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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Policy Statement No. ANM-02-115-15; Certification of Passenger Seat Armrests

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed policy; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces the availability of proposed policy that clarifies current FAA policy with respect to certification of passenger seat armrests.

**DATES:** Send your comments on or before September 16, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Address your comments to the individual identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jayson Claar, Federal Aviation Administration, Transport Airplane Directorate, Transport Standards Staff, Airframe and Cabin Safety Branch, ANM-115, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA 98055-4056; telephone (425) 227-2194; fax (425) 227-1320; e-mail: [jayson.claar@faa.gov](mailto:jayson.claar@faa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Comments Invited

The proposed policy is available on the Internet at the following address: <http://www.faa.gov/certification/aircraft/anminfo/devpaper.cfm>. If you do not have access to the Internet, you can obtain a copy of the policy statement by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

The FAA invites your comments on this proposed policy. We will accept your comments, data, views, or arguments by letter, fax, or e-mail. Send your comments to the person indicated in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Mark your comments, "Comments to Policy Statement ANM-02-115-15."

Use the following format when preparing your comments:

- Organize your comments issue-by-issue.
- For each issue, state what specific change you are requesting to the proposed policy.
- Include justification, reasons, or data for each change you are requesting.

We also welcome comments in support of the proposed policy.

We will consider all communications received on or before the closing date for comments. We may change the proposed policy because of the comments received.

#### Background

The proposed policy provides additional guidance with respect to compliance with § 25.785(d), Amendment, 25-88, for transport category airplane passenger seat armrests, and is specifically aimed at documenting an alternative to current policy and guidance for demonstrating compliance with that section for seat armrests which may be struck by persons seated behind them.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

#### Discretionary Cooperative Agreement To Advance Occupant Protection Technology in Passenger Vehicles

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Announcement of Discretionary Cooperative Agreement to Advance Occupant Protection Technology in Passenger Vehicles.

**SUMMARY:** The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) announces a discretionary cooperative agreement to advance occupant protection technology in passenger vehicles. NHTSA solicits applications from for-profit organizations (small or large), non-profit organization and educational institutions. One of NHTSA's objectives is to develop and evaluate new technologies and methodologies, which have the potential for improving the crashworthiness of passenger vehicles and protecting their occupants. NHTSA seeks to establish a collaborative research effort with a qualified research organization to meet the above objective.

**DATES:** Applications must be received at the office designated below by 3 p.m. on or before September 16, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications must be submitted to the National Highway

Traffic Safety Administration, Office of Contracts and Procurement (NAD-30), ATTN.: Henrietta R. Mosley, 400 Seventh Street SW., Room 5301, Washington, DC 20590. All applications submitted must include a reference to NHTSA Cooperative Agreement Number DTNH22-R-01-2-07292.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

General administrative questions may be directed to Henrietta R. Mosley, Office of Contracts and Procurement. All questions and requests for copies may be directed by e-mail at [hmosley@nhtsa.dot.gov](mailto:hmosley@nhtsa.dot.gov) or by telephone at (202) 366-9570. Programmatic questions should be directed to Mr. Ron Pack, Crashworthiness Research, NHTSA, Room 6226 (NRD-11), 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-4697. Interested applicants are advised that no separate application package exists beyond the contents of this announcement.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Statement of Work

##### Background

Each year in the United States, more than 40,000 deaths and millions of injuries occur as the direct result of motor vehicle traffic crashes. As part of its mission to alleviate this toll, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration vigorously conducts an extensive research program to develop and evaluate new technologies and methodologies, which have the potential for improving the crashworthiness of passenger vehicles and protecting their occupants. NHTSA is conducting crashworthiness research to develop new or enhanced injury countermeasures.

##### Objective and Purpose

The proposed cooperative research agreement program seeks to establish collaborative research efforts between NHTSA and a qualified research organization to study advanced methodologies for occupant protection in passenger vehicle crashes. The collaboration will include problem definition, sharing of scientific and technical data, joint research and the development of new methodologies and technologies for occupant crash protection. Research areas could include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Advanced frontal occupant restraints.
- Advanced air bag inflator and/or air bag inflation methodologies.
- Adaptive air bag systems to tailor bag deployment over the expected range of crash severities, occupant sizes,