

§ 73.202 [Amended]

2. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Kentucky, is amended by adding La Center, Channel 282A.

Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 98-109; RM-9282]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Superior, WY

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission, at the request of Windy Valley Broadcasting, allots Channel 293C at Superior, Wyoming, as the community's first local aural transmission service. See 63 FR 38784, July 20, 1998. Channel 2293C can be allotted to Superior in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with at city reference coordinates. The coordinates for Channel 293C at Superior are 41-46-12 North Latitude and 108-58-12 West Longitude. With this action, this proceeding is terminated.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 1, 1999. The window period for filing applications for Channel 293C at Superior, Wyoming, will not be opened at this time. Instead, the issue of opening a filing window for this channel will be addressed by the Commission in a subsequent order.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon P. McDonald, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Report and Order, MM Docket No. 98-109, adopted April 7, 1999, and released April 16, 1999. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractors, International Transcription Service, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Part 73 of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

47 CFR PART 73—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 303, 334, 336.

§ 73.202 [Amended]

2. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Wyoming, is amended by adding Superior, Channel 293C.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
49 CFR Part 571

[Docket No. NHTSA-99-5572; Notice 3]

RIN 2127-AF40

Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Roof Crush Resistance

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document revises the test procedure in Standard No. 216, *Roof Crush Resistance*, to make it more suitable to testing vehicles with rounded roofs or vehicles with raised roofs. The test procedure is intended to test the strength of the roof over the front seat occupants by forcing a large flat steel test plate down onto the roof, simulating contact with the ground in rollover crashes. However, when the procedure is followed in testing certain vehicles with rounded roofs (e.g., the Ford Taurus), the test plate is positioned too far back and does not test the roof over the front occupants. In addition, that positioning creates the potential for contact between the front edge of the test plate and the roof. Such contact is undesirable because the front edge can penetrate the roof structure in a way that the ground cannot during rollover crashes. Similarly, for vehicles with raised, irregularly shaped roofs (such as some vans with roof conversions), the initial contact point on the roof may not be above the front occupants, but on the raised rear portion of the roof, behind those occupants. In both of these cases,

the positioning of the plate relative to the initial contact point on the roof, instead of a fixed location on the roof, results in too much variability in the plate positioning and reduces test repeatability.

This final rule addresses the problem of rounded roofs by specifying that, for all vehicles except those with certain modified roof configurations, the test plate is to be positioned so that the front edge of the plate is 254 mm (10 inches) in front of the forwardmost point of the roof. Positioned in this way, the front edge of the plate will always project slightly forward of the roof instead of contacting it. Further, the plate will always be positioned over the front occupants. The rule addresses the problem for vehicles with raised or modified roofs by specifying that if following the normal test procedure results in an initial point of contact that is rearward of the front seats, the rear edge of the plate is positioned just to the rear of those seats. The rule also makes minor clarifications and non-substantive changes to the regulatory text.

DATES: The amendments made by this rule are effective on October 25, 1999. The mandatory compliance date is also October 25, 1999, however, voluntary compliance with this rule is allowed as of April 27, 1999. Petitions for reconsideration of this rule must be received no later than June 11, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Petitions for reconsideration should mention the docket number at the top of this final rule, and be submitted in writing to: Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 5220, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington DC, 20590.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For non-legal issues, you may call Maurice Hicks of the Office of Crashworthiness Standards, at telephone (202) 366-6345, facsimile (202) 366-4329, electronic mail mhicks@nhtsa.dot.gov.

For legal issues, you may call Paul Atelsek of the Office of the Chief Counsel, at (202-366-2992), facsimile (202) 366-3820, e-mail: patelsek@nhtsa.dot.gov

You may send mail to both of these officials at National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh St., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590.

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