

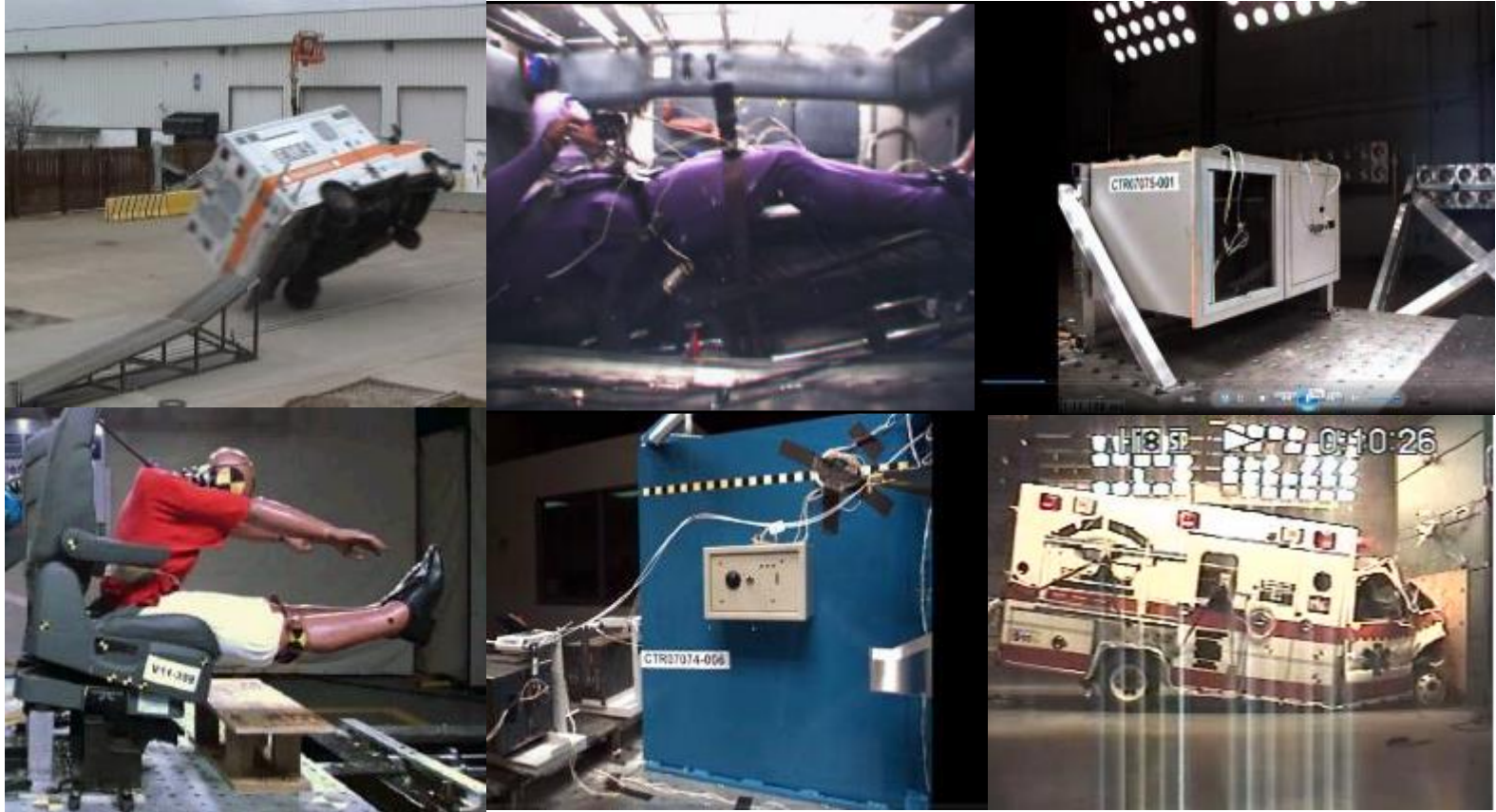
What's Changing in Ambulance Standards?

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Partnering with Industry to Build Safe EMS Work Environments



Jim Green (NIOSH)

Overarching Goals of this Research



- Provide patient compartment occupants with the same level of crash protection as is found in passenger vehicles
- Work with end users to ensure designs meet their needs
- Partner with manufacturers to ensure adoption of consensus standards in the absence of a regulatory requirement to do so
- Near Term: Develop 10 system specific test methods for publication to be referenced nationally or internationally - **Completed**
- Long Term: Incorporate new test methods into one or more bumper-to-bumper ambulance national standards - **Ongoing**

Building New Ambulance Test Methods: The Foundation is Crash Testing



Crash testing helps us understand how the vehicle reacts both internally and externally as crash energy is distributed.

Full Vehicle Crash Testing



An external view of the full vehicle crash testing performed

Structural Concerns with Existing Litter Retention Devices & Seating Systems



Production Cot – Successfully Meets SAE J3027 Recommend Practice Criteria



Cot Test

Camera 1

Occupant Excursion Issue: Existing Restraint Type and Location



**Pre-crash event:
standard cot, restraint
and antler floor
fastener**

**Mid-crash event:
patient excursion
exceeds 30 inches or
76 cm**



SAE J3102 - Dynamic Test Option

(Video provided courtesy of American Emergency Vehicles (AEV) located in Jefferson, NC)



- This test also provided positive test results for SAE J3027 – patient cot for structural integrity and excursion.
- Met floor strength requirements in SAE J3102



Equipment Mount & Cabinet Integrity: Flying Equipment and Supplies are a Hazard



Prior to crash equipment and gurney either mounted or stowed in cabinets



Post crash (rollover) equipment and gurney positions drastically changed

Demo: Frontal Impact, Forward, & Rear Facing Seating



SAE J3026 requires all seating to be tested in the orientation in which it is installed using a 171 lb. crash test dummy.

Head path comparison 2 pt lap belt versus 6 pt restraint



2 point restraint

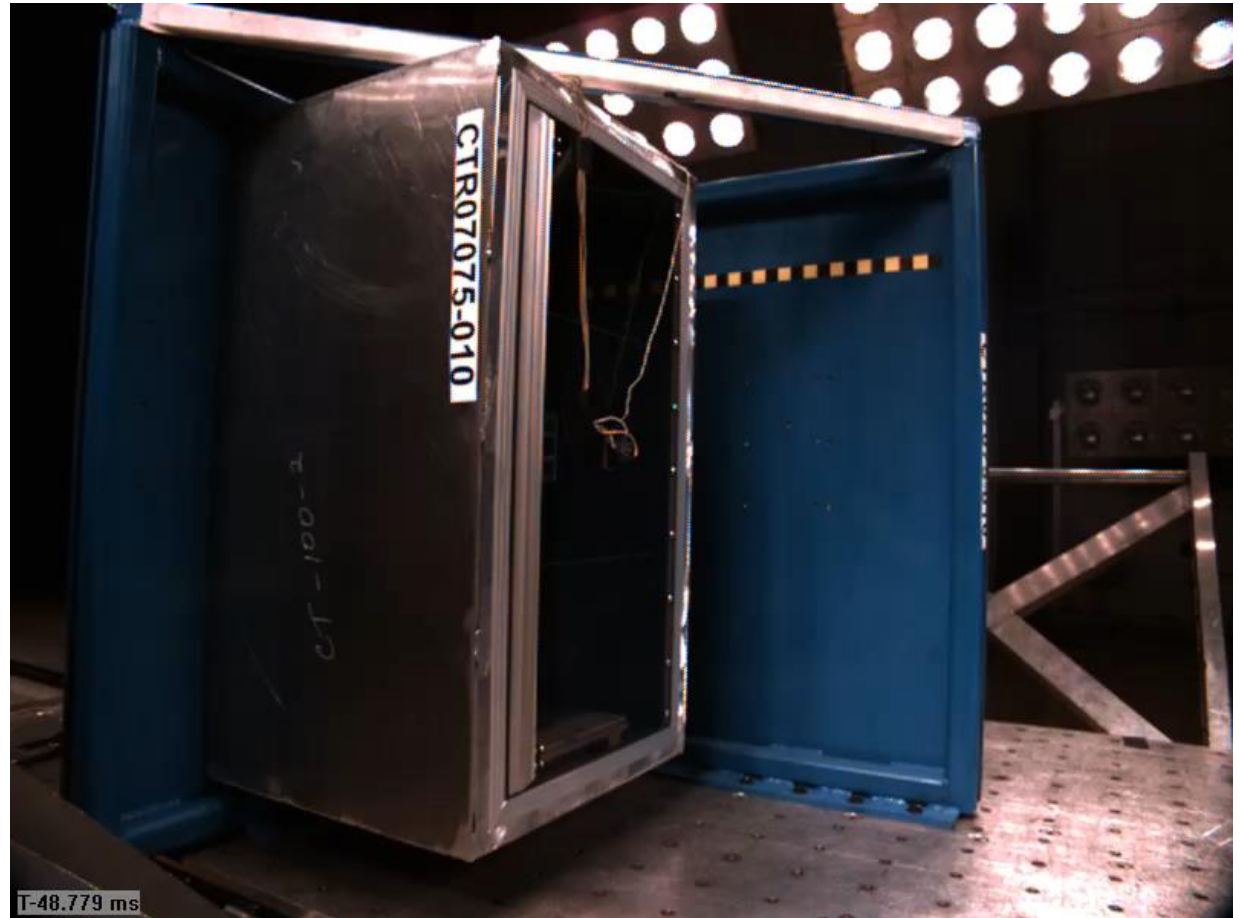
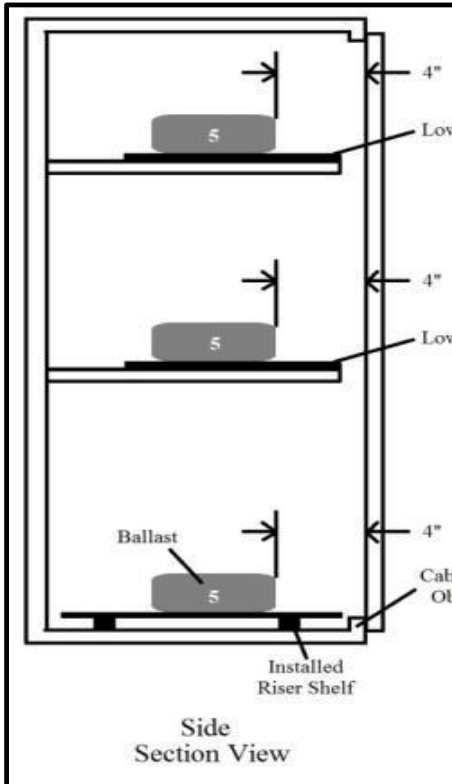


6 point restraint



Upper torso restraints enhance occupant safety!

Cabinet Testing: Aluminum Cabinet - 20 lbs. in bags (Prototype Design)



Cabinets will be tested to a weight rating identified by the builder. Labeling will likely be required.

Patient Compartment Integrity – SAE J3057

Phase 1: Slowed Video Clip



Impact loading of 28,000 ft-lb – twice the requirement for the cab of large trucks

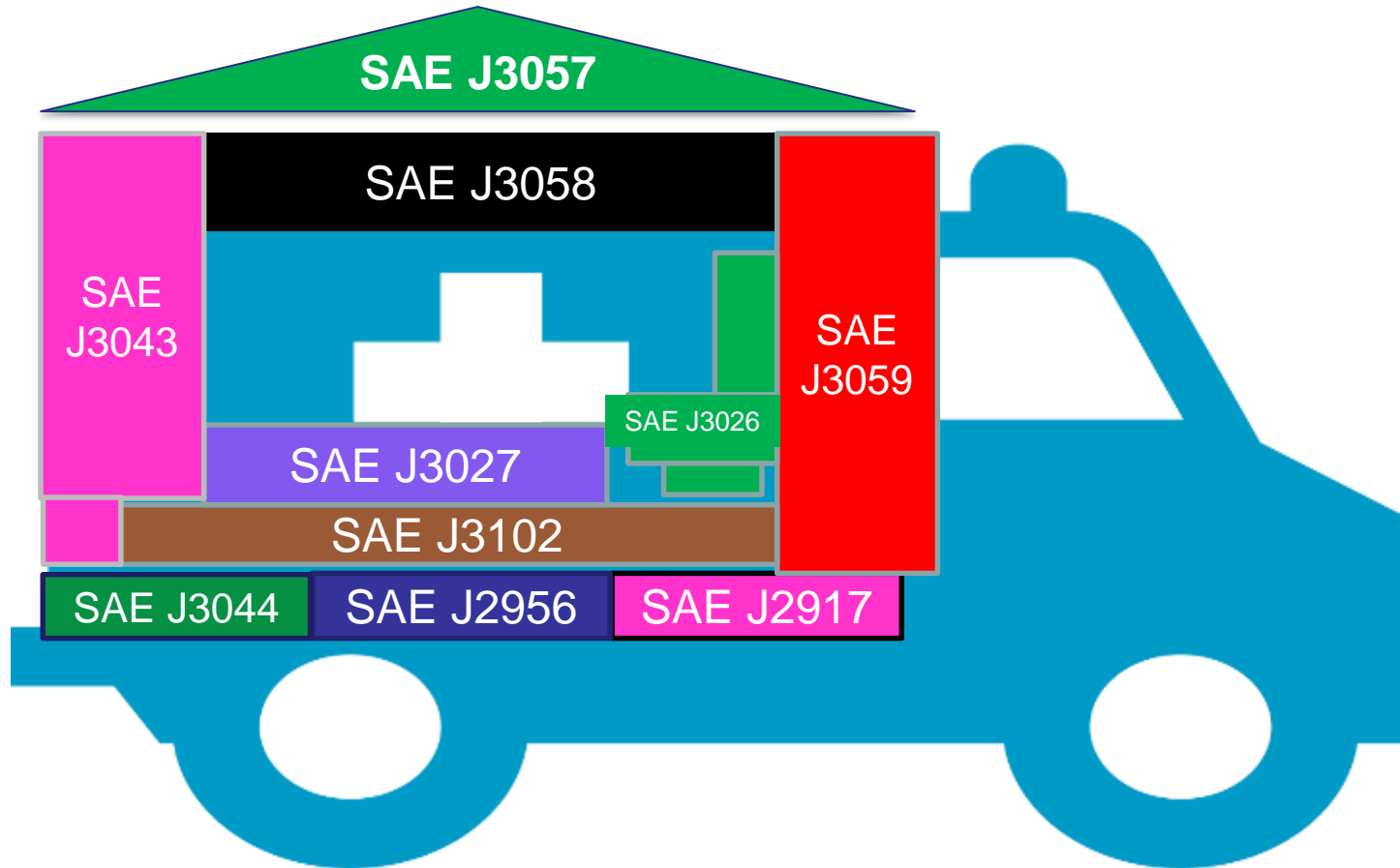
After roof edge impact, phase 2 of the test requires a vertical roof crush test

All doors must open after test completed

Intended to simulate side roll with roof line impacting ground



SAE Documents



How do SAE tests impact ambulances built to new test methods and standards?



- **SAE J3026** requires all seating to be crash tested with a crash test dummy. This includes the bench seat.
- **SAE J3027** requires the cot and floor fixture be crash tested. This requirement effectively eliminates the antler style cot mounting system and cot from future use.
- **SAE J3043** requires equipment mounts to be tested.
- **SAE J3058** requires all cabinets to be tested to a rated loading.
- **SAE J3057** requires a new dynamic roof crush test be performed.
- **SAE J3102** requires a test of the floor structure under the cot.

New Test Methods Published by the Society of Automotive Engineers



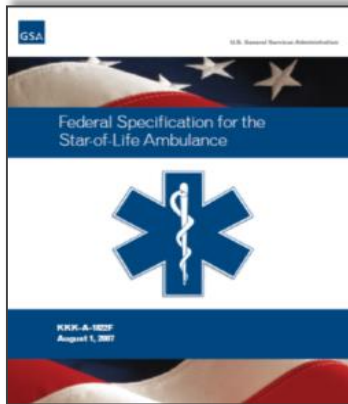
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Last of 10 SAE Test Methods published in April 2017!

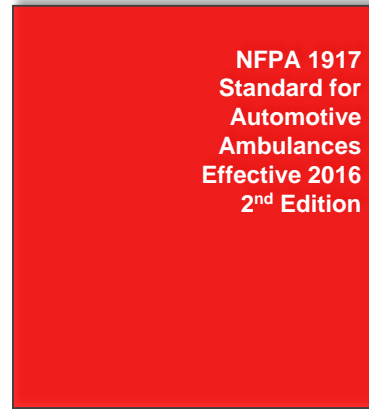
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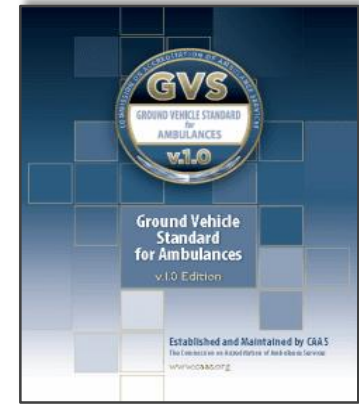
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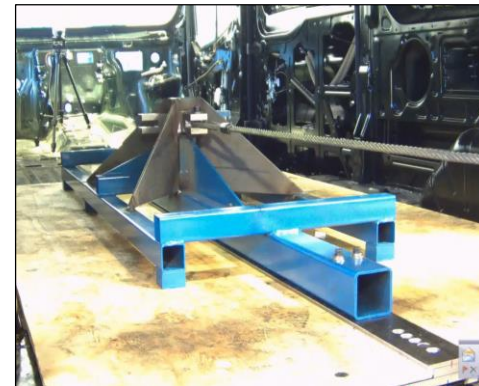
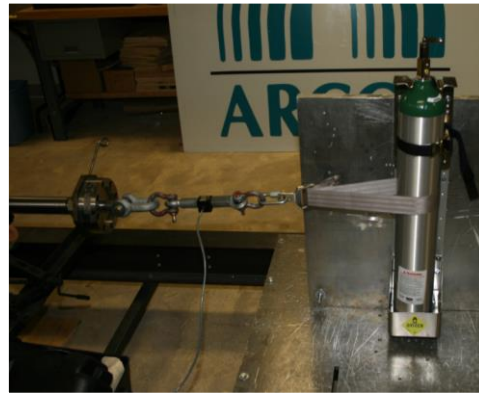
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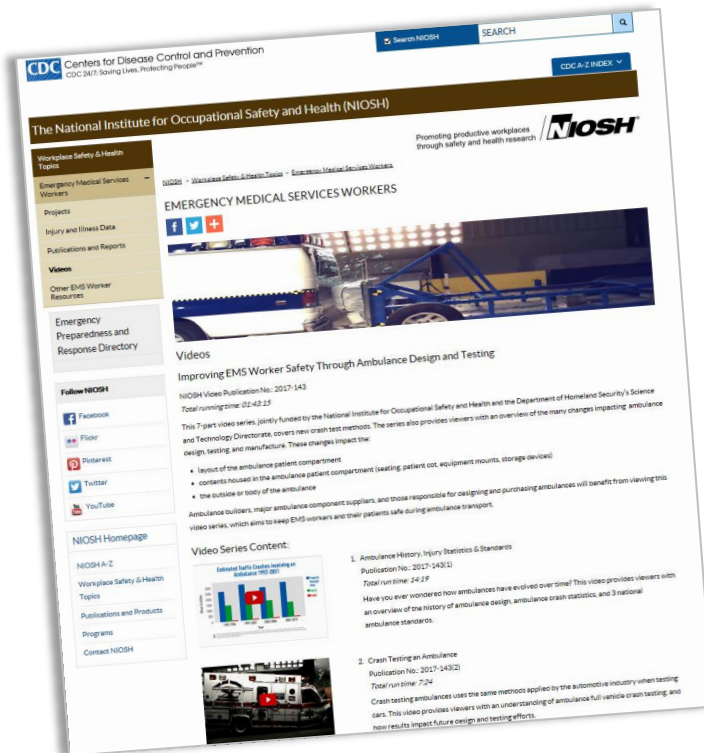


SAE Recommended Practices: NIOSH & Ambulance Builders Working Together



Using energy derived from full vehicle crash testing the team was able to design and test new crashworthy components for use in the ambulance

Informational Video Series



NIOSH partnered with Department of Homeland Security's Science and Technology Directorate as well as other federal agencies and the ambulance industry to develop a 7-part video series that covers new crash test methods.

Video series became available on the NIOSH EMS Workers webpage the week of May 22, 2017

www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/ems/videos.htm

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Ambulance Patient Compartment Design Standards

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National Institute of Standards and Technology



Ambulance Patient Compartment Human Factors Design Guidebook

First Responders Group

February 2015



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Design Assumptions

- Designs are based on requirements and criteria
- Design is not “standard” and only serves the purpose of visualizing optional layouts
- One patient on cot
- Curbside & roadside seats on track
- Cables, tubing, & leads are routed along wall/ceiling
- Design does not necessarily address crashworthiness
- CPR/intubation cannot be performed while seated
- IV bag will be hung prior to transit
- Curbside workstation is the primary medic seat
- Jump bags are the primary storage for immediate care items

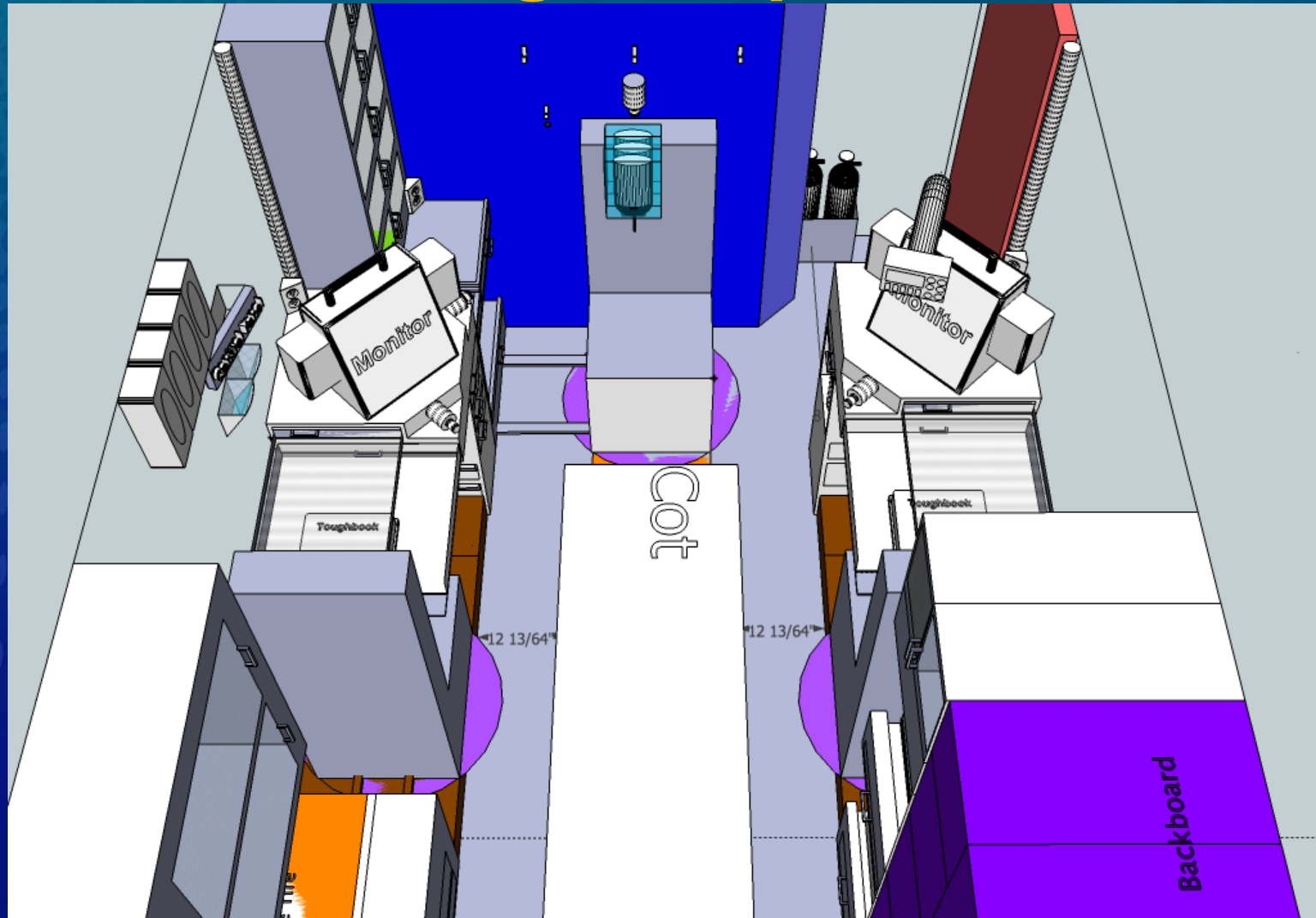


Key Human Performance Requirements

- Use the human performance requirements to drive the design.
- The EMS provider shall be able to reach the patient's body from head to knee while in a seated and restrained position.
- The EMS provider shall be able to reach common and critical equipment/supplies from a seated and restrained position.
- The EMS provider is able to face and interact with the patient while in a seated and restrained position.



Conceptual Design – Helps to Validate Design Requirements



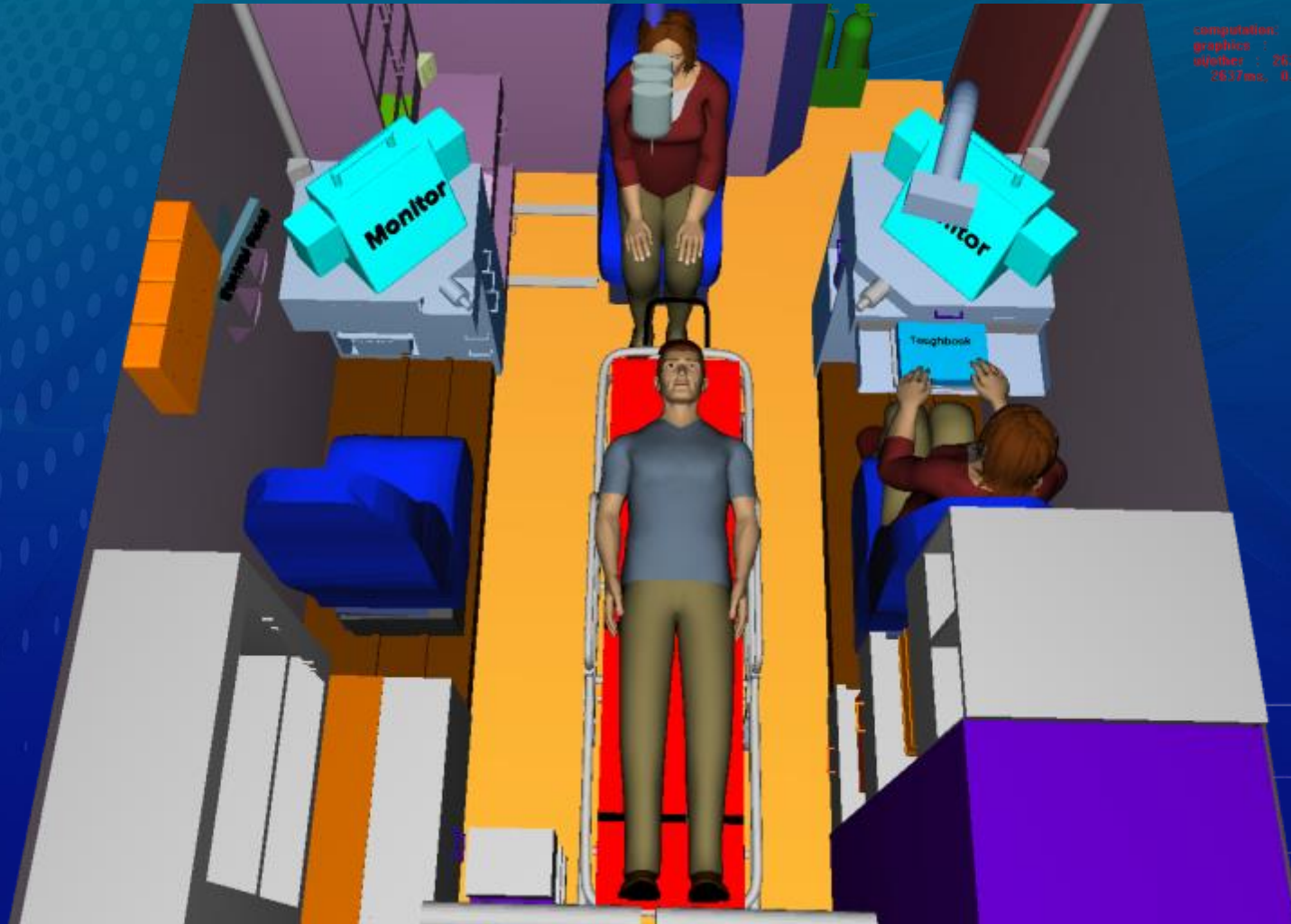
Roadside Seat



Curbside Seat



Modeling with Mannequins



computation : 6ms
graphics : 7ms
memory : 28.50ms
28.17ms, 0.40ms

computation: 0ms
graphics : 2ms
ui/other : 1170ms
1172ms, 0.5fps



Guidebook

- Ambulance Design Guidebook covers best practices, recommendations, and ergonomics.
 - **Final, pending release by DHS**
 - Intended to be a practitioner guide and not a standard
 - Covers user-defined process, steps to take to develop design requirements and basic systems engineering
 - Also addresses some best practices or recommendations in the following areas:
 - Equipment layout and workflow
 - Lighting, noise, HVAC
 - Storage
 - Ingress/egress (patient and EMS worker)
 - Labeling
 - Communications and information technology
 - Restraints and seating
 - Surfaces and materials (incl. decontamination)

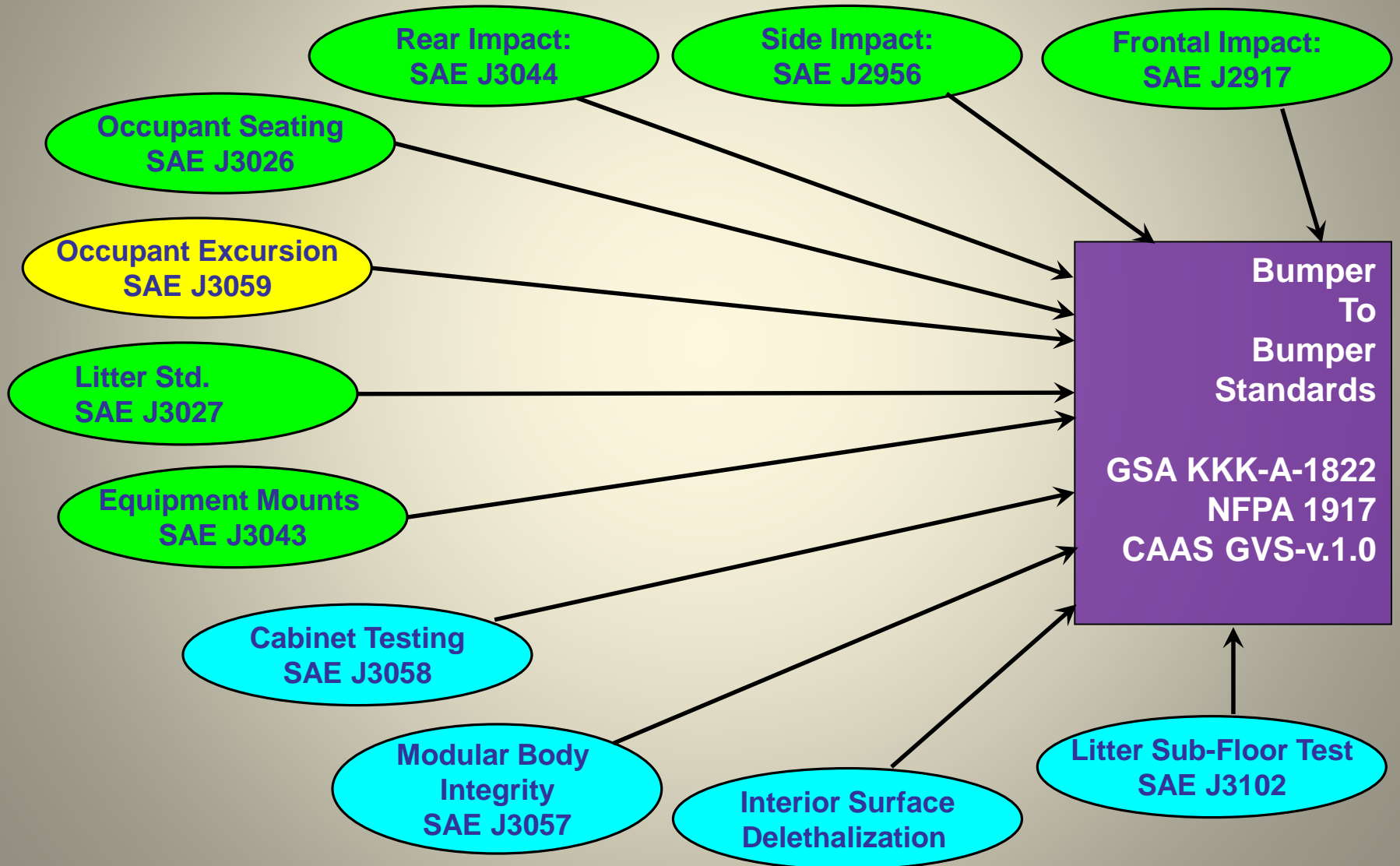


Standards vs Standards

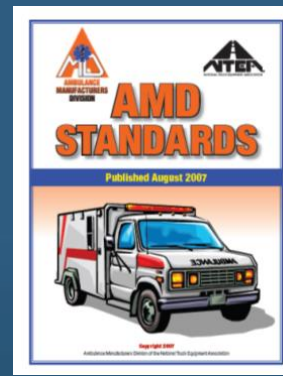
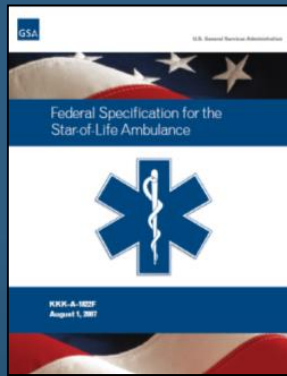
- Testing Standards for Specific Safety Criteria
 - a. AMD
 - b. NIOSH = SAE
- Bumper to Bumper Vehicle Standards
 - a. KKK-A-1822F
 - b. CAAS GVS v.1.0
 - c. NFPA 1917



Standards Landscape Today



KKK-A-1822F



NFPA 1917



CAAS GVS

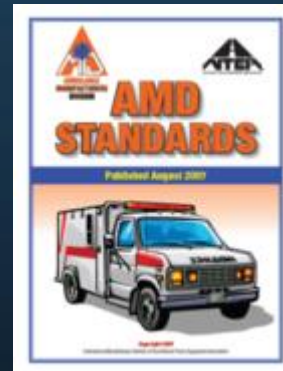
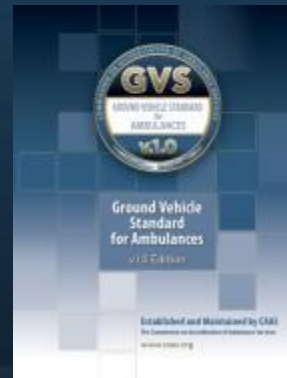




Table 1: Comparison overview of KKK/NFPA/CAAS ambulance vehicle standards

Requirement	KKK-A-1822F	NFPA 1917, 2016	CAAS GVS v.1.0
AMD testing to verify compliance	AMD Tests #1, #4-26 required	AMD tests 1, 4-6, 8, 10-12, 15-16, 18, 21, 24-25, 27 required	AMD Tests #1, #4-26 required
Payload requirement	Type II 1,300 pounds before options; Type I/II 1,750 pounds before options; Type I/II AD 2,250 pounds before options	Finished vehicle weight plus permanently mounted equipment. Loose equipment as specified by purchaser; Type I, 750 lbs.; Type IAD, 1,250 lbs.; Type II, 500 lbs.; Type II, 750 lbs.; Type II-AD, 1,250 lbs.; 171 lbs. times number of seat/bench positions, 171 lbs. patient cot 100 lbs. or Power cot 290 lbs. plus 200 lbs. spare.	All Types 1,300 pounds minimum, payload after all options
Vehicle type certification	Proof of compliance and complete certification testing by ISO-approved laboratory is required for each type	Third party testing required for some parts of standard	Proof of compliance and complete certification testing by ISO-approved laboratory is required for each type
Occupant payload calculation	Weight calculated at 175 lbs./person	Weight calculated at 171 lbs./person	Weight calculated at 171 lbs./person
Vehicle cold start	AMD 022 or chassis manufacturer certification	Requires own test	AMD 022 or chassis manufacturer certification
Engine hourmeter	Optional	Required	Optional
Suspension clearance angles	Approach: 20 degrees; Breakover: 10 degrees; Departure: 10 degrees	Approach: 10 degrees; Breakover: 10 degrees; Departure: 10 degrees	Approach: 20 degrees; Breakover: 10 degrees; Departure: 10 degrees
Tire pressure monitor	Optional	Visual indicator or monitor required	Optional
CO monitor	Testing per AMD 007 required	Monitor required	Testing per AMD 007 required
Bulkhead/Partition	Bulkhead with latching door (Type II only)	Bulkhead with window	Bulkhead with window required and sliding door optional (Type II only)
Floor loading height	Maximum is 34"	Maximum suggested load height 34"	Maximum is 34"
Access handrails	Grab handle on inside of each door or adjacent body structure	Interior or exterior grab handles on cab and patient compartment at each step location	Grab handle on inside of each door and recessed overhead grab rail required
Required door openings	Two doors required—minimum dimensions provided	Two means of escape required—minimum size 30" x 46"	Rear and side doors, required—minimum dimensions provided
Floor testing requirements	AMD 20 floor deflection test required to prove floor load capacity	ASTM E661 compliance required	AMD 20 floor deflection test required to prove floor load capacity
Equipment storage criteria	Minimum 35 cubic feet of interior storage; all devices to be fastened to manufacturer ties	All equipment 3 lbs. or more to be mounted or stored in enclosure or bracket	Purchaser to specify storage requirements
Cabinet storage load	Not specified, pending SAE requirements	Each cabinet to be labeled with max load	Not specified, pending SAE requirements
Equipment mounting and retention	Per equipment manufacturer's recommendation	SAE J3043 required	Oxygen mounts and fire extinguishers shall meet SAE J3043
Communication devices	Optional	Communication devices installed in patient compartment shall be within reach of EMSs while seated and restrained	No requirement
Seat belt requirements	Seat belts must meet all FMVSS, AMD and SAE J3026 requirements	Meet all required FMVSS and requires special length type I or type II seat belts for vehicles with a GVWR of 10,000 or more	Seat belts must meet all FMVSS requirements
Access to patient	Primary attendant seat min 25" from head of cot	Seat to cot dimension provided to allow multiple cot positions	Primary attendant seat min 25" from head of cot
Seat belt warning	"Fasten Seat Belt" label required	Seat belt monitoring system required with visual and audible alarms in cab and/or compartment	"Fasten Seat Belt" label required
Main electrical printed circuit board	Certified to "Class 3 life support" standard	Non life-saving systems certified to Class 2 commercial/industrial avg. std. Life-saving systems certified to Class 3 life support std.	Certified to "Class 3 life support" standard
Wire harness protective loom	300 degree F maximum rated	104 degree F minimum continuous-rated	300-degree F maximum rated
Warning lights	KKK, SAE or NFPA configuration acceptable	NFPA zone lighting or KKK acceptable	Purchaser to specify
Ground lighting under vehicle	Step wells to be illuminated	Under-body lighting required at all step/access points	Step wells to be illuminated
Exterior compartment lighting	Requires exterior compartments to be lighted	Each exterior compartment greater than 4 ft ² or opening greater than 144 in ² shall have minimum of 1 ft ² at any location	Requires exterior compartments to be lighted
Warning indicators	"DOOR NOT CLOSED" light	"DO NOT MOVE" light attached to open door, equipment rack, not stowed, or attached device open or deployed	"DOOR NOT CLOSED" light
Generator requirements	Not specified	Detailed requirements for generators under 11 hp	Not specified
Reflective striping	8"-14" orange reflective stripe around body or equivalent	Min 6" reflective stripe or combination design on 25% length of cab and 75% length of body	Purchaser to specify
Chevrons	Optional	10% of rear (including glass) reflective with any design; chevrons optional	Purchaser to specify

DISCLAIMER: This document is not a comprehensive comparison and has not been independently verified. Regulatory and purchasing decisions should be made solely upon a comprehensive review of the contents of the most recent versions of these documents and the rules of the state in which the ambulance is intended to be licensed. Questions should be directed to the standards document contactor and your state EMS office. For more information please see www.StateAmbulance.org.





Ground Vehicle Standard for Ambulances

v.1.0 Edition

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The Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services

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Who is CAAS?

Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services - Accreditation Standards:

- Standards for enhancing quality and performance for licensed ambulance service providers
- Established in 1990
- “Gold Standard” - exceeds state EMS licensure requirements
- Voluntary, or as required by state/county or local ordinance
- When met- the ambulance service/organization is granted accreditation
- www.caas.org



CAAS Involvement

The Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS) was asked by several National Organizations to develop an Ambulance Standard to replace the KKK specification.

CAAS represents the complete EMS spectrum, not just one specific sector of EMS.

The CAAS Board of Directors representation is multi-faceted, representing the broad industry.

CAAS GVS

GVS Ground Vehicle Standard v.1.0:

- Standard for the design of new ambulances
- Establishes minimum standards, performance parameters and essential criteria for the design of ambulances
- Provides a practical degree of standardization
- Effective July 2016
- When built to the GVS standard- the vehicle will bear the GVS logo
- Does not require or imply CAAS accreditation which is a separate program
- www.groundvehiclestandard.org



Specification

- **GVS foundation is KKK**
- **Applicable to new production vehicles only**
- **Accommodates current chassis offerings**
- **Maintains certain important quality criteria**
- **Includes new NIOSH/SAE Safety Standards**
- **Allows purchaser flexibility with consideration for local requirements**



It does include

- Purchaser ability to define emergency lighting configuration
- Purchaser ability to define exterior graphics design and colors
- Continuity of KKK enhanced electrical system requirements- “Class 3 Life Support”
- Continuity of KKK enhanced floor structure and loading requirement (AMD 20)
- New defined minimum payload requirement of 1,300 pounds for every vehicle *including options*

It does include

- Ability for purchaser to deviate from standard as allowed by state, exceptions to be defined by FSAM
- Additional enhancements are suggested, not required
- Required compliance for all AMD testing standards #01-25.
- FSAM required to provide Type Testing and Certification for each ambulance model from certified independent testing facility.



Required Safety Features

GVS V1.0 includes new SAE safety requirements that are researched by NIOSH:

- **SAE J3026** **Patient Compartment Seating**
- **SAE J3027** **Litter Fasteners and Anchorage**
- **SAE J3043** **Ambulance Equipment Mounting and Retention**

To be included in V1.1 in 2017:

- **SAE J3057** **Modular Body Integrity**
- **SAE J3058** **Cabinet Testing**
- **SAE J3059** **Occupant Excursion**
- **SAE J3102** **Litter Sub Floor Test**



RETHINKING REMOUNTS

Developing a national standard for ambulance remounts

By Laura Aguirre

The Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS) recently published its Ground Vehicle Standard (GVS) for emergency vehicles (GVS V.1) in July 2016. The GVS standard has already been officially accepted by two states (Texas and Alabama), and regulatory approval is pending in many others.

As part of the development plan for the GVS V2.0 standard, starting in July 2019, CAAS GVS has started a process to create a remount standard for emergency vehicles that will be an integral part of the second version of GVS.

"We created and published the CAAS Ground Vehicle Standard at the request of numerous industry associations who were seeking an ambulance standard for federal and state emergency EMS," says Mark Van Arman, chair and president of the CAAS GVS committee. "The same stakeholders have convinced us that there is a need for a standard for remounted ambulances."

"The concept of remounting mobile ambulance services now, or has had a standard since the 1970s," Van Arman said. "The mobile remounts have caused significant growth in the ambulance market in the last 5-10 years."

Although the process of pioneering new ambulance vehicle numerous regulations, requirements and standards that must be met by a large range of ambulance manufacturers, there are few to no standards required for the manufacture of remounted ambulances.

"As an example, Indiana's hydraulic platform," says Phil Schmitt, chief of the Indiana Motor Vehicle Division (IMVD), included committee members that had similar requirements that has already been argued, these stipulations, and has been mounted on a new

chassis for a removal life cycle. A new remount ambulance exempt from the KKK-A-1322, CAAS GVS and NFPA ambulance standards."

PROJECT KICKOFF

On June 7, CAAS GVS kicked off the project to develop a new remount standard by convening an Ambulance Remount Forum in Charlotte, N.C. "Not only will we be bringing our remount business into the 21st century,"

"We decided to get everyone in the same room and have our conversations face-to-face," says GVS committee member and Ford stage manufacturer, remount, EMS providers, regulators and equipment vendors.

"Registration for the meeting, open to all, was held at the Ritz-Carlton in Charlotte, Van Arman. "We would not only have 175 people who had interest in the remount process but attended the meeting."

As part of the registration for the meeting, CAAS GVS polled the remounters on the number of remount ambulances currently being doing in their region. Van Arman says, "We were surprised to find that the number of remounts performed annually was approximately equal to 20% of the total number of new ambulances manufactured in a given year. One state regulator who attended the meeting stated that 75% of the new ambulance regulations in his state are year-over-year remounts. This is clearly a high growth segment of the market."

FEDERAL STANDARDS & PERSPECTIVES

As federal partner in the CAAS GVS project, representatives from the National Highway

Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) attended the forum.

"Through the course of the presentation, it became very clear that there are, in fact, numerous and detailed requirements mandated on a federal level for both emergency and remounted ambulances."

Colman Schuchler of the Impact and Certification Division of NHTSA, also noted the growing requirements of the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) and specifically how they apply to remounted ambulances.

"An ambulance body remounter is a final stage manufacturer," stated Socha. "When a new cab is used in assembly of a truck, the truck will be considered newly manufactured for purposes of FMVSS."

Schuchler also says, "The final stage manufacturer, a remounter, also must register for all certification standards and facilities under the Vehicle Safety Act."

None of the requirements were outlined, including the fact that the ambulance body remounter must be registered with NHTSA and comply with all applicable provisions of the Federal standards. "The remounter is responsible to file a notification with each vehicle manufacturer that states that the vehicle complies with all applicable FMVSS regulations in the date of manufacturing, and provides detailed information about the vehicle."

The remounter is also responsible for any safety-related defects or non-compliance with FMVSS in the components or equipment it adds to or introduces into the vehicle as a result of its work, Socha says.

Over the course of the meeting, it became apparent that although final requirements were manufactured, attending the meeting were familiar with the FMVSS requirements, some of the remounters weren't familiar with them.

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Jim Green of the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), a familiar face among EMS circles, provided an update of the new test methods for ambulances published by the Society of Automotive Engineers.

Steve Spence of the Association for the Weak, Deaf, Injured, and Alert (AWIDA), offered Motor Company's Qualified Vehicle Modifier (QVM) program, provided a one-day workshop with details on many common remounts or modifications, which he applies to remounted ambulances.

Mike Ruggieri of EMS Services, the president of the state of North Carolina, the commissioner of Virginia, as well as the National Association of State EMS Officials and National Emergency Medical Responder Education for the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) also presented a status report on their remount standard project.

John McDonald, a representative from the General Services Administration, also provided an overview of the KKK Federal Specifications for Custom Vehicle Ambulance Remounts. McDonald also discussed the planning and requirements which he expects in the KKK specifications, and that the KKK assigns review annually and when a vehicle is given for a year. He noted that the remounted ambulances have a chassis frame and the VIN number is no longer the same, the original State of California license that may have been on the vehicle is no longer valid.

CREDENTIALS, PROCESS & PRODUCT

There are several issues that the GVS group will have to take into consideration to develop an effective remount standard, including:

- Determining how to deal with third-party testing and product certification of FMVSS that apply to the remount compartment (floor plates, seats and belt anchors) and other parts of the "body" that have been fabricated on the truck chassis platform. The FMVSS 2014 and 2015 standards were changed in 2007, and the standards 30220 were not changed in 2015.
- Consensus required for changes in certification from the original design and how to meet agency FMVSS requirements for installation of new seating positions.
- Requests for the addition of new safety features in older generation product compartments.

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So How to plan KKK and FMVSS requirements as an individual remounted ambulance. These considerations all require original testing, which includes some destructive testing for product certification and is performed by a third-party lab.

In addition, it appears that the GVS committee standard project may have to address

complying with numerous existing state laws. Van Arman. "More ongoing, the development of common standards will be more difficult than our GVS V.1 standard project for the new standard."

CAAS Editor-in-Chief A.C. Heagman says that committee members he has spoken to are aware that the new standards will require some modifications to the existing content by 2019, and that the safety of the users and patients must be the focus in the development of such requirements.

"We believe that all parties involved agreed that changes are warranted to increase the safety and quality of care that will likely be incorporated into the new remount requirements," Heagman says.

As the next step in their project, GVS announced the formation of an Ambulance Remount Work Group.

This group will have the assignment of developing recommendations for remount standards and submit them to the CAAS GVS committee in the next 12 months. Heagman estimates that the V2.0 version of the CAAS GVS, currently scheduled for July 2019.

Those interested in participating in the CAAS GVS Remount Work Group are invited to submit their names to the GVS website at www.gvsmba.com/standards.org.

The ambulance remount business & process is complex, with numerous moving parts.


some issues never before addressed by a new vehicle ambulance builder seeking to meet a product. The GVS committee averages across the country to gain insight and data on the remounting process, as well as specific regulatory criteria of the new standard, including the process of installation and repair of the physical components of the vehicle remount business.

MANY MOVING PARTS

"The ambulance remount business is complex

Is an Ambulance Body Remounter a Manufacturer?

- Yes. NHTSA's regulation at 49 CFR 571.7(e) provide that when a new cab is used in the assembly of a truck, the truck will be considered newly manufactured for the purpose of applying the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966 and the Federal motor vehicle safety standards unless the engine, transmission, and drive axle(s) (as a minimum) of the assembled vehicle are not new, and at least two of these components were taken from the same vehicle.



Glenn Sacks of NHTSA addresses group on federal requirements for remounters. Photo courtesy Mark VanArman

Remounts

- Remounting of ambulances has grown exponentially in last 5-10 years
- Estimated to be 3 times more Remounters than new ambulance manufacturers
- Estimated number of remounts is equal to 25% of total new ambulance production
- No regulations for Remounters or remounted ambulances

Remounts

- Remounted ambulances are currently exempt from KKK, GVS and NFPA standards
- ALL FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS (FMVSS) THAT ARE APPLICABLE TO NEW PRODUCTION AMBULANCES ALSO APPLY TO REMOUNTS
- NHTSA and FMVSS require Remounters to comply with same standards as new vehicle manufacturers
- A remounted ambulance is considered a new vehicle

Challenges of a Remount Standard

The KKK certification of the original vehicle is not transferable once the VIN of the chassis has changed, and the sticker is no longer valid.

- How do you relate KKK/AMD/GVS type testing certification requirements to an individual used ambulance?

Challenges of a Remount Standard

Some of the FMVSS requirements do apply to the patient compartment and are model year related.

- FMVSS standards for door hardware/retention and seats/seat bases in the patient compartment do change periodically, and are based on the model year of the vehicle (chassis).

Challenges of a Remount Standard

All patient compartment seat locations must meet rigorous FMVSS testing and certification requirements.

- How could a Remounter comply with a customer request for changes in seat/seat belt configurations from the original design?

Challenges of a Remount Standard

How can a Remounter meet potential requirements for addition of some of the new SAE safety features in an older generation patient compartment?

- Some of these features could possibly be additions, while others likely not. Integration into an existing body could require extensive engineering, design and rework.

Challenges of a Remount Standard

What type of credentials should be required of a Remounter?

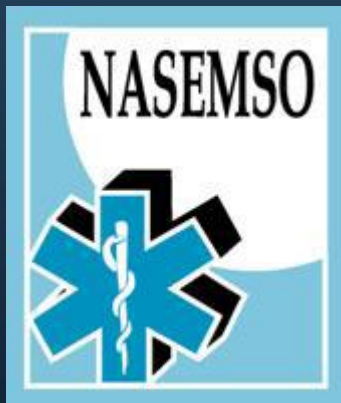
- FSAMs are required to meet significant regulations, requirements and standards. They generally have significant product liability coverage, engineering resources and testing protocol.

Remount Work Group

- Will meet three times in next 9-12 months to prepare recommendations for CAAS GVS Committee to consider for remount standard inclusion in GVS V2.0.
- Meeting dates and locations will be posted on www.groundvehiclestandard.org.



CAAS GVS endorsements



Future plans for CAAS-GVS

- V1.1 to include latest SAE test methods – late 2017
- V2.0 revision July 2019
- V2.0 to include standards for Remounts
- Pediatric standards for patients and passengers to be considered as they are developed



2015

- **KKK CN#8**
 - *Cot/mount*
 - *Seats*

2016

- **KKK CN#9**
 - *Eq. Restraint*

2017

- **KKK CN#10**
 - *Cabinets*
 - *Body*
 - *Floor*
 - *Excursion*

2019

- Remounts
- V2.0

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