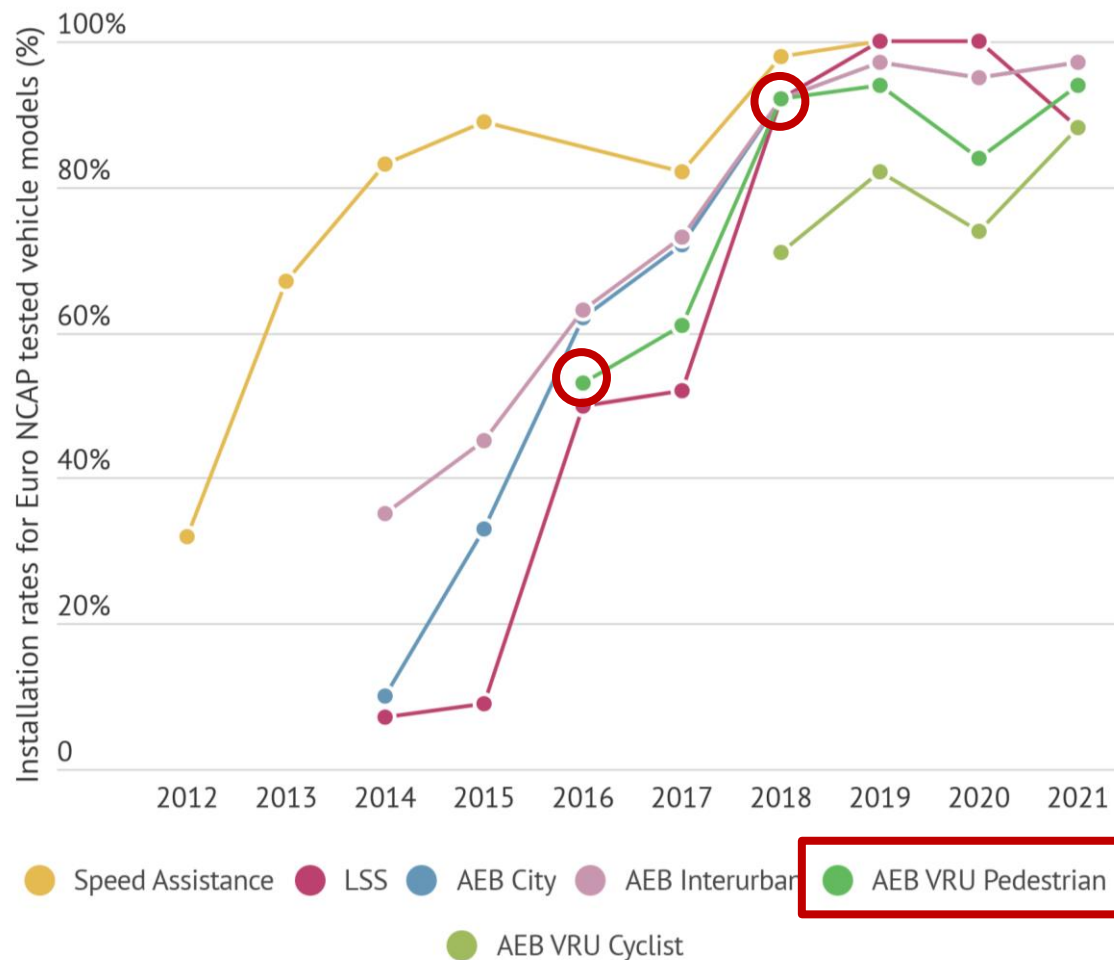


Development in crash safety



Kullgren et al 2019

System fitment Europe



Euro NCAP 2022

65 tested cars

- 78% 5 stars
- 22% 4 stars

Brand	Model	Category	Overall Rating	Adult Occupant	Child Occupant	Vulnerable Road Users	NCAP Score
Porsche	Taycan	Standard	★★★★★	85%	83%	70%	73%
Renault	Captur	Standard	★★★★★	96%	83%	75%	74%
SEAT	Alhambra	Standard	★★★★☆	89%	78%	59%	62%
Subaru	Forester	Standard	★★★★★	97%	91%	80%	78%
Tesla	Model X	Standard	★★★★★	98%	81%	72%	94%
Volkswagen	Sharan	Standard	★★★★☆	89%	78%	59%	62%
Skoda	Octavia	Standard	★★★★★	92%	88%	73%	79%
Ford	Explorer	Standard	★★★★★	87%	85%	61%	76%
Mazda	CX-30	Standard	★★★★★	99%	85%	80%	77%
Mercedes-Benz	GLB	Standard	★★★★★	92%	88%	78%	74%
Opel/Vauxhall	Corse	Standard	★★★★☆	84%	85%	66%	69%
BMW	1 Series	Standard	★★★★★	83%	87%	76%	72%
BMW	3 Series	Standard	★★★★★	97%	87%	87%	76%
Jeep	Cherokee	Standard	★★★★☆	80%	78%	58%	69%
Peugeot	208	Standard	★★★★☆	91%	85%	58%	71%
Audi	A1	Standard	★★★★★	95%	85%	73%	80%
BMW	Z4	Standard	★★★★★	97%	87%	91%	76%
Ford	Focus	Standard	★★★★★	96%	87%	72%	75%
Mercedes-Benz	CLA	Standard	★★★★★	96%	91%	91%	75%
Mercedes-Benz	EQC	Standard	★★★★★	96%	90%	75%	75%
SsangYong	Stiv	Standard	★★★★★	88%	85%	68%	74%

Accident data

- 29-48 % distraction
- 25 % fatigue
- 6-10% sudden sickness
- 25 % alcohol

Sundfør et al., 2019; Fitzharris et al., 2020; European Commission, 2021, Fitzharris et al., 2020; Trafikanalys, 2021. EC Mobility and Transport, Road Safety website, Avenoso A, ETSC, 2019 IRTAD, 2020

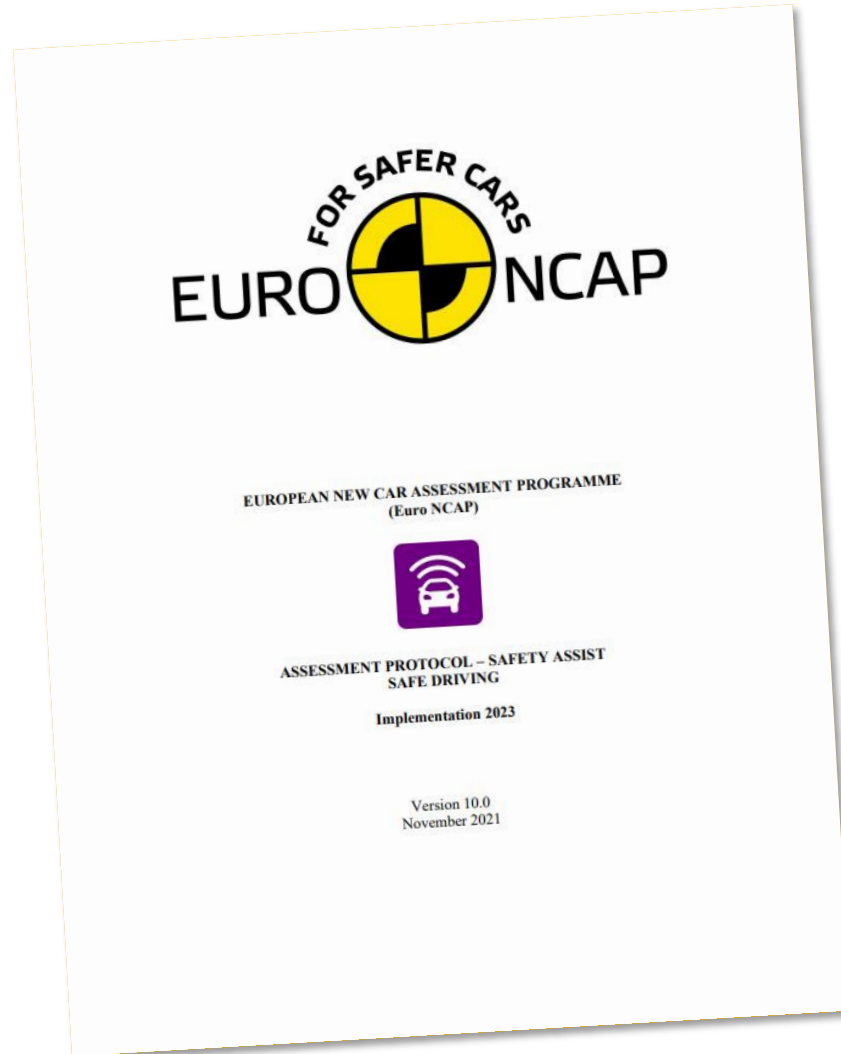


Driver attention



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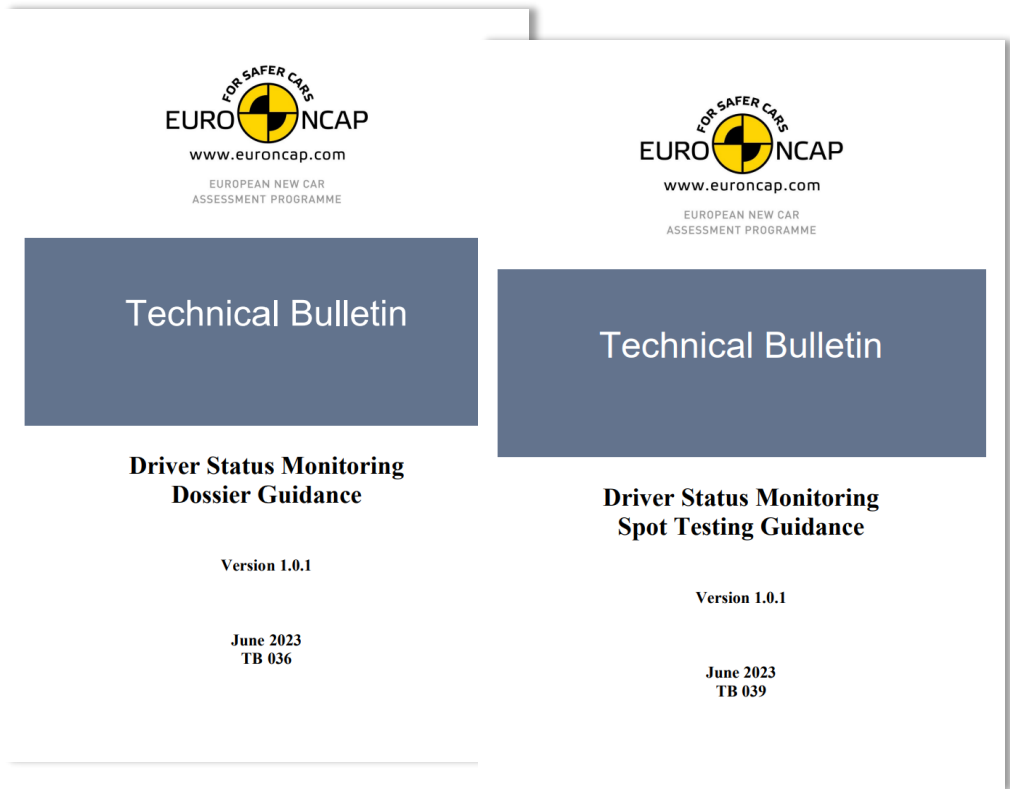


Scoring structure

		Noise Variables	Warning	Intervention
Driver Monitoring	Drowsiness	Pre-Requisite	0.4 Points	0.5 Points
	Distraction		0.5 Points	0.4 Points
	Unresponsive Driver (Sudden sickness)			0.2 Points

Dossier (and testing)

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System General Requirements

- Default on system
- Active 10km/h and above
- Initial learning phase (1 min) permitted at start of journey

Noise Variables – Drivers – Must



DRIVER	Required Range
Age	16 - 80
Sex	All
Stature	AF05 – AM95
Skin Complexion	Fitzpatrick type 1-6
Eye lid aperture	>6.0mm



Noise Variables – Occlusion - Must

Variable	Required Range
Lighting	Daytime – Night-time
Eyewear	Clear glasses and sunglasses with transmittance >70%
Facial Hair	Short facial hair

Noise Variables – Occlusion –

Inform if degraded



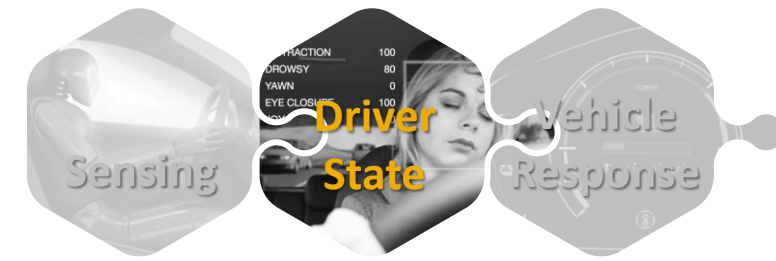
Variable	Required Range
Hands on Wheel	1 hand @12'clock position on wheel
Facial occlusion	Face mask, hats & long head hair obscuring facial features.
Eyewear	Sunglasses with transmittance <15%
Eyelash Makeup	Thick eyelashes
Facial Hair	Large beard occluding face

Noise Variables – Other Behaviours – (Monitoring)



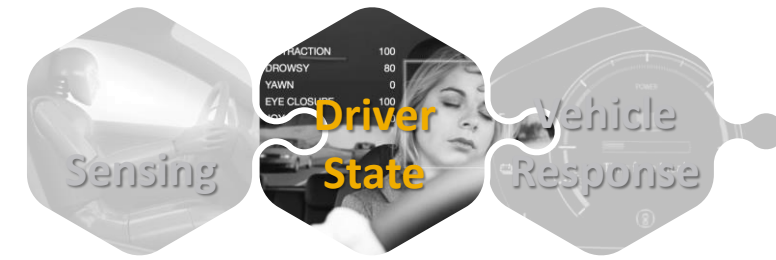
Variable	Required Range
Secondary behaviour	Eating Talking Laughing Singing Smoking/vaping Eye scratching / rubbing Sneezing

Driver State



DISTRACTION	FATIGUE	UNRESPONSIVE DRIVER
Long Distraction	Drowsy	Unresponsive Driver
Short Distraction (multiple) (VATS)	Microsleep	
Phone Usage	Sleep	

Driver States – Distraction



Long Distraction

- A single long duration gaze away from the forward road
- $\geq 3s$ (+1 s if compelling evidence)

Short Distraction

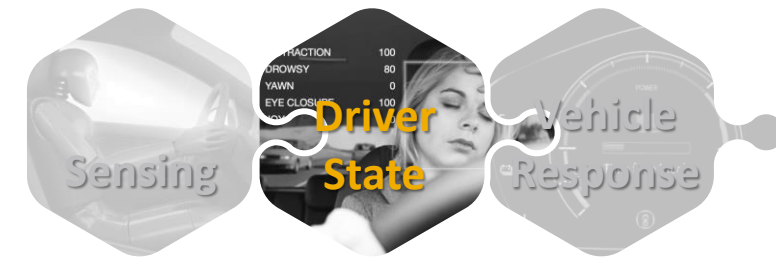
- Cumulative 10s in 30s window, 2 s reset
- An approach deemed equivalent by Euro NCAP will be accepted

Phone Use

- Considered specific type of Short distraction.
- Divided between basic and advanced phone use detection

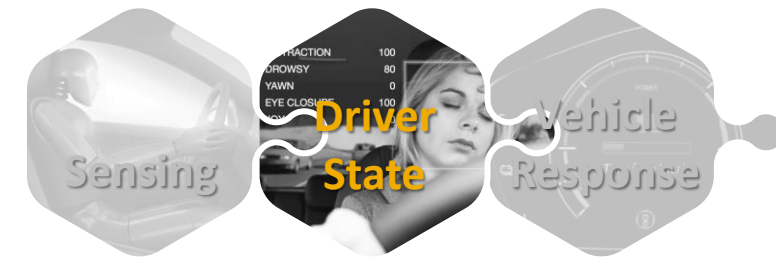


Driver State – Fatigue



DRIVER	Scenario	Requirements
Drowsy	- E.g. head nodding reflex, eyelids closing slowly	Sleepiness grading (e.g. KSS>7 or equivalent)
Microsleep	- Momentary period of eye closure	Microsleep of duration <3 seconds or non-eye closure microsleep event (eyelid fluttering)
Sleep	- Eyes closed	First warning / intervention required at 3s of driver eyes closed

Driver State – Unresponsive Driver



DRIVER	Scenario	Requirements
Unresponsive Driver	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Prolonged distraction or drowsy behaviours (including sudden sickness)- Not responding to distraction or drowsiness warnings, no driver inputs	<p>MRM escalation to begin if driver fails to respond 3 seconds after warning issued</p> <p>Or OEM more advanced system</p>

Vehicle Response – DISTRACTION



DRIVER	Vehicle response requirement
Partial points awarded for warning	<u>Warning:</u> Vehicle travelling >20 km/h Visual + Audible/Haptic
Partial points awarded for intervention	<u>Intervention Requirements:</u> High Sensitivity – FCW more sensitive After glance away > 1s. or Low level braking intervention or Other interventions considered if OEM provides safety benefit

Vehicle Response – FATIGUE



DRIVER	Vehicle Response Requirement
Drowsy Microsleep Sleep	<u>Warning</u> Visual + (Audible or Haptic)
	<u>Intervention Requirements:</u> High sensitivity FCW and LDW Until end of journey or Other interventions with OEM evidence

Vehicle Response – UNRESPONSIVE DRIVER



DRIVER	Requirement
Unresponsive driver	Minimum Risk Maneuver (MRM) escalation to begin if driver fails <ul style="list-style-type: none">• to respond 3 seconds after inattention warning issued• or eyes closed 6 s

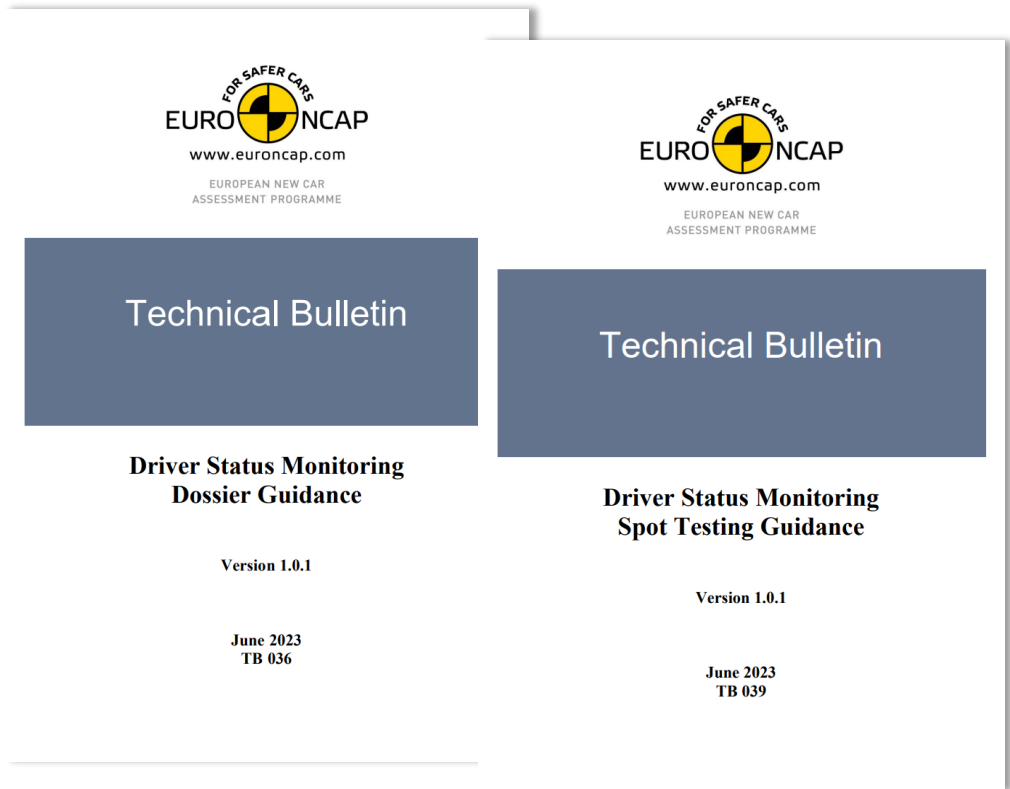
Assessment Matrix

- Noise variables are Prerequisite for scoring points

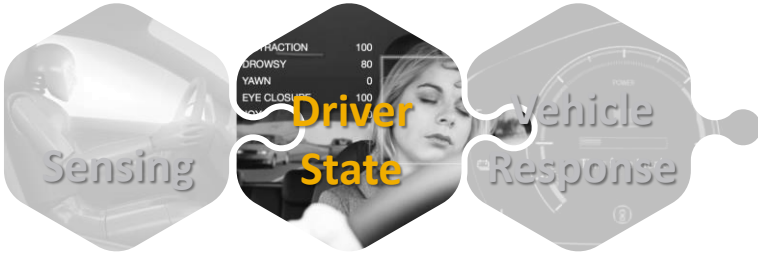
	Inattention Type	Distraction Scenario	Movement Type	Warning	Intervention	Sub Total	Total
Distraction	Long distraction	Away from road / non driving task	Owl	0.030	0.030	0.060	0.300
			Lizard	0.030	0.030	0.060	
			Body Lean	0.030	0.030	0.060	
		Driving Task	Owl	0.030	0.030	0.060	
			Lizard	0.030	0.030	0.060	
			Short Distraction (VATS)	Away from road / non driving task	Owl	0.030	
	Lizard	0.030			0.030	0.060	
	Driving Task	Owl		0.030	0.030	0.060	
		Lizard		0.030	0.030	0.060	
	Phone Use	Away from road (multi-location)	Lizard	0.030	0.030	0.060	0.300
Basic Phone Use			Owl + Lizard	0.050	0.100	0.150	
Fatigue	Drowsy	Advanced Phone Use	Lizard	0.050	0.100	0.150	0.350
		Microsleep		0.200	0.100	0.300	
		Sleep		0.050	0.200	0.250	
Unresponsive Driver					0.200	0.200	0.200
Total							2.000

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Spot testing



LGA3: Center Console, Lizard



VATS-PU1: Phone in Lap, Lizard



2023 DSM Test campaign summary

Lineup

■ 2023 Test Campaign: 18 New vehicles

- 11 equipped with direct driver monitoring
- 7 equipped with indirect driver monitoring only (drowsiness)

■ Highlights

- Uncommon to consider gaze locations sensitive for FP: conservative approach
- No unresponsive driver so far

Test & Assessment

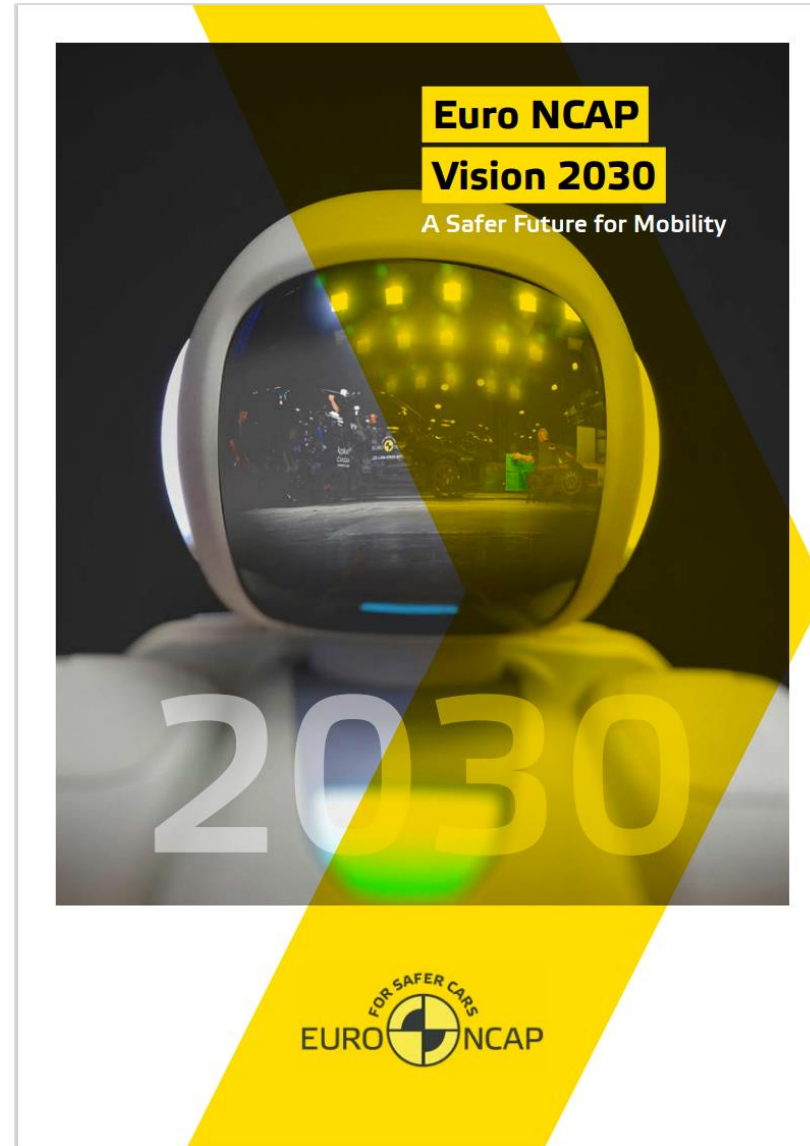
■ Observations & Learnings from first vehicles assessed

- Almost neglectable FCW/LDW Sensitivity change.
 - Possible future requirement, e.g., >20% change vs baseline, otherwise fail
- Distraction time & measurement of gaze away from FW roadview
 - Claimed system latency of up to 1s: Tolerances needed for acceptance criteria (e.g., $T_{\text{warn}} + 0.2\text{s}$)
 - Long distraction (3+1s.): Additional 1s. only valid with demonstrated safety benefit.
- **Non-transient states (e.g., drowsiness)**
 - Reconsider the effectiveness of single pop-up warnings/reminders.
 - Vehicle response should be effective and stay active for the remainder of the journey.
 - So far very simplistic implementations to determine drowsiness carried over from DDAW,
 - Questionable real effectiveness
 - Better metric than KSS?

Next steps

- Roadmap 2025-2030

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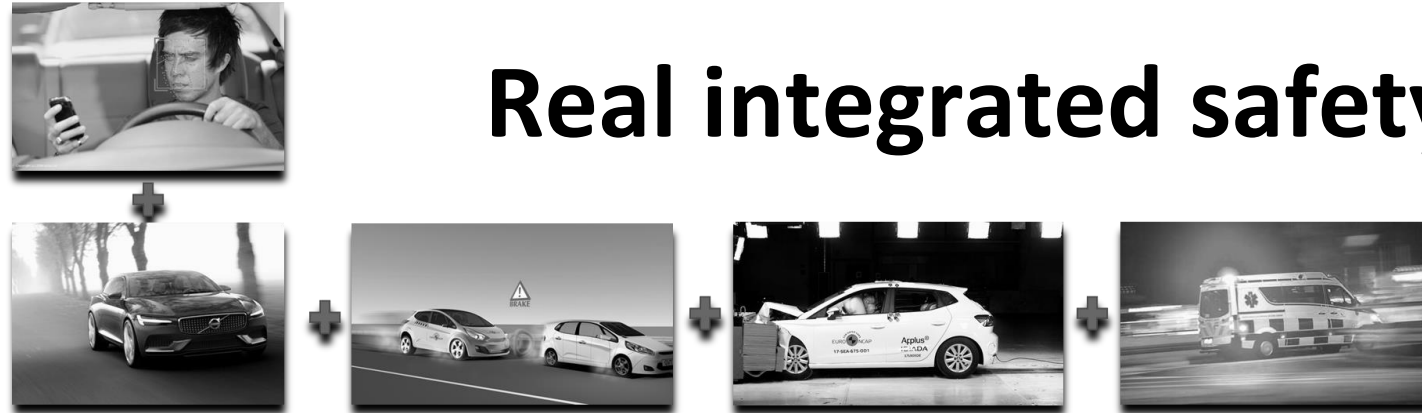


Safe Driving	Crash Avoidance	Crash Protection	Post-crash
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Speed assistance - Driver & Occupant monitoring - Assisted and automated driving 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Autonomous emergency braking and steering (C2C & VRU) - Lane support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Occupant protection in front and side crashes - Whiplash injury prevention - Child occupant protection - Pedestrian and cyclist protection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First and second responder rescue information - Extrication, fire, submergence - Digital emergency services

Vision 2030 rating scheme proposal

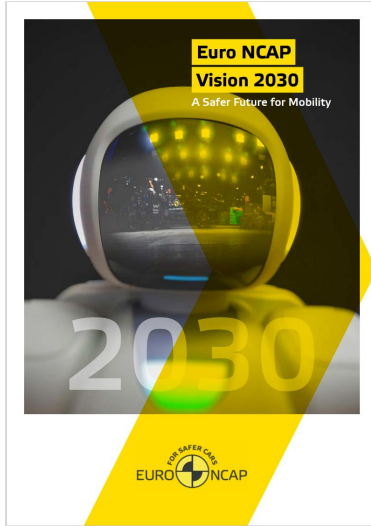
Safe Driving		Crash Avoidance		Crash Protection		Post-Crash*	
Occupant Monitoring	30	Frontal Collisions	60	Frontal Impact	40	Rescue information	40
- Seatbelt usage	10	- Car	30	- Offset (incl 10 COP)	20	- Rescue sheets	35
- Occupant classification	10	- Pedestrian	10	- Full Width	10	- Rescue Guide	5
- Occupant presence	10	- Cyclist	10	- VT & Sled	10		
		- PTW	10			Post-Crash intervention	25
Driver Engagement	30	Lane change Collisions	20	Side Impact	35	- Advanced eCall	20
- Driver Monitoring	25	- Single Vehicle	10	- MDB (incl 5 COP)	15	- Multi Collision Brake	5
- Driving Controls	5	- Car	5	- Pole	10		
- Assisted Engagement	0	- PTW	5	- Farside	10	Extrication	35
				Whiplash	5	- Energy Management	20
Vehicle Assistance	40	Acceleration prevention	20	Vulnerable Road Users	20	- Occupant Extrication	15
- Speed Assistance	20	- Car	5	- Headform	10		
- ACC Performance	10	- Pedestrian	5	- Legform	10		
- Steering Assistance	10	- Cyclist	5				
		- PTW	5				
Weight: 20	100	Weight: 20	100	Weight: 50	100	Weight: 10	100

Real integrated safety



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Overview



Main Milestones Euro NCAP Vision 2030

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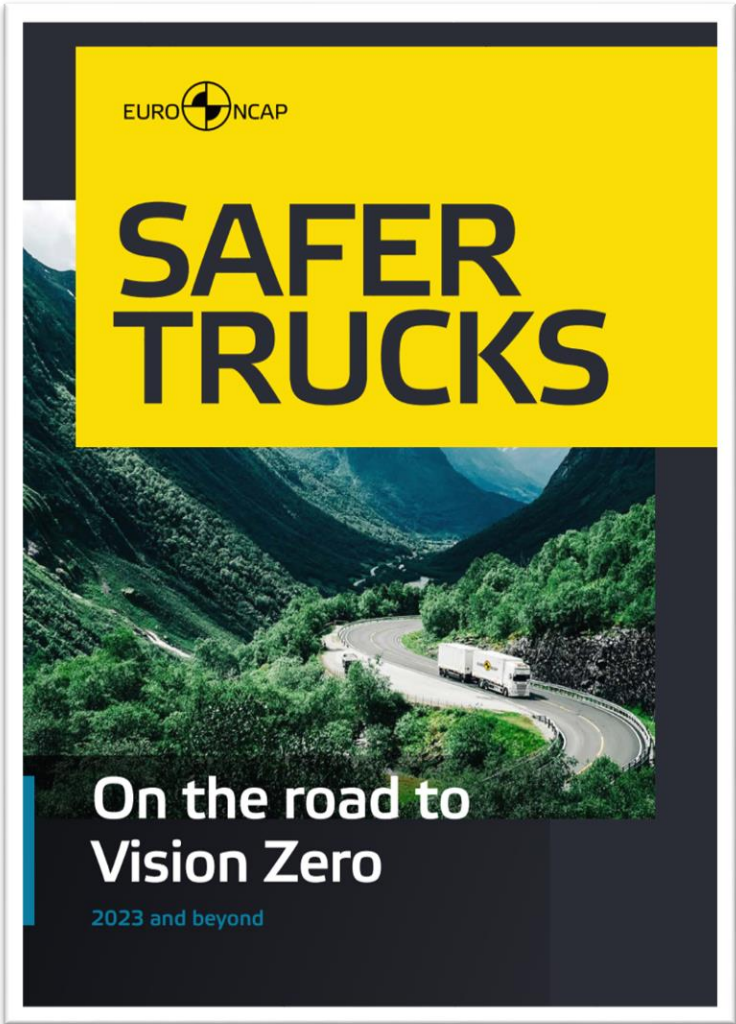
Main Milestones Euro NCAP Vision 2030

	2026	2029	2032
Safe Driving			
M1 Beyond Intelligent speed assistance	●		
M2 Driver Awareness: impaired driving to cognitive distraction	●	●	●
M3 AD Grading: Domain extension and driver engagement	●	●	●
Crash Avoidance			
M4: Improved robustness and real-world effectiveness	●	●	
M5: Leveraging vehicle connectivity		●	●
M6: Pedal misapplication	●		
Crash Protection			
M7: Senior protection: low severity testing with sled	●		
M8: Far-side and side pre-crash incentives		●	●
M9: Protection equity through modelling	●	●	●
M10: Whiplash protection parity	●	●	●
M11: Passive VRU protection – A-pillar and micro-mobility	●	●	
Post-Crash Protection			
M12: Next-gen updates including D-call and thermal scanning	●	●	

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Euro NCAP announces plans for a new Truck Safety rating scheme

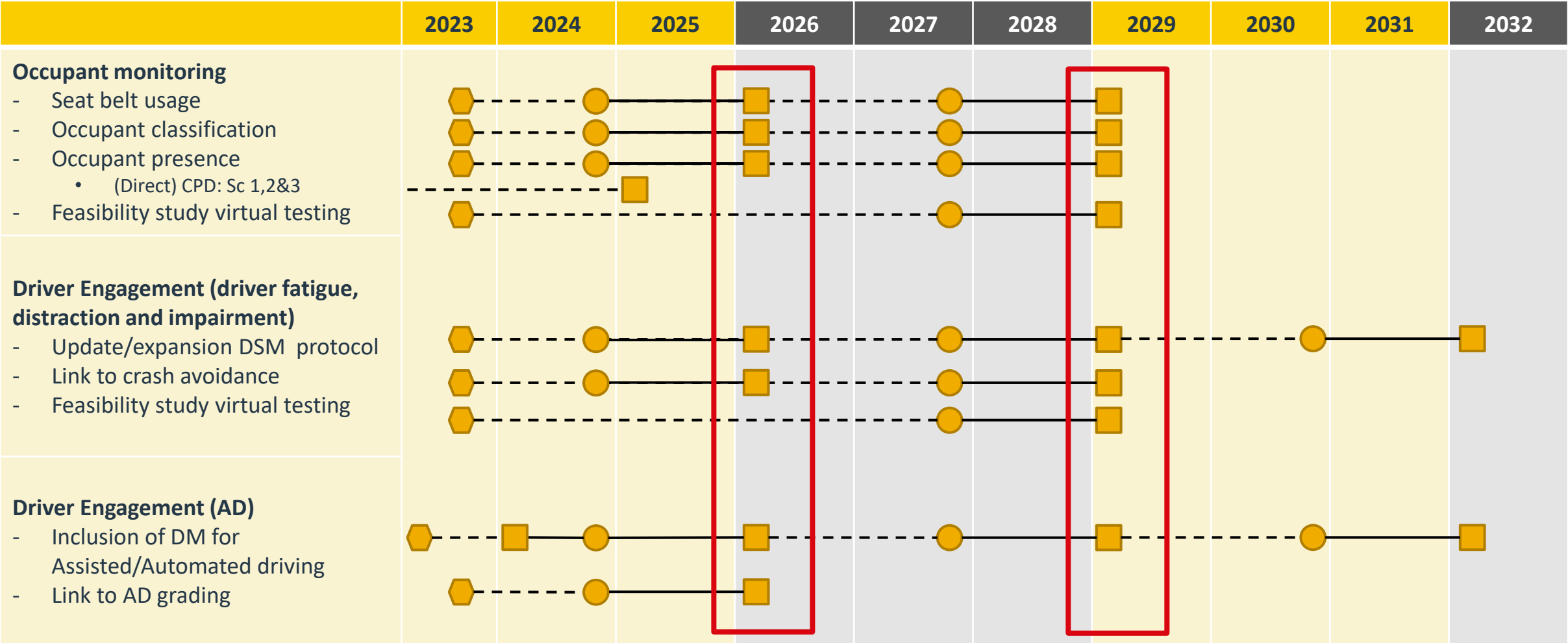
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OSM 2026 and beyond

Time Plan



-  Start
-  Protocol release
-  Implementation



2026 Rating Scheme

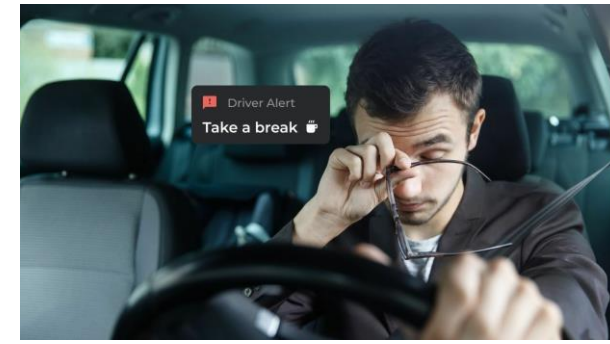
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Occupant Monitoring	30
Seatbelt usage	10
Rear seat occupancy detection	5
Correct belt routing	5
Driver	4
Front passenger(s)	1
Occupant Classification	10
Airbag Deactivation	4
Manual	1
Automatic	4
Airbag optimisation for OOP	2
Stature classification	4
Direct	4
Indirect	1
Occupant Presence	10
CPD	5
Post-Crash presence	5
Driver Engagement	30
Driver Monitoring	25
Distraction / Transient	15
Impairment / Non-transient	10
Unfit to drive	8
Unresponsive Driver	2

Occupant Status – 2026 and beyond

- Learn from Dossier input - Technology abilities and limitations
- Create protocol with
 - more testable requirements
 - higher and more clear requirements, based on feasibility
- Driving under influence
- Sudden sickness – early signs
- More fool proof seat belt reminder
- Link to other req's:
 - Adaptive ADAS
 - Adaptive restraints
 - D-call
- Cognitive distraction

Driver Engagement

■ Driver Monitoring (2)



■ Impairment (*Non-Transient*)

Impaired driving – A driver who is disconnected from the driving task or not in a physical state that is sufficient for safe driving

a) Unfit to drive

✓ Scope: Dynamic detection of driving performance and/or driver's state falling out of the 'normal driving' envelope

- Slower reflexes / Poor situational awareness (Fatigue, DUI*),
- Reckless/Dangerous driving (DUI)

} Beyond current fatigue detection to get full score

✓ Vehicle response requirements:

- Intervention: 1) Significantly higher sensitive FCW/LDW, 2) Forcing LKA** & ACC activation
- Warning (Fatigue): Harsh acoustic warning at $KSS > 8$, softer warning at $KSS \leq 7$

✓ Verification

- Spot Check (Fatigue): Representative track procedure (TP) and On-road test (FP)

Driver Engagement

■ Driver Monitoring (3)

■ Impairment (*Non-Transient*)

b) Unresponsive driver

- ✓ Standard RMF (1 point)
- ✓ Quicker RMF (2 points)

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Thanks!
Questions?



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