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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents the results of two studies designed to identify the comfort and convenience problem areas in 1980 and 1981 model passenger cars, vans, and pick-up trucks, and to find vehicle and user characteristics that influence comfort and convenience. In addition, the compatibility of various child restraint devices with the passenger seat belt systems was also examined.

The comfort and convenience evaluation procedure, which is patterned after one developed for an earlier study, was conducted in two parts. The December session concentrated on 1980 model vehicles including vans and pick-ups. The july session examined 1980 model passenger automobiles that would be unchanged during the 1981 model year. During both sessions, approximately 120 licensed drivers of both sexes and a range of heights and weights were selected to evaluate each test vehicle belt system. These test vehicles were selected to represent the various safety belt systems most commonly purchased in domestic and imported cars and trucks. Each evaluation consisted of a test participant using the safety belt system of one of the test vehicles. While putting on and taking off the belt system, the participant was asked to identify the extent of any problems with various comfort and convenience aspects of safety belts. Each individual participant tested the vehicles in a different randomly selected order, to eliminate the effects of always testing vehicles in the same order.

For purposes of these studies, the operation of safety belt systems was divided into seven aspects:

- Accesslblity, relating to reaching for and grasping the safety belt latch plate;
- Extending, pertaining to moving the latch plate over to the buckle;
- Buckling, involving inserting the latch plate into the buckle;
- Fit, describing how the shoulder belt fits the wearer;
- Pressure, relating to the pressure of the belt on the wearer's chest and shoulder;
- Releasing, involving releasing the latch plate from the buckle; and
- Retracting, relating to how conveniently the system retracts out of the user's way upon exiting the vehicle.

To analyze, these aspects of safety belt comfort and convenience, indices were developed based on participant responses for each of these aspects and for overall comfort and convenience. The indices were statistically analyzed using contingency tables and analysis of variance to determine which driver and belt system characteristics had significant impact on each aspect. The major results of this analysis are:

- The problem most frequently identified by test participants was accessibility.
- In general, safety belt systems considered more comfortable and convenient by one weight group were ranked the same way by other weight groups. On the other hand, short-overweight individuals tended to rate safety belt systems as a whole lower than other participants.
- The participants in the July evaluation session indicated that all comfort and convenience aspects were equally important in an overall evaluation of a safety belt system. This finding substantiates the use of an index that weights each aspect equally.
- The user characteristics that have statistically significant impact on safety belt comfort and convenience are weight, height, and sex. Shorter and overweight subjects had more problems with safety belt systems as a whole than did others.
- Belt system and vehicle characteristics that have statistically significant impact on user comfort and convenience perceptions are vehicle size, type of belt system, type of seat, and number of vehicle doors. In general, larger vehicles, dual retractor systems, bench seats, and four-door vehicles had fewer problems.
- Belt systems satisfying the compliance tests for belt fit and pressure were found by test participants to be more acceptable.
- The main compatibility problems between safety belt systems and child restraint devices are that belts are sometimes too short and that special locking devices are sometimes required to secure a child restraint. Also, automatic systems are not compatible with child restraint devices without modifications or the addition of a special belt.


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## INTRODUCTION

This document discusses the findings of two studies conducted by Verve Research Corporation about the comfort and convenience factors associated with safety belt usage. The first entitled "Comfort and Convenience of Safety Belt Systems in 1980 Model Vehicles" was conducted in December 1979, while the second companion study was conducted in July 1980 and concentrated on passenger cars which would not be changed for the 1981 model year. This first chapter presents some background material, the purposes of the studies, and the organization of the report.

## BACKGROUND

Despite the fact that safety belts are proven safety devices that have been standard equipment in cars sold in the United States for a decade, usage rates have been consistently low. A recent survey conducted by Opinion Research Corporation [9] has shown that in 1979 less than 11 percent of observed drivers wore their safety belts. Previous studies conducted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) have indicated that comfort and convenience problems are the primary reasons for not wearing safety belts.

For example, the May 1975 Westefeld and Phillips report [2] documents three separate studies that were conducted:
(1) A study among rental car customers at Miami, Chicago, and Los Angeles Airports,
(2) A study among rental car customers at Toronto International Airport, and
(3) A study among owners of private cars in the general population of vehicles.

The results indicated that of those interviewees who did not use either the lap belt or shoulder harness, the reasons given most often were:

- The belt or harness causes physical discomfort;
- A generally negative attitude toward wearing the belt or harness;
- A feeling of being trapped, confined, or restricted; and
- Opposition to wearing them on principle.

The 1976 Westefeld and Phillips study [3], which was similar to the 1975 study, also concludes that comfort is a key factor affecting safety belt usage. Significant findings show that in lighter and smaller cars front seat occupants are more likely to wear safety belts. Usage is lowest in the heavy luxury cars.

The September 1971 Marzoni.report [1] presents a study of the attitudes, behaviors, and rationales of nearly 2,000 drivers who were interviewed regarding seat belt usage. By using multivariate factor analysis, almost all drivers were classified into five distinct $Q$-factor segments that represent five separate patterns of attitudes about seat belts:
(1) Convinced,
(2) Gambling,
(3) Phobic,
(4) Impatient, and
(5) Skeptical.

The attitude pattern associated with the "Convinced" segment included a strong emphasis on the belief that wearing a seat belt is physically comfortable.

Because comfort and convenience have been identified as important reasons why safety belts are not worn, NHTSA has conducted a series of evaluations to determine which safety belt factors cause comfort and convenience problems. These studies are based on a comparison of late model vehicles using individuals of varying anthropometric characteristics.

In the January 1979 study by Tom, et al. [7], the purpose was to learn more specifically what the comfort and convenience problem areas are and to find the factors that influence comfort and convenience. The test procedure required that each of the 114 participants evaluate each car from a representative group of 1979 models. Each evaluation, or trial, consisted of a participant using the safety belt system of one of the test cars. As the subject was putting on and taking off the belt system, he was asked if he had any problems with various comfort and convenience aspects of safety belts, and if so, to what extent. Findings show that the main problems with 1979 safety belt systems as a whole are:

- Comfort (associated with upper torso movement),
- Pressure (of the belt on occupant),
- Extending the latch plate to the buckle,
- Accessibility, and
- Fit.

Buckling the belt, releasing the latch plate from the buckle, and belt retraction created the fewest problems.

In the December 1976 study by Gordon, et al. [6], the purpose was to investigate the extent to which new design features in safety belts have reduced the confusion, inconvenience, and discomfort that were associated with the use of safety belts in older model cars. The testing procedure consisted of: noting each system's configuration, a familiarization phase of the system by each subject; and a set of questions presented to each subject while they entered and donned the seat belt, performed maneuvers with belts on, doffed the seat belt, and exited the car. Findings showed that smooth repeatable retractors with light shoulder tension appeared to be the prominent factors influencing user acceptability. Subjects also indicated that increase in safety belt usage is consistent with system improvements.

The August 1975 Breedon and Gordon study [5] used 10 subjects to evaluate selected aspects of comfort and conveinence of several seat belt designs and to compare the various safety belt systems. Each participant was asked a series of questions related to the following areas: donning the seat belt system, mobility and comfort in the system, doffing the seat belt system, and exiting from the seat belt system. Problems identified most frequently were extending the latchplate, adjusting the seat after donning the belt, and chafing of the neck and face.

In the November 1974 Pierce, et al, study [4], a new car restraint system evaluation was performed at both a gross preliminary level, to help select a reasonable number of models for more detailed examination, and at a detailed level, where specific cars were examined using selected subjects with different characteristics and taking certain critical measurements. The evaluation revealed that basic hardware components and general system concepts are reasonably satisfactory in most vehicles. However, even though a particular model had all the basic components necessary to provide a satisfactory restraint system, such factors as the layout of anchor points and webbing guides tended to be poor on most of the vehicles examined. The study also showed that women had more severe complaints about discomfort than men, which was probably due to their anatomical features and improper fit of the seat belt across the upper torso area.

The studies of safety belt systems discussed above have shown that comfort and convenience are important factors in encouraging safety belt usage and that among safety belt systems there are differences in perceived comfort and convenience.

Consequently, NHTSA has begun an effort to develop some standards for comfort and convenience. One part of this effort is the December 1978 Woodson study [8]. The purposes of this study were to determine if recommended changes to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) \#208 are applicable to automatic as well as manual systems, and to recommend improvements or modifications to the standard.

One of the major results of the Woodson effort was the development of a series of belt system specifications that represent an envelope within which users are more likely to find no comfort and convenience problems. These specifications were developed using a series of human subjects of varying anthropometric characteristics. These subjects evaluated safety belt systems set at varying belt pressures, retraction speeds, and fits (angle across the chest). In addition, these subjects were asked to test a range of comfortable reach. Based on the results of these tests preliminary specifications were determine for belt pressure, retraction speed, fit, accessibility, and other factors.

The final phase of the study was to develop a series of physical tests applicable to safety belt systems for use as compliance standards. In this part of the effort, fiftieth percentile test dummies were used as a basis for procedures for testing:

- Belt pressure,
- Latch plate accessibility,
- Head clearance, and
- Shoulder belt fit.


## PURPOSES OF THE STUDIES

Since some standards relating to safety belt comfort and convenience have been developed in the woodson study [8], NHTSA was interested in testing these standards against how safety belt comfort and convenience are perceived by human subjects. Therefore, an important objective was to determine the relationship between subjective comfort and convenience evaluations of 1980 model cars, light trucks and vans, and quantitative measures of comfort and convenience, which may be applicable for proposed comfort and convenience standards. The specific objectives of the proposed study were:

- To develop a comfort and convenience index for belt systems in a sample of 1980 vehicles,
- To identify the good and bad aspects of safety belt system comfort and convenience in all test vehicles,
- To rank the test restraint systems according to each aspect and according to an overall rating,
- To determine the effect of user anthropometric characteristics such as weight and height on perceived comfort and convenience,
- To measure various parameters of all test safety belt systems with respect to proposed standards related to comfort and convenience,
- To determine the relationship between the consumer evaluations and the quantitative measures of belt system parameters, and
- To determine the compatibility of passenger seat belt systems with various child restraint devices (CRDs).

The purpose of the consumer evaluations conducted in July 1980 was to expand the sample of passenger automobiles tested in the first study in order to provide data on 1981 models that would be unchanged from the 1980 model year. Consequently, the driver sampling and test procedures were duplicated from the December 1979 version. Three basic changes in the specific purposes of the study were made, however:

- Quantitative measurements of belt system parameters based on proposed standards were not made and analyzed,
- Two additional child restraints were used in the compatibility evaluation, and
- A new measure of the relative importance of the various aspects of safety belt comfort and convenience was introduced.

All other study goals were essentially unchanged from the earlier study.

## ORGANIZATION OF THE REPORT

To accomplish these analyses, a test design was developed involving samples of drivers and vehicles. The following chapter discusses this test design in detail. Chapter 3 describes the vehicle, child restraint device, and driver samples used in the studies. The results of the analyses using the consumer evaluations of safety belt systems and the evaluation of the CRDs are discussed in Chapters 4 and 5, respectively. Some conclusions are presented in the final chapter of this document.

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## TEST DESIGN AND PROCEDURES

Because these studies focused on how safety belt users perceive safety belt system comfort and convenience, the test design chosen required that each person from a selected sample of automobile drivers evaluate each vehicle from a representative group of 1980 models. Each interaction, or trial, consisted of a participant using the safety belt system of one of the test cars. As the subjects were putting on and taking off the belt systems, they were asked if they had any problem with various comfort and convenience aspects of the system, and if so, to what extent. in addition to these consumer evaluations, each vehicle in the December 1979 test was also rated by conducting compliance tests on safety belt fit, pressure, accessibility, and other features, and by attempting to install a sample of child restraint devices in each passenger position.

The first section of this chapter reviews the test instruments or questionnaires used in both tests to collect the evaluation and other test data for analysis. The next three sections discuss the procedures for consumer evaluation, compliance testing, and CRD testing.

## TEST INSTRUMENTS

Since the studies were concerned with how safety belt system comfort and convenience are related to users and child restraint devices, a series of questionnaires was completed about each participant, child restraint device, and vehicle tested. These included:

- Vehicle Data Forms, which provided descriptive information about each vehicle and belt system in the test, such as the type of safety belt system, the number of doors, the stowed location of the latchplate, shoulder belt pressure measurements, and the results of various compliance tests. The results of the compliance tests were not recorded in the July test;
- Participant Information Forms, on which some socioeconomic data about each driver in the test was recorded. Information such as the individual's safety belt usage rate and the number of years as a driver was asked in this form;
- Physical Data Forms, which recorded each participant's weight, height, sex, and other physical characteristics;
- Child Restraint Device Evaluation Form, on which was recorded to what degree the belt system in each passenger position was compatible with each child seat;
- Safety Belt System Evaluation Form, on which the participant's reaction to each vehicle was recorded. Each participant was asked questions about various system features during the evaluations. For example, "How difficult or easy was it for you to grasp the latchiplate?" and "Does the shoulder belt press on your body comfortably or uncomfortably?" The responses to these questions were on a scale of one to seven, where one was most inconvenient or uncomfortable, four was neutral, and seven was most convenient or comfortable, as shown on Exhibit 2-1; and
- Safety Beit Comfort and Convenience Factors-Evaluation Form, on which each participant was asked to rate the various aspects of safety belt usage in terms of importance in evaluating the total system.

Examples of these questionnaires are provided in Appendix $A$, Test Instruments. Note also that three different Safety Belt System Evaluation Forms were used, one for manual systems, one for automatic, and one for automatic with optional lap belts.

## CONSUMER EVALUATION

The consumer evaluation was based on driver perception of the comfort and convenience of the safety belt systems in the individual vehicles. This section describes the test personnel involved in the studies and a typical test schedule.

## Test Personnel

Evaluations were conducted using teams of two people: an experimenter (test assistant) and a participant (test subject). The experimenters for both tests were recruited by a Detroit-based market research company and hired for three and one-half days, including one-half day of training. The experimenters were responsible for timing, for observing, and for asking evaluation questions while recording participant responses on the evaluation forms.

The experimenters were responsible for three items during each evaluation test day. First, they recorded the participant responses to the evaluation questions. Second, they guided the participants from one car to the next to insure that the predetermined random order was maintained. Finally, the experimenters observed safety belt system problems such as belt twisting, excessive belt slack, shoulder belt fit, and incomplete belt retraction during each trial.

The participants were also recruited by the same market research company using detailed anthropometric, socioeconomic, and educational specifications (see Chapter 3). A unique group of participants was recruited for each day. Each

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participant was paired with the same experimenter throughout the day. These participants entered each vehicle, donned the safety belt system, responded to the experimenter's questions, doffed the system, and exited the vehicle.

## Test Schedule

The consumer evaluations for both the December and July tests took place over three days. Each test period began with an orientation session to acquaint participants with the purpose of the test, their role, and the procedures involved in evaluating the vehicles. During this session, each person completed a Participant Information Form and reviewed a Glossary of Terms and the Evaluation Schedule. Prior to and after orientation, physical data were collected and recorded for each participant.

Before commencing the evaluations, participants and experimenters were teamed up using a matched-number system. Each experimenter was also given a unique sequence of vehicles by trial number, in order to randomize the order in which the vehicles were evaluated by the different participants. A new unique test sequence was generated for each experimenter for each test period. These randomized sequences were used to reduce the effect of evaluating the vehicle systems in the same order.

Exhibit 2-2, shows the process used to develop the unique random orders, using five vehicles, five trials, and five participants as an example. The first step was to create a Latin square in which each row and each column contain each participant once and only once. In Step 2, vehicles and trial numbers were randomly assigned to each row and column, respectively. Finally, each unique list was determined by reformulating the results of Step 2. For example, for Participant $A$ the fifth trial is with vehicle number 3, as indicated in the upper left corner of Step 2.

To conduct the test, each participant/experimentor pair evaluated each vehicle in the randomized order provided. During each evaluation, or trial, the participant was asked to sit in the venicle, don the safety belt system, doff the system, and exit the vehicle. During this process, the experimentor observed various aspects of the procedure such as belt twisting and improper fit, read a list of questions about the participants perceptions of the belt system's comfort and convenience, and recorded all observations and participant responses on the evaluation form.

At the conclusion of this process, during the july study, each participant was asked to complete a form on which the relative importance of various aspects of comfort and convenience were measured. The purpose of this form was to develop a relative weighting scheme so that an overall index reflecting the importance of these factors can be developed.

## COMPLIANCE TESTING

To determine each vehicle's basic compliance with proposed federal regulations governing comfort and convenience of safety belt systems, a series of six tests was conducted during the December 1979 test. These tests included:

## ORDERING TECHNIQUE



- Shoulder belt fit test with $50^{\text {th }}$ percentile dummy;
- Shoulder belt pressure test with $50^{\text {th }}$ percentile dummy;
- Latchplate accessibility measurements for $50^{\text {th }}$ percentile dummy;
- Motorized retractor rates, and head clearance using $50^{\text {th }}$ percentile dummy;
- Accessibility block test; and
- Webbing retraction test.

In varying degrees, each of the tests was modified on-site to accommodate unforeseen situations. The tests as actually performed are discussed in the remainder of this section.

## Shoulder Belt Fit Test With $50^{\text {th }}$ Percentile Dummy

The purpose of this test is to determine how well the shoulder belt fits. A good fit is indicated when the belt falls within a certain area on the user's chest, as specified in NHTSA's proposed comfort and convenience standard. To designate the compliance envelope on the dummy's chest, one-inch blue squares were used on a white field, creating a checkerboard pattern. The dummy was then placed in each vehicle following placement procedures outlined in FMVSS \#208.

In order to ease moving the dummy into and out of the vehicles, its legs were removed. This was not expected to affect dummy displacement on the seat cushion. Use of a patient lifter also contributed greatly to handling the dummy, and the sling from this device was left around the lower part of the dummy at all times, since it in no way interfered with the testing.

Once the dummy was in a vehicle, the seat was adjusted to mid-position. The safety belt was donned, and the webbing adjusted over the dummy so that it fell within the compliance envelope. Next, the dummy was rocked left to right several times until the belt moved to the shortest distance between the belt anchor points. Final location of the shoulder belt relative to the compliance envelope was then observed, recorded, and photographed. If the belt remained within the compliance envelope, the belt system passed this compliance test.

## Shoulder Belt Pressure Test With 50th Percentile Dummy

After completion of the fit test, while the dummy was still set up in the vehicle, a shoulder belt pressure test was conducted. This test measures the pressure of the shouder belt on a user's chest. A strain gauge was mounted perpendicular to the dumm's chest at the point where the belt crossed the center line of the dummy, and the belt was engaged in a sling connected to the gauge. Both belt and sling were allowed to rest on the dummy's chest so as to exert no pressure on the gauge. The strain gauge was set to zero and then pulled perpendicularly away from the dummy
so as to exert tension on the belt sufficient to pull it approximately one inch from the dummy's chest. To obtain a pressure reading, the shoulder belt was first grasped by hand several inches above the sling and pulled even further away from the dummy's chest. This relaxed the pressure on the sling, praducing a zero reading on the gauge. The belt was then released allowing it to snap back against the sling, The static, or "resting," pressure reading on the strain gauge was observed and noted. After this process of pulling and releasing sharply was repeated several times, an observed average reading was recorded.

## Latchplate Accessibility Measurement With $50^{\text {th }}$ Percentile Dummy

Once the preceeding two tests were completed, the safety belt system was doffed without moving the latchplate along the webbing, thus leaving it positioned at the point where it would most likely have been found after prior belt system use by a $50^{\text {th }}$ percentile person. If the latchplate went into a position at or near the roof or upper B-pillar, making it accessible using the inboard hand, the distance from the latchplate to the base of the dummy's neck was measured and recorded. If the latchplate went into a position at or near the floor or lower B-pllar, making it accessible using the outboard hand, the distance from the latchplate to a specified point near the dummy's armpit was measured and recorded.

## Motorized Retractor Rates and Head Clearance

For the two test vehicles with motorized retractors, the time between closing the door and complete belt deployment was measured and recorded. Similarly, the time between opening the door and complete retraction was measured and recorded. Head clearance was derived by first deploying (articulating) the belt system to the point where it passed closest to the dummy's face. The separation between the belt webbing and the dummy's nose was then measured and recorded.

## Accessibility Block Test

With the door closed, a project team member attempted to work a block of wood conforming to $95^{\text {th }}$ percentile male forearm dimensions either between the seat back and side panel or between the seat pan cushion and a door-mounted armrest, depending upon normal latchplate location. Whether or not the latchplate could be reached using the test block was noted and recorded.

## Webbing Retraction Test

In each vehicle, the shoulder belt was extended without being donned, and then released. Completeness of retraction was observed and recorded.

## CHILD RESTRAINT DEVICE (CRD) EVALUATION

The purpose of this evaluation was to determine the compatibility between six CRDs and the passenger seat belts in each of the December test vehicles. The testing of the child restraint devices involved securing each device in each vehicle,
executing a few maneuvers such as rocking the device from side to side, and recording the results on the Child Restraint Device Evaluation Form. The devices included are shown in Exhibit 2-3. Two additional restraints were evaluated in July.

Each device was tested in the front passenger seat, the middle passenger seat, and the outboard and center rear passenger seat, where appropriate. If the device was convertible, it was tested in both the infant position and the toddler position, with an evaluation form being completed for each position. These tests were conducted during the July test using an abbreviated questionnaire.

This chapter has reviewed test instruments, as well as consumer evaluation, compliance testing, and child restraint device evaluation procedurds as conducted at the test site. The next chapter describes the vehicle, participant, and CRD samples used in this study.

CHILD RESTRAINT DEVICES TESTED


## 3

## description of the samples

The goal of both studies was to determine factors influencing comfort and convenience of safety belt systems by having consumers of various sizes evaluate the belt systems in a sample of vehicles with a range of different characteristics. This chapter describes the selection criteria for the vehicle samples for both the December 1979 and July 1980 studies, as well as the criteria for the selection for another major test component, the sample of consumers who evaluated each vehicle.

## VEHICLE SAMPLE

The vehicle sample for the December test was selected by the NHTSA based anticipated sales for 1980. The sample included 36 vehicles of various sizes, manufacturers, seat configurations, and number of doors. The sample included cars, light trucks, and vans with belt systems that were either manual, automatic, or automatic with optional lap belt. Two of the vehicles were DOT experimental designs, both were automatic systems, one motorized and the other not. Exhibit 3-1 is a list of the manufacturers providing vehicles for the test, the number of vehicles supplied, and the relative percentage of the vehicle sample that number represents.

In Exhibit 3-2, the major characteristics of the 36 vehicles in the December sample are displayed. Similarly, the results of the compliance testing are shown in Exhibit 3-3. Compliance standards are those presented in the Woodson study [8]. For example, the shoulder belt complies with the pressure standard when it exerts no more than seven tenths of a pound. Latch plate accessibility is acceptable if it is within 19-1/8 inches of the base of the dummy's neck when the latchplate is stowed high on the B-pillar, or if it is within 28 inches of the dummy's armpit when the latchplate is stowed on the floor. Motorized systems passed their special compliance tests when the retractor rate was between 1.5 and 1.9 seconds, and when the dummy's head clearance was greater than 8.5 inches from the tip of the nose. The compliance test results by vehicle are presented in Appendix $B$, Compliance Test Results.

LIST OF DECEMBER VEHICLES

| Manufacturers | Number of Vehicles | Percentage of Vehicle Sample |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AMC | 3 | 8.3 |
| Chryster | 5 | 13.9 |
| Ford | 7 | 19.4 |
| GMC | 7 | 19.4 |
| BMW | 1 | 2.8 |
| Fiat | 1 | 2.8 |
| Honda | 1 | 2.8 |
| Mazda | 1 | 2.8 |
| Datsun | 2 | 5.6 |
| Subaru | 1 | 2.8 |
| Toyota | 3 | 8.3 |
| VW | 2 | 5.6 |
| Test Vehicles | 2 | 5.6 |

## Exhibit 3-2

DECEMBER VEHICLE CHARACTERISTICS

|  | Characteristics | Number of Vehicles | Percentage of Vehicle Sample |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\underset{\sim}{\sim}$ | Subcompact <br> Compact <br> Midsize <br> Large <br> Truck | $\begin{array}{r} 17 \\ 2 \\ 5 \\ 2 \\ 10 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 47.3 \\ 5.5 \\ 13.9 \\ 5.5 \\ 27.8 \end{array}$ |
| $\square$ $\stackrel{6}{\circ}$ $\stackrel{\circ}{8}$ | Two Four | $\begin{array}{r} 30 \\ 6 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 83.3 \\ & 16.7 \end{aligned}$ |
| N | Bench <br> Bucket | $\begin{aligned} & 12 \\ & 24 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 33.3 \\ & 66.7 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | Manual <br> Automatic <br> Automatic with <br> Optional Lap Belt | $\begin{array}{r} 29 \\ 6 \\ 1 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 80.6 \\ 16.7 \\ 2.8 \end{array}$ |
|  | Continuous Loop <br> Dual Retractor <br> Motorized Retractor | $\begin{array}{r} 31 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 86.1 \\ 8.3 \\ 5.6 \end{array}$ |
|  | Windowshade with Automatic Release | 9 | 25.0 |
|  | Windowshade wlthout Automatic Release | 5 | 13.9 |
|  | Without Windowshade | 22 | 61.1 |

## Exhibit 3-3

## SUMMARY RESULTS OF THE COMPLIANCE TESTING

(In number of test vehicies)

| Test | Pass | Fail |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Shoulder belt fit <br> Shoulder belt <br> pressure <br> Latchplate <br> accessibility* | 5 | 31 |
| Accessibility block* <br> Webbing retraction* <br> Motorized retractor <br> rates** <br> Motorized head <br> clearance** | 29 | 25 |

* Appropriate only for manual belt systems.
** Appropriate only for motorized automatic systems.

The vehicles for the July study were selected according to three criteria. First, because this test was to represent 1981 models, cars which will be unchanged from the 1980 model year were used. Second, just as in the earlier study, the vehicles were selected according to anticipated 1981 sales. Finally, models not tested in the December study were chosen for the July version. The only exception to these criteria was a Volkswagen Rabbit with a manual belt system. The manufacturers represented in the second test are listed in Exhibit 3-4 along with the number of vehicles provided by each manufacturer. Major characteristics of the 19 vehicles tested in July are shown in Exhibit 3-5.

## CONSUMER SAMPLE

All consumer evaluators, or participants as they were referred to during the tests, were recruited for both tests by a market research company from the Detroit metropolitan area following specifications provided by the project team (see Exhibit 3-6). These participants were selected to include body types indicated in previous tests a tendency to have more frequent comfort and convenience problems. To simplify the analysis, an equal number of participants were selected to satisfy each characteristic. This factor combined with limitations imposed by the size of the testing facilities and the time allocated to the test set the maximum number of consumer evaluators at 120 for each test. Because of no-shows and unusable individuals, the final consumer samples were 115 for the December test and 114 for the July evaluations.

Each consumer completed a Participant Information Form during the orientation process. From this, additional background data were gathered, such as whether any immediate family member owned a vehicle with an automatic belt system, or an indication of the percentage of time that person typically used a safety belt while riding in a car. Out of the sample of 115 from the December test, only 3 indicated that an immediate family member owned a vehicle with an automatic belt system. Similarly, of the July participants, only 2 had an automatic belt system in a vehicle owned by their families. Exhibit 3-7 shows the range of safety belt usage for both driver samples combined. As can be seen, usage of safety belts among the sample population is low, reflecting the low usage of the overall population.

Physical data were also gathered from each consumer prior to the evaluation of the belt systems in each vehicle. A summary of that data from the December sample is presented in Exhibit 3-8, while Exhibit 3-9 shows similar data from July. Subjects with a seated girth greater than fifty-seven inches were excluded from the analysis.

## Exhlbit 3-4

LIST OF JULY VEHICLES

| Manufacturers | Number of Vehicles | Percentage of Vehicle Sample |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Chryster | 2 | 10.5 |
| Ford | 2 | 10.5 |
| GMC | 3 | 15.8 |
| BMNS | 1 | 5.3 |
| Fiat | 1 | 5.5 |
| Maz da | 1 | 5.3 |
| Datsun | 2 | 10.5 |
| Toyota | 2 | 10.5 |
| VW | 3 | 15.8 |
| Mercedes | 1 | 5.3 |
| Volvo | 1 | 5.3 |

JULY VEHICLE CHARACTERISTICS

| Characteristics |  | Number of Vehicles | Percentage of Vehicle Sample |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\stackrel{\sim}{n}$ | Subcompact | 10 | 52.7 |
|  | Compact | 2 | 10.5 |
|  | Midsize | 3 | 15.8 |
|  | Large | 2 | 10.5 |
|  | Two-seater | 2 | 10.5 |
| ¢ | Two | 12 | 63.2 |
|  | Four | 7 | 36.8 |
| N | Bench | 3 | 15.8 |
|  | Bucket | 16 | 84.2 |
|  | Manual | 18 | 94.7 |
|  | Automatic | 1 | 5.3 |
|  | Continuous Loop | 17 | 89.5 |
|  | Dual Retractor | 2 | 10.5 |
|  | Windowshade with Automatic Release | 3 | 15.8 |
|  | Windowshade without Automatic Release | 1 | 5.3 |
|  | Without Automatic Release | 15 | 78.9 |

Exhibit 3-6

## RECRUITING SPECIFICATIONS

Total number needed $=120$

Age range: 18-70

Fifteen (15) individuals in each of the following eight (8) categories:
(1) Fifteen males between 67 and 71 inches tall and weighing between 152 and 189 pounds;
(2) Fifteen females between 62 and 66 inches tall and weighing between 122 and 159 pounds;
(3) Fifteen males between 67 and 71 inches tall and weighing more than 210 pounds;
(4) Fifteen females between 62 and 66 inches tall and weighing more than 175 pounds;
(5) Fifteen males less than or equal to 66 inches tall and weighing less than or equal to 137 pounds;
(6) Fifteen females less than or equal to 61 inches tall and weighing less than or equal to 110 pounds;
(7) Fifteen males less than or equal to 66 inches tall and weighing more than 170 pounds; and
(8) Fifteen females less than or equal to 61 inches tall and weighing more than 145 pounds.

Exhibit 3-7

## SAFETY BELT USAGE FOR DECEMBER AND JULY PARTICIPANTS

(Question 7 on Participant Information Form)

| Usage Rate <br> (percent) | Percentage of <br> Participants | Usage Rate <br> (percent) | Percentage of <br> Participants |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 42.2 |  |  |
| 10 | 24.1 | 60 | 1.7 |
| 20 | 12.1 | 70 | 2.6 |
| 30 | 4.3 | 80 | 2.6 |
| 40 | 1.7 | 90 | 6.0 |
| 50 | 0.9 | 100 | 3.4 |

Exhibit 3-8

MAIOR PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DECEMBER PARTICIPANT SAMPLE

| Characteristic |  | Number | \% of Consumers |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| K | Male <br> Female | 56 <br> 60 | $48.3$ $51.7$ |
| - | $\leq 59$ inches <br> 60-62 inches <br> 63-66 inches <br> 67-69 inches <br> $\geq 70$ inches | 8 <br> 28 <br> 45 <br> 21 <br> 14 | 6.9 <br> 24.1 <br> 38.8 <br> 18.1 <br> 12.1 |
| 爱 | Not Overweight <br> Overweight | $\begin{aligned} & 75 \\ & 41 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 64.7 \\ & 35.3 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | $\leq 30$ inches <br> 31-36 inches <br> 37-42 inches <br> 43-48 inches <br> 49-57 inches | 28 <br> 42 <br> 29 <br> 12 <br> 5 | 24.1 <br> 36.2 <br> 25.0 <br> 10.3 <br> 4.3 |

Exhibit 3-9

MAJOR PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE JULY PARTICIPANT SAMPLE


## 4

## results and analysis of the consumer evaluations

This chapter discusses in detail the procedures used to analyze the data collected during the consumer evaluation process and presents the results of that analysis. An analysis of the child restraint device evaluations is presented in the next chapter.

The emphasis of the analyses presented in this chapter is to identify both the major comfort and convenience problem areas for the vehicles included in this study and the relationship between perceived comfort and convenience and various user and vehicle characteristics. The comfort and convenience aspects specifically addressed during this study were:

- Accessibility, relating to reaching for and grasping the safety belt latch plate;
- Extending, pertaining to moving the latch plate over to the buckle;
- Buckling, involving inserting the latch plate into the buckle;
- Fit, describing how the shoulder belt fits the wearer;
- Pressure, relating to the pressure of the belt on the wearer's chest and shoulder;
- Releasing, involving releasing the latch plate from the buckle; and
- Retracting, relating to how conveniently the system retracts out of the userls way as he exits the rehicle.

The first section of this chapter discusses the assumptions used in the data analysis. The next section reviews the indices developed from the consumer evaluations related to each of the above factors. The third section discusses the ranking of the safety belt systems according to each aspect. The statistical techniques used to determine which safety belt and user characteristics influence comfort and convenience perceptions are discussed in the fourth section, while the last section presents the results of that analysis.

## ANALYTICAL ASSUMPTIONS AND OTHER NOTES

This section reviews in detail the assumptions used in the data analysis. Each assumption is described, its implications for the analysis are discussed, and a justification for making the assumption is presented.

Implicit in any analysis involving consumer opinions is that the scale used to measure those opinions is interval. This means that, in the context of the scale shown by Exhibit 2-1 (see page 9), for any individual respondent the increase in comfort or ease of use between any two points on the response scale are equal. In other words, the difference between 1 and 2 on the scale is the same as that between 4 and 5. This assumption is necessary so that aggregative comparisons between various groupings of evaluation responses can be made.

A second assumption of the analyses presented in this report is that the evaluations from the December and July tests are comparable. Three factors support this assumption. First, the test procedures used for both tests were exactly alike including experimenter training, participant briefings, and evaluation questions. Second, a comparison of Exhibits 3-8 and 3-9 (see pages 25, 26), shows that the physical characteristics of the two participant groups were almost identical. This implies that responses from one group of participants would not likely be different than the other because of differences in physical characteristics. Third, a comparison of the responses for the Volkswagen Rabbit with a manual system, the only vehicle common to both the December and July tests, showed only one statistically significant difference between the responses from the two tests. This difference occurs in the releasing indices, which show that significantly more problems in releasing were identified during the December test than during the July test. This difference may be explained by the fact that the Rabbit has a buckle release which is in a different location than that of most other systems. Since such a buckle style was tested only once in the December test, participants would be encountering that buckle release for the first time each time the Rabbit was tested. During the July test, on the other hand, a buckle release of similar type was in two other vehicles. Consequently, there was a 66 percent chance that a participant had already encountered a similar buckle and was, therefore, familiar with its operation. All other indices including overall comfort and convenience indices were not significantly different when comparing the results of the two tests.

This latter assumption that the results of the tests are comparable is necessary so that safety belt system comfort and convenience of vehicles from the two tests can be compared. Moreover, this assumption allows aggregation of all responses by other groupings such as vehicle body type and participant sex.

In addition to these assumptions, comments are appropriate about the computer procedures and about the Ford Fairmonts used in the December and july test sessions. First, the process for aggegating evaluation responses varied from that used in the 1978 study and for the data presented during the March 1980 press conference. In these previous analyses, if an individual evaluation had any missing data (that is, a response was not marked or incorrectly marked), it was not included
in the calculation of a vehicle or other subgroup comfort and convenience index. For this report, on the other hand, all available responses were included by first calculating indices for each aspect and then using these results to calculate an overall index. Because of this difference in indexing procedures, the results of overall indices presented in this report may differ slightly from preliminary findings.

Lastly, an attempt was made during the July study to obtain and retest a Ford Fairmont similar to that used in the December test. However, such a Fairmont with an automatic release for its windowshade tension reliever system was not available. The vehicle obtained had a windowshade device but no automatic release. This difference hinders a direct comparison of the evaluation results for the two Fairmonts.

## CONFORT AND CONVENIENCE ASPECT INDICES

To summarize the consumer evaluation responses into the seven aspects relating to safety belt operation and comfort, an indexing scheme was needed. This was especially true where more than one question relating to a particular aspect was asked. Exhibit 4-1 lists the questions on each of the three consumer evaluation forms pertaining to each aspect. Note that while the numbering systems on the three forms were different, the same questions were asked about each common aspect on the three forms. For example, the question on shoulder belt fit was number 7 on the manual form, 6 on the automatic form, and 11 for the automatic with optional lap belt.

The pressure aspect is a special case in which either question 8 or 9 on the manual form is applicable. For vehicles with windowshade devices, test participants were asked about webbing pressure both before and after the device was set. Since windowshade devices in retractor systems are designed to relieve webbing pressure for the wearer, it was expected that the participants would have on the average fewer pressure problems after the device was set than before.

To test this hypothesis, a comparison of the average responses to these questions for all vehicles with windowshade devices was made. The a priori hypothesis is that the average of the difference between these responses should be greater than zero, when the evaluation before the setting of the windowshade is subtracted from the evaluation of shoulder belt pressure afterwards. The results of the analysis of this difference is shown in Exhibit 4-2. Since the t-statistic is less than 1.69, the hypothesis must be rejected at a 95 percent confidence level. Even though the hypothesis was not statistically substantiated, for vehicles with windowshade devices, the post-set response was used in the analysis. The index, therefore, reflects comfort and convenience when the belt system is used as it is intended. Consequently, shoulder belt pressure evaluations should be more favorable.

The remainder of this section discusses the indices developed for analysis. Two indices, or aspect ratings, are described:

- Problem index, and
- Average index.


## GROUPINGS OF RESPONSES

FROM THE CONSUMER EVALUATION FORMS

| Comfort and Convenience Aspect | Associated Question Numbers ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Manual | Automatic | Automatic with Optional Lap Belt |
| Accessibility ${ }^{2}$ | 1,2 | - | 5,6 |
| Extending ${ }^{2}$ | 3 | - | 7 |
| Buckling ${ }^{2}$ | 4,5 | - | 8,9 |
| Fit | 7 | 6 | 11 |
| Pressure | 6,8 or 9 | 5,7 | 10,12 |
| Releasing ${ }^{2}$ | 12 | - | 15 |
| Retracting | 13 | 10 | 16 |

${ }^{1}$ For aspects relevant to all belt systerns, common questions were used. However, the numbering systems may be different. Please refer to Appendix A, Test Instruments.
$\mathbf{2}^{\text {Not }}$ applicable for automatic restraints.

Exhibit 4-2

ANALYSIS OF PRESSURE PROBLEMS before and after setting the windowshade device

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { DIFF = Q9 - Q8, on the manual evaluation form } \\
& \begin{aligned}
& \text { Valid observations } \\
&=1498 \\
&=0.411 \\
& \text { Mean DIFF }=1.460 \\
& \text { Standard deviation DIFF } \\
&=0.038 \\
& \text { Standard Error of the Mean } \\
& \text { t-statistic }=\frac{\text { Standard deviation }}{\text { Stan }}=\frac{0.411}{1.460}=0.28
\end{aligned}
\end{aligned}
$$

Therefore, the difference between shoulder belt pressure evaluations before and after setting the windowshade is not significantly different from zero at a 95 percent confidence level.

In addition, some considerations about the development of a composite index reflecting all aspects of comfort and convenience are discussed.

## Problem Index

The problem index is based on the percentage of trials during which difficulty or discomfort was indicated in at least one question relating to a particular aspect. For purposes of this analysis, a problem is indicated by a response of three or less on the evaluation scale shown on Exhibit 2-1 (see page 9). Exhibit 4-3 exemplifies the calculation of this index. In this example, questions $A$ and $B$ measure the same aspect. Trials 2,5 , and 6 each have indicated difficulty or discomfort in response to at least one question. The problem index for these 10 trials then is 30 percent. The higher the index, the more comfort and convenience problems are indicated.

Use of this index is based on the assumption that good safety belt system features do not necessarily offset bad features. No matter how easy a latch plate is to locate, for example, it is still considered inaccessible if a potential user cannot grasp it. On the other hand, an index based on an average of responses would balance good and bad evaluations.

## Average Index

This rating system is an average of evaluation responses pertaining to a particular aspect. For example, if a test subject is asked $N$ questions evaluating latch plate accessibility, the index for this aspect is calculated using the formula:

$$
\text { Index }=\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} R_{i}}{N}
$$

where $R_{i}$ is the response to the ith question. The use of such a rating scheme implies that each question asked about a particular comfort and convenience aspect has equal weight in the subject's composite evaluation of that aspect. In other words, the effect of a bad feature may be offset by a good feature.

## Composite Index

To measure the overall perceptions of comfort and convenience, a scheme similar to the average index applied to all evaluation questions can be used. However, since each question is weighted equally, the aspect with more questions will be weighted more heavily than that with fewer questions. Assuming that the evaluation only involves two aspects, for example, a straight average index can be written as:

$$
\text { Index }=\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n_{1}} R_{i}+\sum_{j=1}^{n_{2}} R_{j}}{N}
$$

Exhibit 4-3

EXAMPLE OF PROBLEM INDEXING SCHEME

| Trial Number | Responses* |  | Comfort or Convenience |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Question A | Question B | Problem |
| 1 | 4 | 7 | 0 |
| 2 | (1) | (3) | 1 |
| 3 | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| 4 | 5 | 4 | 0 |
| 5 | 6 | (2) | 1 |
| 6 | (3) | 4 | 1 |
| 7 | 7 | 7 | 0 |
| 8 | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| 9 | 7 | 4 | 0 |
| 10 | 5 | 7 | 0 |

*See Exhibit 2-1.

Three out of 10 , or 30 percent of these trials had a comfort of convenience problem with this aspect.
where $N=n_{1}+n_{2}, n_{1}$ is the number of questions pertaining to the first aspect, and $n_{2}$ is the number of questions pertaining to the second aspect. This equation can become:

$$
\operatorname{Index}=\frac{n_{1}\left(\begin{array}{cc}
\sum_{1} & R_{i} \\
i=1 & n_{1}
\end{array}\right)+n_{2}\left(\frac{n_{2}}{\sum_{1}} \begin{array}{ll}
R_{j} \\
n_{2}
\end{array}\right)}{N}
$$

Written in this form: $\left(\sum_{i=1}^{\sum_{1}} R_{i} n_{1}\right)$
represents the average score for the first aspect, while $\left(\sum_{j=1}^{n_{2} R_{j}}\right)$
is the average score for the second aspect. Similarly, the weighting of the first
aspect is $\frac{n_{1}}{N}$.
N
while the weighting of the second aspect is $\frac{n_{2}}{N}$.

Therefore, if $n_{1}>n_{2}$, the first aspect is weighted more heavily than the second.

If the assumption about a subject's overall perception of comfort and convenience is that each aspect has equal impact, the straight average applies only if $n_{1}=n_{2}$. Since this condition is not likely, an indexing scheme based on an average score for each aspect is appropriate. In this example, such a normalized average index would be expressed as

$$
\text { Index }=\frac{\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n_{1}} R_{i}}{n_{1}}\right)+\left(\frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n_{2}} R_{j}}{n_{2}}\right)}{2}
$$

In general form, with $N$ questions dealing with $m$ aspects, the index for a particular vehicle/subject combination becomes

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\text { n becomes } \\
\text { Index }= & \sum_{j=1}^{m}\left(\frac{\sum_{j}^{n_{j}} R_{i j}}{\frac{i=1}{n_{j}}}\right) \\
m
\end{array}
$$

$$
\text { where } R_{i j} \text { is the response for the ith question for the } j t h \text { aspect, and } \sum_{j=1}^{m} n_{j} \text {. }
$$

## Weighted Index

Because no previous research was able to substantiate that one aspect has more impact than another on user perceptions of safety belt comfort and convenience, the analysis presented in earlier reports was based on an assumption of equal weight. As part of the July study, to substantiate this assumption, all participants were asked to complete an additional questionnaire during the debriefing session.

This questionnaire, called the "Safety Belt Comfort and Convenience Factors Evaluation Form," contains the participants' assessment of how important is each aspect of safety belt comfort and convenience in determining an overall rating. An example of this form is presented in Appendix A. Presumably, the subjects had sufficient experience with safety belt systems after the evaluations to make such judgements. Participants were asked to evaluate each aspect on a 7-point scale which ranged from "Not Important" to "Very Important." This scale was then recoded to range from one to seven, respectively. This recoding facilitates the development of weights which measure in the aggregate the relative importance of each of these aspects to the July participants.

Note also that the order in which the aspects appeared on the forms was randomly generated and varied for each group of participants. This was done in an attempt to eliminate bias which may result from the order of the aspects.

Two different weighting schemes were calculated using the responses to this questionnaire. The first weighting scheme (Type A) is based on the aggregated importance of each aspect over all participants divided by the total importance for all aspects over all participants. Mathematically, this weighting is expressed as:

$$
W_{k}=\frac{\sum_{j=1}^{120} A_{j k}}{\sum_{j=1}^{120} \sum_{k=1}^{7} A_{j k}}
$$

where $W_{k}$ is the weighted value for aspect $K$, and $A_{j k}$ is the score for aspect $K$ given by participant j.

The second weighting scheme (Type B) is based on the relative importance of each aspect for individual participants. For each aspect, these individual participant weights are averaged over all participants to obtain an aggregated weighting. The formula for this weighting scheme is:

$$
W_{k}=\frac{\sum_{j=1}^{120}\binom{A_{j k}}{\sum_{k=1}^{7} A_{j k}}}{120}
$$

where $W_{k}$ is the weighted value for aspect $K$, and $A_{j k}$ is the score for aspect $K$ given by participant $j$.

The weights generated by these two formulae are presented in Exhibit 4-4. As shown in this exhibit, the results from the two calculations are identical. For purposes of comparison, the values resulting from a straight average weighting are also presented.

The distribution of weights for all of the aspects was fairly even. The participants from the July test felt that fit and pressure were most important while buckling and releasing were least important. The remaining aspects, accessibility, extending, and retracting, all had weighted values of 0.14 which means that the participants rated them as being of average importance. While there is some variation in weighted values, it appears that the aspects are, more or less, of equal importance in determining overall comfort and convenience.

To test this a priori hypothesis, an overall index based on the Type $A$ formula was developed and compared to the composite index described in the previous section. Since the values of Type $A$ and $B$ weights were identical, a Type $B$ index was not calculated. This weighted index was calculated for all combinations of vehicle and participant using the general formula

$$
I=\sum_{k=1}^{7} W_{k} A_{i j k}
$$

where $A_{i j k}$ is the score for aspect $k$ by participant $i$ in vehicle $j$, and $W_{k}$ is the weight for aspect $k$.

To test the hypothesis that the two indices would not be significantly different, rankings based on the weighted and composite overall indices of the test vehicles from both the December and July tests were compared using Kendall's coefficient of concordance, Kendall's W. (A detailed discussion of this statistic is presented in the following section on vehicle rankings.) Kendall's $W$ for the comparison of these two rankings was 0.9981 with a Chi-squared of 91.82 . This suggests that both sets of rankings are statistically similar. Calculation of the critical points shows that the null hypothesis can be accepted at a 95 percent level of confidence. Therefore, according to the results of the July test, the refinement of using the relative importance of each of the aspects in the calculation of an overall index of safety belt comfort and convenience does not affect other analyses.

Exhibit 4-4

## ASPECT WEIGHTINGS

| Aspect | Weighting Scheme |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Type A | Type B | Average |
| Accessibility | 0.14 | 0.14 | .14 |
| Extending | 0.14 | 0.14 | .14 |
| Buckling | 0.12 | 0.12 | .14 |
| Fit <br> Phoulder Belt <br> Peleas ure | 0.17 | 0.17 | .14 |
| Retracting | 0.13 | 0.16 | .14 |

## VEHICLE RANKINGS

Two of the main purposes of these studies are to identify the good and bad aspects of all the test safety belt systems and to rank each individual system according to each aspect and to an overall rating. Because both the average and problem indexing schemes were used to measure comfort and convenience perceptions, a comparison of the ranks based on these two indices is needed. The first part of this section presents the statistical technique used in this report to compare various rankings. The second part analyzes the ranking of test vehicles by the participant's overall perceptions of safety belt comfort and convenience, discusses similar rankings for each aspect, and compares rankings of the aspect scores for various user height-weight categories.

## Statistical Procedure for Comparing Rankings

Because the indices used in this study are based on different assumptions or on different groups of users, it is interesting to determine if these alternative assumptions and user groups have an impact on the vehicle rankings. One statistic which can be used to compare the rankings is Kendall's coefficient of concordance, W. As discussed in Kendall [10 and 11 ], this statistic can be used to compare $m$ rankings of $n$ items. The coefficient of concordance is based on deviations of the rankings for the items being ranked from the expected rankings if there is no relationship between ranking systems. The formula for this statistic is thus:

$$
W=\frac{S}{\frac{1}{12} m^{2}\left(n^{3}-n\right)}
$$

where

$$
S=\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left(\sum_{j=1}^{m} R_{i j}-m(n+1) / 2\right)^{2}
$$

and $R_{i j}$ is the rank of the ith item according to the jth ranking scheme. $W$ has a range between 0 and 1 , where 0 represents no relationship among the ranking schemes, and 1 represents a perfect relationship.

Where ties are involved two modifications to this analysis are required. First, ties must be given a rank equivalent to the arithmetic average of the rank positions held by the tied items. For example, if two items are tied for ninth place, they hold
positions 9 and 10 in the ranking system and, consequently, are assigned a rank of 9.5. This adjustment is reflected in the rankings presented in this chapter. Second, the formula for $W$ must be modified in the following way:

$$
W=\frac{S}{\frac{1}{12} m^{2}\left(n^{3}-n\right)-m \sum_{i=1}^{m} T_{i}}
$$

where

$$
T_{i}=\frac{1}{12} \sum_{j=1}^{1}\left(t_{j}^{3}-t_{j}\right)
$$

and $I$ is the number of ranks with ties in the ith ranking scheme, and $t_{j}$ is the number of ties in the jth rank with ties.

For both calculations of $W$, the test for significance is based on the Chi-square distribution. The Chi-square for $W$ is calculated as $m(n-1) W$. The hypothesis being tested is that there is no relationship between the ranking systems. If the calculated Chi-square is greater than the critical value, the hypothesis of no community of rating is then rejected.

## Comparison of Rankings

Using Kendall's coefficient of concordance, rankings of the test vehicles were compared to determine if the applications of the problem index made significant changes in the ranking when compared to the rankings based on the average index. Because the average and weighted indices rankings were not significantly different, only the average index will be included in the analyses described in this section. Similar comparisons of rankings for each comfort and convenience aspect are also presented. Finally, the test vehicle rankings by different participant weight-height categories are compared.

Overall Rankings. The rankings of the test vehicles by the composite scores for the problem and average rating schemes are presented in Exhibits $4-5$ and 4-6. For purposes of comparison, the mean problem index for all vehicles was 65 percent. Similarly, for the composite average scores shown in Exhibit 4-6, the score averaged over all test vehicles was 5.0 .

Three other characteristics of these indices should be clarified. First, for the composite problem index shown in Exhibit 4-5, 2 lower score represents a more comfortable and convenient safety belt system. This is because a lower score means that fewer trials included at least one response of three or less. Second, the

RANKING OF VEHICLES
BY COMPOSITE PROBLEM INDEX


# RANKING OF VEHICLES WITH MANUAL SAFETY BELT SYSTEMS 

 BY COMPOSITE AVERAGE INDEX
composite average index functions inversely. That is, the higher the composite average score, the more comfortable and convenient the safety belt system. Since the average score is based on the raw responses provided by the test participants, and since the evaluation scale used higher numbers to represent comfort and ease of use, the best possible composite average score is 7 , while the worst is 1 . Last, the composite average index is only used to compare manual systems in cars and trucks. Because not all aspects of safety belt usage are relevant to automatic systems, not all aspect scores could be included in the composite index. Consequently, the average for automatic systems would be based on a different number of aspects. Exhibit 4-7 shows the scores for automatic systems.

To determine if the rankings shown in Exhibits 4-5 and 4-6 are statistically similar, Kendall's W was calculated. The numeric value of this statistic is 0.879 , with a modified Chi-squared of 82.641. This indicates that the hypothesis of no commonality can be rejected with a 95 percent level of confidence. In other words, the indexing scheme does not significantly affect the order in which the test vehicles are ranked for overall safety belt system comfort and convenience.

Rankings by Aspect Scores. The rankings of the test vehicles for each aspect using the problem index and the average index are presented in Exhibits 4-8 and 4-9, respectively. The numbers included in these exhibits represent a vehicle's relative ranking for a particular aspect. For example, as shown by Exhibit 4-8, the AMC Eagle ranks thirteenth best for accessibility and tied for twenty-fourth for extending, according to the problem index. The actual scores for each aspect for each test vehicle are presented in Appendix C, Detailed Results by Vehicle. For purposes of comparison, the scores over all vehicles are presented in Exhibits 4-10 and 4-11.

Using Kendall's coefficient of concordance, the two rankings based on the problem and average indices rankings for each of the comfort and convenience aspects were statistically compared. For each aspect, a Kendall's 'w and a modified Chi-square was calculated. The calculation results are shown on Exhibit 4-12. In every case, acceptance of the null hypothesis that there is no commonality between the ranking schemes was tested at the 95 percent level of confidence. The modified Chi-square statistics indicate that the null hypothesis can be rejected with 95 percent confidence for all aspects. This result combined with that shown for the overall ranking indicates that use of either index to compare vehicles is likely to yield similar results. In other words, rankings based on the assumption that a problem with any one aspect of safety belt comfort and convenience will discourage belt usage regardless of the user's opinions about the other aspects are not significantly different from rankings based on the assumption that good aspects outweigh bad aspects.

Comparison of Ranks by User Size. Earlier studies have indicated that the physical characteristics of safety belt users tend to influence their perceptions of comfort and convenience. Moreover, users of differing sizes may find different safety belt systems more comfortable and convenient. To test this hypothesis, the trials were grouped according to four participant size categories:

## Exhibit 4-7

RANKING OF VEHICLES WITH AUTOMATIC SAFETY BELT SYSTEMS



## RANKING OF TEST VEHICLES FOR EACH ASPECT ACCORDING TO PROBLEM INDEX

| Vehicie | $\underset{\underset{U}{E}}{\underset{E}{E}}$ |  |  |  | 荌 | 苞 |  | $\xrightarrow{\text { E }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AMC Eagle | - | 13 | 24.5 | 29.5 | 13 | 15 | 25 | 48.5 |
| AMC Spirit | - | 39 | 46 | 47 | 49 | 45 | 45 | 50 |
| BMW 3201 ( $A$ ) | 4 | - | - | - | 14 | 21 | - | 36 |
| BMW 320i (M) | - | 45 | 40 | 32 | 31 | 35 | 18 | 32 |
| Buick Regal | - | 17 | 15 | 2 | 54 | 52 | 27 | 43 |
| Cadillac Sedan Deville | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 11.5 | 5 | 11 | 2 |
| Chevy Camaro | - | 23 | 45 | 41 | 50 | 50 | 46 | 55 |
| Chevy Chevette ( $A$ ) | 8 | - | - | - | 18.5 | 6 | - | 48.5 |
| Chery Chevette (M) | - | 43 | 47 | 31 | 52.5 | 54 | 30 | 47 |
| Chevy Citation | - | 29.5 | 10 | 5.5 | 39.5 | 31 | 20 | 54 |
| Chevy Pick $\rightarrow$ up | - | 22 | 10 | 20 | 35 | 34 | 7 | 10.5 |
| Chery Van | - | 4 | 7 | 16 | 21 | 22 | 2.5 | 12.5 |
| Chrysler Champ | - | 34 | 14 | 14 | 11.5 | 9 | 1 | 38 |
| Chryster Cordoba | - | 18 | 17 | 43 | 52.5 | 40 | 44 | 42 |
| Chrysler Lebaron | - | 2 | 13 | 15 | 36 | 32.5 | 28 | 39 |
| Datsun Pick-up | - | 16 | 22 | 28 | 3 | 10 | 37 | 17 |
| Datsun 210 | - | 32 | 20.5 | 29.5 | 18.5 | 23 | 43 | 35 |
| Datsun 280 D | - | 24 | 12 | 17.5 | 1 | 1 | 17 | 31 |
| Datsun 310 | - | 42 | 32 | 33 | 43 | 41 | 9 | 18 |
| Dodge Aspen | - | 3 | 5 | 12.5 | 39.5 | 36 | 14 | 4 |
| Dodge Pick-up | - | 20 | 30.5 | 8.5 | 24 | 25.5 | 33 | 51 |
| Jodge Van | - | 11.5 | 24.5 | 36 | 8.5 | 15 | 41 | 53 |
| DOT Automatic | 2 | - | - | - | 4.5 | 3 | - | 12.5 |
| DOT Motorized | 3 | - | - | - | 2 | 7 | - | 1 |
| Fiat Strada | - | 32 | 44 | 27 | 47.5 | 48.5 | 20.5 | 46 |
| Fiat 2000. | - | 36 | 43 | 44 | 55 | 55 | 36 | 37 |
| Ford Fairmont (December) | - | 15 | 39 | 22.5 | 32 | 37.5 | 25 | 40 |
| Ford Fairmont (July) | - | 6 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 17.5 | 11 | 6 |
| Ford LTD (A) | 5 | - | - | - | 4.5 | 3 | - | 25 |
| Ford LTD (M) | - | 21 | 35.5 | 34 | 20 | 27 | 4.5 | 22.5 |
| Ford Mustang | - | 26 | 41 | 12.5 | 26 | 42.5 | 14 | 41 |
| Ford Pick-up | - | 7 | 2 | 4 | 28 | 28 | 7 | 9 |
| Ford Pinto | - | 29.5 | 37 | 24 | 44 | 42.5 | 2.5 | 20 |
| Ford T-bird | - | 28 | 34 | 19 | 47.5 | 48.5 | 7 | 33 |
| Ford Van | - | 9 | 30.5 | 26 | 46 | 44 | 14 | 7 |
| Honda Civic | - | 32 | 16 | 46 | 28 | 25.5 | 39 | 29 |
| Jeep Pick-up | - | 14 | 38 | 39 | 17 | 12 | 40 | 24 |
| Mazda GLC | - | 44 | 10 | 10 | 28 | 29 | 20.5 | 10.5 |
| Mazda 626 | - | 37 | 4 | 5 | 30 | 19 | 16 | 22.5 |
| Mercedes 3000 | - | 5 | 19 | 17.5 | 10 | 11 | 29 | 15.5 |
| Olds Cutlass (Wagon) | - | 10 | 18 | 6.5 | 34 | 13 | 34 | 45 |
| Olds Delta 88 | - | 11.5 | 28 | 8.5 | 8.5 | 3 | 25 | 44 |
| Plymoush Horizon | - | 19 | 20.5 | 21 | 45 | 39 | 35 | 52 |
| Subaru 1800 GLF | - | 46 | 8 | 22.5 | 51 | 51 | 38 | $20^{\circ}$ |
| Toyota Celica | - | 41 | 27 | 38 | 41 | 32.5 | 23 | 26 |
| Toyota Corolla | - | 35 | 33 | 25 | 33 | 37.5 | 20 | 28 |
| Toyota Corona | 1 | - | - | -- | 15 | 8 | - | 4 |
| Toyota Pick-up | - | 25 | 42 | 42 | 7 | 14 | 32 | 4 |
| Toyota Tercel | - | 27 | 6 | 11 | 16 | 17.5 | 11 | 27 |
| Volvo | - | 8 | 26 | 37 | 23 | 20 | 4.5 | 8 |
| Vw Jetta (A) | 7 | - | - | -- | 22 | 24 | - | 14 |
| $\checkmark$ W jetta (M) | - | 47 | 29 | 35 | 38 | 53 | 37 | 15.5 |
| VW Raboit (A) | 6 | - | - | - | 42 | 46.5 | - | 34 |
| V'N Raboit ( $M$-December) | - | 38 | 23 | 45 | 37 | 46.5 | 47 | 20 |
| $\because N$ Raboit ( $M$-luly) | - | 40 | 35.5 | 40 | 25 | 30 | 42 | 30 |

## RANKING OF TEST VEHICLES FOR EACH ASPECT ACCORDING TO AVERAGE INDEX

| Vehicle | $\underset{\substack{5 \\ \hline \\ \hline}}{ }$ |  |  |  | E | 告 | 硭 | 淢 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AMC Eagle | － | 9 | 21 | 26 | 9.5 | 9 | 24.5 | 49 |
| AMC Spirit | － | 39 | 46.5 | 47 | 49 | 50 | 45 | 50 |
| BMW 320i（A） | 5 | － | － | － | 16 | 17 | － | 35 |
| BMW 320i（M）$\quad \therefore$ | － | 44. | 42 | 35 | 37 | 47 | 17 | 32 |
| Buick Regal | － | 19 | 14 | 4 | 55 | 53 | 27 | 44 |
| Cadillac Sedan Deville | － | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Chery Camaro | － | 24.5 | 45 | 44 | 51 | 51 | 46 | 55 |
| Chevy Chevette（A） | 3 | － | － | － | 17 | 3 | － | 47 |
| Chery Cheverte（M） | － | 41 | 46.5 | 34 | 53 | 54 | 35.5 | 51 |
| Chevy Citation | － | 28 | 10 | 8 | 42 | 29 | 21.5 | 54 |
| Chery Pick－up | － | 17 | 6 | 15 | 28 | 24 | 16 | 8 |
| Chery Van | － | 2 | 3 | 7 | 18 | 16 | 10 | 16.5 |
| Chrysier Champ | － | 36 | 18 | 11 | 15 | 12 | 4 | 37 |
| Chrysier Cordoba | － | 18 | 19 | 39 | 52 | 40 | 44 | 43 |
| Chrysier Lebaron | － | 4 | 9 | 9 | 34.5 | 32 | 28 | 38 |
| Datsun Pick－up | － | 16 | 16 | 28 | 12 | 10 | 33 | 14 |
| Datsun 210 | － | 31 | 17 | 29 | 19.5 | 20 | 40 | 36 |
| Datsun 280 TK | － | 24.5 | 15 | 14 | 3 | 7 | 6 | 33 |
| Datsun 310 | － | 45 | 38 | 31 | 48 | 48 | 18 | 23 |
| Dodge Aspen | － | 5 | 8 | 12 | 38 | 37 | 15 | 11 |
| Jodge Pick－up | － | 20 | 27 | 18 | 19.5 | 22 | 24.5 | 48 |
| Dodge 1／an | － | 8 | 22.5 | 32 | 8 | 13 | 44 | 53 |
| DOT Autonatic | 3 | － | － | － | 9.5 | 5 | － | 13 |
| DOT Motorized | 2 | － | － | － | 4 | 4 | － | 1 |
| Fiat Strada | － | 33 | 43 | 30 | 45 | 49 | 31 | 46 |
| Fiat 2000 | － | 34 | 44 | 45 | 54 | 55 | 38 | 39 |
| Ford Fairmon：（December） | － | 15 | 34 | 24 | 32 | 38 | 21.5 | 40 |
| Ford Fairmont（July） | － | 10 | 4 | 2 | 13 | 18 | 2 | 4 |
| Ford LTD（A） | 4 | － | － | － | 2 | 1 | － | 12 |
| Ford LTD（M） | － | 22 | 40 | 33 | 30 | 34 | 9 | 19 |
| Ford Mustang | － | 29 | 41 | 20 | 23 | 30 | 23 | 41 |
| Ford Pick－up | － | 6.5 | 2 | 3 | 31 | 25 | 5 | 6 |
| Ford Pinto | － | 30 | 31 | 25 | 36 | 39 | 12 | 25 |
| Ford T－bird | － | 23 | 30 | 16 | 43 | 44 | 7 | 29 |
| Ford Van | － | 13 | 26 | 21 | 47 | 43 | 8 | 7 |
| Honda Civic | － | 35 | 22.5 | 46 | 29 | 27 | 42 | 27 |
| Jeep Pick－up | － | 14 | 35 | 38 | 14 | 14 | 39 | 26 |
| Mazda GLC | － | 42 | 12 | 19 | 24 | 31 | 19 | 16.5 |
| Mazda 626 | － | 38 | 7 | 5 | 27 | 19 | 12 | 24 |
| Mercedes 3000 | － | 3 | 11 | 10 | 5 | 11 | ． 4 | 9 |
| Olds Cutlass（Wagon） | － | 11 | 24 | 13 | 34.5 | 26 | 34 | 45 |
| Olds Delta 88 | － | 12 | 25 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 20 | 42 |
| Plymouth Horizon | － | 21 | 20 | 22 | 46 | 41 | 36 | 52 |
| Subaru 1800 GLF | － | 47 | 13 | 23 | 50 | 42 | 37 | 21 |
| Toyota Celica | － | 43 | 36.5 | 42 | 44 | 36 | 26 | 22 |
| Toyota Corolla | － | 32 | 28 | 27 | 33 | 35 | 30 | 30 |
| Toyota Corana | 1 | － | － | － | 5 | 3 | － | 3 |
| Toyota Pick－up | － | 26 | 33 | 36 | 11 | 15 | 35.5 | 10 |
| Toyota Tercel | － | 27 | 5 | 17 | 21 | 21 | 12 | 28 |
| Volvo | － | 6.5 | 32 | 37 | 22 | 23 | 3 | 5 |
| VW jecta（4） | 6 | － | － | － | 25 | 28 | － | 18 |
| $V$ W Jetta（M） | － | 46 | 36.5 | 41 | 40 | 52 | 29 | 15 |
| $V$ Raboit（ $A$ ） | 7 | － | － | － | 39 | 46 | － | 31 |
| VW Rabbit（M－December） | － | 37 | 29 | 43 | 41 | 45 | 47 | 20 |
| V＇N Rabit（M－julv） | － | 40 | 39 | 40 | 25 | 33 | 43 | 34 |

# AVERAGE SCORES FOR ALL TEST VEHICLES 

 USING THE PROBLEM INDEX

AVERAGE SCORES FOR ALL TEST VEHICLES
USING THE AVERAGE INDEX


Exhibit 4-12

COMPARISON OF RANKS ACCORDING TO THE PROBLEM
AND AVERAGE INDICES

| Aspect | $n$ | Kendall's W | Chl-Square | $c^{2}$ | Null Hypothesis |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ENTER | 8 | 0.964 | 13.50 | 1.93 | Reject |
| ACCESS | 47 | 0.994 | 91.45 | 1.99 | Reject |
| EXTEND | 47 | 0.975 | 89.71 | 1.95 | Reject |
| BUCK | 47 | 0.978 | 89.97 | 1.96 | Reject |
| FIT | 55 | 0.983 | 106.20 | 1.97 | Reject |
| PRESS | 55 | 0.980 | 105.79 | 1.96 | Reject |
| RELEASE | 47 | 0.964 | 88.65 | 1.93 | Reject |
| RETRACT | 55 | 0.989 | 106.86 | 1.98 | Reject |

- Not overweight and less than 63 inches tall,
- Overweight and less than 63 inches tall,
- Not overweight and greater than 62 inches tall, and
- Overweight and greater than 62 inches tall.

The vehicles were then ranked for each of these groups according to the seven usage aspects being examined in this study. The results of these rankings were compared for both indexing schemes by each aspect.

The Kendall's $W$ and Chi-square values for the various aspects of different height/weight groups according to the problem index are depicted in Exhibit 4-13. All of the comfort and convenience aspects for the problem index statistically rejected the null hypothesis that these rankings are randomly associated and have no relationship among groups. This means that for each aspect there is no statistical difference among the rankings for the different height/weight categories. Similar results were obtained when comparing the rankings of user size groups based on the average index. The relevant statistics for this comparison are also shown in Exhibit 4-13.

In conclusion, the ranks given for each of the vehicles within each aspect are significantly the same regardless of a user's physical make-up. Those vehicles which ranked high for one height/weight category tended to rank highly for the other three height/weight categories. Similarly, those that ranked low for one height/weight category ranked consistently low for the other height/weight categories. Note, however, that although the rankings of the test vehicles are similar across user groups, the relative levels of discomfort or inconvenience may not be alike. In other words, a vehicle ranked first by both short-overweight individuals and those of average height and weight may have significantly different evaluations of the vehicle when based on the absolute index. The vehicle rankings by aspect, by indexing scheme, and by user size groups are presented in Appendix F-Vehicle Rankings by User Size Groups.

## RESULTS BY USER AND SAFETY BELT SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Another purpose of this project was to identify safety belt system and user characteristics that influence user perceptions of safety belt comfort and convenience. By grouping the trials into various categories and comparing the scores, it can be determined if such a grouping has an impact on the comfort and convenience indices. For example, by comparing the scores for all trials involving males with those involving females, the effect of the user's sex on the user's comfort and convenience perceptions can be determined.

Analyses conducted to determine which characteristics or combinations of characteristics have the greatest impact are presented in this section of Chapter 4. The statistic techniques used in this analysis are presented first. Then the results

Exhibit 4-13

COMPARISON OF VEHICLE RANKS ACCORDING TO USER SITE GROUPS:

- Short-overweight
- Short-not overweight - Average height and weight

AVERAGE INDEX

| Aspect | $n$ | Kendall's W | Chi-Square | $\mathbf{c}^{2}$ | Null Hypothesis |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ACCESS | 47 | 0.900 | 165.63 | 3.60 | Reject |
| EXTEND | 47 | 0.708 | 130.21 | 2.83 | Reject |
| BUCK | 47 | 0.804 | 147.94 | 3.22 | Reject |
| FIT | 55 | 0.749 | 161.83 | 3.00 | Reject |
| PRESS | 55 | 0.752 | 162.49 | 3.01 | Reject |
| REEASE | 47 | 0.757 | 139.38 | 3.03 | Reject |
| RETRACT | 55 | 0.854 | 184.57 | 3.42 | Reject |
| OVERALL | 47 | 0.8634 | 100.15 | 3.4534 | Reject |

PROBEM INDEX

| Aspect | $n$ | Kendall's w | Chi-Square | $c^{2}$ | Null Hypothesis |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ACCESS | 47 | 0.814 | 149.74 | 3.26 | Reject |
| EXTEND | 47 | 0.718 | 132.03 | 2.87 | Reject |
| BUCK | 47 | 0.804 | 147.86 | 3.21 | Reject |
| FIT | 55 | 0.630 | 135.98 | 2.52 | Reject |
| PRESS | 55 | 0.701 | 151.38 | 2.80 | Reject |
| REEASE | 47 | 0.649 | 119.48 | 2.60 | Reject |
| RETRACT | 55 | 0.805 | 173.80 | 3.22 | Reject |
| OVERALL | 55 | 0.6588 | 80.3296 |  | Reject |

of the univariant analyses are presented. Finally, combinations of variables which have the greatest impact are analyzed. The primary purpose of this latter analysis is to identify any two-way interactions of the independent variables which also have a significant impact on perceptions of comfort and convenience.

## Statistical Analysis Tools

Two statistical techniques used in this project to determine if a statistically significant relationship exists between the aspect indices and various user and vehicle characteristics are discussed in this part. These are:

- Crosstabulation, and
- Analysis of variance.

The results of analysis using these techniques is presented in the next parts of this section.

Crosstabulations and Chi-square. A crosstabulation is a joint frequency distribution of trials among two or more classification variables. This tool is used to determine if two or more discrete variables are related. Statistical tests can be applied to the joint frequencies to show if any such relationship is statistically significant.

Within the context of this study, crosstabulation was used to analyze the impact of various user and vehicle characteristics on the problem index. This approach can be used because, for an individual trial, the index can have only two discrete values:

- Problem indicated, or
- Problem not indicated.

Consequently, since the independent variables-the user and safety belt system chcteristics-are also discrete, crosstabulation is an appropriate technique.

From among the many tests of statistical significance available using crosstabulation, the Chi-square test was selected for this project. Essentially, this test compares the actual cell frequencies with those expected, given no relationship between the variables and the existing marginal frequencies. The greater the discrepancy between the actual and expected frequencies, the larger the Chi-square, and the more likely that some systematic relationship exists between the variables. In other words, when the Chi-square that results from a crosstabulation between the problem index and some user/vehicle characteristic is large, a statistically significant relationship between the two variables can be assumed.

Analysis of Variance. While crosstabulation is appropriate when both the dependent and independent variables are categorical, if the dependent variable is metric or at least measured on an interval scale, analysis of variance (ANOVA) is the appropriate technique. Because the comfort and convenience perceptions collected during the
testing phase of this study were recorded on an interval scale, ANOVA can be used to analyze the impact of user and safety belt system characteristics on the average indices for the various aspects.

The basic concept of ANOVA is to determine how much of the variation in the dependent variable, the aspect indices, is caused by the various user and vehicle characteristics. An F-test is used to determine whether any particular characteristic has a statistically significant impact on the indices. As with the Chi-square, the larger F-statistic indicates the greater level of significance.

## Univariant Analysis Results

Analyses involving individual characteristics are presented here. In this discussion, the groupings are defined, the problem indices and average indices for each aspect are presented, the results of the crosstabulations and ANOVA are reveiwed, and some conclusions are drawn. Copies of the computer output from the crosstabulations and ANOVA are provided in Appendix D, Computer Output. Note that those aspects on which particular characteristics have a statistically significant impact are marked with an asterisk. For purposes of this analysis, statistical significance is defined at the 5 percent level.

In this part, user characteristics such as height, sex, weight, and safety belt usage rates were analyzed. Similarly, test vehicle characteristics such as front seat configuration, number of doors, type of safety belt system, type of windowshade device, and vehicle size were studied. Finally, the impact of passing or failing the proposed compliance standards on comfort and convenience perceptions was examined.

Height of Participant. The hypothesis being tested here is that both shorter and taller users have more comfort and convenience problems with safety belts than do users of average height. To test this hypothesis, the trials were grouped by participant height into the five categories shown in Exhibit 4-14. Note that participant height had a significant impact on all indices except for the releasing problem index. Moreover, for the extending, buckling, fit, pressure, releasing, and retracting aspects, participants taller than 69 inches and shorter than 63 inches tended to identify more problems than the 63-69 inch group. For accessibility, however, tall and short persons tended to have fewer problems than those between 63 and 69 inches tall.

Weight of Participant. Another hypothesis tested is that overweight users have more comfort and convenience problems than non-overweight users. For purposes of this study, overweight people are defined as those who weigh more than 30 percent over the average weight for their sex and height. The aspect indices for the overweight not overweight groupings are presented in Exhibit 4-15. For both indices, this grouping has a statistically significant impact on buckling, fit, and pressure. Moreover, for all these aspects, overweight participants had more problems according to both indexing schemes.

RESULTS BY PARTICIPANT HEIGHT GROUPINGS-NORMALIZED AVERAGE INDEX

| $*$ <br> Category | Access | Extend | $*$ <br> Buckle | $*$ <br> Fit | $*$ <br> Pressure | $*$ <br> Release | $*$ <br> Retract | $n$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 60 inches | 4.3 | 4.7 | 5.3 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 458 |
| $60-62$ inches | 4.3 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 1,177 |
| $63-66$ inches | 4.3 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 2,015 |
| $67-69$ inches | 4.4 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 5.8 | 5.3 | 1,028 |
| Greater than <br> 69 inches | 3.9 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 618 |

RESULTS BY PARTICIPANT HEIGHT GROUPINGS-PROBEEM INDEX

| Category | Access | Extend | Buckle | Fit | Pressure | Release | Retract | n |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Less than 60 inches | 41 | 28 | 25 | 39 | 33 | 8 | 20 | 458 |
| 60-62 inches | 41 | 30 | 22 | 31 | 27 | 8 | 19 | 1,177 |
| 63-66 inches | 44 | 26 | 24 | 20 | 19 | 7 | 16 | 2,015 |
| 67-69 inches | 39 | 26 | 21 | 23 | 22 | 6 | 18 | 1,028 |
| Greater than 69 inches | 39 | 36 | 30 | 25 | 27 | 9 | 21 | 618 |

RESULTS BY PARTICIPANT
WEIGHT GROUPINGS-NORMALIZED AVERAGE INDEX

| Category | Access | Extend | $*$ <br> Buckle | $*$ <br> Fit | $*$ <br> Pressure | Release | Retract | $n$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Overweight | 4.2 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 1,968 |
| Not <br> Overweight | 4.3 | 4.6 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 3,337 |

RESULTS BY PARTICIPANT WEIGHT GROUPINGS-PROBLEM INDEX

| Category | Access | Extend | $*$ <br> Buckle | Fit | $*$ <br> Pressure | Release | Retract | n |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Overweight | 43 | 30 | 27 | 33 | 28 | 8 | 17 | 1,968 |
| Not <br> Overweight | 42 | 27 | 22 | 21 | 21 | 7 | 18 | 3,337 |

Weight-Height Groupings. The impact of the combination of user weight and height on the safety belt use aspects was also examined. The groupings are presented in Exhibit 4-16. For this analysis, "short" was defined as less than 63 inches tall, while the overweight definition remained the same as described above. The hypothesis being tested in this analysis is that short-overweight people tend to have more comfort and convenience problems than others. As shown by Exhibit 4-16, this grouping has a significant impact on all aspects of comfort and convenience. In addition, according to both indexing schemes, the short-overweight category has more problems with all aspects than other categories.

Sex of Participant. The a priori hypothesis tested in this analysis is that female safety belt users have more comfort and convenience problems than male users. Exhibit 4-17 presents the results of the aspect indices for trials grouped according to sex. The analyses show mixed results, however. Accessibility is the only aspect for which both indices indicate statistically significant effect, and for this aspect males had more problems. For all other aspects, either the average of the problem index showed no significant impact. Of particular interest are the analyses of the fit and shoulder belt pressure indices which show no effect for the average index, while the problem index indicates that females have significantly more problems than males. This occurred because the female responses were skewed toward the end of the uncomfortable/difficult response scale, while the male responses were skewed the other direction. Generally, however, the a priori hypothesis cannot be accepted.

Safety Beit Usage Rates. The hypothesis being tested in this analysis is that safety belt users have fewer comfort and convenience problems than non-users. For this test, the trials were divided by reported safety belt usage rates into the three categories shown on Exhibit 4-18. The most interesting observation that can be made from this analysis is that when usage rates do have a statistically significant impact on comfort and convenience perceptions, frequent users tended to have more problems, and those who reported between 30 and 60 percent usage rates had the fewest problems. This may indicate that frequent users become accustomed to their own belt systems and tend to be more critical of unfamiliar systems. Regardless, the a priori hypothesis is rejected.

Type of Safety Belt System. The next five groupings described in this section relate to safety belt system and vehicle characteristics. This first hypothesis is that dual retractor systems have fewer comfort and convenience problems than continuous loop systems. This hypothesis is generally substantiated for the accessibility, extending, buckling, releasing, and retracting aspects, as shown by Exhibit 4-19. Note that for both indexing schemes, safety belt type has a statistically significant effect on only these aspects.

Vehicle Size. The a priori hypothesis being examined by the groupings shown in Exhibit $4-20$ is that larger cars and trucks will tend to have fewer comfort and convenience problems than smaller cars. The categories used are those developed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), with the exception that mini-compacts are included as sub-compacts. According to the analyses conducted using both indexing schemes, the hypothesis is substantiated for all aspects.

RESULTS BY PARTICIPANT
WEIGHT-HEIGHT GROUPINGS-NORMALIED AVERAGE INDEX

| Category | Access | Extend <br> Buckle | Fit | $*$ <br> Pressute | Release | Retract | n |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Not <br> Overweight/ <br> Short | 4.4 | 4.6 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 5.8 | 5.3 | 1,108 |
| Overweight/ <br> Short | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.8 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 530 |
| Not <br> Overweight/ <br> Normal <br> Height | 4.2 | 4.5 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 2,229 |
| Overweight <br> Normal <br> Height | 4.3 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 5.8 | 5.4 | 1,437 |

RESULTS BY PARTICIPANT
WEIGHT-HEIGHT GROUPINGS-PROBIEM INDEX

| Category | Access | Extend | Buckle | Fit | Pressure | Release | Retract | n |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Not |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Overweight/ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Short | 38 | 28 | 20 | 26 | 24 | 7 | 19 | 1,108 |
| Overweight/ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Short | 47 | 35 | 30 | 47 | 38 | 9 | 20 | 530 |
| Not |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Overweight/ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Normal |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Height | 45 | 27 | 23 | 18 | 19 | 7 | 18 | 2,229 |
| Overweight/ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Normal |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Height | 41 | 28 | 26 | 28 | 25 | 7 | 16 | 1,437 |

RESULTS BY PARTICIPANT SEX-NORMALIZED AVERAGE INDEX

| Category | $*$ <br> Access | $*$ <br> Extend | $*$ <br> Buckle | Fit | Pressure | Release | $*$ <br> Retract | $\mathbf{n}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Male | 4.1 | 4.5 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 2,566 |
| Female | 4.4 | 4.6 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 5.8 | 5.4 | 2,739 |

RESULTS BY PARTICIPANT
SEX-PROBLEM INDEX

| Category | $*$ <br> Access | Extend | Buckle | Fit | Pressure | Release | Retract | $n$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Male | 46 | 29 | 24 | 21 | 21 | 7 | 18 | 2,566 |
| Female | 39 | 28 | 24 | 29 | 26 | 7 | 18 | 2,739 |

PESULTS BY SAFETY BELT USAGE RATES GROUPINGS-NORMALIZED AVERAGE INDEX

| Category | Access | Extend | Buckle | Fit | Pressure | Release | Retract | n |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0-20\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Usage | 4.3 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 5.8 | 5.3 | 4,739 |
| 30-60\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Usage | 4.5 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 657 |
| 70-100\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Usage | 3.9 | 4.5 | 5.1 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 762 |

RESULTS BY SAFETY BELT USAGE RATES GROUPINGS-PROBUEM INDEX

| Category | Access | Extend | Buckle | Fit | Pressure | Release | Retract | n |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0-20\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Usage | 42 | 29 | 24 | 26 | 24 | 7 | 18 | 4,739 |
| 30-60\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Usage | 34 | 24 | 22 | 16 | 16 | 7 | 13 | 657 |
| 70-100\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Usage | 50 | 28 | 26 | 30 | 26 | 9 | 21 | 762 |

RESULTS BY TYPE OF SAFETY BELT
SYSTEM GROUPINGS-NORMALIZED AVERAGE INDEX

| Category | Access | Extend | Buckle | Fit | $*$ <br> Pressure | $*$ <br> Release | $*$ <br> Retract | $n$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Continuous <br> Loop | 4.2 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 5,068 |
| Dual <br> Retractor | 4.9 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 450 |

RESULTS BY TYPE OF SAFETY BELT SYSTEM GROUPINGS-PROBLEM INDEX

| Category | $*$ <br> Access | Extend | $*$ <br> Buckle | Fit | Pressure | $*$ <br> Release | $*$ <br> Retract | $n$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Continuous <br> Loop | 44 | 29 | 24 | 26 | 25 | 8 | 21 | 5,068 |
| Dual <br> Retractor | 27 | 21 | 19 | 25 | 21 | 2 | 5 | 450 |

RESULTS BY VEHICLE SIZE
GROUPINGS-NORMALIZED AVERAGE INDEX

| Category | Access | Extend | Buckie | Fit | Pressure | Release | Retract | n |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sub-compact | 3.6 | 4.3 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 2,269 |
| Compact | 4.8 | 4.6 | 5.4 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 5.9 | 5.1 | 799 |
| Mid-size | 5.1 | 4.9 | 5.6 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 5.9 | 5.4 | 300 |
| Large | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 5.9 | 5.3 | 684 |
| Truck | 4.7 | 4.7 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 684 |
| Van | 5.1 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.8 | 5.2 | 345 |
| Two-seater | 4.0 | 4.3 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 224 |

results by vehicle size GROUPINGS-PROBLEM INDEX

| Category | Access | Extend | $*$ <br> Buckle | $*$ <br> Fit | $*$ <br> Pressure | $*$ <br> Release | Retract | $n$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cub-compact | 60 | 31 | 28 | 27 | 25 | 10 | 17 | 2,269 |
| Compact | 30 | 28 | 19 | 22 | 22 | 3 | 22 | 799 |
| Mid-size | 16 | 18 | 11 | 22 | 19 | 5 | 18 | 300 |
| Large | 30 | 25 | 18 | 27 | 22 | 6 | 19 | 684 |
| Truck | 33 | 28 | 23 | 19 | 19 | 7 | 11 | 684 |
| Van | 20 | 26 | 23 | 22 | 22 | 6 | 22 | 345 |
| Two-seater | 50 | 30 | 29 | 32 | 36 | 7 | 17 | 224 |

Seat Type. Another vehicle chacteristic analyzed for this report is the front seat configuration. The hypothesis being tested is that bench seats have fewer comfort and convenience problems than bucket seats. As Exhibit 4-21 shows, the type of seat has a statistically significant effect on all indices except the extending and retraction problem index. Moreover, in all cases, the a priori hypothesis is substantiated.

Number of Car Doors. Since positioning of the safety belt anchor points depends on the number of car doors, it is hypothesized that this number affects the comfort and convenience of safety belt systems. The a priori hypothesis tested here is that 2 -door cars have more comfort and convenience problems than 4-door cars. The indices calculated from this grouping are presented in Exhibit 4-22. As shown by both indexing schemes, this grouping has a significant impact on all comfort and convenience aspects. Moreover, for each of these aspects the hypothesis can be accepted.

Type of Windowshade Device. Because windowshade devices in retractors are specifically designed to make safety belts more comfortable, it is hypothesized that a system with windowshades should have fewer problems indicated with the fit and pressure aspects. On the other hand, windowshade devices without cancellers are expected to have more retraction problems than the other groups included in Exhibit 4-23. The first hypothesis is not substantiated by the results of the analyses, as presented in Exhibit 4-23. According to both indexing schemes, safety belt systems having windowshade devices with cancellers have significantly more problems with fit than systems without windowshades, or with windowshades without cancellers. At the same time, there was no significant difference in the shoulder pressure aspect between vehicles with and without windowshades. While the second hypothesis is substantiated, it should be noted that even windowshades with cancelling devices continued to create problems for the test participants.

Type of Latchplate. Locking latchplates mechanisms are designed primarily for continuous loop safety belt systems to keep the lap portion of the belt from fitting too loosely. To do this, the mechanism typically uses friction and a movable bar that grabs the belt as it moves through the latchplate device. Because of this latter feature, it is hypothesized that systems with locking latchplates will have significantly more problems extending and retracting than those that do not. To test this hypothesis, the responses were divided into two groups according to whether or not the test vehicle had a locking latchplate. The results of both the analyses on both indices, as shown in Exhibit 4-24, support this hypothesis. Moreover, significantly more problems were identified for locking latchplate systems for the fit and relasing aspects. Conversely, the non-locking latchplate systems had more problems with accessibility.

Fit Compliance Test. The last three analyses presented were performed on the trials grouped according to the results of various proposed compliance tests. Because these measurements were conducted only during the December tests, only cases including vehicles in that test are used in these analyses. With respect to the shoulder belt fit compliance test, it is expected that vehicles that passed the test

RESULTS BY FRONT SEAT CONFIGURATION GROUPINGS-NORMALIZD AVERAGE INDEX

| Category | Access | Extend | Buckle | Fit | Pressure | Release | $*$ <br> Retract | $*$ <br> Bench <br> Bucket |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4.7 | 4.6 | 5.4 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 5.9 | 5.4 | 1,558 |  |

RESULTS BY FRONT SEAT CONFIGURATION GROUPINGS-PROBIEM INDEX

| Category | Access | Extend | $*$ <br> Buckle | $*$ <br> Fit | $*$ <br> Pressure | $*$ <br> Release | Retract | $n$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bench | 32 | 27 | 19 | 21 | 20 | 5 | 17 | 1,558 |
| Bucket | 47 | 29 | 26 | 26 | 25 | 8 | 18 | 3,747 |

RESULTS BY NUMBER OF VEHICLE DOORS GROUPINGS-NORMALIIED AVERAGE INDEX

| Category | Access | Extend | Buckle | $*$ <br> Fit | $*$ <br> Pressure | $*$ <br> Release | $*$ <br> Retract | $n$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Two-door | 4.0 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 4,097 |
| Four-door | 5.1 | 4.8 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 6.0 | 5.6 | 1,208 |

RESULTS BY NUMBER OF VEHICLE DOORS
GROUPINGS-PROBIEM INDEX

| Category | Access | Extend | Buckle | Fit | Pressure | Release | Retract | $n$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Two-door | 49 | 30 | 26 | 27 | 26 | 8 | 19 | 4,097 |
| Four-door | 20 | 24 | 17 | 19 | 17 | 3 | 14 | 1,208 |

RESULTS BY TYPE OF WINDOWSHADE DEVICE-NORMALIZED AVERAGE INDEX

| Category | Access | Extend | $*$ <br> Buckle | Fit | Pressure | Release | Retract | $n$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No Window- <br> shade | 4.0 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 3,052 |
| Window- <br> shade <br> Without <br> Canceller | 4.5 | 4.2 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 3.9 | 686 |
| Window- <br> shade With <br> Canceller | 4.6 | 4.6 | 5.5 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 5.8 | 4.8 | 1,215 |

RESULTS BY TYPE OF WINDOWSHADE DEVICE-PROBLEM INDEX

| Category | Access | Extend | $*$ <br> Buckle | Fit | Pressure | Release | Retract | n |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No Window- <br> shade | 47 | 26 | 24 | 24 | 23 | 6 | 9 | 3,052 |
| Window- <br> shade <br> Without <br> Canceller | 37 | 36 | 33 | 27 | 25 | 15 | 48 | 686 |
| Window- <br> shade With <br> Canceller | 35 | 28 | 16 | 30 | 26 | 6 | 30 | 1,215 |

Exhibit 4-24
RESULTS BY TYPE OF LATCHPLATE GROUPINGS-NORMALIZED AVERAGE INDEX

| Category | $*$ <br> Access | $*$ <br> Extend | Buckle | $*$ <br> Fit | Pressure | Release | $*$ <br> Retract | $n$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Non-Locking | 4.1 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 3,188 |
| Locking | 4.5 | 4.4 | 5.2 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 5.6 | 4.5 | 2,067 |

RESULTS BY TYPE OF LATCHPLATE GROUPINGS-PRORIEM INDEX

| Category | $*$ <br> Access | $*$ <br> Extend | Buckle | $*$ <br> Fit | Pressure | Release | $*$ <br> Retract | $n$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Non-Locking | 47 | 26 | 24 | 25 | 25 | 6 | 10 | 3,188 |
| Locking | 36 | 33 | 24 | 29 | 26 | 10 | 34 | 2,067 |

would have significantly fewer fit problems than those that failed. The results shown in Exhibit 4-25 substantiate this hypothesis. In addition, significantly fewer problems with belt pressure also also indicated in vehicles passing the fit test.

Pressure Compliance Test. Just as vehicles that passed the fit test were expected to have fewer fit problems, vehicles that passed the proposed shoulder belt pressure compliance test were expected to have fewer pressure problems. This hypothesis is substantiated by the data presented in Exhibit 4-26. According to both indexing schemes, vehicles that passed the fit test had significantly fewer problems with both fit and pressure.

Retraction Compliance Test. The last analysis presented in this section compares the scores of the vehicles that passed the retraction compliance test with those that falled. The information shown in Exhibit 4-27 shows that the retraction test has no significant relationship to any comfort or convenience aspect except accessibility. Consequently, the hypothesis that vehicles passing the test will have fewer retraction problems must be rejected.

## Results of Multivariant Analyses

The following discussion details the results of analyses showing how combinations of more than one user/vehicle characteristic may affect the consumers' evaluation of safety belt comfort and convenience. Although single characteristics that influence comfort and convenience perceptions were identified in the analysis presented in the previous section, these characteristics do not act with total independence. This dependent impact can come in two forms. First, some characteristics of belt systems or consumers may be closely related. That is, from the sample of vehicles selected for the two tests, two-door, vehicles may tend to have bucket seats, while four-door vehicles have bench seats. If this condition is true, then the variable representing number of vehicle doors and that representing seat type will tend to explain the same portions of the variation in the dependent comfort and convenience indices.

The second way in which two variables can be dependent when explaining variation in the dependent indices is through two-way interaction. Such interaction occurs when the two variables combine to form a third set of groupings which uses both raw elements as classifying variables. For example, such a variable created from the number of vehicle doors and seat type variables would include the following four classes:

- Two-door, bench seat;
- Two-door, bucket seat;
- Four-door, bench seat; and
- Four-door, bucket seat.

RESULTS BY SHOULDER BELT FIT COMPLIANCE TEST RESULTS-NORMALIEDD AVERAGE INDEX

| Category | $*$ <br> Access | Extend | $*$ <br> Buckle | $*$ <br> Fit | $*$ <br> Pressure | Release | Retract | $n$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pass | 4.9 | 4.7 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 5.2 | 569 |
| Fail | 4.3 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 3,557 |

RESULTS BY SHOULDER BELT FIT COMPLIANCE TEST RESULTS-PROBAEM INDEX

| Category | Access | Extend | $*$ <br> Buckle | $*$ <br> Fit | $*$ <br> Pressure | Release | Retract | $n$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pass | 26 | 29 | 19 | 16 | 13 | 8 | 13 | 569 |
| Fail | 42 | 29 | 24 | 27 | 29 | 8 | 21 | 3,557 |

results by shoulder belt pressure
COMPLIANCE TEST RESULTS-NORMALIZED AVERAGE INDEX

| Category | Access | Extend | Buckle | Fit | Pressure | Release | Retract | n |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pass | 4.2 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 802 |
| Fail | 4.4 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 5.0 | 2,637 |

RESULTS BY SHOULDER BEET PRESSURE
COMPLIANCE TEST RESULTS-PROBLEM INDEX

| Category | Access | Extend | $*$ <br> Buckle | $*$ <br> Fit | $*$ <br> Pressure | Release | $*$ <br> Retract | $n$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pass | 47 | 28 | 28 | 18 | 21 | 8 | 8 | 802 |
| Fail | 39 | 29 | 22 | 29 | 30 | 8 | 25 | 2,637 |

RESULTS BY WEBBING RETRACTION COMPLIANCE TEST RESULTS-NORMALIZED AVERAGE INDEX

| Category | Access | Extend | Buckle | Fit | Pressure | Release | Retract | $n$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Proper <br> Retraction | 4.5 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 5.1 | 2,521 |
| Improper <br> Retraction | 3.8 | 4.4 | 5.3 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 688 |

RESULTS BY WEBBING RETRACTION COMPLIANCE TEST RESULTS-PROBAEM INDEX

| Category | Access | Extend | Buckle | Fit | Pressure | Release | Retract | $n$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Proper <br> Retraction | 38 | 28 | 25 | 27 | 29 | 9 | 22 | 2,521 |
| Improper <br> Retraction | 56 | 32 | 20 | 29 | 30 | 7 | 20 | 688 |

If this new variable explains a statistically significant amount of the variation in the dependent variable, then the impact of each of these variables is dependent on the other. Note that this two-way Interaction can be significant regardless of whether one, both, or neither raw variable has a significant impact by itself.

Analytical Approach. To determine which combinations of user and belt system characteristics have the greatest impact on the comfort and convenience indices developed for these studies, a two-step analysis was coriducted. The first phase of this analysis was to determine which of the characteristics were closely related. To accomplish this, crosstabulations or contingency tables comparing all pairs of independent characteristics were performed. Based on these tables, two statistics which measure the degree of association between each pair of variables were calculated. These statistics were the phi statistic (or Cramer's $V$ if the table is larger than two-by-two) and the Lambda statistic.

The phi statistic is based on the Chi-square corrected for the number of cases included in the table. It measures the strength of the relationship between the variables under examination, such that phi equalling one indicates a perfect relationship, while a phi of zero shows no relationship.

Similarly, lambda indicates the relationship betwen two variables by estimating the accuracy with which one variable can be predicted given the second. For example, given that a vehicle is a two-door, how accurately can its seat type be predicted for the sample of vehicles included in these two studies. Like the phi statistic, lambda ranges from zero to one, where one is perfect predictibility.

By analyzing these statistics from crosstabulations of the independent variables, systematic relationships between these variables were identified. Pairs of variables with such a relationship were excluded as a pair from further analysis. However, the members of each pair were analyzed separately. On the other hand, if no systematic relationship was indicated, then it was possible that, either individually or with two-way interaction, that pair of user/vehicle characteristics would explain a statistically significant portion of the variance of the comfort and convenience indices. Consequently, such pairs were analyzed together.

This analysis to be conducted in the second step of the analytical process will involve ANOVA. Combinations of variables will be analyzed to determine which groups of characteristics tend to explain the results of the consumer evaluations. The criteria for accepting individual characteristics and two-way interactions is the F-statistic calculated for each main effect and two-way interaction effect. The level of confidence for accepting the variables or combinations is 95 percent. Variables satisfying this level of significance will be combined together to determine how much of the variance in each index is explained by the selected variables. Because of limitations of the statistical software used for this study, the maximum number of independent variables will be five.

Statistical Results. This part of the report describes the results of the analyses summarized in the previous discussion. The results of the crosstabulations are reviewed first. Then, the justification, statistical results, and conclusions of subsequent ANOVAs are presented. Copies of computer printouts for each analysis discussed are provided in Appendix D.

Cross Tabulations. The phi (Cramer's V) and lambda statistics calculated from each crosstabulation are presented in Exhibits 4-28 and 4-29, respectively. For example, the Cramer's $V$ statistic for the characteristic pair of participant sex and safety belt usage is 0.12 , while the corresponding lambda is 0.05 . As is indicated by these exhibits, the two variables most closely related are type of latchplate and type of windowshade device. This relationship indicates that both variables will tend to account for the same portion of the variance in the comfort and convenience indices. Other pairs for which a strong relationship is indicated are:

- Vehicle size and seat type,
- Vehicle size and number of doors, and
- Height and sex of participants.

Consequently, these pairs of variables were not included in the same multivariant analyses.

Interestingly, the statistics for pairs of variables including a vehicle characteristic and a participant characteristic all indicate no relationship. This result was expected since the research design required each test participant to evaluate each vehicle. Therefore, for each pair, the number of cases in each cell should be proportional to the distribution of each characteristic within their respective samples.

Analyses of Variance. Based on the single variable analyses and the crosstabulations presented earlier, combinations of user/vehicle characteristics were analyzed to determine which characteristics have the most significant impact on user perceptions of safety belt comfort and convenience. For purposes of this portion of the analyses, only the average index was examined, since the problem index is not interval data. The selection process began by eliminating those variables which did not by themselves have a statistically significant impact on each of the aspect indices. Combinations of all other variables that did not include any of the four pairs of closely related characteristics were selected for each aspect index. These combinations were tested using ANOVA to determine which one had the largest impact on the variation in each index. This impact was measured by dividing the variation explained by each combination of variables by the total variance of the particular aspect. The value calculated by this procedure measures the percentage of aspect variation explained by each combination of characteristics. The combination with the largest percentage has the greatest impact on the user perception of safety belt comfort and convenience.

## PHI/CRANER'S V STATISTIC FROM CROSSTABULATION of USER/VEHICLE CHARACTERISTICS

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{\bullet} \\ & \stackrel{0}{0} \\ & \stackrel{0}{3} \end{aligned}$ | K | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & \stackrel{y}{c} \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \stackrel{N}{n} \\ & \dot{\sim} \\ & \stackrel{u}{U} \\ & \frac{\pi}{0} \\ & > \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0 \\ \underset{2}{2} \\ \underset{i}{6} \end{gathered}$ | n <br> 0 <br> 0 <br> 0 <br> 6 <br> $\vdots$ <br> 0 | Type Windowshade Device |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Height | . 12 | . 65 | . 18 | . 10 | . 03 | . 02 | . 02 | . 01 | . 03 |
| Weight | - | . 12 | . 14 | 0 | . 02 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 01 |
| Sex | - | -- | . 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Usage | - | - | - | 0 | . 03 | . 01 | . 02 | . 01 | . 03 |
| Belt System Type | - | - | - | - | . 57 | . 19 | 0 | . 12 | . 18 |
| Vehicle Size | - | - | - | $\cdots$ | - | . 77 | . 72 | . 45 | . 45 |
| Seat Type | - | - | - | - | - | - | . 32 | . 19 | . 22 |
| Number of Doors | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | . 19 | . 09 |
| Type Windowshade Device | - | -- | - | - | - | - | - | - | . 95 |

SYMIETRIC LAMBDA FROM CROSSTABULATION OF USER/VEHICLE CHARACTERISTICS

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{E} \\ & \stackrel{0}{0} \\ & \underset{B}{0} \end{aligned}$ | ${ }_{0}^{x}$ |  |  |  |  |  | Type Windowshade Device |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Height | 0 | . 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Weight | - | . 02 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sex | - | - | . 05 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Usage | - | - | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Belt System Type | - | - | - | - | . 06 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Vehicle Size | - | - | - | - | - | . 31 | . 23 | . 17 | . 11 |
| Seat Type | - | - | - | -- | - | - | . 02 | 0 | . 05 |
| Number of Doors | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0 | 0 |
| Type Windowshade Device | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | . 75 |

The results of these ANOVAs for each aspect are summarized in Exhibits 4-30 through 4-36. These exhibits show for each combination of variables the percentage of variance explained, which variables have a significant main effect, and which two-way interactions are significant. In this analysis, statistical significance is at the 95 percent level of confidence. The result for each ANOVA involving a particular dependent comfort and convenience index are presented in rows. The variables included in the ANOVA are indicated from among the main effects by either an $X$ or a dash. For example, in Exhibit 4-30, the second analysis presented included participant height and belt usage rates, and vehicle size and type of latchplate locking device. The main effect of the latchplate variable was not statistically significant.

In addition to the main effects, statistically significant two-way interaction effects are indicated. Note that to simplify presentation on the charts, only those pairs which had a significant impact in at least one of the multivariant ANOVAs are presented. As with the main effects, an $X$ indicates that a particular two-way interaction was significant. For example, in the second ANOVA presented in Exhibit 4-30, the participant height/belt usage and vehicle-size/latchplate interactions had a significant impact.

Finally, in the left column of Exhibits 4-30 through 4-36, the percentage of the total variation in the index which is explained by the combination of variables indicated is shown. This percentage was calculated by dividing the explained by the total sum of squared deviations from the grand mean of the dependent comfort and convenience index. This calculation provides a basis for relative comparison of the various multi-variant combinations examined. In Exhibit 4-30, for example, among those studied in this analysis, the fifth combination of variables explains. the largest percentage of variation in the accessibility index. For purposes of comparison, the percentage of variation explained by the vehicles only is also presented. Examination of the results presented in Exhibits 4-30 through 4-36 leads to several general conclusions. First, the combinations of variables selected in analyses for all aspect indices explained less than 20 percent and in most cases less than 10 percent of the variance in the indices. This result is typical of studies involving consumer opinion testing and cross-sectional data.

While the overall explanatory power of these combinations of variables is low, the analyses do indicate which variables have a significant impact on the various aspect indices. The second general conclusion drawn from these analyses is that vehicle size and type of windowshade device have the strongest influence on the convenience aspects which include accessibility, extending, buckling, releasing, and retracting, while the comfort aspects of shoulder belt pressure and fit are most heavily influenced by participant weight and number of vehicle doors. Moreover, both types of aspects are significantly affected by participant height and reported safety belt usage rates. Of these variables, those representing participant physical characteristics (height and weight) and number of car doors which is a surrogate for location of the belt system anchorage points had the strongest influence on the comfort aspects. Convenience, on the other hand, is most significantly affected by system characteristics such as vehicle size and type of windowshade device in the shoulder belt retractor. Interestingly, the type of windowshade device did not have a significant impact on safety belt fit and pressure, even though the function of such mechanisms is to increase safety belt comfort.

## SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF ANOVAs ON ACCESSIBILITY

| Percentage of |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Explained | Tested | *Significant Two-Way Interactions |
| 0.064 | * Height | Height-Usage |
|  | *Usage | Usage-Belt System Type |
|  | *Belt System |  |
|  | *Latchplate Type |  |
| 0.168 | * Height | Height-Usage |
|  | *Usage | Vehicle Size-Latchplate Type |
|  | * Vehicle Size |  |
|  | Latchplate Type |  |
| 0.112 | *Height | Height-Usage |
|  | *Usage | Seat Type-Number of Doors |
|  | *Seat Type | Seat Type-Latchplate Type |
|  | *No. of Doors |  |
|  | *Latchplate Type |  |
| 0.069 | * Height | Height-Usage |
|  | *Usage | Usage-Belt System Type |
|  | *Belt System |  |
|  | *Windowshade |  |
| 0.193 | *Height | Height-Usage |
|  | *Usage | Usage-Vehicle Size |
|  | * Vehicle Size | Vehicle Size-Type Windowshade Device |
|  | *Windowshade |  |
| 0.142 | *Height | Height-Usage |
|  | *Usage | Height-Number of Doors |
|  | *Seat Type | Seat Type-Number of Doors |
|  | *No. of Doors | Number of Doors-Type Windowshade Device |
|  | *Windowshade | Seat Type - Type Windowshade Device |

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## SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF ANOVAS ON ACCESSIBILITY

| Percentage of Total Variance | Main Effects | *Significant Two-Way Interactions |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Explained | Tested |  |
| 0.063 | *Sex | Sex-Usage |
|  | *Usage | Usage-Belt System Type |
|  | *Belt System | Belt System Type-Type Windowshade Device |
|  | *Windowshade |  |
| 0.184 | *Sex | Sex-Usage |
|  | * Usage | Vehicle Size-Type Windowshade Device |
|  | *Vehicle Size |  |
|  | *Windowshade |  |
| 0.135 | *Sex | Sex-Usage |
|  | * Usage | Usage-Number of Doors |
|  | *Seat Type | Seat Type-Number of Doors |
|  | *No. of Doors | Seat Type-Type Windowshade Device |
|  | *Windowshade | Number of Doors - Type of Windowshade Device |
| 0.060 | *Sex | Sex-Usage |
|  | * Usage | Usage-Belt System Type |
|  | *Belt Systern |  |
|  | *Latchplate Type |  |
| 0.160 | *Sex | Sex-Usage |
|  | * Usage | Vehicle Size-Latchplate Type |
|  | *Vehicle Size Latchplate Type |  |
| 0.107 | *Sex | Sex-Usage |
|  | * Usage | Seat Type-Number of Doors |
|  | *Seat Type | Seat Type-Latchplate Type |
|  | *No. of Doors |  |
|  | *Latchplate Type |  |
| 0.189 | *Vehicle |  |

*Level of significance is greater than $95 \%$.

## SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF ANOVAS ON EXTENDING

| Percentage of Total Variance | Main Effects |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Explained | Tested | *Significant Two-Way Interactions |
| 0.019 | * Height | None |
|  | *Belt System |  |
|  | *Latchplate Type |  |
| 0.047 | * Height | Vehicle Size-Latchplate Type |
|  | *Vehicle Size |  |
|  | *Latchplate Type |  |
| 0.028 | * Height | Seat Type-Number of Doors |
|  | *Seat Type | Number of Doors-Latchplate Type |
|  | No. of Doors |  |
|  | *Latchplate Type |  |
| 0.041 | * Height | Belt System Type-Type Windowshade Device |
|  | *Belt System |  |
|  | *Windowshade |  |
| 0.058 | * Height | Vehicle Size-Type Windowshade Device |
|  | *Vehicle Size |  |
|  | *Windowshade |  |
| 0.045 | *Height | Seat Type-Number of Doors |
|  | *Seat Type | Seat Type-Type Windowshade Device |
|  | *No. of Doors | Number of Doors-Type Windowshade Device |
|  | *Windowshade |  |
| 0.030 | *Sex | Sex-Type Windowshade Device |
|  | *Belt System | Belt System Type-Type Windowshade Device |
|  | *Windowshade |  |
| 0.043 | *Sex | Vehicle Size-Type Windowshade Device |
|  | * Vehicle Size |  |
|  | *Windowshade |  |

*Level of significance is greater than $95 \%$.

## SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF ANOVAS ON EXTENDING

| Percentage of |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Variance | Main Effects |  |
| Explained | Tested | *Significant Two-Way Interactions |
| 0.032 | *Sex | Seat Type-Number of Doors |
|  | *Seat Type | Seat Type-Type Windowshade Device |
|  | *No. of Doors | Number of Doors-Type Windowshade Device |
|  | *Windowshade |  |
| 0.008 | *Sex | None |
|  | *Usage |  |
|  | *Latchplate Type |  |
| 0.033 | *Sex | Vehicle Size-Latchplate Type |
|  | *Vehicle Size |  |
|  | *Latchplate Type |  |
| 0.001 | *Sex | Seat Type-Number of Doors |
|  | *Seat Type | Number of Doors-Latchplate Type |
|  | No. of Doors |  |
|  | *Latchplate Type |  |
| 0.091 | *Vehicle |  |

*Level of significance is greater than $95 \%$.

## SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF ANOVAS ON BUCKIING

| Percentage of |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Variance | Main Effects |  |
| Explained | Tested | *Significant Two-Way Interactions |
| 0.057 | *Height | Height-Weight |
|  | *Weight | Belt System Type-Type Windowshade Device |
|  | *Belt System |  |
|  | *Windowshade |  |
| 0.083 | * Height | Height-Weight |
|  | *Weight | Weight-Vehicle Size |
|  | * Vehicle Size | Vehicle Size-Type Windowshade Device |
|  | *Windowshade |  |
| 0.074 | *Height | Height-Weight |
|  | *Weight | Weight-Seat Type |
|  | *Seat Type | Weight-Number of Doors |
|  | *No. of Doors | Seat Type-Number of Doors |
|  | *Windowshade | Seat Type-Type Windowshade Device |
|  |  | Number of Doors-Type Windowshade Device |
| 0.044 | *Weight | Weight-Sex |
|  | *Sex | Belt System Type-Type Windowshade Device |
|  | *Belt System |  |
|  | *Windowshade |  |
| 0.070 | *Weight | Weight-Sex |
|  | *Sex | Weight-Vehicle Size |
|  | * Vehicle Size | Vehicle Size-Type Windowshade Device |
|  | *Windowshade |  |
| 0.062 | *Weight | Weight-Sex |
|  | *Sex | Weight-Seat Type |
|  | *Seat Type | Weight-Number of Doors |
|  | *No. of Doors | Seat Type-Number of Doors |
|  | *Windowshade | Seat Type-Type Windowshade Device |
|  |  | Number of Doors-Type Windowshade Device |
| 0.114 | *Vehicle |  |

Percentage of Total Variance Explained
0.114
*Vehicle

Height-Weight
Belt System Type-Type Windowshade Device

Height-Weight
Weight-Vehicle Size
Vehicle Size-Type Windowshade Device

Height-Weight
Weight-Seat Type
Weight-Number of Doors
Seat Type-Number of Doors
Seat Type-Type Windowshade Device Number of Doors-Type Windowshade Device

Weight-Sex
Belt System Type-Type Windowshade Device

Weight-Sex
Weight-Vehicle Size
Vehicle Size-Type Windowshade Device

Weight-Sex
Weight-Seat Type
Weight-Number of Doors
Seat Type-Number of Doors
Seat Type-Type Windowshade Device
Number of Doors-Type Windowshade Device
*Level of significance is greater than $95 \%$.

## SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF ANOVAs ON FIT

| Percentage of <br> Total Variance <br> Explained | Main Effects <br> Tested |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 0.105 |  | *Significant Two-Way Interactions |

*Level of significance is greater than $95 \%$.

# SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF ANOVAs ON PRESSURE 

| Percentage of |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Variance | Main Effects |  |
| Explained | Tested | *Significant Two-Way Interactions |
| 0.066 | * Height | Height-Weight |
|  | *Weight | Height-Usage |
|  | *Usage | Weight-Usage |
|  | Belt System |  |
| 0.080 | *Height | Height-Weight |
|  | *Weight | Height-Usage |
|  | *Usage | Weight-Usage |
|  | *Vehicle Size |  |
| 0.085 | *Height | Height-Weight |
|  | *Weight | Height-Usage |
|  | *Usage | Weight-Usage |
|  | *Seat Type | Weight-Number of Doors |
|  | *No. of Doors | Seat Type-Number of Doors |
| 0.076 | * Vehicle |  |

Prcentage of Explained Effects Tested

## *Significant Two-Way Interactions

*Level of significance is greater than $95 \%$.

## SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF ANOVAs ON RELEASING

| Percentage of |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Varlance | Main Effects |  |
| Explained | Tested | *Significant Two-Way Interactions |
| 0.038 | * Height | Height-Usage |
|  | *Usage | - |
|  | *Belt System |  |
|  | *Latchplate Type | , |
| 0.068 | * Height | Height-Usage |
|  | *Usage | Vehicle Size-Latchplate Type |
|  | * Vehicle Size |  |
|  | *Latchplate Type |  |
| 0.056 | *Height | Height-Usage |
|  | *Usage | Seat Type-Number of Doors |
|  | *Seat Type |  |
|  | *No. of Doors |  |
|  | *Latchplate Type |  |
| 0.053 | *Height | Height-Usage |
|  | *Usage | Belt System Type-Type Windowshade Device |
|  | *Belt System |  |
|  | *Windowshade |  |
| 0.077 | * Height | Height-Usage |
|  | *Usage | Vehicle Size-Type Windowshade Device |
|  | * Vehicle Size |  |
|  | *Windowshade |  |
| 0.071 | * Height | Height-Usage |
|  | *Usage | Seat Type-Number of Doors |
|  | *Seat Type | Seat Type-Type Windowshade Device |
|  | *No. of Doors | Number of Doors-Type Windowshade Device |
|  | *Windowshade |  |

*Level of significance is greater than $95 \%$.

## Exhibit 4-35 (Continued) <br> SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF ANOVAS ON REEASING

```
Percentage of
Total Variance
    Explained
    0.036
    *Sex
    *Usage
    *Belt System
    *Windowshade
    0.059 }\quad\mathrm{ *Sex 
    0.053 }\quad\mathrm{ *Sex 
    0.023
    *Sex
    *Usage
    *Belt System
    *Latchplate Type
    0.050
    *Sex
    *Usage
    *Vehicle Size
    *Latchplate Type
    0.040
    0.098
        *Sex
        *Usage
        *Seat Type
        *No. of Doors
        *Latchplate Type
    *Vehicle
\begin{tabular}{cll}
\begin{tabular}{c} 
Percentage of \\
Total Variance \\
Explained
\end{tabular} & \multicolumn{1}{c}{ Main Effects } & \\
0.036 & Tested & \multicolumn{1}{c}{ *Significant Two-Way Interactions }
\end{tabular}
```

*Level of significance is greater than $95 \%$.

## SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF ANOVAS ON RETRACTING

| Percentage of <br> Total Variance <br> Explained | Main Effects <br> Tested |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 0.121 |  | *Significant Two-Way Interactions |

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# SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF ANOVAs ON RETRACTING 

| Percentage of |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Variance | Main Effects |  |
| Explained | Tested | *Significant Two-Way Interactions |
| 0.155 | *Sex | Sex-Usage |
|  | * Usage | Usage-Type Windowshade Device |
|  | *Belt System | Belt System Type-Type Windowshade Device |
|  | *Windowshade |  |
| 0.163 | *Sex | Sex-Usage |
|  | *Usage | Usage-Type Windowshade Device |
|  | * Vehicle Size | Vehicle Size-Type Windowshade Device |
|  | *Windowshade |  |
| 0.167 | *Sex | Sex-Usage |
|  | *Usage | Usage-Type Windowshade Device |
|  | Seat Type | Seat Type-Number of Doors |
|  | *No. of Doors | Seat Type-Type Windowshade Device |
|  | *Windowshade | Number of Doors-Type Windowshade Device |
| 0.113 | *Sex | Sex-Usage |
|  | *Usage | Usage-Latchplate Type |
|  | *Belt System |  |
|  | *Latchplate Type | . |
| 0.162 | *Sex | Sex-Usage |
|  | * Us age | Usage-Latchplate Type |
|  | *Vehicle Size | Vehicle Size-Latchplate Type |
|  | *Latchplate Type |  |
| 0.139 | *Sex | Sex-Usage |
|  | * Usage | Usage-Latchplate Type |
|  | *Seat Type | Seat Type-Number of Doors |
|  | *No. of Doors | Seat Type-Latchplate Type |
|  | *Latchplate Type |  |
| 0.201 | *Vehicle |  |

*Level of significance is greater than $95 \%$.

A final generalization which resubstantiatos the provious observation that user physical characteristics have a strong influence on comfort perceptions. Included in Exhibits 4-30 through 4-36 are the results of ANOVAs on each aspect index using vehicle as the only independent variable. Comparisons of the percentage of variance explained by this analysis with the best from among the other analyses show that using vehicles explains more of the variance for convenience aspect indices, and less for the comfort aspects. Since classifying the responses by vehicle essentially assumes that each vehicle system included in the two tests is unique, it is expected that this analysis will have more explanatory capability than other groupings. This expectation does not hold for the comfort indices (fit and pressure), indicating that user size may play a more important part in determining these aspects than vehicle characteristics.

## 5

## analysis of the child restraint device evaluations

The third part of this project involved determining the compatibility between child restraint devices (CRD's) and the passenger seat safety belt systems in the test vehicles. This chapter discusses some of the compatibility problems encountered, Including:

- Short belts,
- Bulky retractor/latch plate combination belts,
- Need for special locking devices,
- Automatic safety belt systems, and
- Tether attachment points.

The evaluations showed that, in general, most CRD's are compatible with most vehicles. In some cases, the CRD's were too large to conveniently sit on small bucket seats or in middle-front seating positions, but most of the CRD's could be fitted in the rear seats of the vehicles, which are safer locations for transporting children. In isolated cases, particular CRD's did not fit in a particular car, in a particular seating location. In other cases, a special locking device would be advised to stabilize the seat. It is important to note that the design of the car's seat cushion and the front seat adjustment are directly linked to the severity of the problems which were observed. Parents are advised to try installing the CRD in their vehicle themselves to see if any problem exists.

## SHORT BELTS

As described in Chapter 2, part of the CRD evaluation procedure was to install each device into each passenger position in the test vehicles. In the front passenger seating positions, this procedure included adjusting the car's seat position on the
track. During the installation phase of the test, the front passenger seat was moved fully forward, and an attempt was made to secure the CRD using the vehicle belt system. If the belt was too short, the seat was moved back until the device could be properly secured.

Some child restraints require longer lap belts than others to fasten the device into the car. If the rehicle is equipped with a bench seat, this could be a problem for drivers who pull the seat fully forward. Several vehicles were found to have belts too short to accommodate the Ford Tot Guard and the Strolee Wee Care (infant position) when the seat was adjusted in the forward or mid-position. The remaining seats occasionally ran into belt problems. However, only the Jeep Pickup Truck (center seat) had such short belts that, even with the seat adjusted all the way back, we were unable to fasten in the Bobby Mac 2-in-1 or the Ford Tot Guard.

Rear seat belt systems were also evaluated in this study. Belt length problems were found only in the Volkswagen letta when installing the Ford Tot Guard. Several other CRD's just barely fit the Jetta belts.

## BULKY RETRACTOR/LATCH PLATE COMBINATION BELTS

Some cars are equipped with rear seat belts of a unique design that incorporates the retractor as a moving part of the belt, rather than having it remain stationary on or under the seat. In the case of several of the child restraints, it is difficult or impossible to pass the belt through the frame to properly secure the seat, because of the excessive size of the retractor. In such cases, these restraints could only be used in the front seats of such cars.

The following vehicles are equipped with rear seat belts of this design. They are incompatible with many child seats but cannot be used at all with the Questor Kantwet Care Seat (toddler position) or the Cosco Safe ' $N$ Easy Seat (\#t 3-203 and 13-313). This list may not be exhaustive.

1980 Models

Datsun (all cars)
Dodge Challenger
Dodge Colt
Mazda GLC and 626
Plymouth Arrow
Plymouth Champ
Plymouth Sapporo
Subaru (all models)

## 1981 Models

Dodge Challenger
Mazda GLC and 626
Plymouth Arrow
Plymouth Champ
Plymouth Sapporo
Subaru (all models)

## NEED FOR SPECIAL LOCKING DEVICES

Part of the CRD evaluation procedure was to attempt to move the device while it was being held by the vehicle belt system. If a belt system does not hold the CRD securely, it may allow certain child seats to become loose or to slip out of their
properly secured positions. This can happen when a child is very active and plays with the vehicle belt system.

This condition existed primarily as a result of two quite different hardware incompatibilities:

- Free-sliding latch plate on a continuous-loop lap/shoulder belt system, or
- Inertial locking lap belt system.

The first problem can be easily overcome by using a locking clip (manufactured by American Safety Equipment), which secures the lap portion of the belt system around the CRD. This clip is fastened around both the lap and shoulder belt after the belt is buckled. It essentially creates enough friction at the latch plate so that it prohibits the lap belt from slipping out.

Inertial lap belts are found in the rear-outboard seats in Toyota cars. These belts lock up only during a sudden stop. It is possible to tip an untethered seat over during normal cornering maneuvers. Parents should purchase a tethered seat and install the tether or use the center rear seat (if there is one), which has a different style of belt. Some Chevrolet trucks or vans have a new style of belt in the front seat. The lap belt cannot be fastened with a locking clip and it remains free-moving except in sudden stops. With some CRD's, it may be possible to tip them during cornering. Parents should use the rear seats in these vehicles when carrying todders in child restraints.

## AUTOMATIC SAFETY BEIT SYSTEMS

With the exception of the Chevrolet Chevette, none of the automatic belt systems included among the test vehicles could accommodate CRD's. Three major incompatibilities occurred:

- Two-point systems could not secure any CRD because they lack a lap belt,
- CRD's which were secured by threading a belt system through the frame could not be installed because the 3-point belts do not detach, or
- If the CRD could be installed, it was frequently pulled out along with the belt system when the passenger door was opened.

The Chevrolet Chevette with an auxiliary belt and anchor points was the only automatic system that could accommodate CRD's.

## TETHER ATTACHNENT POINTS

Two of the child restraint devices included in this evaluation required tethers to be properly secured. Consequently, part of the evaluation procedure included looking for potential tether anchor points behind the rear seat and testing the
attachment of tethers to the rear belt systems when the CRD's were in the front seat. Two major problems were noted:

- In some vehicles, particularly hatchbacks, pickups, and vans, no convenient tether anchoring position was available, and
- Some vehicles with automatic locking retractors in the rear seating positions include an "unengaged zone" feature on those belt systems. Therefore, if the tether is not shortened enough to pull the rear belt beyond that zone, it will not be secure.

General Motors has pre-drilled tether holes in many of its 1978, 1979, and 1980 model sedans-they are in the rear parcel shelf. GMC will send printed instructions for tether installation in its pickup trucks, hatchbacks, and wagons.

AMC is pre-drilling tether anchor holes in its 1981 model sedans, in the rear parcel shelf. The hardware kit for the tether installation may be purchased from an AMC dealer. For information on hatchbacks and wagons, consult the CRD owner's manual or ask a dealer.

## 6

## CONCLUSIONS

This chapter summarizes the results detailed in Chapters 4 and 5. The principal conclusions that can be derived from the analyses and evaluations are:

- The problem area identified most frequently over all trials was in latch plate accessibility. The other areas ranking from most troublesome to least troublesome were extending, fit, buckling, pressure, retracting, and releasing.
- Shorter and heavier individuals tend to have more comfort and convenience problems than others. However, all weight-height groups tended to rank the test vehicles similarly.
- Contrary to expectations, males identified more comfort and convenience problems than females.
- Dual retractor systems had fewer problems with accessibility, extending, buckling, releasing, and retracting than did continuous loop systems.
- Full-sized passenger cars, vans, and pickup trucks had significantly fewer belt-related problems.
- Bench seats and four-door vehicles tended to have fewer comfort and convenience problems than vehicles with bucket seats or $t$ wo doors.
- Windowshade devices are not effective at alleviating problems with shoulder belt pressure. Moreover, even with cancelling devices, they still cause retraction problems.
- The shoulder belt fit and pressure compliance tests were found to be related to user perceptions of safety belt comfort.
- Automatic belt systems were rated more comfortable and convenient by test participants. The two DOT experimental belt systems, which were designed to meet proposed comfort and convenience specifications, were superior to all other automatic belt systems.
- The major compatibility problems between safety belt systems and child restraint devices is that belts are sometimes too short and that special locking devices are sometimes required to secure a child restraint. Consumers, however, can reduce these problems with careful selection of child restraint devices.

Finally, examination of the study results shows that most of the cars had some good as well as bad aspects. Exhibit 6-1 compares the best and worst scores for each aspect with the average over all cars. This comparison shows that by combining the best features of cars used in this study, a safety belt system substantially better than the existing systems could be produced.

PERCENT OF TRIALS RATED UNCONFORTABRE OR INCONVENIENT FOR ASPECTS OF SAFETY BELT USAGE - BEST, AVERAGE, AND WORST SCORES


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## GLOSSARY

| 1. | Automatic System | A safety belt system which does not require manual donning. The restraints typically are designed to move away from the seat when the vehicle's door is opened and to move into proper restraint position when the door is closed. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. | Buckle | A fastening device of the safety belt system which receives and connects with the latch plate. |
| 3. | Buckle Release | The mechanism (usually a push button) used to disengage the latch plate from the buckle. |
| 4. | Doffing | The process of removing the safety belt from the body to exit the vehicle. |
| 5. | Donning | The process of putting on and securing the safety belt around the body after entering the vehicle. |
| 6. | Latch Plate | The metal part of the safety belt system which is usually attached to the webbing and inserts into the buckle. |
| 7. | Manual System | Safety belt system that requires user operation to "buckle-up." |
| 8. | Retractor | A device which adjusts the length of the safety belt to fit the participant and to return the webbing once the latch plate is released. |
| 9. | Shoulder Guide | The part of the safety belt system which keeps the upper portion of the shoulder strap in proper alignment. |
| 10. | Stowing | The process by which the safety belt is stored after it has been doffed. |
| 11. | Webbing | The part of the safety belt system, usually a mesh fabric, which extends across the shoulder and the lap. |
| 12. | Windowshade Device | A mechanism in the safety belt system which reduces the slack in the shoulder restraint; (it is) an automatic device activated by simple body movements, such as a light forward motion of the upper torso or by using the hand, to relieve or eliminate tension from the shoulder harness. |

## Appendix A

## TEST INSTRUMENTS

This appendix contains copies of the instruments used to record data collected during the testing phase of this study. Included are:

- Safety Belt System Evaluation -- Manual Systems,
- Safety Belt System Evaluation -- Automatic Systems,
- Safety Beit System Evaluation - Automatic Systen with Optional Lap Belt,
- Vehicle Data Form,
- Physical Data Form,
- Participant Information Form, and
- Child Restraint Device Evaluation Form.

SAFETY BELT SYSTEM EVALUATION MWNAL SYSTEMS

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(1) Check for completeness.
(2) Insert in "Completed" envelope.
(3) Leave rehicle in test condition.
(4) Wait for timekeeper's signal.

SAFETY BELT SYSTEM EVALUATION-FULLY AUTOMATIC SYSTEM


(i) Check form for completeness.
(2) insert in "Completed" envelope.
(3) Leave vehicle in test condition.
(.4) Wa: for timekeeper's signal.

SAFETY BELT SYSTEM EVALUATION-AUTOMATIC SYSTEM WITH OPTIONL LAP BELT

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(1) Check form for completeness.
2) Insert in "Completed" envelope.
(3) Leave car in iest condition.
(4) Wait for timekeeper's signal.
vehicle data form



PHYSICAL DATA FORM


PARTICIPANT INFORMATION FORM


CHIL RESTRAINT DEVICE EVALUATION FORM


| Was the tether long enough? | Yes <br> No <br> Not Applicable |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| To what was the tether attached? | Latchplate of <br> Rear Belt <br> Buckle of <br> Rear Belt |
|  | Looped Orer <br> Belt |

NOTES:


## Appendix B

## DETAILED COMPLIANCE TEST RESULTS

This appendix contains the results of the compliance testing conducted at the test site. Included are results of the following tests:

- Shoulder belt fit test,
- Shoulder belt pressure test,
- Latchplate accessibility measurements,
- Motorized retractor rates,
- Head clearance,
- Accessibility block,
- Webbing retraction, and
- Webbing clearance.

| Vehicle | $\begin{aligned} & \stackrel{Z}{E} \\ & \stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{\text { IN}} \end{aligned}$ |  | Accesslbility Massurements |  |  | Head Clarance (Inches) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| AMC Eagle | F | 1.1 | N | 12.5 | - | - | P | P | - |
| AMC Spirit | F | 1.1 | N | 15.0 | - | - | P | P | - |
| BMW 320i | F | 0.5 | - | - | -- | - | - | - | 5.0 |
| Buick Regal | F | 1.3 | N | 13.0 | - | - | P | P | - |
| Chery Chevette (A) | F | 0.8 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4.8 |
| Chery Chevette (M) | F | 2.0 | N | 12.3 | - | - | P | P | - |
| Chevy Citation | F | 1.1 | $N$ | 14.0 | - | - | P | P | - |
| Chevy Pick-up | F | 0.9 | A | 17.0 | - | - | p | P | - |
| Chevy Van | F | 0.5 | A | 16.0 | - | - | P | p | - |
| Chrysler Cordoba | F | 1.0 | N | 7.0 | - | - | P | P | - |
| Datsun Pick-up | P | 1.0 | N | 10.0 | - | - | P | P | - |
| Datsun 210 | F | 0.7 | N | 10.5 | - | - | P | F | - |
| Dodge Aspen | $F$ | 1.0 | $N$ | 13.3 | - | -- | $P$ | $P$ | - |
| Dodge Pick-up | F | 1.2 | $N$ | 11.3 | - | - | P | F | - |
| Dodge Van | F | 1.5 | $N$ | 10.0 | - | - | P | P | - |
| DOT Motorized | P | 0.7 | - | - | 2.6 | 6.8 | - | - | - |
| DOT Automatic | F | 0.5 | - | -- | - | - | - | - | - |
| Fiat Strada | F | 0.8 | $N$ | 11.5 | - | - | P | $F$ | - |
| Ford Fairmont | F | 2.0 | $N$ | 11.8 | - | - | - | P | - |
| Ford LTD | P | 0.4 | - | -- | $\rightarrow$ | - | - | - | 5.5 |
| Ford Mustang | F | 1.2 | $N$ | 12.5 | - | - | ? | - | - |
| Ford Pick-up | F | 1.1 | N | 16.5 | - | -- | ? | P | - |
| Ford Pinto | F | 1.0 | A | 15.0 | - | - | F | F | - |
| Ford T-Bird | F | 2.0 | N | 15.0 | - | -- | - | P | - |
| Ford Van | F | 1.0 | A | 20.0 | - | - | P | P | - |
| Honda Civic | F | 0.5 | $N$ | 12.0 | - | -- | P | P | - |
| Jeep Pick-up | F | 0.5 | $N$ | 11.0 | - | - | P | P | - |
| Mazda GLC | F | 0.7 | N | 11.0 | - | -- | p | P | - |
| Olds Delta 88 | P | 1.0 | $N$ | 11.5 | - | - | $p$ | P | - |
| Plymouth Horizon. | F | 1.2 | $N$ | 8.5 | - | -- | P | P | - |
| Subaru 1800 GLF | F | 1.0 | $N$ | 17.3 | -- | - | - | F | - |
| Toyota Corolla | F | 0.5 | N | 16.5 | - | -- | P | $F$ | - |
| Toyota Corona | F | 0.8 | - | - | 1.8 | 4.0 | - | - | - |
| Toyota Pick-up | $F$ | 0.5 | A | 11.5 | - | - | P | P | - |
| VW Rabbit (A) | $P$ | 1.0 | -- | - | - | - | -- | - | - |
| VW Rabbit (M) | F | 0.9 | $N$ | 13.5 | - | - | P | P | - |

## Appendix C

## DETAILED RESULTS

[^2]AMC EAGLE

SIZE: COMPACT
DOORS: 4
SEAT: BUCKET

SAFETY BELT TYPE:
WINDOW SHADE DEVICE:
LATCHPLATE LOCKING DEVICE:

MANUAL, CONTINUOUS LOOP YES YES

AVERAGE RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS



## AMC SPIRIT

SIDE: SUBCOMPACT DOORS: 2

SEAT: BIJCKFT

SAFETY BEI I TYPI:
WINDOW SIIADE DEVICE:
LATCHPLATE LOCKING DEVICE

MANUAL., CONTINUOUS LOOP YES
YES

AVERAGE RAIING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP



PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PERCENT Twisted 15.2 Slack 9.3
Not Fully Retracted 48.7

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    SIIE: SUBCOMPACT
UOORS: 2
    SEAT: RUCKFT
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SAFETY BELT TYPI:
WINDOW SIIADE OLVICE:
LATCHPLATE LOCKING DEVICE:

AIJTOMATIC, GONTINUOUS LOOP
NO
N/A

AVERAGE RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS

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SEAT: BUCKFT

SAPETY BELT TYPE:
WINDOW SIIADE DEVICE: LATCHPLATE LOCKING DEVICE:

MANUAI, CONTINUOUS LOOP
NO

AVERAGE RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP

problem rating by height-weight group


AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PERCENT Twisted 10.4 Slack N/A
Not Fully Retracted 85.2

## BUICK (GMC) REGAL

| SIAE: | FULL SIIE |
| ---: | :--- |
| DOORS: | 2 |
| SEAT: | BUCKET |

SAFETY BEL T TYPE:
WINDOW SHADE DEVICE:
LATCHPLATE LOCKING DEVICE:

MANUAL, CONTINUOUS LOOP YES, AUTOMATIC RELEASE YES


PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP



PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


## CADILAC (GMC) SEDAN DEVILIE

SIAE: FULL SIZE
DOORS: 4
SEAT: SPLIT BENCH

SAFETY RELT TYPE:
WINDOW SHADE DEVICE
LATCHPLATE LOCKING DEVICE:

MANUAL, DUAL RETRACTOR VES, AUTOMATIC RELEASE

AVERAGE RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PERCENT Twisted 2.6 Slack 32.1
Not Fully Retracted 92.2

## CHEVROLET (GMC) CAMARO

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SIIE: SUBCOMPACT
DOORS: 2
SEAT: BUCKET
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SAFETY BELT TYPE: MANUAL, CONTINUOUS LOOP WINDOW SHADE DEVICE: YES LATCHPLATE LOCKING DEVICE:

AVERAGE RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


Average/Overweight
Sverage/Not Overweight

AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PERCENT Twisted 15.8 Slack 52.6
Not Fully Retracted 41.4

SIIE: SUBCOMPACT
DOORS: 2
SEAT: BUCKET

SAFETY BELT TYPE: AUTOMATIC, CONTINUOUS LOOP WINDOW SHADE DEVICE: YES, AUTOMATIC RELEASE LATCHPLATE LOCKING DEVICE:

AVERAGE RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PERCENT Twisted 19.5 Slack N/A Not Fully Retracted 46.9

CHEVROLET (GMC) CHEVETTE

| SIAE: | SUBCOMPACT | SAFETY BELY YYPE: MANUAL, CONTINUOUS LOOP |
| ---: | :--- | ---: | :--- |
| DOORS: | 2 | WINDOW SHADE DIVICE: YES, AUTOMATIC RELEASE |
| SEAT: | BUCKET | LATCHPLATF, LOCKING DEVICE: YES |

AVERAGE RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


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SIA: COMPAC.
DOORS: 2
SEAT: BENCH
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SAFETY BELT TYPL:
WINDOW SIHADE DEVICE:
LATCHPLATE LOCKING DEVICE

MANUAL, CONTINUOUS LOOP MSS, AUTOMATIC RELEASE YES

IVFRAGE RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PERCENT

Twisted 2.6 Slack 11.7
Not Fully Retracted 63.5

## ChiEVROLET (GMC) PICKUP

| SIIE: | TRUCK | SAFETY BELT TYPE: MANUAL, CONTINUOUS LOOP |  |
| ---: | :--- | ---: | :--- |
| DOORS: | 2 | WINDOW SHADE DEVICE: | NO |
| SEAT: | BENCH | LATCHPLATELOCKING DEVICE: | NO |

AVERAGE RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


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\text { DOORS: } & 2 \\
\text { SEAT: } & \text { BUCKFT }
\end{aligned}
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SAFETY BELT TYPE: MANUAL
WINDOW SHADE DIEVICE: NO
LATCHPLATE LOCKING DEVICE: NO


PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


## CHRYSLER CHAMP

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\text { DOORS: } & 2 \\
\text { SEAT: } & \text { BUCKET }
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SAFETY BELT TYPE: MANUAL, CONTINUOUS LOOP
WINDOW SIIADE DEVICE:
NO LATCHPLATE LOCKING DEVICE:

PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PERCENT Twisted 14.2 Slack N/A Not Fully Retracted 87.2

## CHRYSLER CORDOBA

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\text { DOORS: } & 2 \\
\text { SEAT: } & \text { BUCKET }
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SAFETY BELT TYPE:
WINDOW SHADE DEVICE:
LATCHPLATE LOCKING DEVICE:

MANUAL, CONTINUOUS LOOP YES, AUTOMATIC RELEASE
YES


PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP



PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


| SIIE: | MIDSIIE |
| ---: | :--- |
| DOORS: | 4 |
| SEAT: | BUCKET |

AVERAGE RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP

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PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PROBLEM RATING BY ALI GROUPS


PERCENT

Twisted 6.9 Slack 19.6 Not Fully Retracted 75.9

SII: TRUCK
DOORS: 2
SEAT: BENCH

SAFETY BELT TYPE: MANUAL, CONTINUOUS LOOP WINDOW SHADE DEVICE: LATCHPLATE IOCKING DEVICE:

NO
MES


PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


## DATSUN 210

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SIN:: SUBCOMPACT
DOORS: 2
SEAT: BUCKFT
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SAFETY BELT TYPE:
WINDOW SHADE DEVICE: LATCHPLATE. IOCKING OEVICE:

MANUAI, CONTINUOUS LOOP NO

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AVERAGF RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


AVERAGI: RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


## DATSUN 280ZX

| SIII: | TWO-SEATER |
| ---: | :--- |
| DOORS: | 2 |
| SEAT: | BUCKET |

SAFETY BELT TYPE: MANUAL, CONTINUOUS LOOP
WINDOW SHADE DEVICE:
LATCHPLATE LOCKING DEVICE:

AVERAGE RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


| SIAE: | SUBCOMPACT |
| ---: | :--- |
| DOORS: | 2 |
| SEAT: | BUCKET |

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SEAT: BUCKT

AVIRAGE RATINC, BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP

problem rating by height-weight group


AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PERCENT

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\text { Not Fully Retracted } 89.7
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## DODGE (CHRYSLER) ASPEN

| SIRE: | COMPACT |
| ---: | :--- |
| DOORS: | 4 |
| SEAT: | BENCH |

SAFETY BELT TYPE: MANUAI, CONTINUOUS LOOP
WINDOW SHADE DEVICE: NO
LATCHPLATE LOCKING DEVICE: NO

AVERAGE RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


- PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PERCENT

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\text { Not Fully Retracted } 5.2
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## DODGE (CHRYSLER) PICKUP

| SIAE: TRUCK | SAFETY BELT TYPE: MANIIAI., CONTINUOUS LOOP |  |
| ---: | :--- | ---: | :--- |
| DOORS: | 2 | WINiOOW SHADE DEVICE: MES |
| SEAT: | BENCH | LATCHPLATE LOCKING DEVICE: MES |

AVERAGI RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


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PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PERCENT
Twisted 12.3 Slack 8.3
Not Fully Retracted 48.7

| SITE: | VAN |
| ---: | :--- |
| DOORS: | 2 |
| SEAT: | BUCKET |

AVERAGE RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP



PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


## DOT EXPERIMENTAL

## AUTOMATIC BELT SYSTEM

| SIAE: | SUBCOMPACT | SAFETY BELT TYPE: AUTOMATIC: CONTINUOUS LOOP |  |
| ---: | :--- | ---: | :--- |
| DOORS: | 2 | WINDOW SHADE DEVICE: | NO |
| SEAT: | BUCKET | LATCHPLATE LOCKING DEVICE: | N/A |



PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP



## DOT EXPERIMENTAL MOTORIZED BELT SYSTEM

SIII: SUBCOMPACT DOORS: 2<br>SEAT: BUCKET

SAFETY BELT TYPE:
WINDOW SHADE DEVICE:
LATCHPLATE LOCKING DEVICE:

MOTORIZED, SINGLE RETRACTOR
NO
N/A

AVERAGF: RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PERCENT Twisted 10.4 Slack N/A
Not Fully Retracted 4.4

SIIE: SUBCOMPACT
DOORS: 2
SEAT: BUCKET

SAFETY BELT TYPE:
WINDOW SIIADE DEVICE:
LATCHPLATE LOCKING DEVICE:

MANUAL, CONTINUOUS LOOP NO NO

PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP



PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


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\text { SEAT: } & \text { BUCKET }
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SAFETY BELT TYPE: MANUAL, CONTINUOUS LOOP
WINDOW SHADE DEVICE: NO LATCHPLATE LOCKING DEVICE:

AVERAGE RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PERCENT

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\text { Not Fully Retracted } 73.0
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| SIA: | COMPACT |
| ---: | :--- |
| DOORS: | 4 |
| SEAT: | BENCH |

AVERAGE RATING BY HEIGHT-IVEIGHT GROUP


PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


SAFETY BFLY IYPF: MANUAL, CONTINUOUS LO.JP
WINDOW SHADL DEVICE: LATCHPLATE IOCKINC DEVICE:

MES, AUTOMATIC RELEASS MES

AVERAGE RATING BY ALL IROUPS


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PERCENT Twisted 7.1 Slack 12.7
Not Fully Retracted 25.0

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    SIIE: MIDSIIE
DOORS: 4
SEAT: BENCH
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AVERAGE RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PERCENT

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\text { Not Fully Retracted } 98.2
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SIII: FULL SI/I
DOORS: 4
SEAT: BENCH

SALTYY BILT TYPE:
WINDOW SIIADE DEVICE
LATCHPLATE IOCKING DEVICE:

AUTOMATIC, CONTINUOUS LOOP NO
N/A

AVERAGE RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL. GROUPS


PERCENT

Twisted 15.8 Slack $N / A$ Not Fully Retracted 4.4

## FORD LTD

| SIK: | FULL SIZ: |
| ---: | :--- |
| DOORS: | 4 |
| SEAT: | BENCH |

AVERAGE RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


PROBIEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


| SIIE: COMPACT |  |
| ---: | :--- |
| DOORS: | 2 |
| SEAT: | BUCKET |

avtirage rating; by height-weight group


PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


SAFETY BELT TYPI
WINDOW SIIADE DIVICL: LATCHPLATE LOCKING DEVICE:

MANUAL, CONTINUOUS LOOP rES, AUTOMATIC RELEASE


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PERCENT Twisted 10.4 Slack 11.4
Not Fully Retracted 35.1

## FORD PICKUP

| SIDE: | TRUCK |
| ---: | :--- |
| DOORS: | 2 |
| SEAT: | BENCH |

AVIERAGE RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


## FORD PINTO

SIII: SUBCOMPACT DOORS: 2 SEAT: BUCKET

SAFETY BELT TYPE: MANUAL, CONTINUOUS LOOP
WINDOW SHADE DEVICE:
LATCHPLATE LOCKING DEVICE:

NO


PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


## FORD THUNDERBIRD

| SIIE: | FULL SIZE | SAFETY BELT TYPE: MANUAL, CONTINUOUS LOOP |  |
| ---: | :--- | ---: | :--- |
| DOORS: | 2 | WINDOW SHADE DEVICE: | YES, AUTOMATIC RELEASE |
| SEAT: | BENCH | LATCHPLATE LOCKING DEVICE: | YES |

average rating by Helght-wEIGHT GROUP


PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP



PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


| SIIE: | VAN | SAFETY BELT TYPE: MANUAL, DUAL RETRACTORS |  |
| ---: | :--- | ---: | :--- |
| DOORS: | 2 | WINDOW SHADE DEVICE: | NO |
| SEAT: | BUCKET | LATCHPLATE LOCKING DEVICE: NO |  |

AVERAGE RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


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    SIIE: SUBCOMPACT
DOORS: 2
    SEAT: BUCKET
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SAFETY BELT TYPE:
WINDOW SHADE DEVICE:
LATCHPLATE LOCKING DEVICE:

MANUAL, CONTINUOUS LOOP
NO
NO

AVERAGE RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


## JEEP (AMC) PICKUP

SIEE: TRUCK DOORS: 2 SEAT: BENCH

SAFETY BELT TYPE:
WINDOW SHADE DEVICE:
LATCHPLATE LOCKING DEVICE:

MANUAL, CONTINUOUS LOOP NO MES


PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


## MAZDA GLC

| SIIE: | SUBCOMPACT | SAFETY BELT TYPE: | MANUAL, CONTINUOUS LOOP |
| ---: | :--- | ---: | :--- |
| DOORS: | 2 | WINDOW SHADE DEVICE: | NO |
| SEAT: | BUCKET | LATCHPLATE LOCKING DEVICE: | NO |

AVERAGE RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


## MAZDA 626

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            SII: SUBCOMPACT
DOORS: 2
    SEAT: BUCKET
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AVERAGE RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


PROPIEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PERCENT Twisted 1.8 Slack N/A
Not Fully Retracted 94.0

| SIII: | COMPACT |
| ---: | :--- |
| DOORS: | 4 |
| SEAT: | BUCKET |

AVERAGE RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP

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PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PERCENT Twisted 7.9 Slack $N / A$
Not Fully Retracted 88.8

## OLDSMOBILE (GMC) CUTLASS-WAGON

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SIIE: MIDSITE
DOORS: 4
    SEAT: BENCH
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SAFETY BELT TYPE: MANUAL, CONTINUOUS LOOP WINDOW SHADE DEVICE: YES, AUTOMATIC REIFASE

AVERAGE RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


OLDSMOBILE (GMC) DELTA 88

| SIZE: | FULL SIZE |
| ---: | :--- |
| DOORS: | 4 |
| SEAT: | BENCH |

AVERAGE RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


## PLYMOUTH (CHRYSLER) HORIZON

| SIII: | SUBCOMPACT | SAFETY BELT TYPE: | MANUAL, CONTINUOUS LOOP |
| ---: | :--- | ---: | :--- |
| DOORS: | 2 | WINDOW SHADE DEVICE: | YES |
| SEAT: | BUCKET | LATCHPLATE LOCKING DEVICE: | YES |

AVERAGE RATING BY !代IGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PROBLEK RATING BY ALL GROUPS


| SII: | SUBCOMPACT |
| ---: | :--- |
| DOORS: | 2 |
| SEAT: | BUCKET |

SAFETY BELT TYPF: MANUAL, CONTINUOUS LOOP WINDOW SIIADE GEVICE: NO LATCHPLATE LOCKING : OEVICE: NO


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PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


## toyota celica

SIIE: SUBCOMPACT DOORS: 2

SAFETY BELT TYPE:
WINDOW SHADE DEVICE:
LATCHPLATE LOCKING DEVICE:

MANUAL, DUAL RETRACTOR NO

AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS

EAverage/Overweight
Average/Not Overweight


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PERCENT
Twisted
Slack
Not Fully Retracted

## TOYOTA COROLLA

SIIE: SUBCOMPACT
DOORS: 2
SEAT: BUCKET

SAFETY BEL T TYPF:
WINDOW SIIADE DEVICE:
LATCHPLATF. LOCKING DEVICF:

MANUAI., CONTINUOUS LOOP
NO
No

AVERAGE RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


AVERAGF. RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


## TOYOTA CORONA

```
SIIE: SUBCOMPACT
DOORS: 4
SEAT: BUCKET
```

SAFETY BELT TYPE:
WINDOW SHADE DEVICE: LATCHPLATE LOCKING DEVICE:

AUTOMATIC, 2-POINT NO N/A
average rating by height-weight group

problem rating by height-WEIGHT Group


AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS

*With optionai lap belt.

TOYOTA PICKUP

| SIIE: | TRUCK |
| ---: | :--- |
| DOORS: | 2 |
| SEAT: | BENCH |

SAFETY BFLI TYYI: MANUAL, CONTINUOUS LOOP
NINDOW SIHADI IHEVICE: NO
LATCHPLATE IOCKIN(; IEVICE: NO

AVERAGE RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS



TOYOTA TERCE

| SITE: | SUBCOMPACT | SAFETY BELT TYPE: |
| ---: | :--- | ---: |
| DOORS: | 2 | WINDOWUAL, COMFORT ZONE |
| SEAT: | BUCKET | LATCHPLATE LOCKING DEVICE: |

AVERAGE RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PERCENT

## VOUKSWAGEN JETTA

```
    SIZE: SUBCOMPACT
DOORS: 2
SEAT: BUCKET
```

SAFETY BELT TYPE: AUTOMATIC, 2-POINT
WINDOW SHADE DEVICE:
LATCHPLATE LOCKING DEVICE:
NO

AVERAGE RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PERCENT Twisted 6.8 Slack N/A
Not Fully Retracted 82.1

## VOLKSWAGEN JETTA

```
    SIII:: SUBCOMPACT
DOORS: 2
SEAT: BUCKET
SEAT: BUCKET
```

SAFETY BELT TYPE:
WINDOW SHADE DEVICE: LATCHPLATE LOCKING DEVICE:

## MANUAL, CONTINUOUS LOOP

 NOAVERAGE RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


## VOUKSWAGEN RABBIT

| SIR: | SUBCOMPACT | SAFETY BELT TYPE: AUTOMATIC |
| ---: | :--- | ---: |
| DOORS: | 2 | WINDOW SHADE DEVICE: |
| SEAT: | BUCLET | LATCHPLATE LOCKING DEVICE: |

AVERAGE RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


AVERAGE RATING BY ALL G,ROUPS


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


## VOUKSWAGEN RABBIT

SIIE: SUBCOMPACT DOORS: 2

SEAT: BUCKET

SAFETY BELT TYPE: MANUAL, CONTINUOUS LOOP
WINDOW SHADE DEVICE:
LATCHPLATE LOCKING DEVICE:

NO
NO


AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


## VOUKSWAGEN RABBIT

## SITE: SUBCOMPACT DOORS: 2 <br> SEAT: BUCKET

SAPETY BFLT TYPE: MANUAI, CONTINUOUS LOOP
WINDOW SHADE DEVICE:
LATCHPLATE LOCKING DEVICE:

AVF.RAGE RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PERCENT

Twisted 4.3 Slack N/A Not Fully Retracted 92.3

## VOLVO 244

| SIIE: | COMPACT |
| ---: | :--- |
| DOORS: | 4 |
| SEAT: | BUCEET |

## SAFETY BFLY TYPL: MANUAL, CONTINUOUS LOOP

 WINDOW SIIADE DEVICE: NOSEAT: BUCVET LATCHPLATE I.OCKING DEVICE:

AVERAGE RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


PROBLEM RATING BY HEIGHT-WEIGHT GROUP


AVERAGE RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PROBLEM RATING BY ALL GROUPS


PERCENT
Twisted 6.9 Slack N/A
Not Fully Retracted 87.9

# Appendix D <br> COMPUTER OUTPUT FOR STATISTICAL ANALYSIS 

Presented in this appendix are copies of the computer output used in the analysis of variance and Chi-square analysis used to determine which user and tafety belt system characteristics had significant impacts on comfort and convenience.

Exhibit Dl-1
Analysis of the Relationship Between Height of Participant And Accessibility Crosstabulation


Analysis of Variance

| SOUBCE | D.F. | SUM OF SQUAEES | MEAN SOUARES | F Ratic | FEICE. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| EETHERN GROUES | 4 | 0.7444 | 0.18 E1 | 0.774 | C. $54 \pm$ |
| hITHIN GROUPS | 882 | 211.9749 | $0.24 C 3$ |  |  |
| TCTAL | 886 | 212.7193 |  |  |  |

Exhibit Dl-2
Analysis of The Relationship Between Height of Participant And Extending Crosstabulation


| SOURCE | O.F. | SUM OF SCUARES | MEAN SQUARES | F RATIO | F PROB |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BETHEEN GROUPS | 4 | 5.4382 | 1.3596 | 6.725 | C.000 |
| WITHIN GROUPS | 5291 | 1069.7131 | 0.2022 |  |  |
| TOTAL | 5295 | 1075.1514 |  |  |  |

Exhibit D1-3
Analysis of The Relationship Between Height of Participant and Buckling Crosstabulation


Analysis of Variance

| SOURCE | D.F. SUM OF SQUARES | MEAN SQUARES | F RATIO | F PRUU |  |
| :--- | :---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BETHEEN GRDUPS | 4 | 2.8774 | 0.7194 | 3.985 | 0.004 |
| HITHIN GROUPS | 5270 | 951.4399 | 0.1805 |  |  |
| TOTAL | 5274 | 954.3174 |  |  |  |

Exhibit Dl-4
Analysis of the Relationship Between Height of Participant and Fit Crosstabulation


Analysis of Variance

| SOUBCE | D.F. | SUM OF SOOARES | hean souares | Fratio | E Eble. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| between groofs | 4 | 22.2693 | 5.5673 | 30.191 | 0.ccc |
| \#ITHIE Gficups | 6202 | 1143.6655 | 0.1844 |  |  |
| total | 6206 | 1165.9348 |  |  |  |

Exhibit Dl-5


Analysis of Variance

| SOURCE | D.F. | SUM OF SOUARES | mean suuabes | f ratio | E Eble. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| betueen geoufs | 4 | 12.2095 | 3.0524 | 17.098 | c.ccc |
| hithin ghoups | 6192 | 1105.4028 | 0.1785 |  |  |
| total | 6196 | 1117.6123 |  |  |  |

Exhibit Dl－6
Analysis of the Relationship Between Height of Participant and Releasing Crosstabulation


Analysis of Variance

| SOU RCE | D．F． | Suk of Sudares | MEAN SOUARES | f batio | F Fッじ。 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| betheen groufs | 4 | 0.4871 | 0.1218 | 1.819 | C． 121 |
| within gfoups | 5300 | 354． 8618 | 0.0670 |  |  |
| total | 5304 | 355.3489 |  |  |  |

Exhibit D1-7
Analysis of the Relationship Between Height of Participant and Retraction Crosstabulation


Analysis of Variance

| SOORCE | D.F. | Sum of sudabes | mean squares | F matio | F EECE. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| betueen ghoofs | 4 | 2.4306 | 0.6077 | 4.135 | O.CC |
| hithin geoups | 6210 | 912.5332 | 0.1469 |  |  |
| total | 6214 | 914.9639 |  |  |  |

Exhibit D2-1
Analysis of the Relationship Between Safety Belt Usage Rates and Accessibility Crosstabulation


Exhibit D2-2
Analysis of the Relationship Between Safety Belt Useage Rates and Extending Crosstabulation


Exhibit D2-3
Analysis of the Relationship Between Safety Belt Useage Rates and Buckling Crosstabulation


Analysis of Variance

| SUURCE | D.F. | SUM LF SQUARES. | MEAN SQUARES | F RATIO | F PROB. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BETWEEN GRUUPS | 2 | 0.4336 | 0.2168 | 1.198 | C. 302 |
| WITHIN GROUPS | 5218 | 444.5383 | 0.181 C |  |  |
| TCTAL | $32 ¢ 0$ | 944.4719 |  |  |  |

Exhibit D2-4
Analysis of the Relationship Between Safety Belt Useage Rates and Fit
Crosstabulation


Analysis of Variance

| SOURCE | D. P. | STM OF SOUARES | MEAR SOUARES | F RATIO | $F$ PFOB. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BETVERR GPOUPS | 2 | 7.6877 | 3.8439 | 20.552 | 0.000 |
| QITHIA GBOUPS | 6947 | 1149.6755 | ก. 9870 |  |  |
| TOTAL | 6149 | 1157.3633 |  |  |  |

Exhibit D2-5
Analysis of the Relationship Between Safety Belt Useage Rates and Pressure Crosstabulation


Exhibit D2-6
Analysis of the Relationship Between Safety Belt Useage Rates and Releasing Crosstabulation


Analysis of Variance

| SOURCE | D.F. | SOT | OF SOUARES | BEAN | SOOARES | P Ratio | F PROB. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BETMEEE GBOUPS | 2 |  | 0.1911 |  | 0.0956 | 1.420 | 0.240 |
| GITEIA GROUPS | 5248 |  | 353.1643 |  | 0.0673 |  |  |
| TOTAL | 5250 |  | 353.3555 |  |  |  |  |

Exhibit D2-7. Analysis of the Relationship Between Safety Belt Úseage Rates and Retraction Crosstabulation

Analysis of Variance

| SOURCE | D. ${ }^{\text {P }}$ | SOM OF SOURRES | GEA SOUASES | F batiu | F Pros. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2 | 2.2375 | 7. 9187 | 7.608 | $0.00 \%$ |
| -ITHİ GROOPS | 6855 | 905. 296 | 0.849 |  |  |
| POTAL | 8959 | 907.3582 |  |  |  |

Exhibit D3-1
Analysis of the Relationship Between Type of Safety Belt System and Accessibility Crosstabulation


## Analysis of Variance

| SOTRCE | D.F. | SUM OF S QUARES | MEAN SOUARES | FRATIO | $F$ PROE. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BET NEEN GFCDFS | 1 | 11.1538 | 11.1538 | 46.068 | 0.000 |
| WITHIN GRCOPS | 5191 | 1256.8225 | 0.2421 |  |  |
| TOTAL | 5192 | 1267.9763 |  |  |  |

Exhibit D3-2
Analysis of the Relationship Between Type of Safety Belt System and Extending Crosstabulation

CORRECTED CHI SQUARE $=15.28166$ WITH 1 DEGREE OF FREEDOM. SIGNIFICANCE $=0.0001$

| SOII RCF | D.F. | SIMM OF SQUARES | MEAN SOUARES | P RATIC | F EPOE. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| EFTUEFN GROITFS | 1 | 3.2100 | 3.210 C | 15.752 | 0.000 |
| WITHTN GROUR | 5182 | 1055.9724 | 0.2038 |  |  |

Exhibit D3-3
Analysis of the Relationship Between Type of Safety Belt System and Buckling Crosstabulation


Exhibit D3-4
Analysis of the Relationship Between Type of Safety Belt System and Fit
Crosstabulation


Exhibit D3-5
Analysis of the Relationship Between Type of Safety Belt System and Pressure Crosstabulation


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Exhibit D3-6
Analysis of the Relationship Between Type of Safety Belt System and Releasing Crosstabulation
                                    Analysis of Variance
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline SOTJ PC F & 7.7. & STM OP SOUAPES & Mean sooares & PRATIC & F EROE. \\
\hline PETHEEN GROTPS & 1 & 1.3050 & 1. 3050 & 19.262 & 0.000 \\
\hline HITHTN GROTPS & 5192 & 351.7471 & 0.0677 & & \\
\hline total. & 5193 & 353.0520 & & & \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
```


## Exhibit D3-7

Analysis of the Relationship Between Type of Safety Belt System and Retraction Crosstabulation


Exhibit D4-1
Analysis of the Relationship Between Vehicle Size and Accessibility crosstabulation


RAW CHI SQUARE $=562.26392$ WITH 6 DEGREES OF FREEDDM. SIGNIFICANCE $=0.0$

Analysis of Variance

| SCORCB | I.F. | SUM | OF SOUARES | MEAN | SOOARES | P EATIO | FPFOB. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BETDEER GROUPS | 6 |  | 137.4246 |  | 22.9041 | 104.682 | 0.000 |
| \#IT日İ GBCOPS | 5298 |  | 1159.1909 |  | 0.2188 |  |  |
| TOTAL | 5304 |  | 1296.6955 |  |  |  |  |

Exhibit D4-2
Analysis of the Relationship Between Vehicle Size and Extending Crosstabulation


Analysis of Variance

| SUURCE | D.F. | SUM GF SQUARES | MEAN SWUAKES | F KATIO | F PKOB. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BETWEEN GKUUPS | 6 | 6.2395 | 1.0399 | 5.146 |  |
| WITHIN GKUUPS | 5289 | 1068.9119 | U. 2021 |  |  |
| IUTAL | 2295 | 1075.1514 |  |  |  |

Exhibit D4-3
Analysis of the Relationship Between Vehicle Size and Buckling Crosstabulation


Analysis of Variance

| SÜURCE | D.t. | SUM UF SUUARES | MEAM SOOARES | P RATIO | P PROB. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BETWEEN GKUUP'j | 6 | 14.3430 | 2.3505 | 13.397 | 0.000 |
| WITHIN GKUUPS | 5268 | 934.9744 | 0.1784 |  |  |
| TOTAL | 5274 | 954.3174 |  |  |  |

Exhibit D4-4
Analysis of the Relationship Between Vehicle Size and Fit Crosstabulation


| Analysis of Variance |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SOURCE | D. P. | SUM | Of SqOARES | mean | Spuares | p ratio | F PROB. |
| betpeer gicofe | 6 |  | 5.8518 |  | 0.9753 | 5.212 | 0.000 |
| mitair grcops | 6200 |  | 1160.0830 |  | 0.1879 |  |  |
| tctal | 6206 |  | 1165.9348 |  |  |  |  |

Exhibit D4-5


Analysis of Variance

| SOURCE | D.F. | SUM OF SOUARES | mean sounres | Pratio | P Prob. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| EETMEER GFCOFS | 6 | 7.1409 | 1.1901 | 6.634 | 0.000 |
| WIthis grcoss | 6990 | 1110.4714 | 0.1794 |  |  |
| ictal | 6996 | 1117.6123 |  |  |  |

Exhibit D4-6
Analysis of the Relationship Between Vehicle Size and Releasing
Crosstabulation


Analysis of Variance

| SOURCE | D.P. | SUM OF SOUARES | MEAN SOUARES | P RATIO | F PROB. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| EETUEEN GFODPS | $E$ | 2.9520 | 0.4920 | 9.807 | 0.000 |
| -ITHIM GECOPS | 5298 | 352.3967 | 0.0665 |  |  |
| TOTAL | 5304 | 355.3489 |  |  |  |

Exhibit D4-7
Analysis of the Relationship Between Vehicle Size and Retraction Crosstabulation


| Analysis of Variance |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SOURCE | D.F. | STM | of squares | mean | SOUARES | pratio | F Prob. |
| BETEEEI GROOPS | 6 |  | 5.5441 |  | 0.9240 | 6.308 | 0.000 |
| \#ItaIA grcops | 6208 |  | 909.4997 |  | 0.1465 |  |  |
| TOTAL | 6214 |  | 994.9639 |  |  |  |  |

Exhibit D5-1
Analysis of the Relationship Between Seat Type and Accessibility Crosstabulation


Exhibit D5-2
Analysis of the Relationship Between Seat Type and Extending Crosstabulation

Analysis of Variance

| SUURCE | U.F. | SUM UF SWUARES | MEAN SGUARES | F RATIO | F PROB. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BETWEEN GRUUPS | 1 | U. 3843 | U. 3843 | 1.893 | 0.165 |
| WITHIN GKUUPS | 5294 | 1074.7671 | 0.2030 |  |  |
| JUTAL | 5245 | 1075.1514 |  |  |  |

Exhibit D5-3
Analysis of the Relationship Between Seat Type and Buckling
Crosstabulation


| sujukce | O.F. | sum of sumakes | mean squares | F KATIU | P EbCB. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| EETWEEN GKOUPS | 1 | 4.9336 | 4.9336 | 27.402 | 0.000 |
| hITHIN GRUUPS | 5273 | 449. 3838 | 0.1800 |  |  |
| TOTAL | $3<74$ | 954.3174 |  |  |  |

Analysis of the Relationship Between Seat Type and Fit
Crosstabulation


Exhibit D5-5
Analysis of the Relationship Between Seat Type and Pressure Crosstabulation


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CORRECTED CHI SQUARE = 15.57146 WITH 1 DEGREE OF FREEDOM. SIGNIFICANCE = 0.0001
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| SUURCE | D.F. | Sum of squahes | mean sudares | Fratio | F EECB. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| petreen groups | 9 | 2.8564 | 2.8564 | 15.874 | 0.000 |
| -Itain groops | 6195 | 1194.7559 | 0.1799 |  |  |
| total | 6996 | 1197.6923 |  |  |  |

Exhibit D5-6
Analysis of the Relationship Between Seat Type and Releasing Crosstabulation
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CORRECTED CHI SQUARE $=16.60120$ WITH 1 DEGREE OF FREEDOM. SIGNIFICANCE $=0.0000$

| suorce | D.F. | Sum of squares | mean judares | F Ratio | F EbCb. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| betaeme groups | 1 | 1.1440 | 1.1440 | 17.128 | 0.000 |
| Qithin groups | 53C 3 | 354.2048 | 0.0668 |  |  |
| tctal | $53 \mathrm{C4}$ | 355.3489 |  |  |  |

Exhibit D5-7
Analysis of the Relationship Between Seat Type and Retraction Crosstabulation

CORRECTED CHI SQUARE $=1.89487 \mathrm{WITH} 1$ DEGREE OF FREEDOM. SIGNIFICANCE $=0.1687$

| SOURCE | D. F. | SUM OF SQUARES | MEAN SQUARES | F RATIO | 8 ERCB. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| EETAEEN GPCUPS | 9 | 0.2943 | 0.2943 | 1.999 | 0.154 |
| WITHIN GRCOPS | 6213 | 914.6694 | C. 1472 |  |  |
| TOTAL | 6294 | 974.9639 |  |  |  |

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Exhibit D6--1
Analysis of the Relationship Between Number of Car Doors and Accessibility Crosstabulation
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Exhibit D6-2

xhibit D6-3
Analysis of the Relationship Between Number of Car Doors and Buckling Crosstabulation

Analysis of Variance

| SOURCE | D.F. SUM OF SQUARES | MEAN SQUARES | F RATIO | F PROB. |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BETWEEN GROUPS | 1 | 6.3982 | 6.3982 | 35.591 | 0.000 |
| WITHIN GKUUPS | 5273 | 947.9192 | 0.1798 |  |  |
| TUTAL | 5274 | 954.3174 |  |  |  |

Exhibit D6-4
Analysis of the Relationship Between Number of Car Doors and Fit Crosstabulation


| SOURCE | [.F. | SUM OF SOUARES | mean souares | F fatio | F PFOB. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| between groufs | 1 | 6.8186 | 6.8186 | 36.501 | 0.000 |
| MITAIN GROUPS | 6205 | 1159.1162 | 0.1868 |  |  |
| tctal | 6206 | 1165.9348 |  |  |  |

Exhibit D6-5
Analysis of the Relationship Between Number of Car Doors and Pressure
Crosstabulation


Exhibit D6-6
Analysis of the Relationship Between Number of Car Doors and Releasing Crosstabulation


Analysis of Variance

| SOURCE | D.F. | Sum of sodares | mean sodares | f ratio | F PROB. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| betmeen groups | 1 | 2.1912 | 2. 1912 | 32.902 | 0.000 |
| within gfiops | 53C3 | 353.1577 | 0.0666 |  |  |
| tctal | $53 \mathrm{C4}$ | 355.3489 |  |  |  |

Exhibit D6-7
Analysis of the Relationship Between Number of Car Doors and Retraction Crosstabulation


Exhibit D7-1
Analysis of the Relationship Between Weight-Height Groupings and Accessibility Crosstabulation


Analysis of Variance

| SOURCE | D.F. | SUM OF SQUARES | MEAN SQUARES | F RATIO | F PROB. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PETWEEN GROUPS | 3 | 5.2197 | 1.7399 | 7.142 | 0.000 |
| WITHIN GFOUPS | 5301 | 1291.3958 | 0.2436 |  |  |
| THTAL | 5304 | 1296.5155 |  |  |  |

Exhibit D7-2
Analysis of the Relationship Between Weight-Height Groupings and Extending Crosstabulation


Exhibit D7-3
Analysis of the Relationship Between Weight-Height Groupings and Buckling Crosstabulation


Analysis of Variance

| SUURCI | D.F. | SUM OF SQUARES | MEAN SQUARES | F RATIO | F PROB |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| FETWEEN GROUPS | 3 | 4.9304 | 1.6435 | 0.000 |  |
| WITHIA GFOUPS | 5271 | 947.3670 | $0.1 R O 1$ |  |  |
| TOTAL | 5.274 | 354.3174 |  |  |  |

Exhibit D7-4
Analysis of the Relationship Between Weight-Height Groupings and Fit
Crosstabulation


Analysis of Variance

| SOURCE | O.F. | SUM OF SGUARES | MEAN SQUARES | FRATIO |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BETWEEN GROUPS | 3 | 45.1704 | 15.0568 | 83.334 |
| WITHIN GROUPS PROB. |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL | 6203 | 1120.7644 | 0.1807 | 0.000 |
|  | 6206 | 1155.9348 |  |  |

Exhibit D7-5
Analysis of the Relationship Between Weight-Height Groupings and Pressure Crosstabulation


Analysis of Variance

| SCUPCE | D.F. SUM OF SQUARES | MEAN SQUARES | FRATIO FPROB. |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| EETWEEA GROUPS | 3 | 17.6306 | 5.8769 | 33.087 | 0.000 |
| WITHIN GROUPS | 6193 | 1099.9817 | 0.1776 |  |  |
| TOTAL | 6196 | 1117.6123 |  |  |  |

## Exhibit D7-6

Analysis of the Relationship Between Weight-Height Groupings and Releasing Crosstabulation


Exhibit D7-7
Analysis of the Relationship Between Weight-Height Groupings and Retraction Crosstabulation


Analysis of Variance

| SOURCE | D.F. | SUM OF SQJARES | MEAN SQUARES | F RATIO | FPROB. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RETWFFN GROUPS | 3 | 0.8386 | 0.2995 | 2.035 |  |
| WITHIN GROUPS | 6211 | 914.0652 | 0.1472 |  |  |
| TRTAL | 6214 | 914.9639 |  |  |  |

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Exhibit D8-1
Analysis of the Relationship Between Sex of Participant and Accessibility
Crosstabulation
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            D8-2
Analysis of the Relationship Between Sex of Participant and Extending
                    Crosstabulation
```



| SOURCE | D.F. | SUM OF SQUARES | MEAN SQUARES | F RATIO | F PROB. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BETHEEN GROUPS | 1 | 0.1440 | 0.1440 | 0.709 | C.404 |
| HITHIA GRCUPS | 5294 | 1075.0073 | 0.2031 |  |  |
| TOTAL | 5295 | 1075.1514 |  |  |  |

```
            bit D8-3
        Analysis of the Relationship Between Sex of Participant and Buckling
            Crosstabulation
        CMOM
```

                    Analysis of Variance
    | SOORCE | D.F. | SOM OF SOUARES | MEAN SOUARES | F FATIO | P PROB. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| EETPEEN GROUPS | 1 | 0.4439 | 0.4439 | 3.536 | 0.057 |
| WITHI GECUPS | 5302 | 665.5559 | 0.1255 |  |  |
| TOTAL | $53 C 3$ | 665.9998 |  |  |  |

Exhibit D8-4
Analysis of the Relationship Between Sex of Participant and Fit Crosstabulation


Analysis of Variance

| SCORCE | I.F. | SOM | OF | SODAPES | MEAN | SOUARES | F EATIO | F PROB. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BETMEEN GFOUPS | 1 |  |  | 8.8025 |  | 8.8025 | 47.202 | 0.010 |
| -ITHIN GFOUPS | 6205 |  | 17 | 7.1323 |  | 0.1865 |  |  |
| TOTAL | 6206 |  |  | 5.9348 |  |  |  |  |

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                            Exhibit D8-5
Analysis of the Relationship Between Sex of Participant and Pressure
                    Crosstabulation
```



Analysis of Variance

| SOORCE | D.F. | Som of sotares | mean | SOUARES | fratio | P PROB. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| betreen grcops | 1 | 3.5225 |  | 3.5225 | 19.587 | 0.000 |
| mithia gfeofs | 6195 | 1114.0898 |  | 0.1798 |  |  |
| total | 6196 | 1117.6123 |  |  |  |  |

Exhibit D8-6
Analysis of the Relationship Between Sex of Participant and Releasing

Analysis of Variance

| SODRCE | D.F. | SUM OF SOUARES | mean sourres | f fatio | F PROE. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| eetueen grcops | 1 | C. 0366 | 0.0366 | 0.547 | 0.466 |
| mithin gacups | 5303 | 355.3123 | 0.0670 |  |  |
| total | 5364 | 355.3489 |  |  |  |



Exhibit D9-1
Analysis of the Relationship Between Weight of Participant and Accessibility Crosstabulation


Exhibit D9-2
Analysis of the Relationship Between Weight of Participant and Extending Crosstabulation


Exhibit D9-3
Analysis of the Relationship Between Weight of Participant and Buckling Crosstabulation


Exhibit D9-4
Analysis of the Relationship Between Weight of Participant and Fit
Crosstabulation


Exhibit D9-5
Analysis of the Relationship Between Weight of Participant and Pressure Crosstabulation


Exhibit D9-6
Analysis of the Relationship Between Weight of Participant and Releasing Crosstabulation


Exhibit D9-7
Analysis of the Relationship Between Weight of Participant and Retraction Crosstabulation


Exhibit Dl0-I
Analysis of the Relationship Between Type of Windowshade Device and Accessibility Crosstabulation


Analysis of Variance

| SOORCE | D.E. | SUM OP SOUARES | MEAN SOUARES | P Ratio | $F \mathrm{PROB}$. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BETHEEN GROUPS | 2 | 15.7722 | 7.8861 | 32.680 | 0.000 |
| WITHIN GROUPS | 4959 | 1196.6892 | 0.2413 |  |  |
| TOTAL | 4961 | 1212.4614 |  |  |  |

Exhibit Dl0-2
Analysis of the Relationship Between Type of Windowshade Device and Extending
Crosstabulation


| SOURCE | D.F. | SUM OF SGUARES | MEAN SQUARES | F RATIO | FPRCR. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BETWEENGROUPS | 2 | 5.6655 | 2.8328 | 14.224 | 0.000 |
| WITHINGFOUPS | 4950 | 985.0391 | 0.1992 |  |  |
| TOTAL | 4952 | 391.5045 |  |  |  |

Exhibit D10-3
Analysis of the Relationship Between Type of Windowshade and Buckling
Crosstabulation


Exhibit Dl0-4
Analysis of Variance

| SOURこE | D.F. | SUM | Of SUUARES | MEAN SOUARES | P Ratio | F PRCB. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BETUEEN GROUPS | 2 |  | 4.4966 | 2. 2483 | 11.907 | 0.000 |
| WITHIN GROUPS | 5863 |  | 1107.0344 | 0.1888 |  |  |
| TOTAL | 5865 |  | 1111.5310 |  |  |  |

Exhibit D10-5
Analysis of the Relationship Between Type of Windowshade Device and Pressure Crosstabulation


Exhibit Dl0-6
Analysis of the Relationship Between Type of Windowshade Device and Releasing Crosstabulation


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                            een Type of Windowshade Device and Retraction Crosstabulation
Analysis of the Relationship Between Type of Windowshade Device and Retraction
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Analysis of Variance
\begin{tabular}{lccccc} 
SOURCE & D.F. & SUM OF SOUARES & MEAN SOUARES & FATIO & FREB. \\
BETHEEN GROUPS & 2 & 107.8867 & 53.9433 & 405.728 \\
HITHIN GROUPS & 5870 & 780.4434 & 0.1330 & 0.000 \\
TOTAL & 5872 & 888.3298 & &
\end{tabular}
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Exhibit Dl1-1
Analysis of the Relationship Between Fit Compliance Test Results and Accessibility Crosstabulation

| SE16 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - | CCUNT | 1 | NC | $]^{\quad \text { FCh }}$ |
|  | FCW PCI | I YES |  |  |
|  | CCL PCT | 1 |  |  |
|  | 1C1 PCI | 11 | 12 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 0 | 159 | 11351 | 1141 C |
| PFCPLEM |  | 14.2 | I 95.8 | $141 . \mathrm{C}$ |
|  |  | I 25.8 | 142.1 | I |
|  |  | 11.7 | 139.3 | I |
|  |  | I - - | I--- | 1 |
|  | 1 | 117 C | I 1858 | $1<228$ |
| NC PROBL |  | 18.4 | 191.6 | 159.0 |
|  |  | 174.2 | 157.9 | I |
|  |  | 14.5 | 154.0 | 1 |
|  |  | 1----- | ------ | 1 |
|  | CCLUMN | 229 | $32 \mathrm{C9}$ | 3438 |
|  | TCIAL | 6. 7 | 93.3 | 1C.C |

CORFECTED CFI SQUARE $=22.90842 \mathrm{HITH} 1$ CEGREE OF FREEDOM. SIGNIFICANCE $=0.000 C$ NUMEER OF MISSING [ESERVATIONS = 7CC

Analysis of Variance

| SOURCE | D.F. | SOM OP SOURRES | mear souares | p ratio | F Prob. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| betreen groups | 1 | 66.1406 | 65.1406 | 22.053 | 0.000 |
| mitain groops | 3370 | 10137.3086 | 2.9992 |  |  |
| total | 3371 | 10173.4492 |  |  |  |

## Exhibit D11-3

Analysis of the Relationship Between Fit Compliance Test Results and Buckling Crosstabulation


Exhibit Dll-4
Analysis of the Reltionship Between Fit Compliance Test Results and Fit
Crosstabulation


Exhibit Dll-5
Analysis of the Relationship Between Fit Compliance Test Results and Pressure Crosstabulation


Exhibit Dll-6
Analysis of the Relationship Between Fit Compliance Test Results and Releasing Crosstabulation
 NUMEER OF MISSING [ESERVATIONS $=65 S$

Analysis of Variance

| SOURCE | D.F. | SUM of squares | mean souares | F ratio | F Prob. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BETMEEN GRODPS | 1 | 3.1250 | 3.1250 | 1.669 | 0.193 |
| mithir groops | 3370 | 6308.1875 | 1.8719 |  |  |
| total | 3371 | 6311.3125 |  |  |  |

Exhibit Dll-7
Analysis of the Relationship Between Fit Compliance Test Results and Retraction crosstabulation


Exhibit Dl2-2
Analysis of the Relationship Between Pressure Compliance Test Results and Extending Crosstabulation


Exhibit Dl2-3
Analysis of the Relationship Between Pressure Compliance Test Results and Buckling Crosstabulation


CORRECTED CHI SQUARE $=10.91600$ WITH 1 DEGREE OF FREEDOM. SIGNIFICANCE $=0.0010$ NUMBER OF MISSING OBSERVATIONS $=718$

Analysis of Variance

| SOURCE | D. F. | Som of sounres | hean squares | F Ratio | P PROB. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BETMEEN GROUPS | 1 | 14.2500 | 14.2500 | 6.555 | 0.010 |
| mithin groops | 3370 | 7326.1875 | 2.1739 |  |  |
| total | 3371 | 7340.4375 |  |  |  |

EXHIBIT D 12
Analysis of the Relationship Between Pressure Compliance Test Results and Fit Crosstabulation


CORRECTED CHI SQUARE $=57.36409$ WITH 1 DEGREE OF FREEUOM. SIGNIFICANCE $=0.0000$ NUMBER OF MISS ING OBSERVATIOVS $=14$

Analysis of Variance

| SOURCE | D.F. | SUM Of SQOARES | mat sodares | f ratio | F Prob. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BETREEN GROUPS | 1 | 75.8125 | 75.8125 | 23.275 | 0.000 |
| githin Groups | 3370 | 10976.9375 | 3.2573 |  |  |
| total | 3379 | 11052.7500 |  |  |  |

Exhibit Dl2-5
Analysis of the Relationship Between tressure Compliance Test Results and Pressure Crosstabulation


Exhibit Dl2-6
Analysis of the Relationship Between Pressure Compliance Test Results and Releasing Crosstabulation


Exhibit Dl2-7
Analysis of the Relationship Between Pressure Compliance Test Results and Retraction Crosstabulation


Analysis of Variance

| SOURCE | D.E. | SUM OP SOUARES | mean Soumres | F RATIO | F PROB. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BETMEEN GROUPS | 1 | 324.3125 | 324.3125 | 91.710 | 0.000 |
| MITHIA GROUPS | 3370 | 11997.2500 | 3.5363 |  |  |
| TOTAL | 3371 | 12241.5625 |  |  |  |

Exhibit D13-1
Analysis of the Relationship Between Retraction Compliance Test Results and Accessibility Crosstabulation


Exhibit Dl3-2
Analysis of the Relationship Between Retraction Compliance Test Results and Extending Crosstabulation


Exhibit Dl3-3


Exhibit Dl3-4
Analysis of the Relationship Between Retraction Compliance Test Results and Fit Crosstabulation


Exhibit Dl3－6
Analysis of the Relationship Between Retraction Compliance Test Results and Releasing Crosstabulation


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NOMBER OP MISSING OBSERVATIONS = $9 ? 6$

Analysis of Variance

| SOリアご | D．${ }^{\text {P．}}$ | SOM DF SOMARES | MEAV SOITARES | －patio | F PRの日． |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RETVESN GROUPS | 1 | 0.5875 | 3.6875 | 0.364 | 3.552 |
| AITHIN GROUPS | 3159 | 5944.3090 | 1.8954 |  |  |
| PJTAL | 3157 | 5944.6875 |  |  |  |

Exhibit D13-7
Analysis of the Relationship Between Retraction Compliance Test Results and Retraction Crosstabulation


## Appendix E

## DETAILED RESULTS

## BY CHILD RESTRAINT DEVICE

The table presented in this appendix shows how well each of the child restraint devices included in this study are accommodated by the individual test vehicles. The results presented are the forwardmost position of the front passenger seat able to accommodate the CRD.

## CHILD RESTRAINT DEVICE/VEHICLE COMPATIBILITY <br> FOR FRONT PASSENGER SEATS

|  | Questor | GM | Strolee | Coliler | Ford | Century |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Autemeblle | 르츨 | 寑 | 츠츷 | 쁘틑 믈 | 믗 | 츹 믈 |
| AMC Eagle | - - | - | - - | - - | - | - - |
| AMC Spirit | - | - | M - | - - | M | - - |
| BMW 3201 (A) | - - | - | M - | - - | - | - - |
| Buick Regal | - - | - | - - | - - | - | - - |
| Chevy Chevette (A) | - - | - | - - | - - | - | - - |
| Chevy Chevette ( $M$ ) | - - | - | M - | - - | M | - - |
| Chery Citation | - | - | M - | - | M | - - |
| Chery Pickup | - - | - | M - | - | - | - - |
| Chery Van | - - | - | - - | - - | - | - - |
| Chrysler Cordoba | - - | - | - | - - | - | - - |
| Datsun Pickup | - - | - | M - | - - | M | - - |
| Datsun 210 | M - | - | M - | - - | B | - - |
| Dodge Aspen | - - | - | M - | - - | M | - - |
| Dodge Plakup | - - | - | $-$ | - | - | - - |
| Dodge Van | - - | - | - - | - - | - | $-$ |
| Fiat Strada | M M | M | $N \mathrm{M}$ | B B | N | M $\mathbf{B}$ |
| Ford Fairmont | - - | - | - | - - | M | - - |
| Ford LTD(A) | - - | - | - | - | - | - - |
| Ford Mustang | - | - | - | - | M | - - |
| Ford Pickup | - - | - | M - | - - | M | - - |
| Ford Pinto | - | - | - | - | - | - - |
| Ford T-bird | - - | - | - - | - - | - | - - |
| Ford Van | - - | - | S - | - - | B | - - |
| Honda Civic | - - | - | M - | M - | M | - - |
| Jeep Pickup | - - | - | - - | - - | - | - - |
| Mazda GLC | - - | - | M - | - - | M | - - |
| Olds Delta 88 | - - | - | - - | - - | - | - - |
| Plymouth Horizon | - - | - | M - | - - | 11 | - - |
| Subaru 1800 GLF | - - | - | - - | - - | - | - - |
| Toyota Corolla | - | - | - - | - - | 9 | - - |
| Toyota Corona (A) | - - | - | - - | - - | - | - - |
| Toyota Pickup | - - | - | - - | - - | - | - - |
| VW Rabbit (A) | - - | - | - - |  | - | - - |
| VW Rabbit (M) |  | - |  |  | - |  |

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## APPENDIX F

## VEHICLE RANKINGS BY USER SIZE GROUPS

This appendix presents the relative ranking of all safety belt systems for each of the seven aspects of comfort and convenience and for an overall index. These rankings were determined for both the average and problem indices and were based on the average responses of test participants grouped into four size categories:

- Short/not overweight,
- Short/overweight,
- Average height/not overweight, and
- Average height/overweight.

Note that in cases of ties, the ranks represented by the tied vehicles were averaged, and the result was assigned to each of those involved in ties. For example, three vehicles tied for the tenth rank would hold the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth positions in the ranking. The average of these positions, eleven, is assigned to each of these three vehicles.

## RANKINGS BY ACCESSIBILITY INDICES FOR HEIGHT/WEIGHT GROUPS

|  | Average Index |  |  |  | Problem Index |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| AMC Eagle | 5 | 6 | 10.5 | 16 | 14 | 8.5 | 15 | 14 |
| AMC Spirit | 46 | 32 | 43 | 44 | 45.5 | 24 | 43 | 43.5 |
| BMW 320i (A) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | -- |
| BMW 320i ( M ) | 42 | 47 | 42 | 43 | 43 | 45 | 4 | 45 |
| Buick Regal | 30 | 20.5 | 10.5 | 17 | 28.5 | 24 | 10.5 | 16 |
| Cadillac Sedan Deville | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5.5 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Cheyy Camaro | 20.5 | 28 | 31 | 24 | 25.5 | 21 | 31.5 | 21 |
| Chery Cheretie ( $A$ ) | - | - | - | -- | - | - | - | - |
| Chery Chevetie ( S $^{\text {S }}$ | 38 | 45 | 40 | 41 | 45.5 | 42 | 41.5 | 43.5 |
| Chery Eitation | 38 | 34 | 15 | 31 | 45.5 | 38.5 | 21 | 27.5 |
| Shery Pick-up | 27 | 16 | 16 | 12 | 32.5 | 19.5 | 21 | 22 |
| Chery Van | 3 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 9.5 | 2 | 12.5 | 4.5 |
| Chrysler Champ | 23 | 38 | 41 | 37 | 25.5 | 37 | 3 ? | 35 |
| Chrvsier Cordoba | 18 | 13 | 27 | 18 | 19 | 4.5 | 41.5 | 14 |
| Ehrysler Lebaron | 3 | 2.5 | 3 | 9 | 1.5 | 3 | 5 | 3 |
| Datsun Pick-up | 75.5 | 5 | 29 | is | 9.5 | 11.5 | 25 | 14 |
| Datsun 210 | 29 | 31 | 38 | 27 | 32.5 | 32 | 34.3 | 33.5 |
| Datsun 280 ZX | 9 | 23 | 34.5 | 25 | 5.5 | 17.5 | 39 | 25 |
| Datsun 310 | 40 | 44 | 44 | 48 | 41 | 43 | 39 | 41 |
| Dodge tspen | 12.5 | 9 | 13 | 3 | 9.5 | 4.5 | ? | 2 |
| Dodge Pick-up | 12.5 | 18 | 18 | 25 | 9.5 | 24 | 18 | 24 |
| Dodge Van | 22 | 10 | 2 | 13 | 19 | 11.5 | 3 | 12 |
| DOT Automatic | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| DOT Motorized | - | - | - | - | - | - | -- | - |
| Fiat Strada | 41 | 22 | 30 | 39 | 37 | 24 | 28 | 39.5 |
| Fiat 2000 | 45 | 19 | 45 | 33 | 41 | 15 | 45.5 | 36.5 |
| Ford Fairmont (December) | 10 | 11 | 17 | 21 | 14 | 11.5 | 12.5 | 19 |
| Ford Fairmont (\|uly) | 5 | 24 | 5 | 6 | 5.5 | 28 | 2 | 6 |
| Ford LTD (A) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ford LTD (M) | 23 | 37 | 21 | 23 | 24.5 | 35 | 17 | 17 |
| Ford Mustang | 36 | 33 | 22.5 | 27 | 37 | 29 | 21 | 27.5 |
| Ford Pick-up | 15.5 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 28.5 | 6 | 6 | 7 |
| Ford Plnto | 34 | 35 | 24 | 32 | 37 | 36 | 24 | 29.5 |
| Ford T-bird | 18 | 26 | 14 | 29 | 27.5 | 32 | 21 | 33.5 |
| Ford Van | 26 | 14 | 19 | 7 | 19 | 8.5 | 15 | 4.5 |
| Honde Civic | 34 | 39 | 36 | 34 | 32.5 | 38.5 | 30 | 29.5 |
| Jeep Pick-up | 7 | 4 | 20 | 19 | 3 | 14 | 15 | 19 |
| Mazda Gic | 44 | 40 | 33 | 45 | 48 | 43 | 33.5 | 46.5 |
| Mazda 626 | 20.5 | 42 | 37 | 38 | 17 | 47 | 39 | 31 |
| Mercedes 3000 | 4 | 2.5 | 6 | 4 | 5.5 | 7 | 4 | 10 |
| Olds Cutlass (Wagon) | 11 | 12 | 12 | 11 | 12 | 16 | 8 | 9 |
| Olds Delta 88 | 14 | 20.5 | 9 | 8 | 14 | 19.5 | 10.5 | 29.5 |
| Plymouth Horizon | 18 | 15 | 22.5 | 20 | 16 | 11.5 | 21 | 23 |
| Subars 1800 GLF | 47.5 | 46 | 47 | 47 | 45.5 | 46 | 48 | 45.5 |
| Toyota Celica | 47.5 | 41 | 46 | 40 | 37 | 40.5 | 45.5 | 36.5 |
| Toyota Corolla | 38 | 30 | 32 | 35 | 32.5 | 31 | 33.5 | 38 |
| Toyota Corona | 11.5 | 16 | 10 | 17 | 16 | 8 | 10 | 12 |
| Toyota Pick-up | 25 | 27 | 25 | 27 | 21.5 | 24 | 26 | 26 |
| Toyota Tercel | 24 | 28 | 28 | 30 | 25.5 | 29 | 27 | 31 |
| volvo | 1 | 17 | 8 | 10 | 1.5 | 17.5 | 9 | 11 |
| VW Jesta (A) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| $V W$ Jetta (M) | 31 | 48 | $\ddagger 8$ | 46 | 30 | 48 | 47 | 48 |
| $\checkmark$ N Rabbit (A) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| VW Rabbit (M-December) | 34 | 36 | 39 | 36 | 37 | 34 | 33.5 | 39.5 |
| V'N Rabbit (M-July) | 43 | 43 | 34.5 | 42 | 41 | 40.5 | 32 | 42 |

RANKINGS BY EXTENDING INDICES FOR HEIGHT/WEIGHT GROUPS

|  | Average Index |  |  |  | Problem Index |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A.MC Eagle | 27.5 | 15 | 17 | 30 | 30 | 26.5 | 12 | 32 |
| AMC Spirit | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 44.5 | 47 | 44.5 | 46 |
| BMW 320i (A) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| BMW 320i (M) | 39 | 43 | 42 | 41.5 | 43 | 40.5 | 41 | 34.5 |
| 3uick Regal | 33.5 | 22 | 10 | 9 | 38 | 19 | 16.5 | 12.5 |
| Cadillat Sedan Deville | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Chevy Camaro | 43 | 45 | 43 | 44 | 46.5 | 46 | 38 | 45 |
| Chery Chevetre ( $A$ ) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Chery Chevette (M) | 45 | 48 | 48 | 46 | 41 | 48 | 47 | 47 |
| Chery Citation | 40.5 | 6 | 2.5 | 17 | 19 | 12.5 | 3 | 18.5 |
| Chery Pick-up | 20.5 | 10.5 | 20.5 | 3 | 30 | 18 | 16.5 | 4 |
| Chery Van | 8 | 10.5 | 4 | 2 | 11 | 12.5 | 8 | 9 |
| Chrysler Champ | 13. | 25 | 23 | 16 | 13.5 | 10 | 20 | 14 |
| Chrysier Cordoba | 33.5 | 3 | 39.5 | 15.5 | 30 | 7.5 | 30.5 | 18.5 |
| Chrysler Lebaron | 16.5 | 20 | 9 | 10 | 25 | 24.5 | 6 | 10.5 |
| Datsun Pick-up | 24.5 | 6 | 39.5 | 13 | 19 | 7.5 | 43 | 18.5 |
| Datsun 210 | 12 | 28 | 19 | 18 | 2.5 | 32.5 | 16.5 | 26 |
| Datsun 280 2X | 6 | 12.5 | 25 | 12 | 6.5 | 4 | 26.5 | 10.5 |
| Datsun 310 | 16.5 | 46 | 26 | 43 | 25 | 40.5 | 21 | 37. |
| Dodge Aspen | 27.5 | 8.5 | 17 | 4 | 19 | 12.5 | 12 | 2 |
| Dodge Pick-up | 37.5 | 31.5 | 29 | 22.5 | 41 | 35.5 | 28 | 26 |
| Dodge Van | 29 | 23 | 17 | 27 | 30 | 19 | 23.5 | 32 |
| DOT Automatic | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| DOT Motorized | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Fiat Strada | 40.5 | 35 | 32 | 48 | 30 | 39 | 36 | 48 |
| Fiat 2000 | 46 | 34 | 45 | 45 | 46.5 | 29.5 | 46 | 41 |
| Ford Fairmont (December) | 35 | 21 | 35 | 40 | 34 | 32.5 | 39.5 | 43.5 |
| Ford Fairmont (July) | 3 | 17 | 5 | 7 | 6.5 | 15.5 | 2 | 8 |
| Ford LTD (A) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ford LTD (M) | 36 | 39.5 | 36 | 38 | 35.5 | 37.5 | 33.5 | 34.5 |
| Ford Mustang | 44 | 37 | 44 | 35 | 44.5 | 35.5 | 42 | 36 |
| Ford Pick-up | 14.5 | 2 | 2.5 | 5 | 9.5 | 1 | 7 | 7 |
| Ford Pinto | 42 | 34 | '2 | 32 | 30 | 32.5 | 30.5 | 43.5 |
| Forf T-bird | 18 | 31.5 | 33 | 28 | 19 | 32.5 | 44.5 | 32 |
| Ford Van | 37.5 | 22.5 | 46 | 11 | 38 | 21. | 48 | 15. |
| Honda Civic | 24.5 | 16 | 24 | 26 | 19 | 12.5 | 23.5 | 18.5 |
| Jeep Pick-up | 24.5 | 26.5 | 41 | 39 | 38 | 28 | 39.5 | 42 |
| Mazda GLC | 20.5 | 11.5 | 6 | 19.5 | 9.5 | 7.5 | 5 | 21 |
| Mazda 626 | 4.5 | 16 | 7 | 8 | 6.5 | 24.5 | 4 | 4.5 |
| Mercedes 3000 | 9.5 | 4 | 15 | 21 | 25 | 3 | 29 | 20 |
| Olds Cutlass (Wagon) | 4.5 | 25.5 | 11 | 37 | 4 | 23 | 9 | 28 |
| Olds Delta 88 | 14.5 | 40 | 20.5 | 19.5 | 19 | 45 | 23.5 | 25 |
| Plymouth Horizon | 20.5 | 29 | 14 | 22.5 | 30 | 26.5 | 12 | 22 |
| Subaru 1800 GLF | 2 | 7.5 | 29.5 | 15.5 | 2.5 | 5.5 | 16.5 | 11.5 |
| Toyota Celica | 48 | 37 | 37.5 | 25 | 48 | 37.5 | 26.5 | 15 |
| Toyota Corolla | 20.5 | 18 | 29 | 34 | 19 | 21 | 36 | 38.5 |
| Toyota Corona | 10 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 |
| Toyotz Pick-up | 31 | 32 | 31 | 30 | 41 | 42 | 36 | 38.5 |
| Toyota Tercel | 7 | 13 | 8 | 6 | 6.5 | 15.5 | 10 | 4.5 |
| Volvo | 9.5 | 42 | 13 | 36 | 13.5 | 43.5 | 14 | 29 |
| Vw jetta ( $A$ ) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| $V W$ Jecta (M) | 30 | 42 | 37.5 | 33 | 19 | 43.5 | 32 | 23 |
| VW Rabbit (A) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| VW Rabbit (M-December) | 24.5 | 28 | 27 | 30 | 19 | 21 | 23.5 | 27 |
| VN Raboit (M-july) | 32 | 38.5 | 34 | 41.5 | 35.5 | 29.5 | 33.5 | 37 |

## RANKINGS BY BUCKLING INDICES

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| AMC Eagle | 18 | 13 | 15 | 35 | 31.5 | 17.5 | 19 | 33 |
| AMC Spirit | 48 | 48 | 48 | 48 | 47 | 48 | 48 | 48 |
| BYW 320i (A) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| BMW 320i imi | 39 | 32 | 40.5 | $31^{-}$ | 36 | 32.5 | 33 | 30 |
| Buick Regal | 20.5 | 4.5 | 9 | 6 | 7.5 | 4.5 | 7.5 | 1 |
| Cadillac Sedan Deville | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| Chery Camaro | 38 | 45 | 40.5 | 46 | 36 | 46 | 40.5 | 43 |
| Chery Cherette (A) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Chery Chevette (M) | 33.5 | 35 | 38 | 34 | 25.5 | 37 | 35.5 | 25 |
| Chery Citation | 27.5 | 2 | 11.5 | 12 | 7.5 | 2 | 9 | 14 |
| Chery Pick-up | 11 | 22 | 22 | 5 | 25.5 | 34 | 19 | 10 |
| Chery Van | 24 | 18 | 16 | 2 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 26.5 | 10 |
| Chrysler Champ | 5.5 | 23 | 10 | 11 | 12.5 | 7.5 | 14 | 16.5 |
| Chrysier Cordoba | 44 | 31 | 47 | 33 | 45 | 40 | 47 | 35.5 |
| Chrysier Lebaron | 5.5 | 26 | 3 | 21 | 12.5 | 31 | 5 | 16.5 |
| Datsun Pick-up | 41 | 29 | 39 | 18.5 | 25.5 | 29.5 | 39 | 19 |
| Datsun 210 | 18 | 33 | 28.5 | 29 | 17.5 | 26 | 19 | 37 |
| Datsun 280 Z X | 7 | 10 | 13 | 16 | 12.5 | 6 | 15 | 24 |
| Datsun 310 | 37 | 34 | 33 | 32 | 35 | 32.5 | 33 | 32 |
| Dodge ispen | 20.5 | 20 | 17 | 4 | 7.5 | 26 | 19 | 10 |
| Dodge Pick-up | 33.5 | 7 | 40 | 9.5 | 25.5 | 11 | 19 | 6 |
| Dodge Yan | 42.5 | 39 | 25 | 36 | 43 | 40 | 29.5 | 38 |
| JOT dutomatic | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| DOT Motorized | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Fiat Strada | 29.5 | 27.5 | 23.5 | 38 | 7.5 | 26 | 19 | 35.5 |
| Fiat 2000 | 46 | 37 | 45 | 42 | 45 | 36 | 43.5 | 42 |
| Ford Fairmont (December) | 11 | 8.5 | 31 | 26 | 7.5 | 17.5 | 24 | 31 |
| Ford Fairmont (July) | 8 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 12.5 | 7.5 | 1 | 7 |
| Ford LTD ( $\alpha$ ) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ford LTD (M) | 31 | 43 | 36 | 25 | 4 | 42.5 | 37 | 29 |
| Ford Mustang | 18 | 11 | 26 | 20 | 7.5 | 4.5 | 29.5 | 10 |
| Ford Pick-up | 24 | 4.5 | 6 | 3 | 25.5 | 11 | 4 | 2 |
| Ford Pinto | 26 | 25 | 19 | 27 | 17.5 | 26 | 26.5 | 26 |
| Ford T-bird | 3 | 8.5 | 21 | 22 | 2 | 17.5 | 24 | 21.5 |
| Ford Van | 24 | 12 | 32 | 18.5 | 32.5 | 14 | 31 | 23 |
| Honda Civic | 42.5 | 47 | 44 | 41 | 40 | 47 | 42 | 45 |
| leep Pick-up | 40 | 36 | 42 | 43 | 40 | 35 | 45 | 44 |
| Mazda GLC | 15.5 | 26.5 | 11.5 | 15 | 17.5 | 11 | 7.5 | 15 |
| Mazda 626 | 4 | 19 | 5 | 8 | 20 | 23 | 10.5 | 5 |
| Mercedes 3000 | 14 | 15 | 8 | 13 | 22 | 21 | 6 | 20 |
| Olds Cutlass (Wagon) | 13 | 3 | 4 | 28 | 21 | 2 | 3 | 18 |
| Olds Delta 88 | 9 | 16 | 7 | 9.5 | 25.5 | 11 | 13 | 10 |
| Plymouih Horizon | 15.5 | 17 | 27 | 24 | 17.5 | 11 | 28 | 26 |
| Subaru 1800 GLF | 29.5 | 21 | 23.5 | 23 | 32.5 | 26 | 19 | 21.5 |
| Toyota Celica | 47 | 42 | 43 | 37 | 48 | 38 | 40.5 | 33 |
| Toyota Corolla | 11 | 23 | 28.5 | 30 | 17.5 | 29.5 | 24 | 28 |
| Toyota Corona | 10 | 26 | 27 | 5 | 27 | 15 | 12 | 4 |
| Toyota Pick-up | 45 | 37 | 37 | 39 | 40 | 40 | 46 | 41 |
| Toyota Tercel | 2 | 30 | 14 | 14 | 4 | 21 | 10.5 | 13 |
| Volvo | 27.5 | 46 | 30 | 40 | 32.5 | 44 | 33 | 39 |
| VW jetta (A) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| VW Jetta (M) | 32 | 40 | 46 | 44 | 30 | 21 | 43.5 | 40 |
| VW Rabbit (A) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| VW Rabbit (M-December) | 35 | 44 | 35 | 47 | 40 | 45 | 35.5 | 47 |
| VN Rabbit (M-July) | 36 | 41 | 34 | 45 | 40 | 42.5 | 38 | +6 |

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| AMC Eagle | 5.5 | 2 | 17.5 | 19 | 17 | 2.5 | 26 | 20 |
| AMC Spirit | 53 | 31 | 45 | 48 | 52 | 39 | 45 | 45.5 |
| BMW 320i (A) | 19.5 | 14 | 9 | 20.5 | 17 | 15.5 | 19 | 7 |
| BMW 320i (M) | 22 | 47 | 27 | 47 | 20 | 43 | 22.5 | 33.5 |
| Buick Regal | 48 | 55 | So | 55 | 47.5 | 55 | 47 | 55 |
| Cadillac Sedan Deville | 3 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 13.5 | 18.5 | 8.5 | 9.5 |
| Chery Camaro | 47 | 53.5 | 46 | 51 | 44.5 | 51.5 | 44 | 48 |
| Chery Cheverte ( $A$ ) | 15 | 17 | 10.5 | 26 | 26 | 5.5 | 19 | 31.5 |
| Chery Chevette (M) | 51 | 48 | 54.5 | 52 | 47.5 | 39 | 54 | 50 |
| Chery Citation | 46 | 27 | 49 | 35 | 47.5 | 35.5 | 42 | 29 |
| Chery Pick-up | '33.5 | 15.5 | 42.5 | 28.5 | 26 | 8.5 | 4 ? | 43.5 |
| Chery Van | 23 | 26 | 22 | 12 | 17 | 32.5 | 29 | 13 |
| Chryster Champ | 24 | 21.5 | 13 | 13 | 33.5 | 21 | 5 | 5 |
| Chryster Cordaba | 55 | 36 | 54.5 | 44 | 55 | 35.5 | 53 | 50 |
| Chrysler Lebaron | 38 | 53.5 | 15 | 33 | 50 | 51.5 | 6.5 | 41.5 |
| Datsun Pick-up | 12.5 | 8 | 19 | 9 | 7 | 5.5 | 28 | 2 |
| Datsun 210 | 26 | 12.5 | 26 | 26 | 38.5 | 12.5 | 14.5 | 24.5 |
| Datsun 280 ZX | 7.5 | 9.5 | 6.5 | 3 | 2 | 10 | 6.5 | 1 |
| Datsun 310 | 45 | 51 | 38 | 32 | 44.5 | 51.5 | 32 | 22.5 |
| Dodge Aspen | 27.5 | 45 | 42.5 | 34 | 26 | 49 | 37 | 38 |
| Dodge Pisk-up | 42.5 | 12.5 | 29 | 15.5 | 38.5 | 12.5 | 30.5 | 24.5 |
| Dodge Van | 19.5 | 3 | 8 | 6.5 | 26 | 5.5 | 11 | 7 |
| DOT Automatic | 5.5 | 24.5 | 3 | 15.5 | 7 | 12.5 | 3.5 | 13 |
| DOT Untorized | 3.5 | : | 17.5 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 26 | 3 |
| Fiat Strada | 30 | 24.5 | 40 | 53 | 17 | 32.5 | 42 | 53 |
| Fiat 2000 | 49.5 | 46 | 53 | 54 | 53 | 47 | 55. | 54 |
| Ford Fairmont (December) | 12.5 | 40.5 | 34 | 42 | 7 | 39 | 39 | 31.5 |
| Ford Fairmont (July) | 14. | 19 | 5 | 14 | 3.5 | 24 | 1.5 | 9.5 |
| Ford LTD (A) | 2 | 5.5 | 1 | 6.5 | 7 | 8.5 | 3.5 | 20 |
| Ford LTD (M) | 41 | 39 | 28 | 23 | 42.5 | 29.5 | 8.5 | 17 |
| Ford Mustang | 33.5 | 18 | 31 | 26 | 38.5 | 12.5 | 34 | 29 |
| Ford Pick-up | 19.5 | 38 | 32 | 39 | 26 | 32.5 | 30.5 | 29 |
| Ford Pinto | 30 | 30 | 47.5 | 37.5 | 38.5 | 26 | 51.5 | 38 |
| Ford T-bird | 30 | 21.5 | 51 | 45.5 | 26 | 26 | 49.5 | 50 |
| Ford Van | 44 | 36 | 47.5 | 43 | 26 | 39 | 49.5 | 38 |
| Honda Civie | 19.5 | 34 | 40 | 28.5 | 17 | 45.5 | 34 | 13 |
| Jeep Pick-up | 17 | 11 | 25 | 10 | 26 | 15.5 | 26 | 16 |
| Mazda GLC | 27.5 | 15.5 | 40 | 20.5 | 26 | 22 | 42 | 20 |
| Mazda 626 | 16 | 52 | 6.5 | 30.5 | 13.5 | 51.5 | 1.5 | 41.5 |
| Mercedes 3000 | 1 | 9.5 | 16 | 8 | 1 | 18.5 | 17 | 18 |
| Olds Cutlass (Wagon) | 49.5 | 28 | 24 | 40 | 51 | 28 | 10 | 47 |
| Olds Delta 88 | 9.5 | 5.5 | 12 | 5 | 10.5 | 5.5 | 19 | 7 |
| Plymouth Horizon | 39.5 | 49 | 37 | 36 | 38.5 | 45.5 | 38 | 43.5 |
| Subaru 1800 GiF | 52 | 40.5 | 52 | 49 | 47.5 | 39 | 51.5 | 52 |
| Toyota Celica | 54 | 50 | 33 | 18 | 54 | 54 | 22.5 | 27 |
| Toyota Corolla | 39.5 | 21.5 | 44 | 37.5 | 38.5 | 2.5 | 36 | 38 |
| Toyota Corona | 4 | 21.5 | 10 | 12 | 12 | 22 | 12 | 13 |
| Toyota Pick-up | 11 | 4 | 10.5 | 17 | 10.5 | 2.5 | 14.5 | 13 |
| Toyota Tercel | 36.5 | 29. | 20 | 11 | 42.5 | 18.5 | 22.5 | 4 |
| Volvo | 7.5 | 44 | 14 | 30.5 | 3.5 | 43 | 13 | 26 |
| VW jerta (A) | 43 | 32.5 | 21 | 22 | 33.5 | 18.5 | 22.5 | 22.5 |
| VW Jetta (M) | 32 | 43 | 35 | 41 | 33.5 | 43 | 40 | 35 |
| $V N$ Rabbit ( $A$ ) | 25 | 42 | 30 | 50 | 26 | 48 | 34 | 45.5 |
| VW Rabbit (M-December) | 33 | 36 | 36 | 45.5 | 26 | 32.5 | 47 | 38 |
| $\checkmark$ N Rabbit (M-Juiy) | 36.5 | 32.5 | 23 | 24 | 33.5 | 29.5 | 12 | 33.5 |

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| AMC Eagle | 8.5 | 2 | 13 | 18 | 28.5 | 2.5 | 21.5 | 19.5 |
| AMC Spirit | 55 | 36 | 42 | 46.5 | 50 | 40 | 39 | 45.5 |
| BMW 320i (A) | 23 | 10 | 15 | 22.5 | 28.5 | 12 | 36.5 | 13 |
| BMW 320i (M) | 30 | 47 | 41 | 48 | 44.5 | 43 | 28.5 | 36 |
| Buick Regal | 22 | 52 | 26.5 | 54 | 17.5 | 52 | 31 | 54 |
| Cadiliac Sedan Deville | 1 | 8.5 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 9.5 | 8.5 | 5.5 |
| Chery Camaro | 50 | 51 | 49 | 45 | 53 | 49.5 | 42.5 | 42.5 |
| Chery Chevette ( $A$ ) | 7 | 17 | 6 | 8 | 9.5 | 6.5 | 12 | 2.5 |
| Chery Cherette (M) | 51.5 | 55 | 54 | 50.5 | 50 | 52 | 54 | 52 |
| Chery Citation | 44.5 | 19 | 34 | 29.5 | 38 | 19 | 45.5 | 26.5 |
| Chery Pick-up | 31 | 12 | 37.5 | 26 | 32 | 19 | 45.5 | 33.5 |
| Chery 门an | 11 | 22.5 | 20 | 12.5 | 13.5 | 34 | 24 | 17.5 |
| Chryster Shamp | 12 | 21 | 7 | 14 | 23.5 | 16 | 2 | 16 |
| Chryster Cordoba | 48 | 31 | 52 | 31 | 38 | 37.5 | 50 | 37. |
| Chrysier Lebaron | 47 | 53 | 10 | 25 | 53 | 49.5 | 1 | 42.5 |
| Datsun Pick-up | 17 | 4 | 17 | 9 | 17.5 | 6.5 | 21.5 | 13 |
| Datsun 210 | 17 | 14.5 | 26.5 | 24 | 23.5 | 19 | 21.5 | 29 |
| Datsun 280 2X | 6 | 8.5 | 8 | 5 | 1.5 | 9.5 | 3.5 | 5.5 |
| Datsun 310 | 46 | 49 | 48 | 35 | 48 | 54 | 34 | 25 |
| Dodge lispen | 33.5 | 45 | 31 | 39.5 | 28.5 | 46.5 | 36.5 | 33.5 |
| Dodge Pick-up | 39 | 18 | 29 | 15 | 38 | 19 | 33 | 26.5 |
| Jodge Van | 25.5 | 11 | 12 | 12.5 | 28.5 | 19 | 17 | 2.5 |
| DOT Automatic | 4 | 14.5 | 2 | 1.7 | 9.5 | 6.5 | 5.5 | 7.5 |
| DOT notorized | 17 | 3 | i4 | 3 | 7.5 | 2.5 | 21.5 | 2.5 |
| Fiat Strada | 44.5 | 33 | 39.5 | 52 | 47 | 34 | 36.5 | 51 |
| Fiat 2000 | 54 | 54 | 55 | 55 | 55 | 55 | 55 | 55 |
| Ford Fairmont (December) | 17 | 43 | 39.5 | 43.5 | 9.5 | 46.5 | 45 | 39.5 |
| Ford Fairmont (July) | 14 | 28 | 11 | 28 | 5 | 26 | 8.5 | 28 |
| Ford LTD (A) | 5 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 9.5 | 2.5 | 5.5 | 13 |
| Ford LTD (M) | 37.5 | 37 | 32 | 41 | 44.5 | 24 | 19 | 30.5 |
| Ford Mus:ang | 41.5 | 26.5 | 30 | 29.5 | 38 | 37.5 | 36.5 | 47 |
| Ford Pick-up | 20 | 29.5 | 23 | 36 | 17.5 | 27.5 | 26.5 | 33.5 |
| Ford Pinto | 33.5 | 35 | 51 | 39.5 | 28.5 | 34 | 53 | 33.5 |
| Ford T-bird | 41.5 | 24.5 | 53 | 46.5 | 38 | 27.5 | 52 | 48 |
| Ford Van | 49 | 41 | 46.5 | 38 | 38 | 40 | 45.5 | 41 |
| Honda Civic | 21 | 34 | 33 | 22.5 | 13.5 | 46.5 | 31 | 13 |
| Jeep Pick-up | 17 | 13 | 18 | 7 | 17.5 | 22.5 | 18 | 9 |
| Mazda GL.C | 33.5 | 22.5 | 50 | 21 | 38 | 25 | 48 | 13 |
| Mazda 626 | 27 | 46 | 5 | 17 | 23.5 | 30 | 3.5 | 21.5 |
| Mercedes 3000 | 3 | 7 | 19 | 11 | 15 | 13.5 | 14 | 23 |
| Oids Cutlass (Wagon) | 24 | 32 | 24 | 27 | 23.5 | 22.5 | 7 | 19.5 |
| Olds Deita 88 | 10 | 6 | 9 | 5 | 9.5 | 6.5 | 10 | 2.5 |
| Plymouth Horizon | 28 | 50 | 37.5 | 37 | 21 | 46.5 | 40.5 | 39.5 |
| Subaru 1800 GLF | 53 | 29.5 | 44 | 42 | 50 | 34 | 50 | 49 |
| Toyota Celica | 51.5 | 48 | 36 | 19 | 53 | 43 | 28.5 | 10 |
| Toyota Corolla | 33.5 | 26.5 | 43 | 43.5 | 38 | 34 | 40.5 | 44 |
| Toyota Corona | 2 | 16 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 11 | 13 | 7.5 |
| Toyota Pick-up | 13 | 5 | 21 | 20 | 17.5 | 2.5 | 26.5 | 17.5 |
| Toyota Tercel | 37.5 | 20 | 22 | 16 | 33 | 13.5 | 11 | 21.5 |
| Volvo | 8.5 | 38 | 16 | 32 | 5 | 30 | 15.5 | 24 |
| VW letta ( $A$ ) | 36 | 24.5 | 28 | 33 | 23.5 | 15 | 25 | 30.5 |
| VW Jetta (M) | 43 | 44 | 45 | 53 | 44.5 | 43 | 42.5 | 53 |
| VW Rabbit (A) | 29 | 39 | 35 | 50.5 | 38 | 40 | 31 | 50 |
| $V$ N Rabbit (M-December) | 25.5 | 42 | 46.5 | 49 | 17.5 | 52 | 50 | 45.5 |
| VN Rabbit (M-July) | 40 | 40 | 25 | 34 | 44.5 | 30 | 15.5 | 38 |

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| AMC Eagle | 26 | 26.5 | 17.5 | 25.5 | 39 | 8 | 23 | 25 |
| AMC Spirit | 47 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47.5 | 43 | 44 | 46 |
| Buwi (A) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| BMW (M) | 17 | 14 | 26 | 14 | 25.5 | 26.5 | 7 | 18.5 |
| Buick Regal | 19.5 | 12 | 19 | 36 | 10.5 | 19.5 | 23 | 34 |
| Cadillat Sedan Deville | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 10.5 | 8 | 16 | 18.5 |
| Chevy Camaro | 44 | 48 | 47 | 48 | 41.5 | 47 | 46 | 47 |
| Chery Cheverte (A) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Chery Cherette (M) | 31.5 | 35.5 | 38.5 | 31 | 10.5 | 32 | 39 | 10.5 |
| Chery Gitation | 31.5 | 12 | 17.5 | 25.5 | 33.5 | 8 | 23 | 25 |
| Chery Pick-up | 31.5 | 26.5 | 15.5 | 12 | 10.5 | 19.5 | 23 | 3.5 |
| Chery Van | 31.5 | 6 | 7 | 18 | 10.5 | 8 | 7 | 10.5 |
| Chrysler Champ | 3 | 2 | 14 | 5 | 10.5 | 8 | 7 | 3.5 |
| Chryster Cordoóa | 46 | 40 | 46 | 41 | 45 | 41 | 47 | 38.5 |
| Chrysler Lebaron | 9 | 41 | 30 | 30 | 25.5 | 37.5 | 16 | 29.5 |
| Datsun Pick-up | 42.5 | 26.5 | 36 | 27 | 44.5 | 32 | 42 | 31 |
| Datsun 210 | 42.5 | 42 | 44 | 33 | 44.5 | 39.5 | 45 | 40.5 |
| Datsian 280 2X | 4.5 | 8.5 | 21 | 6 | 25.5 | 8 | 16 | 18.5 |
| Jatsun 310 | 14 | 24 | 22.5 | 15.5 | 10.5 | 26.5 | 7 | 18.5 |
| Docige ispen | 22.5 | 18.5 | 5 | 13.5 | 33.5 | 19.5 | 7 | 10.5 |
| Jodge Pick-up | 26 | 22 | 20 | 24 | 33.5 | 19.5 | 31 | 38.5 |
| Oodge Van | 37.5 | 38 | 43 | 43 | 33.5 | 32 | 43 | 45 |
| DOT tutomatic | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Dor hotorized | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Fiat Strada | 31.5 | 35.5 | 8.5 | 35 | 33.5 | 32 | 7 | 10.5 |
| Fiat 2000 | 45 | 43 | 39 | 38 | 42.5 | 42 | 35 | 29.5 |
| Ford Fairmont (December) | 26 | 3.5 | 32.5 | 19.5 | 33.5 | 8 | 39 | 3.5 |
| Ford Fairmont (July) | 11 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 10.5 | 8 | 27.5 | 3.5 |
| Ford LTD (A) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ford LTD (M) | 13 | 16.5 | 28 | 3 | 10.5 | 8 | 7 | 18.5 |
| Ford Mustang | 19.5 | 22 | 11 | 29 | 10.5 | 8 | 23 | 25 |
| Ford Pick-up | 19.5 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 10.5 | 19.5 | 7 | 10.5 |
| Ford Pinto | 22.5 | 29 | 4 | 13 | 10.5 | 19.5 | 7 | 3.5 |
| Ford T-bird | 25 | 3.5 | 8.5 | 11 | 10.5 | 8 | 23 | 10.5 |
| Ford Van | 8 | 18.5 | 11 | 11 | 10.5 | 8 | 23 | 25 |
| Honda Ciric | 39.5 | 45 | 38.5 | 42 | 10.5 | 45.5 | 31 | 40.5 |
| Jeep Pick-up | 41 | 30 | 41 | 44 | 40 | 35.5 | 41 | 14 |
| Mazda GIC | 16 | 31 | 11 | 18 | 10.5 | 39.5 | 7 | 10.5 |
| Mazda 626 | 6 | 15 | 22.5 | 15.5 | 10.5 | 26.5 | 16 | 18.5 |
| Mercedes 3000 | 11 | 16.5 | 13 | 21 | 25.5 | 26.5 | ; | 36 |
| Olds Cutlass (Wagon) | 7 | 34 | 34 | 40 | 10.5 | 35.5 | 34 | 37 |
| Olds Delta 88 | 36 | 12 | 15.5 | 22 | 33.5 | 8 | 31 | 25 |
| Plymouth Horizon | 31.5 | 33 | 31 | 37 | 33.5 | 32 | 39 | 33 |
| Subaru 1800 Gtf | 39.5 | 26.5 | 32.5 | 39 | 40 | 19.5 | 39 | 43 |
| Toyota Celica | 37.5 | 37 | 29 | 8 | 33.5 | 26.5 | 16 | 18.5 |
| Toyota Corolla | 26 | 22 | 25 | 34 | 33.5 | 8 | 31 | 10.5 |
| Toyota Corona | 15 | 10 | 27 | 23 | 11 | 3 | 18 | 25 |
| Toyota Pick-up | 19.5 | 20 | 37 | 32 | 10.5 | 19.5 | 36 | 34 |
| Toyota Tercel | 2 | 32 | 24 | 9 | 10.5 | 37.5 | 7 | 3.5 |
| Volvo | 4.5 | 3.5 | 2 | 7 | 10.5 | 8 | 7 | 18.5 |
| VW letra (A) | - | -- | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| VW Jetta (M) | 11 | 39 | 35 | 28 | 25.5 | 26.5 | 27.5 | 32 |
| VW Rabbit ( $A$ ) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| VW Rabbit (M-December) | 48 | 46 | 48 | 47 | 47.5 | 45.5 | 48 | 48 |
| VW Rabbit (M-july) | 35 | 47 | 42 | 45 | 25.5 | 44 | 37 | 42 |

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| AMC Eagle | 8.5 | 2 | 13 | 18 | 28.5 | 2.5 | 21.5 | 19.5 |
| AMC Spirit | 55 | 36 | 42 | 46.5 | 50 | 40 | 39 | 45.5 |
| BMW 320i (A) | 36 | 34 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36.5 | 35.5 | 32 |
| BMW 320i (M) | 30 | 47 | 41 | 48 | 44.5 | 43 | 28.5 | 36 |
| Buick Regal | 22 | 52 | 26.5 | 54 | 17.5 | 52 | 31 | 54 |
| Cadillac Sedan Deville | 1 | 8.5 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 9.5 | 3.5 | 5.5 |
| Chery Camaro | so | 51 | 49 | 45 | 53 | 49.5 | 42.5 | 42.5 |
| Chery Cheretie ( $A$ ) | 40.5 | 51 | 39 | 50 | 39.5 | 50 | 42 | 51 |
| Chevy Chevette (M) | 46.5 | 48.5 | 52 | 45.5 | 48.5 | 41.5 | 51 | 47 |
| Chery Citation | 44.5 | 19 | 34 | 29.5 | 38 | 19 | 45.5 | 26.5 |
| Chery Pick-up | 31 | 12 | 37.5 | 26 | 32 | 19 | 45.5 | 33.5 |
| Chevy Van | 23 | 16 | 15 | 22.5 | 7.5 | 8 | 11.5 | 25 |
| Chrysler Champ | 12 | 21 | 7 | 14 | 23.5 | 15 | 2 | 16 |
| Chrysler Cordoba | 48 | 31 | 52 | 31 | 38 | 37.5 | 50 | 37 |
| Chrysler Lebaron | 47 | 53 | 10 | 25 | 53 | 49.5 | 1 | 42.5 |
| Datsun Plick-up | 17 | 4 | 17 | 9 | 17.5 | 6.5 | 21.5 | 13 |
| Datsun 210 | 40.5 | 40 | 34 | 29 | 39.5 | 36.5 | 34 | 25 |
| Daisun 280 ZX | 6 | 8.5 | 8 | 6 | 1.5 | 9.5 | 3.5 | 5.5 |
| Datsun 310 | 46 | 49 | 48 | 35 | 43 | 54 | 34 | 25 |
| Dodge Aspen | 33.5 | 45 | 31 | 39.5 | 28.5 | 46.5 | 36.5 | 33.5 |
| Dodge Pick-up | 39 | 18 | 29 | 15 | 38 | 19 | 33 | 26.5 |
| Dodge Van | 25.5 | 11 | 12 | 12.5 | 28.5 | 19 | 17 | 2.5 |
| DOT Automatic | 4 | 14.5 | 2 | 10 | 9.5 | 6.5 | 5.5 | 7.5 |
| DOT Motorized | 1 | 3 | 1.5 | 1 | 7.5 | 8 | 3.5 | 2 |
| Fiat Strada | 44.5 | 33 | 39.5 | 52 | 47 | 34 | 36.5 | 51 |
| Fiat 2000 | 54 | 54 | 55 | 55 | 55 | 55 | 55 | 55 |
| Ford Fairmont (December) | 46.5 | 36 | 36 | 37 | 48.5 | 46 | 38.5 | 37 |
| Ford Fairmont (July) | 14 | 28 | 11 | 28 | 5 | 26 | 8.5 | 28 |
| Ford LTD (A) | 5 | 1 | 1.5 | 4 | 9.5 | 2.5 | 5.5 | 13 |
| Ford LTD (M) | 37.5 | 37 | 32 | 41 | 44.5 | 24 | 19 | 30.5 |
| Ford Mustang | 41.5 | 26.5 | 30 | 29.5 | 38 | 37.5 | 36.5 | 47 |
| Ford Pick-up | 8.5 | 5 | 7 | 6.5 | 7.5 | 8 | 13.5 | 14.5 |
| Ford Pinto | 33 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 35 | 26 | 19 | 12.5 |
| Ford T-bird | 27 | 19 | 20.5 | 35 | 35 | 26 | 19 | 39 |
| Ford Van | 15 | 7.5 | 12.5 | 3 | 26.5 | 3 | 11.5 | 12.5 |
| Honda Civic | 21 | 34 | 33 | 22.5 | 13.5 | 46.5 | 31 | 13 |
| Jeep Pick-up | 17 | 13 | 18 | 7 | 17.5 | 22.5 | 18 | 9 |
| Maz da GLC | 33.5 | 22.5 | 50 | 21 | 38 | 25 | 48 | 13 |
| Mazda 626 | 27 | 46 | 5 | 17 | 23.5 | 30 | 3.5 | 21.5 |
| Mercedes 3000 | 3 | 7 | 19 | 11 | 1.5 | 13.5 | 14 | 23 |
| Olds Cutlass (Wagon) | 24 | 32 | 24 | 27 | 23.5 | 22.5 | 7 | 19.5 |
| Olds Delta 88 | 54 | 46 | 44 | 41 | 55 | 46.5 | 47 | 42 |
| Plymouth Horizon | 28 | 50 | 37.5 | 37 | 21 | 46.5 | 40.5 | 39.5 |
| Subaru 1800 GuF | B8 | 7.5 | 18 | 26 | 39.5 | 3 | 11.5 | 25 |
| Toyota Celica | 51.5 | 48 | 36 | 19 | 53 | 43 | 28.5 | 10 |
| Toyota Carolta | 33.5 | 26.5 | 43 | 43.5 | 38 | 34 | 40.5 | 44 |
| Toyota Corona | 2 | 16 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 11 | 13 | 7.5 |
| Toyota Pick-up | 10.5 | 7.5 | 5.5 | 22.5 | 7.5 | 3 | 3.5 | 14.5 |
| Toyota Tercel | 37.5 | 20 | 22 | 16 | 33 | 13.5 | 11 | 21.5 |
| Volvo | 8.5 | 38 | 16 | 32 | 5 | 30 | 15.5 | 24 |
| VW lerla (A) | 36 | 24.5 | 28 | 33 | 23.5 | 15 | 25 | 30.5 |
| VW Jetra (M) | 43 | 44 | 45 | 53 | 44.5 | 43 | 42.5 | 53 |
| VW Rabbit (A) | 29 | 39 | 35 | 50.5 | 38 | 40 | 31. | 50 |
| VW Rabbit (M-December) | 25.5 | 42 | 46.5 | 49 | 17.5 | 52 | 50 | 45.5 |
| VW Rabbit ( $M$-july) | 40 | 40 | 25 | 34 | 44.5 | 30 | 15.5 | 38 |


[^0]:    *Level of significance is greater than $95 \%$.

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[^2]:    This appendix presents the index scores for all aspects of safety belt comfort and convenience by vehicle. The average and problem indices are shown in separate charts.

[^3]:    (A) Autonatic belt system

    Fowardmost position
    B Back position
    (M) Manual belt system M Middle position

    N No position

