

■ i. Removing Figure 1, at the end of the section.

The additions and revisions read as follows:

§ 571.205 Standard No. 205, Glazing materials.

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S3. *Application and Incorporation by Reference.*

S3.1 *Application.* This standard applies to passenger cars, multipurpose passenger vehicles, trucks, buses, motorcycles, slide-in campers, pickup covers designed to carry persons while in motion, and low speed vehicles, and to glazing materials for use in those vehicles.

S3.2 *Incorporation by Reference.*

(a) "American National Standard for Safety Glazing Materials for Glazing Motor Vehicles and Motor Vehicle Equipment Operating on Land Highways-Safety Standard" ANSI/SAE Z26.1-1996, Approved by American National Standards Institute August 11, 1997 (ANSI/SAE Z26.1-1996) is incorporated by reference in Section 5.1 and is hereby made part of this Standard. The Director of the Federal Register approved the material incorporated by reference in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51 (see § 571.5 of this part). A copy of ANSI/SAE Z26.1-1996 may be obtained from the Society of Automotive Engineers, Inc., 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096-0007. A copy of ANSI/SAE Z26.1-1996 may be inspected at NHTSA's technical reference library, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 5109, Washington, DC or at the Office of the Federal Register, 900 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC.

(b) The Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Recommended Practice J673, revised April 1993, "Automotive Safety Glasses" (SAE J673, rev. April 93) is incorporated by reference in Section S5.1, and is hereby made part of this Standard. The Director of the Federal Register approved the material incorporated by reference in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51 (see § 571.5 of this part). A copy of SAE J673, rev. April 93 may be obtained from SAE at the Society of Automotive Engineers, Inc., 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096. A copy of SAE J673, rev. April 93 may be inspected at NHTSA's technical reference library, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 5109, Washington, DC, or at the Office of the Federal Register, 900 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC.

(c) The Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Recommended Practice

J100, revised June 1995, "Class 'A' Vehicle Glazing Shade Bands" (SAE J100, rev. June 95) is incorporated by reference in Section S5.3, and is hereby made part of this Standard. The Director of the Federal Register approved the material incorporated by reference in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51 (see § 571.5 of this part). A copy of SAE J100, rev. June 95 may be obtained from SAE at the Society of Automotive Engineers, Inc., 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096. A copy of SAE J100, rev. 95 may be inspected at NHTSA's technical reference library, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 5109, Washington, DC, or at the Office of the Federal Register, 900 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC.

S4. *Definitions.*

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Prime glazing manufacturer means a manufacturer that fabricates, laminates, or tempers glazing materials.

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S5. *Requirements.*

S5.1 Glazing materials for use in motor vehicles must conform to ANSI/SAE Z26.1-1996 unless this standard provides otherwise.

S5.2 NHTSA may test any portion of the glazing when doing the fracture test (Test No. 7) described in section 5.7 of ANSI/SAE Z26.1-1996.

S5.3 *Shade bands.* Shade band areas for windshields shall comply with SAE J100, rev. June 95 except that the value of 7 degrees must be used in place of the value of 5 degrees specified in Section 4, Shade Band Boundary Requirements, of SAE J100, rev. June 95.

S5.4 *Low speed vehicles.* Windshields of low speed vehicles must meet the ANSI/SAE Z26.1-1996 specifications for either AS-1 or AS-4 glazing.

S6. *Certification and marking.*

S6.1 A prime glazing material manufacturer must certify, in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 30115, each piece of glazing material to which this standard applies that is designed—

(a) As a component of any specific motor vehicle or camper; or
(b) To be cut into components for use in motor vehicles or items of motor vehicle equipment.

S6.2 A prime glazing manufacturer certifies its glazing by adding to the marks required by section 7 of ANSI/SAE Z26.1-1996, in letters and numerals of the same size, the symbol "DOT" and a manufacturer's code mark that NHTSA assigns to the manufacturer. NHTSA will assign a code mark to a manufacturer after the manufacturer submits a written request

to the Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. The request must include the company name, address, and a statement from the manufacturer certifying its status as a prime glazing manufacturer as defined in S4.

S6.3 A manufacturer or distributor who cuts a section of glazing material to which this standard applies, for use in a motor vehicle or camper, must—

(a) Mark that material in accordance with section 7 of ANSI/SAE Z26.1-1996; and

(b) Certify that its product complies with this standard in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 30115.

■ 3. Section 571.500 is amended by revising paragraph (b)(8) of S5, to read as follows:

§ 571.500 Standard No. 500; Low-speed vehicles.

S5. *Requirements*

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(8) A windshield that conforms to the Federal motor vehicle safety standard on glazing materials (49 CFR 571.205).

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 571

[Docket No. NHTSA-2003-15505]

NHTSA Vehicle Safety Rulemaking and Supporting Research: Calendar Years 2003-2006

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

ACTION: Vehicle safety rulemaking priorities document; notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This document announces the availability of a planning document that describes NHTSA's vehicle safety rulemaking priorities with supporting research through 2006. The plan includes those rulemaking actions of highest priority for the period 2003 to 2006, based primarily on the greatest potential protection of lives and prevention of injury, that fall within the immediate four-year time frame. In

addition, NHTSA has considered the realistic likelihood for successful action, especially considering the reality of numerous worthwhile options competing for budgetary resources. The priorities were defined through extensive discussions within the agency, taking into account the views heard in recent years at public meetings and comments submitted to the agency via rulemaking notices and requests for comment. In addition, comments submitted by the public in response to a Request for Comments announcing the draft of this plan on July 25, 2002 (Docket No. NHTSA-2002-12391) were evaluated and incorporated, as appropriate, into the planned agency activities. The results produced by previous NHTSA rulemaking priority planning exercises also provided input to this process. While the plan includes other active areas, in addition to the rulemaking priorities, it discusses only a portion of all rulemaking actions the agency has begun or plans to undertake in the four-year period. The absence of a particular regulatory or research activity from the plan does not necessarily mean that the agency will not pursue it. Although the execution of a priority plan is affected by factors beyond its control (e.g., petitions, budgets, legislation), this plan provides a blueprint for regulatory action on those vehicle safety goals the agency considers its highest priorities.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons may obtain a copy of the planning document by downloading a copy of the document from the Docket Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, at the address provided below, or from NHTSA's Web site at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/rules/rulings>. Alternatively, interested persons may obtain a copy of the document by contacting the agency officials listed in the section titled, "For Further Information Contact," immediately below.

The Docket Management System is located on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building at the U.S. Department of Transportation, PL 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001. You can review public dockets there between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You can also review comments on-line at the DOT Docket Management System Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Motor vehicle crashes killed more than 42,000 individuals and injured 2.9 million others in six million crashes in 2001. In addition to the terrible personal toll, these crashes make a huge economic impact on our society with an estimated annual cost of \$230.6 billion, or an average of \$820 for every person living in the United States. One of the most important ways in which NHTSA carries out its safety mandate is to issue and enforce Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS). Through these rules, NHTSA strives to reduce the number of crashes and to minimize the consequences of those crashes that do occur. NHTSA's rulemaking activities, via the Rulemaking Program with support from the offices of Applied Research, Enforcement, Planning, Evaluation and Budget, Advanced Research and Analysis, and Chief Counsel, identify safety problem areas, develop countermeasures, and collect and analyze information to develop new FMVSS and amendments to existing FMVSS.

As we continue into the new century, NHTSA will strive to influence the automotive industry to incorporate the rapidly accelerating pace of advances in vehicle and safety technology into new vehicles while ensuring that the use of the new technologies enhances vehicle safety. The plan outlines the highlights of NHTSA's vehicle safety rulemaking plans through 2006. Agency priorities emanate from many sources, including: the size of the safety problem and likelihood of solutions, Executive initiatives, Congressional interest and mandates, petitions to the agency for rulemaking and other expressions of public interest, interest in harmonizing safety standards with those of other nations, and changes needed as a result of new vehicle technologies. The starting point for rulemaking priorities is the quest for the greatest potential protection of lives and prevention of injury.

The plan is organized along several broad categories: Crash Prevention includes crash avoidance data, driver distraction, vehicle visibility, crash warnings, and vehicle control and handling. Occupant Protection includes protection in frontal, side, rollover, and rear crashes. Other sections cover Incompatibility Between Passenger Cars and Light Trucks, Heavy Truck Safety, and Protecting Special Populations, including safety for children, people with disabilities, and older people.

The plan includes several potential rulemaking projects that require additional research to determine whether rulemaking action is needed, but are priorities based on their potential for significantly sizeable death and injury prevention benefits. The plan also contains an appendix that discusses some other regulatory activities that the agency considers important, although not rising to the same level of immediate high priority as the activities included in the main body of the plan. Another appendix discusses upcoming milestones in consumer information activities that the agency plans to pursue in the next few years, including the New Car Assessment Program (NCAP).

This document announces the availability of the document to the public. Received comments on the draft plan were evaluated and incorporated, as appropriate, into planned agency activities. Comments that could not be accommodated in the current plan will be considered in the context of future updates.

The plan will be posted on NHTSA's Web site on July 21, 2003. The agency intends to periodically update the plan.

You may also see the plan on the Internet by taking the following steps:

1. Go to the Docket Management System (DMS) Web page of the Department of Transportation (<http://dms.dot.gov>).
2. On that page, click on "search."
3. On the next page (<http://dms.dot.gov/search/>) type in the five-digit Docket number shown at the beginning of this document (NHTSA-2003-15505). Click on "search."
4. On the next page, which contains Docket summary information for the Docket you selected, click on the desired document. You may also download the document.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 30111, 30117, 30168; delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8.

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