

by one unit is associated with an estimated 0.927 percent reduction of fatality risk in side impacts of 2-door cars. The association between TTI(d) and fatality risk in the corresponding analysis of baseline 4-door cars was not statistically significant. In 2-door cars, TTI(d) has improved from an average of 110 in baseline, model year 1981–90 cars to an average of 74 in model year 1997. In 4-door cars, average TTI(d) has improved from 80 in 1981–90 to 65 in 1997.

The report also presents a plan for Phase 2, a proposed statistical comparison of side-impact fatality and injury rates in cars produced immediately after vs. immediately before the implementation of FMVSS 214. Adequate crash data on those make-models are likely to accumulate by 2001.

How Can I Influence NHTSA's Thinking on This Evaluation?

NHTSA welcomes public review of the technical report and invites the reviewers to submit comments about the data and the statistical methods used in the Phase 1 analyses or proposed for Phase 2. NHTSA will submit to the Docket a response to the comments and, if appropriate, additional analyses that supplement or revise the technical report.

The agency is especially interested in learning of any additional data or information on the following topics:

- Why do the Phase 1 analyses show a stronger correlation of TTI(d) and fatality risk in 2-door cars than in 4-door cars? Is it an artifact of the data or the statistical method, or is there a physical explanation?
- Have baseline crash tests conforming to the FMVSS 214 configuration been run for any other unmodified pre-FMVSS 214 cars?
- The Phase 2 plan (Chapter 8 and Appendix B of the report) gives chronologies of the side-impact test results and side-component modifications of 52 make-model groups of passenger cars. Please correct any omissions or inaccuracies in the chronologies. Specifically, are TTI(d) scores available for any of the make-model-year-body style combinations described as "TTI(d) unknown" in Appendix B?
- Should any of the 52 make-model groups be excluded from the Phase 2 analysis because, for example, the side-structure upgrade coincided with some other redesign that greatly changed crash rates?

How Do I Prepare and Submit Comments?

Your comments must be written and in English. To ensure that your comments are correctly filed in the Docket, please include the Docket number of this document (NHTSA–99–6545) in your comments.

Your primary comments must not be more than 15 pages long (49 CFR 553.21). However, you may attach additional documents to your primary comments. There is no limit on the length of the attachments.

Please send two paper copies of your comments to Docket Management or submit them electronically. The mailing address is U. S. Department of Transportation Docket Management, Room PL–401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. If you submit your comments electronically, log onto the Dockets Management System website at <http://dms.dot.gov> and click on "Help & Information" or "Help/Info" to obtain instructions.

We also request, but do not require you to send a copy to Charles J. Kahane, Chief, Evaluation Division, NPP–22, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 5208, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590 (alternatively, FAX to 202–366–2559 or e-mail to ckahane@nhtsa.dot.gov). He can check if your comments have been received at the Docket and he can expedite their review by NHTSA.

How Can I be Sure That My Comments Were Received?

If you wish Docket Management to notify you upon its receipt of your comments, enclose a self-addressed, stamped postcard in the envelope containing your comments. Upon receiving your comments, Docket Management will return the postcard by mail.

How Do I Submit Confidential Business Information?

If you wish to submit any information under a claim of confidentiality, send three copies of your complete submission, including the information you claim to be confidential business information, to the Chief Counsel, NCC–01, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 5219, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Include a cover letter supplying the information specified in our confidential business information regulation (49 CFR Part 512).

In addition, send two copies of from which you have deleted the claimed confidential business information to

Docket Management, Room PL–401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590.

Will the Agency Consider Late Comments?

In our response, we will consider all comments that Docket Management receives before the close of business on the comment closing date indicated above under DATES. To the extent possible, we will also consider comments that Docket Management receives after that date.

Please note that even after the comment closing date, we will continue to file relevant information in the Docket as it becomes available. Further, some people may submit late comments. Accordingly, we recommend that you periodically check the Docket for new material.

How Can I Read the Comments Submitted by Other People?

You may read the comments by visiting Docket Management in person at Room PL–401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

You may also see the comments 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 four-digit Docket number shown at the beginning of this Notice (6545). Click on "search."
- (4) On the next page, which contains Docket summary information for the Docket you selected, click on the desired comments. You may also download the comments.

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

William H. Walsh,

Associate Administrator for Plans and Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

Notice of Public Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review.

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Requesting approval of revision of a currently approved collection.

SUMMARY: The Surface Transportation Board submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval the following proposal for collection of information as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title: Annual Waybill Compliance Survey.

Office: Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration.

OMB Form No.: OMB 2140-0010.

Frequency: Annually.

No. of Respondents: 600.

Total Burden Hours: 300.

DATES: Persons wishing to comment on this information collection should submit comments by January 10, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Case Control, Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423. When submitting comments refer to the title of the information collection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Harold J. Warren, 202 565-1433. Requests for copies of the information collection may be obtained by contacting Ellen R. Keys (202) 565-1654.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Surface Transportation Board is, by statute, responsible for the economic regulation of railroads operating in the United States. The Carload Waybill Sample is collected to support the Board's regulatory activities. The Annual Waybill Compliance Survey is required to be filed by all railroads operating in the United States pursuant to authority in Title 49 U.S.C. Public Law 1145, 11144, 11901, 11326(b), 11327, and 11328(b) of the ICC Termination Act of 1995, Public Law 104-88, 109 Stat. 803 (1995). Our regulations at 49 CFR 1244.2(f) specifically require the survey to be filed annually.

Dated: December 3, 1999.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 8569

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort

to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 8569, Availability Statement.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before February 7, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Faye Bruce, (202) 622-6665, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Availability Statement.

OMB Number: 1545-0973.

Form Number: 8569.

Abstract: This form is used to collect information from applicants for the Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program and other executive positions. The form states an applicant's minimum area of availability and is used for future job placement consideration.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to Form 8569 at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals and the Federal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 500.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 84.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or

included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: November 30, 1999.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Revenue Procedure 96-52

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Revenue Procedure 96-52, Acceptance Agents (IRB 1996-48).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before February 7, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Faye Bruce, (202) 622-6665, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.