DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
[Docket No. NHTSA–2011–0154]

Reports, Forms, and Recordkeeping Requirements

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collections and their expected burden.

The Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period was published on November 25, 2011 (76 FR 72747). No comments were received.

This document describes a collection of information on nine Federal motor vehicle safety standards (FMVSSs) and two regulations, for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval. The information collection pertains to requirements that specify certain safety precautions regarding items of motor vehicle equipment that must appear in the vehicle owner’s manual.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 28, 2012.


Title: Consolidated Vehicle Owner’s Manual Requirements for Motor Vehicles and Motor Vehicle Equipment.

OMB Number: 2127–0541.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: In order to ensure that manufacturers are complying with the FMVSSs and regulations, NHTSA requires owners of vehicles to provide specific information in the vehicle owner’s manual. The information collection request contains nine different sections: tire selection, tire inflation monitoring, tire size and load limits, tire selection and load limits, rim integrity, tire pressure monitoring systems, tire load and maximum load, tire pressure and load limits, and tire load and maximum load.

This standard specifies requirements for tire selection to prevent tire overloading. The vehicle’s normal load and maximum load on the tires shall not be greater than applicable specified limits. The standard requires a permanently affixed vehicle placard specifying vehicle capacity weight, designated seating capacity, and manufacturer recommended cold tire inflation pressure and manufacturer’s recommended tire size. The standard further specifies rim construction requirements, load limits of non-pneumatic spare tires and labeling requirements for non-pneumatic spare tires, including a required placard. Owner’s manual information is required for “Use of Spare Tire.” FMVSS No. 110 will require additional owner’s manual information on the revised vehicle placard and tire information label, on the revised tire labeling, and on the tire safety and load limit and terminology.

FMVSS No. 113, “Tire pressure monitoring systems.” This standard specifies requirements for a tire pressure monitoring system to warn the driver of an under-inflated tire condition. Its purpose is to reduce the likelihood of vehicle crash resulting from tire failure due to operation in an under-inflated condition. The standard requires the Owner’s Manual to include specific information on tire pressure monitoring systems. The standard requires that manufacturers provide precautionary information about the proper positioning of the occupants, including children. The vehicle owner’s manual must also warn that no objects, such as shotguns carried in police cars, should be placed over or near the air bag covers.

FMVSS No. 210, “Seat belt assembly anchorage.” This standard specifies requirements for seat belt assembly anchorage to ensure effective occupant restraint and to reduce the likelihood of failure in a crash. The standard requires that manufacturers place the following information in the vehicle owner’s manual: a. An explanation that child restraints are designed to be secured by means of the vehicle’s seat belts, and b. A statement alerting vehicle owners that children are always safer in the rear seat.

FMVSS No. 213, “Child restraint systems.” This standard specifies requirements for child restraint systems and requires that manufacturers provide consumers with detailed information.
relating to child safety in air bag equipped vehicles. The vehicle owner’s manual must include information about the operation and do’s and don’ts of built-in child seats.

FMVSS No. 226. “Ejection mitigation.” This standard establishes vehicle requirements intended to reduce the partial and complete ejection of vehicle occupants through side windows in crashes, particularly rollover crashes. The standard applies to vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 4,536 kg or less. Written information must be provided with every vehicle describing any ejection mitigation countermeasure that deploys in the event of a rollover and a discussion of the readiness indicator specifying a list of the elements of the system being monitored by the indicator, a discussion of the purpose and location of the telltale, and instructions to the consumer on the steps to take if the telltale is illuminated.

Part 575 Section 105. “Vehicle rollover.” This regulation requires manufacturers of utility vehicles to alert the drivers of these vehicles that they have a higher possibility of rollover than other vehicle types and to advise them of steps that can be taken to reduce the possibility of rollover and/or to reduce the likelihood of injury in a rollover. A statement is provided in the regulation, which manufacturers shall include, in its entirety or equivalent form, in the vehicles owner’s manual.

Affected Public: Individuals, households, business, other for-profit, not-for-profit, farms, Federal, Government and State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 3,724 hours.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, within 30 days, to the Office of Information and
Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725–17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention NHTSA Desk Officer.

Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department’s estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. A Comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3506(c); delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.50.

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