Crash Data Retrieval System Validation Testing



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INTRODUCTION

As of this writing, the Wisconsin State Patrol has had success in retrieving collision information from passenger cars and trucks. Using hardware and software manufactured by the Vetronix[®] corporation, data recorded by vehicle Airbag Sensing and Diagnostic Modules (SDM's) can be recovered and viewed in table and graph form. Currently, the Division only has the ability to retrieve data from late model General Motors vehicles. However, it is anticipated that some vehicles manufactured by the Ford Motor Company will be accessible by early 2002.

To explain what exactly this system is, the following summary is offered. In 1997, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) recommendation made а to vehicle manufacturers that crash data be recorded using on-board sensing devices. In response, General Motors expanded the information stored by their Airbag Sensing and Diagnostic Modules (SDM's). For the purposes of explanation, this is the electronic instrument that "senses" a crash and makes the "decision" as to whether or not the airbags should be deployed. When the vehicle is running, vehicle speed, engine speed, percent throttle, and brake position data is transmitted to the SDM once every second by either the Powertrain Control Module (PCM) or the Antilock Brake System (ABS) module. If the vehicle is involved in a collision and the



SDM "decides" to deploy the airbags, it will also take a "snapshot" of the last five data transmissions it received from the PCM and/or the ABS module. The same is true when a near-deployment incident occurs, that is, when the negative longitudinal deceleration is such that the sensor recognizes the event, but does not trigger an airbag deployment. Using hardware and software manufactured by the Vetronix[®] Corporation, this data can be retrieved and analyzed.

On November 2, 2001, Division crash reconstructionists organized and participated in a training study of the Vetronix[®] Crash Data Retrieval (CDR) system and an examination of deceleration properties on various surfaces. It should be noted here that the intention of this compilation is not to discuss the technical aspects of the CDR system, but rather to simply report test results and offer an interpretation of the data retrieved. It is also stated that the primary purpose of the testing was to provide exposure, training, and experience to Wisconsin State Patrol reconstruction personnel in regards to the SDM data collection process. It was not intended to serve as a *scientific* validation study of SDM or CDR technologies for external publication.

TEST VEHICLES

• 2000 Chevrolet Blazer

The first test vehicle utilized is identified as a 2000 Chevrolet Blazer four-door sport utility vehicle. It is red in color, and was manufactured with the engine specifications listed in the below table. This vehicle is privately owned by Trooper Jamie Zynda, who volunteered its use. Trooper Zynda also served as the vehicle driver for the testing.



Vehicle Year	Make	Model	Type:	Col	or:	Vehicle Identification N	Number (VIN):
2000	Chevrolet	Blazer	SUV	Re	d	1GNDT13W3Y	2356464
Approx Mileage:	Engine Size:		Tire Make:		Tire Model:	Tire Size:	Tire Tread:
39,000	4.3 Liter,	6-Cylinder	Uniroyal		Laredo	P235-70R15	7/32"

• 2000 Chevrolet Red Impala

The second vehicle used in the testing procedures is identified as a 2000 Chevrolet Impala sedan passenger car. The first of two such vehicles, this unit is red in color and utilized by the Wisconsin State Patrol as a police cruiser. The Impala is assigned to Trooper Ted Staffen, who operated the vehicle during its test runs.



Vehicle Year 2000	Ma C	ake hevrolet	^{Model} Impala	Type: Sedan	Col Re	lor ed	Vehicle Identification N 2G1WF55K3Y	Number (VIN): 9256515
Approx Mileage:		Engine Size:		Tire Make:		Tire Model:	Tire Size:	Tire Tread:
63,300		3.8 Liter,	6-Cylinder	Good Year	ſ	Eagle	P225-60R16	4/32"

• 2000 Chevrolet Black Impala

The third test vehicle is also identified as a Chevrolet Impala sedan. Again, this vehicle has been equipped as a police vehicle for the Wisconsin State Patrol. It is black in color, and presently assigned to the Division's Headquarters in Madison. During the various tests, it was operated by Lieutenant Dan Lonsdorf.



Vehicle Year	Make	Model	Туре:	Cole	or:	Vehicle Identification N	Sumber (VIN):
2000	Chevrolet	Impala	Sedan	Bla	ack	2G1WF55K1Y	9256027
Approx Mileage:	Engine Size:		Tire Make:		Tire Model:	Tire Size:	Tire Tread:
27,000	3.8 Liter,	6-Cylinder	Good Year	r	Eagle	P225-60R16	5/32"

Note: In all tests, vehicle operators and passengers were utilizing safety restraints (seat belts).

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VALIDATION TESTING INSTRUMENTS

The following instruments were utilized during the testing process to record data concerning the vehicle decelerations. All units are owned by the Wisconsin State Patrol, and used by investigators on a regular basis.

• Vericom[®] VC2000 Braking Test Computers

According to literature included at the time of purchase. the VC2000 Braking Test Computer utilizes an internal accelerometer to measure motion (acceleration and deceleration) in terms of speed change rate. The G-force sustained by the instrument is sampled 100 times each second to calculate the average G. This computation, in combination with an internal crystal clock, is then used by the instrument to calculate speed. Following a test run, the unit will offer its computations of speed, distance, and time, and list deceleration values for every one tenth of a second. This deceleration data is then further broken down into average and peak values.



Serial Number, VC2000 Braking Test Computer One: 92250903

Serial Number, VC2000 Braking Test Computer Two: 98114343

• Kustom KR-10 SP Radar

A Kustom KR-10 SP standard police radar device was used to independently measure oncoming vehicle speeds. It was utilized in stationary mode by a trained radar operator, and checked for proper operation both before and after the testing. This particular radar only displays whole numbers, thus essentially rounding the speeds down to the nearest mile per hour.

Unit Serial Number:	Antenna Serial Number:
EE11157	CC11871
65 Tuning Fork Number: 26996	35 Tuning Fork Number: 28669



TEST METHODOLOGY

• CDR Validation Testing

To create near-deployment files in the test vehicles, they were accelerated to a high rate of speed, at which point a hard brake application was initiated. As the vehicle was nearing the hard-brake application point, a radar operator observed the vehicles' approach speeds. A passenger in the test vehicles operated the Vericom VC2000 Braking Test Computer, and recorded the speed, stopping distance, and average deceleration factor calculated by the instrument. The VC2000 was mounted on the windshield glass in accordance with the device's operations manual (see figure 1).

Once the individual vehicle had stopped, the Airbag Sensing and Diagnostic Module was accessed remotely via the Data Link Connection (DLC) port located under the dashboard (figure 2). Using the Vetronix[®] hardware and software, near-deployment data was recorded (figure 3). This recovered pre-crash data was then compared to the radar operator's observations and the VC2000 calculations. All data obtained is listed under the next *CDR TEST* topic heading series.

• Deceleration Factor Testing

To determine the deceleration properties of the gravel and grass surfaces, vehicles were first accelerated to a moderate speed range on the questioned terrain. This was then immediately followed by a hard brake application. Again, as the vehicles approached, a radar operator noted their speeds. Likewise, a passenger in the test vehicle operated the Vericom[®] VC2000 and recorded stop time, stop distance, and the average deceleration factor calculated by the computer. The Vericom[®] speed data was then compared to the radar operator's observations. Data results are listed further in this compilation.

Note: All test vehicles were used with the Antilock Brake System(s) operational.







CDR TEST NUMBER ONE

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Test Vehicle: Chevrolet Impala (Red) VIN 2G1WF55K3Y9256515

• CDR Data

SIR Warning Lamo State	JS SL	2G1WF	-55K3Y9256515	System Status At Near De	eployment
Driver's Belt Switch Cire	cuit Status			BUCKLED	
Passenger Front Air Ba	g Suppression Switch Cir	cuit Status		Air Bag Not Su	ppressed
Ignition Cycles At Near	Deployment			1163	
		PRE-CRASH DA	ATA	Electronic Data Validity Che	ck Status = VALID
-5	Venicle Speed (MPH) 46	Engine Speed (RPM) 3520		OFF	
-4	50	3712	100	OFF	-
-3	50	2368	0	ON	
-2	31	1152	0	ON	
-1	14	768	0	ON	
	2G1W	55K3Y9256515 Near	Deployment Pre-	Crash Graph	
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Radar:	VC2000 Indicated Distance:	VC2000 Indicated Time:	VC2000 Indicated Speed:	VC2000 Indicated Average G:
N/R	102 feet	2.79 sec	50.2 mph	.820

CDR TEST NUMBER TWO

Test Vehicle: Chevrolet Impala (Red) VIN 2G1WF55K3Y9256515

• CDR Data

		2G1W	F55K3Y9256515	System Status At Near De	ployment			
SIR Warning Lamp St	itus			OFF				
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rassenger Front Air t	r Deployment	cuit Status		Air Bag NOT Sup	upresseu			
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		PRE-CRASH D	ATA	Electronic Data Validity Che	ck Status = VALID			
Seconds Before A	Vehicle Speed (MPH)	Engine Speed (RPM)	Percent Throttle	Brake Switch Circuit Status				
-5	51	3776	99	OFF				
-4	55	3968	99	OFF				
-3	58	4224	100	OFF				
-2	62	4288	36	OFF				
-1	63	3008	47	OFF				
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Radar:	VC2000 Indicated Distance:	VC2000 Indicated Time:	VC2000 Indicated Speed:	VC2000 Indicated Average G:
N/R	180 feet	3.84 sec	61 mph	.723

CDR TEST NUMBER THREE

Test Vehicle: 2000 Chevrolet Blazer (Red) VIN 1GNDT13W3Y2356464

• CDR Data

The SDM download was not successful. Instead, data from a previous near-deployment incident was recovered.

Radar:	VC2000 Indicated Distance:	VC2000 Indicated Time:	VC2000 Indicated Speed:	VC2000 Indicated Average G:
N/R	138 feet	3.40 sec	55.5 mph	.743

CDR TEST NUMBER FOUR

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Test Vehicle: 2000 Chevrolet Blazer (Red) VIN 1GNDT13W3Y2356464

• CDR Data

		1GNDT	13W3Y2356464	System Status At Near De	ployment		
VVarning Lamp Stat	us			OFF			
ver's Belt Switch Cir	cuit Status			BUCKLED			
ssenger Front Air Ba	ag Suppression Switch Cir	cuit Status		Air Bag Not Sup	pressed		
ition Cycles At Near	Deployment			3761			
		PRE-CRASH D	ATA	Electronic Data Validity Che	ck Status = VALID		
conds Before AE	Vehicle Speed (MPH)	Engine Speed (RPM)	Percent Throttle	Brake Switch Circuit Status			
-5	61	4352	100	OFF			
-4	65	4544	100	OFF			
-3	67	4800	100	OFF			
-2	66	2880	0	ON			
-1	43	1408	0	ON			
	1GNDT	13W3Y2356464 Nea	r Deployment Pre	-Crash Graph			
90					Engine Speed (RPM / 100)		
60 50	50 Percent Throttle						
40							
30							
20					Brake Switch Circuit Status (100 = ON)		
0	-4		-3	-2			
	Арргох	imate Time Before	Algorithm Ena	hle (seconds)			

Radar:	VC2000 Indicated Distance:	VC2000 Indicated Time:	VC2000 Indicated Speed:	VC2000 Indicated Average G:
N/R	193 feet	3.83 sec	70.2 mph	.836

CDR TEST NUMBER FIVE

Test Vehicle: Chevrolet Impala (Black) VIN 2G1WF55K1Y9256027

• CDR Data

		2G1W	F55K1Y9256027	System Status At No	ear Deployment					
SIR Warning Lamp	o Status			OFF						
Driver's Belt Swite	Iver's Ben Switch Urcuit Status BUCKLED Alt Day Net Commenced									
Passenger Front A	assenger Front Air Bag Nuppression Switch Circuit Status Air Bag Not Suppressed									
Ignition Cycles At	Near Deployment			1569						
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4	50	2070	55	055						
-4	58	3072	60	OFF						
-3	61	3204	47	OFF						
	63	2752	20	OFF						
-1	63	2152	20	OFF						
	2G1W	F55K1Y9256027 Nea	r Deployment Pre	-Crash Graph		Vehicle Speed				
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						Percent Throttle				
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Radar:	VC2000 Indicated Distance:	VC2000 Indicated Time:	VC2000 Indicated Speed:	VC2000 Indicated Average G:
63	185 feet	3.93 sec	63.6 mph	.738

CDR TEST NUMBER SIX

Test Vehicle: Chevrolet Impala (Black) VIN 2G1WF55K1Y9256027

• CDR Data

2G1WF55K1Y9256027 System Status At Near Deployment											
SIR Warning Larr	SIR Warning Lamp Status OFF										
Driver's Belt Swi	vriver's Belt Switch Circuit Status BUCKLED										
Passenger Front	Air Bag Suppression Switch Cir	cuit Status		Air Bag Not Sup	pressed						
Ignition cycles A				15/1							
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Seconds Befo	re AE Vehicle Speed (MPH)	Engine Speed (RPM)	Percent Throttle	Brake Switch Circuit Status							
-5	55	4032	100	OFF							
-4	59	4288	100	OFF							
-3	63	4480	100	OFF							
-2	67	4288	0	OFF							
-1	67	4416	23	OFF							
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Radar:	VC2000 Indicated Distance:	VC2000 Indicated Time:	VC2000 Indicated Speed:	VC2000 Indicated Average G:
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CDR TEST NUMBER SEVEN

Test Vehicle: Chevrolet Impala (Black) VIN 2G1WF55K1Y9256027

• CDR Data

	2G1WF55K1Y9256027 System Status At Near Deployment											
SIR Warning Lamp	SIR Warning Lamp Status OFF											
Driver's Belt Switch	river's Belt Switch Circuit Status BUCKLED											
Passenger Front A	/assenger Front Air Bag Suppression Switch Circuit Status Air Bag Not Suppressed											
gnition Cycles At Ivear Deployment 15/4												
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Seconds Before	AE Vehicle Speed (MPH)	Engine Speed (RPM)	Percent Throttle	Brake Switch Circuit Sta	atus							
-5	41	3072	29	OFF								
-4	44	3136	22	OFF								
-3	45	1856	5	OFF								
-2	45	1280	0	OFF								
-1	39	1152	0	ON								
	2G1W	F55K1Y9256027 Nea	Deployment Pre	-Crash Graph		Vehicle Speed						
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50						- Percent Throttle						
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20				/		- Broko Switch						
						Circuit Status						
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Radar:	VC2000 Indicated Distance:	VC2000 Indicated Time:	VC2000 Indicated Speed:	VC2000 Indicated Average G:
45	N/R	4.24 sec	46.5 mph	.500

CDR VALIDATION TEST RESULTS SUMMARY

• Table of Results

The following table summarizes the test results and allows for simplified comparison. The SDM and radar speeds listed are the *highest* speeds observed.

Test Number	Vehicle Tested	SDM Speed	Radar Speed	VC2000 Speed
1	Red Impala	50	N/A	50.2
2	Red Impala	63	N/A	61
3	Red Blazer	N/A	N/A	55.5
4	Red Blazer	67	N/A	70.2
5	Black Impala	63	63	63.6
6	Black Impala	67	67	N/A
7	Black Impala	45	45	46.5

• Discussion

CDR ACCURACY

In comparing the seven tests for the purposes of CDR validation, an increased weight is placed on the final three runs. These tests, numbers 5, 6, and 7, incorporated the use of the standard police radar to note the highest vehicle speed obtained. Time and preparation limitations prevented the device from being utilized on the first four runs. In each of the latter cases, the highest speed observed by the radar operator matched that which was recorded by the SDM. These comparisons do indeed suggest a validation of the SDM data recordings. Chidester, et al.¹ suggests SDM vehicle speed reporting to be accurate to within +/-4%. However, the three runs utilizing the black 2000 Chevrolet Impala and Kustom radar seem to indicate an even greater accuracy, at least in these limited tests.

While a greater emphasis is placed on those runs incorporating the police radar unit, the previous four tests should not be overlooked. With the exception of test three (which will be addressed in the following sub-heading), the SDM speed data was within three whole miles per hour of the VC2000 data. While this may at first appear as a discrepancy, it should be reminded that the VC2000 and SDM record or calculate speed via two very different techniques. The Vericom instrument, which was set to activate at .2 g's, calculates vehicle speed after obtaining accelerometer data and combining this information with its internal crystal clock. The SDM, however, obtains data directly from the transmission output shaft via magnetic pickup. For all test vehicles, the wheels/tires did match manufacturer's specifications, thereby increasing the likelihood of accurate vehicle speed recording. The rather small difference in speed readings between the two techniques, however, does indeed serve to validate the SDM data.

Other data provided by the SDM, in addition to speed information, was found to be accurate. The Driver's Belt Switch Circuit Status indicator, for example, correctly reported the driver's seatbelt use in all seven of the test runs. The ignition cycles were also monitored by test participants, to both ensure an

¹ Chidester, Augustus, et al. <u>Recording Automotive Crash Event Data</u>. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

accurate counting by the SDM's, and to verify that the data recovered was indeed from the staged test. In each case, the proper numerical sequence was observed.

TEST THREE – FAILURE TO OBTAIN NEAR-DEPLOYMENT FILE

In test number three, that being the first involving the 2000 Chevrolet Blazer, a near-deployment file was recovered from the SDM. However, an examination of the retrieved data suggested that it had been generated by a prior incident. Although the controlled test parameters may indeed have triggered a near-deployment event, it is possible that it was less severe than the file previously recorded by the module. Therefore, the "snapshot" of pre-crash data did not overwrite that which was previously saved. According to information provided by the Vetronix[®] Corporation², near-deployment data recorded by the module can generally only be overwritten by either a more severe occurrence, or with the passage of time in terms of 250 ignition cycles. This time is estimated by Chidester³ to be the equivalent of 60 normal driving days.

A second possibility for this failure to obtain a near-deployment file from test number three is that the algorithm may simply not have been enabled. Haight⁴ offers that in order for a near-deployment event to occur, the SDM must detect that the negative forward acceleration exceeds -1 to -2 g's. Chidester further explains these requirements, stating that the SDM's internal longitudinal accelerometer is sampled every 312 microseconds (.000312 seconds). If the SDM detects that two consecutive samples exceed approximately -2 g's, then algorithm enable occurs. For the sport utility vehicle (SUV) tested, it is probable that the higher end of this range is required for activation. Put simply, the more rugged design intentions of the Chevrolet Blazer would likely mandate a higher threshold for algorithm enable.

² Vetronix Corporation. <u>CDR Crash Data Retrieval System</u>.

³ Chidester, Augustus, et al. <u>Recording Automotive Crash Event Data</u>. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

⁴ Haight, W.R. <u>Automobile Event Data Recorder Technology</u>. Collision Safety Institute

GRAVEL SURFACE DECELERATION TESTING

• Surface Description

The test surface can best be described as a well-traveled (packed) gravel roadway.

• Test One

Vehicle Year	Make	Model	Type:	Color: Vehicle Iden		ntification Number (VIN):
2000	Chevrolet	Blazer	SUV	Red	1GNDT	T13W3Y2356464
Radar Indicated Speed: VC		VC2000 Indicated	Time:	VC2000 Indicated Speed	l:	VC2000 Indicated Average G:
45 m	ph	4.10	sec	45.5 mpł	ı	<mark>.505</mark>

• Test Two

Vehicle Year	Make	Model	Туре:	Color:	Vehicle Ide	ntification Number (VIN):
2000	Chevrolet	Blazer	SUV	Red	1GNDT	13W3Y2356464
Radar Indicated Sp	eed:	VC2000 Indicated	Time:	VC2000 Indicated Speed	:	VC2000 Indicated Average G:
47 m	ph	4.50	sec	46.1 mph	l	<mark>.467</mark>

• Test Three

Vehicle Year	Make	Model	Туре:	Color:	Vehicle Iden	ntification Number (VIN):
2000	Chevrolet	Impala	Sedan	Black	2G1WF	55K1Y9256027
Radar Indicated Sp	eed:	VC2000 Indicated	Time:	VC2000 Indicated Speed		VC2000 Indicated Average G:
48 m	ph	4.26	sec	49.9 mph	l	<mark>.531</mark>

• Test Four

Note: This test is also documented under CDR Test Number Seven.

Vehicle Year	Make	Model	Type:	Color:	Vehicle Ider	ntification Number (VIN):
2000	Chevrolet	Impala	Sedan	Black	2G1WF	55K1Y9256027
Radar Indicated Sp	eed:	VC2000 Indicated	Time:	VC2000 Indicated Speed	:	VC2000 Indicated Average G:
45 m	ph	4.24	sec	46.5 mph	l	<mark>.500</mark>

• Discussion

The four tests all show agreement and concurrence between the radar indicated speed and VC2000 indicated speed. Each test was completed at near speeds, with reported average deceleration results ranging from .467 g's to .531 g's. The average of these drag factors is calculated as .500 g's.

GRASS SURFACE DECELERATION TESTING

• Surface Description

The terrain utilized was a grass ditch adjacent to a closed Ft. McCoy street. The grass was dry and uncut, measuring approximately 6" to 1'. The underlying soil was composed of a dry sandy loam.

• Test One

Vehicle Year	Make	Model	Type:	Color:	Vehicle Ide	ntification Number (VIN):
2000	Chevrolet	Impala	Sedan	Black	2G1WF	55K1Y9256027
Radar Indicated Sp	eed:	VC2000 Indicated	Time:	VC2000 Indicated Speed	l:	VC2000 Indicated Average G:
30 m	ph	3.17	sec	33.9 mpł	ı	<mark>.485</mark>

• Test Two

Vehicle Year	Make	Model	Туре:	Color:	Vehicle Ide	ntification Number (VIN):
2000	Chevrolet	Impala	Sedan	Black	2G1WF	55K1Y9256027
Radar Indicated Sp	eed:	VC2000 Indicated	Time:	VC2000 Indicated Speed	:	VC2000 Indicated Average G:
36 m	ph	3.26	sec	36.4 mph	l	<mark>.509</mark>

• Test Three

Vehicle Year	Make	Model	Туре:	Color:	Vehicle Ide	ntification Number (VIN):
2000	Chevrolet	Blazer	SUV	Red	1GNDT	13W3Y2356464
Radar Indicated Sp	eed:	VC2000 Indicated	Time:	VC2000 Indicated Speed	l:	VC2000 Indicated Average G:
31 m	ph	4.09	sec	32.1 mph	1	<mark>.357</mark>

• Test Four

Vehicle Year	Make	Model	Type:	Color:	Vehicle Identification Number (VIN):
2000	Chevrolet	Blazer	SUV	Red	1GNDT13W3Y2356464
Radar Indicated Sp	eed:	VC2000 Indicated	Time:	VC2000 Indicated Speed	VC2000 Indicated Average G:
31 m	ph	3.07	sec	30.9 mph	<mark>.457</mark>

• Discussion

For this series of tests, the Chevrolet Impala and Blazer were steered off of the paved portion of the roadway and into a shallow ditch prior to the hard brake application. There was some difficulty in terms of the VC2000 activating prematurely in the Impala due to the test vehicle entering the ditch and traveling over the surface irregularities (bumps) therein. These unsuccessful runs were immediately terminated without data being recorded. The above test results show a drag factor range of .357 g's on the low end to .509 on the high end. The average of these deceleration factors is calculated to be .452 g's.

APPENDIX

List of Validation Testing Participants

TESTING PARTICIPANTS

Wisconsin State Patrol Academy November 2, 2001

PARTICIPANT NAME

AGENCY

TESTING ROLE

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