



Assessing the potential for VECTO categories to be used as part of a differential direct vision standard

Introduction

- Several discussions have highlighted conflicting needs, preferences and ambitions for vehicles in urban and long haul or specialist environments
- After Osaka, Scania & T&E agreed to separately consider the potential for different standards of vision, based on the “VECTO” categories defined in EU legislation of CO₂ emissions
- Apollo were commissioned by T&E to independently assess a draft proposal from Scania & advise overall on the potential of VECTO to support differentiation and identify any additional options, pros & cons

The base proposal

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- All wheel drive HGVs tend to be specialist, niche vehicles
- Typically serious off-road capability
- Total sales volume small
- Trips in urban areas likely to be very small
- Overall exposure to risk very low
- May not be length constrained or traditional in design
 - Risk per unit of exposure is possibly, but not definitely, high
- Overall risk - low



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All >16t tractors Highway

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Analysis of risks: articulated vehicles

Vecto sub-group	ACEA % Emissions	Scania proposed DVS standard	Vecto Group London approximation	London % trips by N3 vehicles	% London move off hit at front fatalities	% London left turn hit at nearside fatalities
5-LH	62.8%	Highway	5 or 8	9%	14%	5%
5-RD	0.8%	Highway				
10-RD	0.1%	Highway	10, 12 or 14	37%	21%	0%
10-LH	9.7%	Highway				

- Trip data from London ANPR camera network used for HGV Safety Permit Impact Assessment. Casualty data from S19 (2009-2018) with enhanced data (smaller sample)
- Articulated vehicles
 - C.73% Emissions
 - 44% of trips in London
 - 35% of moving off pedestrian and cyclist fatalities in London
 - 5% of left turn cyclist and pedestrian fatalities in London
- High exposure but low risk = low to medium proportion of fatalities

Example, based on measured vehicle

- Scania P450
 - 6*2 44 tonne GVW
 - Power 450 hp (335kw)
 - Sleeper cab
 - Vecto 10-LH
- Advertised as urban and regional application
- Use: national transportation of plant in UK – mixed highway, rural & urban
- VECTO “Long-haul” = Highway standard BUT London DVS 3 star
 - Vecto definition imperfect
 - ‘Urban’ standard ought to be feasible at least for 5/10-RD?
- Market forces may be functioning – in absence of regulation, market is demanding and producing vehicles at least some vehicles with good vision
 - How widespread is existing good practice in this type of tractor? No data
 - Publication of rating would enhance market forces encourage best practice in both vehicle design and operator vehicle selection
- What type of tractor involved in artic-VRU close proximity collisions? Large exposure of P Series equivalent or small exposure of S series equivalent? No data



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LH criteria for 2/3 axle rigids (exc AWD)

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4-LH	1.9%	Highway	4 or 7	18%	21%	21%
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4-RD	7.9%	Urban				
9-RD	7.2%	Urban	9, 11, or 13	13%	18%	16%
9-LH	9.2%	Highway				

- 2 or 3 axle rigids:
 - C.26% of emissions
 - 36% of trips in London
 - 39% of moving off collisions in London
 - 37% of left turn collisions in London
- Risk roughly in line with exposure and exposure is significant - Rigids very important to get right
- Potentially, a significant proportion of rigids could fall into "Highway" vision category. Is this fair?



Potential issues

- Differentiation by power >265 and sleeper cab
- Do we get vehicles that might cause problems in significant numbers, e.g.
 - Low power 6*2 rigids with sleeper cabs used in urban distribution?
 - 6*2 construction vehicles e.g. tippers with sleeper cabs?
- Appears possible based on spec sheets but searches of used trucks suggest rare:
 - More supporting evidence would be good to give confidence
 - Would introducing a power threshold in 9-LH help?

MODEL RANGE

FMX11 6x2 Platform - Tag - Rear Air Suspension FM 62 TR1HAX

TRUCK USE

- RC-ROUGH Operating class on/off road
- RC-SMOOTH Operating class highway
- GARB-PRE Garbage preparation
- SWAPBODY Swap body vehicle preparation
- TIPP-PRE Tipper vehicle preparation
- UNIFORM Basic platform vehicle

CORE COMPONENTS

- CHH-HIGH Chassis height high - N3 "On Road" chassis - For a specific loading height always check the unique BEP chassis drawing
- CHH-MED Chassis height medium - For a specific loading height always check the unique BEP chassis drawing
- TA-HYSBS Electro-hydraulic steered tag axle, with steering lock out at 38kph
8x2 models with rear steer will use the engine PTO to drive the steering pump, so will need an adapter.
- TAG-FIXD Tag axle - Fixed with twin tyres on tag axle
- TAG-FIXS Tag axle - Fixed with single tyres on tag axle
- RADT-GR Rear air suspension, 2 axles - 1 driven/1 tag
- FMX-DAY Day cab - with steel safety cage design
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- FMX-HSLP Globetrotter cab - with steel safety cage design
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PACKAGES

- DRIVEFM Cab Pa
- DRIVEFM+ Cab Pa
- BEDFM One be
- AUDHIG High Pc
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phone e
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- MEDIA AM/FM
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Non-EMS	?	Urban	15,16 or 17	10%	21%	58%
EMS		Highway				

- Construction/forestry vehicles account for only 10% of trips in London, but 21% - 58% of relevant collisions
- Low exposure * very high risk = high proportion of fatalities
- Very important to get the definition right

Potential problem

- 4 axle tippers, cement vehicles and other construction vehicles identified as very high risk vehicle in London – assumed same for other cities
- In same Vecto definition as industry identified vehicles
- Is the proposed “EMS” definition good enough to separate?
 - Sleeper cab & power >370 kw



Example based on Inspected Vehicle

- Scania P450
 - 32 tonne GVW 8*4 axle config
 - Power 450 hp (335kw)
 - Day cab
 - Vecto 16-S by proposed definition = urban standard
- Passes test but need confidence that it applies more widely
- Are there any perverse incentives?
 - Power criteria: Increase in power could potentially allow reduced vision. Disincentive may be fuel cost but overall it is possible
 - Sleeper cab: Additional capex but also additional length which = reduced manoeuvrability in urban areas. Seems less likely



Conclusions

- Industry proposal for Vecto differentiation has strong potential at a technical level
- AWD: specialist vehicles
- Tractor: Not the highest risk area, potentially some benefit to extending Urban requirement to regional distribution (RD) definitions
- 4*2 & 6*2 rigids: Higher risk for safety. Classification is logical but further evidence around usage of regional and long haul categories in urban areas would improve confidence. Addition of an engine power criteria to Vecto 9 (as already present in Vecto 4) may help
- 6*4, 8*2 and 8*4: Critical area to get right for safety. Low exposure but high risk construction vehicles are central to case for direct vision (at least based on London data). Acknowledged that, without significant redesign, 'urban' standard could cause challenges for certain niche/heavy operations. Forthcoming Vecto "EMS" subcategory appears to work but more data on usage/collisions would improve confidence