

Road safety: frontal protection systems on motor vehicles (amend. Directive 70/156/EEC)

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The European Parliament adopted a report drafted by Ewa HEDKVIST PETERSEN (PES, SE) setting out a series of compromise amendments agreed with the Council. These amendments specify more rigorous conditions for the frontal protection systems to pass the test. Tests require that frontal protection systems are designed in a way that improves pedestrian safety and reduces the number of injuries.

The Directive will be reviewed in the light of further research and experience gained during the first four years of its application. The Commission will review the technical provisions of the Directive and, in particular, the conditions for requiring the Upper Legform to Frontal Protection System "Bumper" test, the inclusion of an Adult Headform to Frontal Protection System test and the specification of a Child Headform to Frontal Protection System test.

This Directive does not affect the Member States' competence to ban or to restrict the use of those frontal protection systems which were placed on the market as separate technical units before the entry into force of this Directive.