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Event Data Recorder (EDR) Performance Elements Appropriate for Adoption in 1958 and 1998 Agreement Resolutions or Regulations

[Note: the performance elements contained in this working draft closely conform to those contained in the current version of FMVSS part 563

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0. Foreword

The performance elements contained in this document provide uniform specifications for vehicles equipped with Event Data Recorders (EDRs) concerning the minimum collection, storage, and retrievability of motor vehicle crash event data. It also contains specifications for vehicle manufacturers to make tools and/or methods commercially available so that crash investigators and researchers can retrieve data from EDRs.

The purpose of these performance elements is to ensure that EDRs record, in a readily usable manner, data valuable for effective crash investigations and for analysis of safety equipment performance (e.g., advanced restraint systems). These data will help provide a better understanding of the circumstances in which crashes and injuries occur and will facilitate the development of safer vehicle designs.

1. Scope

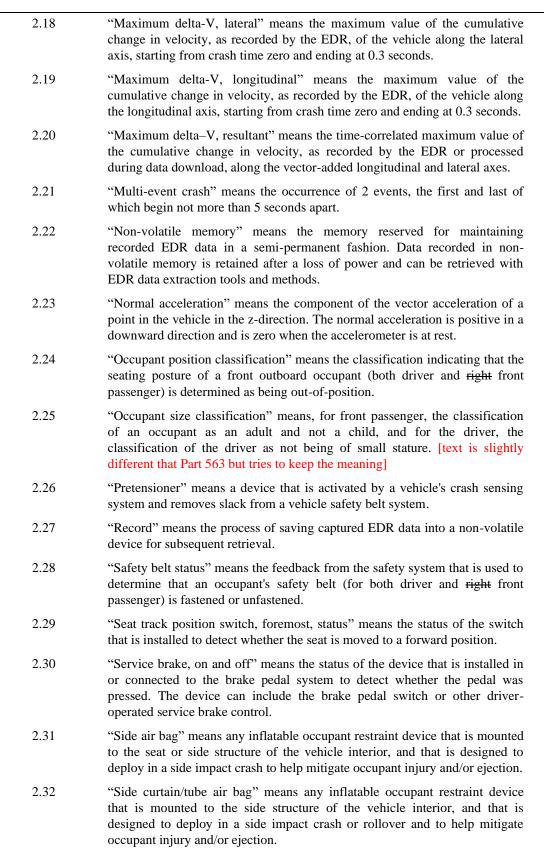
1.1. These performance elements apply to all passenger cars and light duty vehicles (vehicle categories according to R.E.: M1, N1. [Should we use harmonized 58/98 agreement categories 1-1, and 2, with a gross vehicle mass (GVM) of 3,855 kilograms or less instead?]

2. **Definitions**

For the purposes of these performance elements:

- 2.1 "ABS activity" means the anti-lock brake system (ABS) is actively controlling the vehicle's brakes.
- [2.2 "Front air bag warning lamp status" means whether the warning lamp required by national air bag regulations (if any) is on or off.]
- 2.3 "Capture" means the process of buffering EDR data in a temporary, volatile storage medium where it is continuously updated at regular time intervals.
- 2.4 "Delta-V, lateral" means the cumulative change in velocity, as recorded by the EDR of the vehicle, along the lateral axis, starting from crash time zero and ending at 0.25 seconds, recorded every 0.01 seconds.
- 2.5 "Delta-V, longitudinal" means the cumulative change in velocity, as recorded by the EDR of the vehicle, along the longitudinal axis, starting from crash time zero and ending at 0.25 seconds, recorded every 0.01 seconds.
- 2.6 "Deployment time, frontal air bag" means (for both driver and front passenger) the elapsed time from crash time zero to the deployment command or for multi-staged air bag systems, the deployment command for the first stage.
- 2.7 "Disposal" means the deployment command of the second (or higher, if present) stage of a frontal air bag for the purpose of disposing the propellant from the air bag device.

- 2.8 "End of event time" means the moment at which the cumulative delta-V within a 20 ms time period becomes 0.8 km/h or less, or the moment at which the crash detection algorithm of the air bag control unit resets.
- 2.9 "Engine RPM" means :
 - (1) For vehicles powered by internal combustion engines, the number of revolutions per minute of the main crankshaft of the vehicle's engine, and
 - (2) For vehicles not entirely powered by internal combustion engines, the number of revolutions per minute of the motor shaft at the point at which it enters the vehicle transmission gearbox.
 - (3) [For vehicles not powered by internal combustion engines at all, the number of revolutions per minute of the output shaft of the device supplying motive power].
- 2.10 "Engine throttle, percent full" means the driver-requested acceleration as measured by the throttle position sensor on the accelerator control compared to the fully depressed position.
- 2.11 "Event" means a crash or other physical occurrence that causes the trigger threshold to be met or exceeded[, or an air bag to be deployed, whichever occurs first.] Note: this was removed from the "comparison chart" Need to confirm if this is necessary?
- 2.12 "Event data recorder" (EDR) means a device or function in a vehicle that records the vehicle's dynamic, time-series data during the time period just prior to a erash event (e.g., vehicle speed vs. time) or during a crash event (e.g., delta-V vs. time), intended for retrieval after the crash event. For the purposes of this definition, the event data do not include audio and video data. [should we delete "crash" throughout this EDR definition? It concerns an "event" here according to the definition of event above]
- 2.13 "Frontal air bag" means an inflatable restraint system that requires no action by vehicle occupants and is used to meet the applicable national frontal crash protection requirements.
- 2.14 "Ignition cycle, crash" means the number (count) of power cycles applied to the recording device at the time when the crash event occurred since the first use of the EDR.
- 2.15 "Ignition cycle download" means the number (count) of power cycles applied to the recording device at the time when the data was downloaded since the first use of the EDR.
- 2.16 "Lateral acceleration" means the component of the vector acceleration of a point in the vehicle in the y-direction. The lateral acceleration is positive from left to right, from the perspective of the driver when seated in the vehicle facing the direction of forward vehicle travel.
- 2.17 "Longitudinal acceleration" means the component of the vector acceleration of a point in the vehicle in the x-direction. The longitudinal acceleration is positive in the direction of forward vehicle travel.



- 2.33 "Speed, vehicle indicated" means the vehicle speed indicated by a manufacturer-designated subsystem designed to indicate the vehicle's ground travel speed during vehicle operation. 2.34 "Stability control" means any device that complies with national, "Electronic stability control systems". "Steering input" means the angular displacement of the steering wheel 2.35 measured from the straight-ahead position (position corresponding to zero average steer angle of a pair of steered wheels). "Suppression switch status" means the status of the switch indicating whether 2.36 an air bag suppression system is on or off. 2.37 "Time from event 1 to 2" means the elapsed time from time zero of the first event to time zero of the second event. 2.38 "Time, maximum delta-V, lateral" means the time from crash time zero to the point where the maximum value of the cumulative change in velocity is found, as recorded by the EDR, along the lateral axis. 2.39 "Time, maximum delta-V, longitudinal" means the time from crash time zero to the point where the maximum value of the cumulative change in velocity is found, as recorded by the EDR, along the longitudinal axis. 2.40 "Time, maximum delta-V, resultant" means the time from crash time zero to the point where the maximum delta-V resultant occurs, as recorded by the EDR or processed during data download. "Time to deploy, pretensioner" means the elapsed time from crash time zero 2.41 to the deployment command for the safety belt pretensioner (for both driver and right front passenger). 2.42 "Time to deploy, side air bag/curtain" means the elapsed time from crash time zero to the deployment command for a side air bag or a side curtain/tube air bag (for both driver and right front passenger). [should this be outboard front passenger?] "Time to first stage" means the elapsed time between time zero and the time 2.43 when the first stage of a frontal air bag is commanded to fire. 2.44 "Time to nth stage" means the elapsed time from crash time zero to the deployment command for the nth stage of a frontal air bag (for both driver and right-front passenger). "Time zero" means whichever of the following occurs first: 2.45 For systems with "wake-up" air bag control systems, the time at which the occupant restraint control algorithm is activated; or (2) For continuously running algorithms, The first point in the interval where a longitudinal, cumulative delta-V of over 0.8 km/h is reached within a 20 ms time period; or For vehicles that record "delta-V, lateral," the first point in the interval where a lateral, cumulative delta-V of over 0.8 km/h is reached within a 5 ms time period; or
 - (3) Deployment of a non reversable deployable restraint. An air bag deployment. [non-reversable deleted according to earlier discussions in IWG.

We may have to see how to include non-airbag deployable safety system	ns
(e.g., pop up bonnets for pedestrian safety)	

- 2.46 "Trigger threshold" means a change in vehicle velocity, in the longitudinal direction, that equals or exceeds 8 km/h within a 150 ms interval. For vehicles that record "delta-V, lateral," trigger threshold means a change in vehicle velocity in either the longitudinal or lateral direction that equals or exceeds 8 km/h within a 150 ms interval.
- 2.47 "Vehicle roll angle" means the angle between the vehicle y-axis and the ground plane.
- 2.48 "Volatile memory" means the memory reserved for buffering of captured EDR data. The memory is not capable of retaining data in a semi-permanent fashion. Data captured in volatile memory is continuously overwritten and is not retained in the event of a power loss or retrievable with EDR data extraction tools.
- 2.49 "X-direction" means in the direction of the vehicle's X-axis, which is parallel to the vehicle's longitudinal centerline. The X-direction is positive in the direction of forward vehicle travel.
- 2.50 "Y-direction" means in the direction of the vehicle's Y-axis, which is perpendicular to its X-axis and in the same horizontal plane as that axis. The Y-direction is positive from left to right, from the perspective of the driver when seated in the vehicle facing the direction of forward vehicle travel.
- 2.51 "Z-direction" means in the direction of the vehicle's Z-axis, which is perpendicular to the X and Y-axes. The Z-direction is positive in a downward direction.

3. Performance Specifications

Performance specifications for vehicles equipped with an EDR include data elements, data format, data capture, and crash test performance and survivability.

3.1 Data elements

3.1.1 Data elements required for all vehicles. Each vehicle equipped with an EDR shall record all of the data elements listed in Table 1, during the interval/time and at the same rate specified.

Table 1. [Content of this paragraph to be discussed in Tokyo]

Data elements required for all vehicles equipped with an EDR

Data element	Recording interval/time ¹ (relative to time zero)	Data sample rate (samples per second)
Delta-V, longitudinal	0 to 250 ms or 0 to End of Event	100

	Time plus 30 ms, whichever is shorter.	
Maximum delta-V, longitudinal	0–300 ms or 0 to End of Event Time plus 30 ms, whichever is shorter.	N/A
Time, maximum delta-V	0–300 ms or 0 to End of Event Time plus 30 ms, whichever is shorter.	N/A
Speed, vehicle indicated	-5.0 to 0 sec	2
Engine throttle, % full (or accelerator pedal, % full)	-5.0 to 0 sec	2
Service brake, on/off	-5.0 to 0 sec	2
Ignition cycle, crash	-1.0 sec	N/A
Ignition cycle, download	At time of download ³	N/A
Safety belt status, driver	-1.0 sec	N/A
Frontal air bag warning lamp, on/off ²	-1.0 sec	N/A
Frontal air bag deployment, time to deploy, in the case of a single stage air bag, or time to first stage deployment, in the case of a multistage air bag, driver.	Event	N/A
Frontal air bag deployment, time to deploy, in the case of a single stage air bag, or time to first stage deployment, in the case of a multistage air bag, right front passenger.	Event	N/A
Multi-event, number of event	Event	N/A
Time from event 1 to 2	As needed	N/A
Complete file recorded (yes, no)	Following other data	N/A

 $^{^{1}}$ Pre-crash data and crash data are asynchronous. The sample time accuracy requirement for pre-crash time is -0.1 to 1.0 sec (e.g., T = -1 would need to occur between -1.1 and 0 seconds.)

² The frontal air bag warning lamp is the readiness indicator specified in <u>national air bag requirements</u>, and may also illuminate to indicate a malfunction in another part of the deployable restraint system.

³ The ignition cycle at the time of download is not required to be recorded at the time of the crash, but shall be reported during the download process.

Data elements required for vehicles under specified conditions. Each vehicle equipped with an EDR shall record each of the data elements listed in column 1 of Table 2 for which the vehicle meets the condition specified in column 2 of that table, during the interval/time and at the sample rate specified in that table.

Table 2.

Data elements required for vehicles under specified minimum conditions

Data element name	Condition for requirement	Recording interval/time ¹ (relative to time zero)	Data sample rate (per second)
Lateral acceleration	If recorded ²	N/A	N/A
Longitudinal acceleration	If recorded	N/A	N/A
Normal acceleration	If recorded	N/A	N/A
Delta-V, lateral	If recorded	0–250 ms or 0 to End of Event Time plus 30 ms, whichever is shorter.	100
Maximum delta-V, lateral	If recorded	0–300 ms or 0 to End of Event Time plus 30 ms, whichever is shorter.	N/A
Time maximum delta-V, lateral	If recorded	0–300 ms or 0 to End of Event Time plus 30 ms, whichever is shorter.	N/A
Time for maximum delta-V, resultant.	If recorded	0–300 ms or 0 to End of Event Time plus 30 ms, whichever is shorter.	N/A
Engine rpm	If recorded	-5.0 to 0 sec	2
Vehicle roll angle	If recorded	-1.0 up to 5.0 sec ³	10
ABS activity (engaged, non-engaged).	If recorded	-5.0 to 0 sec	2
Stability control (on, off, or engaged).	If recorded	-5.0 to 0 sec	2
Steering input	If recorded	-5.0 to 0 sec	2
Safety belt status, right front passenger (buckled, not buckled).	If recorded	-1.0 sec	N/A
Frontal air bag suppression switch status, right front passenger (on, off, or auto).	If recorded	-1.0 sec	N/A

Frontal air bag deployment, time to nth stage, driver ⁴ .	If equipped with a driver's frontal air bag with a multistage inflator.	Event	N/A
Frontal air bag deployment, time to nth stage, right front passenger ⁴ .	If equipped with a right front passenger's frontal air bag with a multistage inflator.	Event	N/A
Frontal air bag deployment, nth stage disposal, driver, Y/N (whether the nth stage deployment was for occupant restraint or propellant disposal purposes).	If recorded	Event	N/A
Frontal air bag deployment, nth stage disposal, right front passenger, Y/N (whether the nth stage deployment was for occupant restraint or propellant disposal purposes).	If recorded	Event	N/A
Side air bag deployment, time to deploy, driver.	If recorded	Event	N/A
Side air bag deployment, time to deploy, right front passenger.	If recorded	Event	N/A
Side curtain/tube air bag deployment, time to deploy, driver side.	If recorded	Event	N/A
Side curtain/tube air bag deployment, time to deploy, right side.	If recorded	Event	N/A
Pretensioner deployment, time to fire, driver.	If recorded	Event	N/A
Pretensioner deployment, time to fire, right front passenger.	If recorded	Event	N/A
Seat track position switch, foremost, status, driver.	If recorded	-1.0 sec	N/A
Seat track position switch, foremost, status, right front passenger.	If recorded	-1.0 sec	N/A

Occupant size classification, driver	If recorded	-1.0 sec	N/A
Occupant size classification, right front passenger.	If recorded	-1.0 sec	N/A
Occupant position classification, driver.	If recorded	-1.0 sec	N/A
Occupant position classification, right front passenger.	If recorded	-1.0 sec	N/A

 $^{^{1}}$ Pre-crash data and crash data are asynchronous. The sample time accuracy requirement for pre-crash time is -0.1 to 1.0 sec (e.g. T = -1 would need to occur between -1.1 and 0 seconds.)

3.2 Data format [To be discussed in Tokyo]

3.2.1 The data elements listed in Tables 1 and 2, as applicable, shall be reported in accordance with the range, accuracy, and resolution specified in Table 3

Table 3. Reported data element format

Data element	Minimum range	Accuracy ¹	Resolution
Lateral acceleration	At option of manufacturer.	At option of manufacturer.	At option of manufacturer.
Longitudinal acceleration	At option of manufacturer.	At option of manufacturer.	At option of manufacturer.
Normal Acceleration	At option of manufacturer.	At option of manufacturer.	At option of manufacturer.
Longitudinal delta-V	-100 km/h to + 100 km/h.	±10%	1 km/h.
Lateral delta-V	-100 km/h to + 100 km/h.	±10%	1 km/h.
Maximum delta-V, longitudinal.	-100 km/h to + 100 km/h.	±10%	1 km/h.
Maximum delta-V, lateral	-100 km/h to + 100 km/h.	±10%	1 km/h.

² 'If recorded'' means if the data is recorded in non-volatile memory for the purpose of subsequent downloading.

³ 'vehicle roll angle' may be recorded in any time duration; -1.0 sec to 5.0 sec is suggested.

⁴ List this element n - 1 times, once for each stage of a multi-stage air bag system.

Time, maximum delta-V, longitudinal.	0–300 ms, or 0-End of Event Time plus 30 ms, whichever is shorter.	±3 ms	2.5 ms.
Time, maximum delta-V, lateral.	0–300 ms, or 0-End of Event Time plus 30 ms, whichever is shorter.	±3 ms	2.5 ms.
Time, maximum delta-V, resultant.	0–300 ms, or 0-End of Event Time plus 30 ms, whichever is shorter.	±3 ms	2.5 ms.
Vehicle Roll Angle	-1080 deg to + 1080 deg.	±10%	10 deg.
Speed, vehicle indicated	0 km/h to 200 km/h	±1 km/h	1 km/h.
Engine throttle, percent full (accelerator pedal percent full).	0 to 100%	±5%	1%
Engine rpm	0 to 10,000 rpm	±100 rpm	100 rpm.
Service brake	On or Off	N/A	On or Off.
ABS activity	On or Off	N/A	On or Off.
Stability control	On, Off, or Engaged	N/A	On, Off, or Engaged.
Steering input	-250 deg CW to + 250 deg CCW.	±5%	±1%.
Ignition cycle, crash	0 to 60,000	±1 cycle	1 cycle.
Ignition cycle, download	0 to 60,000	±1 cycle	1 cycle.
Safety belt status, driver	On or Off	N/A	On or Off.
Safety belt status, right front passenger.	On or Off	N/A	On or Off.
Frontal air bag warning lamp.	On or Off	N/A	On or Off.
Frontal air bag suppression switch status, right front passenger.	On, Off, or Auto	N/A	On, Off, or Auto.
Frontal air bag deployment, time to deploy/first stage, driver.	0 to 250 ms	±2ms	1 ms.
Frontal air bag deployment, time to deploy/first stage,	0 to 250 ms	±2 ms	1 ms.

right front passenger.			
Frontal air bag deployment, time to nth stage, driver.	0 to 250 ms	±2 ms	1 ms.
Frontal air bag deployment, time to nth stage, right front passenger.	0 to 250 ms	±2 ms	1 ms.
Frontal air bag deployment, nth stage disposal, driver.	Yes or No	N/A	Yes or No.
Frontal air bag deployment, nth stage disposal, right front passenger.	Yes or No	N/A	Yes or No.
Side air bag deployment, time to deploy, driver.	0 to 250 ms	±2 ms	1 ms.
Side air bag deployment, time to deploy, right front passenger.	0 to 250 ms	±2 ms	1 ms.
Side curtain/tube air bag deployment, time to deploy, driver side.	0 to 250 ms	±2 ms	1 ms.
Side curtain/tube air bag deployment, time to deploy, right side.	0 to 250 ms	±2 ms	1 ms.
Pretensioner deployment, time to fire, driver.	0 to 250 ms	±2 ms	1 ms.
Pretensioner deployment, time to fire, right front passenger.	0 to 250 ms	±2 ms	1 ms.
Seat track position switch, foremost, status, driver.	Yes or No	N/A	Yes or No.
Seat track position switch, foremost, status, right front passenger.	Yes or No	N/A	Yes or No.
Occupant size classification, driver.	5th percentile female or larger.	N/A	Yes or No.
Occupant size classification, right front passenger.	Child	N/A	Yes or No.
Occupant position classification, driver.	Out of position	N/A	Yes or No.
Occupant position classification, right front	Out of position	N/A	Yes or No.

passenger.			
Multi-event, number of event.	1 or 2	N/A	1 or 2.
Time from event 1 to 2	0 to 5.0 sec	0.1 sec	0.1 sec
Complete file recorded	Yes or No	N/A	Yes or No.

¹ Accuracy requirement only applies within the range of the physical sensor. If measurements captured by a sensor exceed the design range of the sensor, the reported element shall indicate when the measurement first exceeded the design range of the sensor.

- 3.2.2 Acceleration Time-History data and format: the longitudinal, lateral, and normal acceleration time-history data, as applicable, shall be filtered either during the recording phase or during the data downloading phase to include:
- 3.2.2.1 The Time Step (TS) that is the inverse of the sampling frequency of the acceleration data and which has units of seconds;
- 3.2.2.2 The number of the first point (NFP), which is an integer that when multiplied by the TS equals the time relative to time zero of the first acceleration data point;
- 3.2.2.3 The number of the last point (NLP), which is an integer that when multiplied by the TS equals the time relative to time zero of the last acceleration data point; and
- 3.2.2.4 NLP—NFP + 1 acceleration values sequentially beginning with the acceleration at time NFP * TS and continue sampling the acceleration at TS increments in time until the time NLP * TS is reached.

3.3 Data capture

The EDR shall capture and record the data elements for events in accordance with the following conditions and circumstances:

- 3.3.1 In a frontal air bag deployment crash, capture and record the current deployment data. In a side or side curtain/tube air bag deployment crash, where lateral delta-V is recorded by the EDR, capture and record the current deployment data. The memory for the air bag deployment event shall be locked to prevent any future overwriting of the data.
- 3.3.2 In an event that does not meet the criteria in paragraph 3.3.1, capture and record the current event data, up to two events, subject to the following conditions: [To be discussed in the group. I am not sure if this meets the expectations of covering also non-airbag deployment events.]
- 3.3.2.1 If an EDR non-volatile memory buffer void of previous-event data is available, the current event data is recorded in the buffer.
- 3.3.2.2 If an EDR non-volatile memory buffer void of previous-event data is not available, the manufacturer may choose to either overwrite any previous event data that does not deploy an air bag with the current event data, or to not record the current event data.

3.3.2.3 EDR buffers containing previous frontal, side, or side curtain/tube air bag deployment-event data shall not be overwritten by the current event data. 3.4 Crash test performance and survivability [Do we need a separate section for "test procedures"] 3.4.1 Each vehicle subject to the requirements of National frontal crash test regulations, shall conform with the specifications in paragraph 3.4.3. Each vehicle subject to the requirements of National side impact crash test 3.4.2 regulations, that meets a trigger threshold or has a frontal air bag deployment, shall conform with the specifications of paragraph 3.4.3. 3.4.3 The data elements required by paragraph 3.1, except for the "Engine throttle, percent full," "engine RPM," and "service brake, on/off," shall be recorded in the format specified by paragraph 3.2, exist at the completion of the crash test, and be retrievable by the methodology specified by the vehicle manufacturer under paragraph 3.5 for not less than 10 days after the test, and the complete data recorded element shall read "yes" after the test. 3.5 Data retrieval tools Each manufacturer of a motor vehicle equipped with an EDR shall ensure by licensing agreement or other means that a tool(s) is commercially available that is capable of accessing and retrieving the data stored in the EDR that are required by this part. The tool(s) shall be commercially available not later than 90 days after the first sale of the motor vehicle for purposes other than resale. [3.6 System deactivation] [3.7 Malfunction]