# The Influence Of Roads On Improving Safety Using Lane Support Technologies

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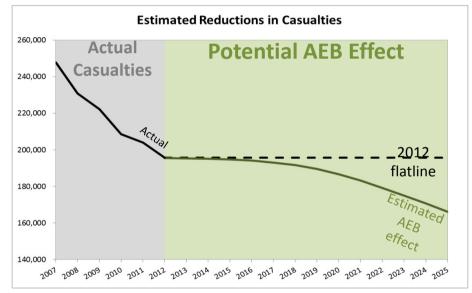




## **ADAS Testing**

## AEB Just the Beginning.....



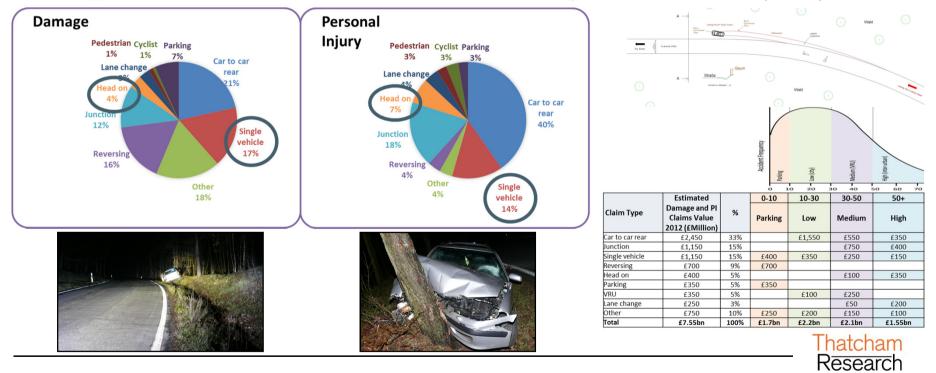




# **UK Safety Research**

## **Run-off Road Crashes**

• Single vehicle and head-on collisions – 20% of damage and PI claims frequency



## German Real World Data

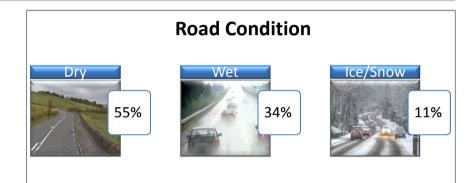
Run-off Road Crashes: German data (GIDAS) Line Marking **Road Shape** Straight Gentle left Gentle right road bend bend 30% 22% 44% Continuous line Dashed No marking 76% 12% 9% Collision **Line Visibility** Other/ No marking, unknown, 4% Left departure 9% 46% Worn, 15% **Right departure** Well visible, Collision with 72% 40% another vehicle 12% Thatcham Research

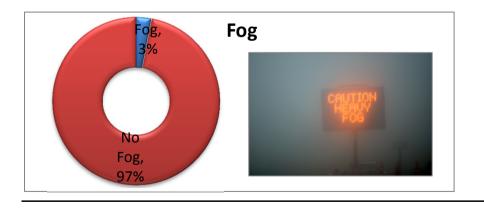
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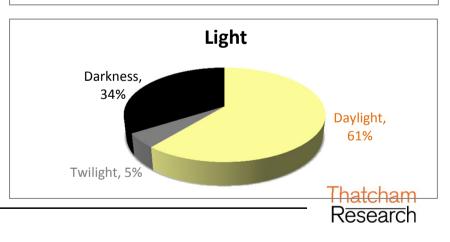
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#### Speeds & Causes

- Higher speeds 60-80km/h+
- Causation factors
  - Inattention, drowsiness, failure to apply sufficient steering







## Roads That Cars Can Read

### Euro NCAP & Euro RAP



"Lane markings are the rails for the self-steering car"

"Road markings on Europe's roads should adopt a memorable '150 x 150' standard defining their width and how much light they must reflect back" ACEA definition of factors affecting operation & performance of systems:

High	Medium	Low
<ul> <li>Road surface condition (wet, ice etc)</li> <li>Worn out markings</li> <li>Multiple confusing road markings</li> <li>Old road markings not completely obscured even if blacked out</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Road gradient</li> <li>Road curvature</li> <li>Boundaries between multiple lanes</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Lane width (too narrow, too wide)</li> <li>Visibility (eg fog)</li> </ul>



## Sensors and Functionality

- Lane Departure Warning Mono Camera
  - Warns the driver of lane excursion
- Lane Keep Assist Stereo Camera
  - Warns the driver of lane excursion and uses EPAS to steer the car back into lane
- Run Off Road Protection (AES) Camera Radar Fusion
  - Warns the driver of lane excursion and uses EPAS to steer the car back into lane.
  - In critical situations (across lane into head on traffic) uses
     ESC to rapidly steer car











EPAS = Electronic Power Assisted Steering; ESC = Electronic Stability Control

## Lane Detection Algorithms



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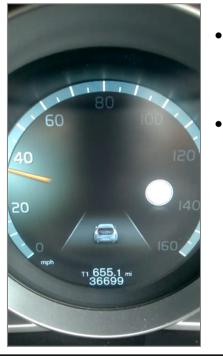
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### Lane Keep Assist System HMI

### Markings both sides



#### Right marking only



## Lane marking acquired

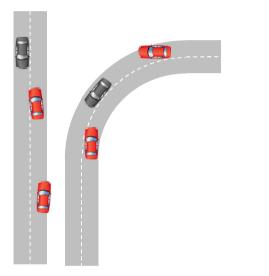
- Volvo grey to white
- Mercedes grey to green
- LKA system activated
  - Volvo green to red
  - Steering wheel vibrated







## Lane Control Systems



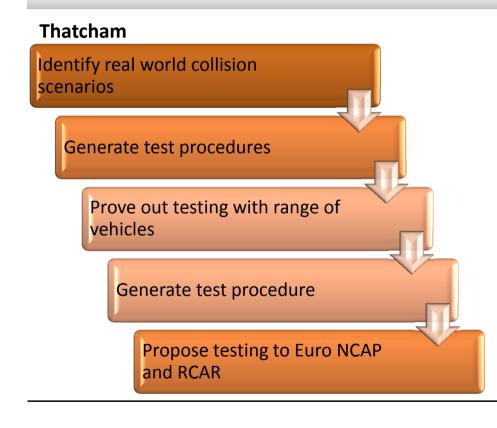


- Sophisticated lane guidance systems already in production
  - Mercedes E class, Infiniti Q50, Subaru Levorg...
  - Interpret and react to solid and dashed markings, overtaking and oncoming traffic etc.
- 2015 Volvo XC90 to preview advanced Run-Off-Road system



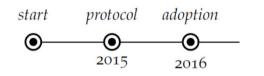
# Testing AES

#### Testing Development and Stakeholders

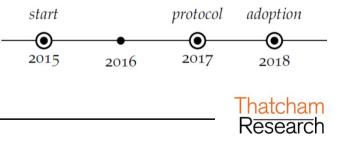


#### **Euro NCAP**

Lane Keep Assist protocol

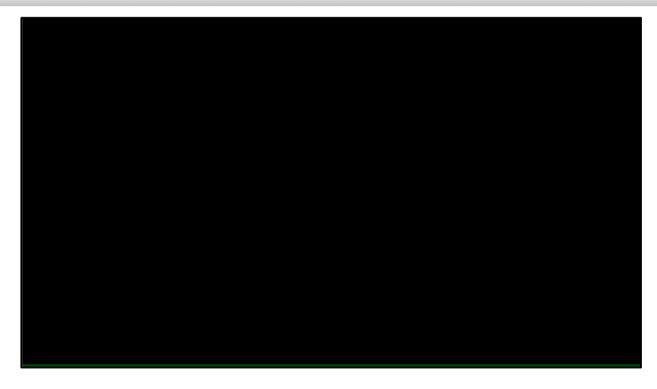


- Lateral Support Systems (AES)
  - Crash into fixed object, critical lane change manoeuvres, narrow offset head-on collisions



## Future Testing

3D test target will allow testing for different collision scenarios



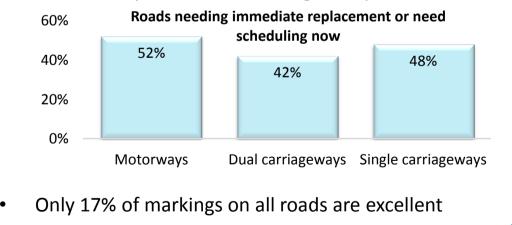


# <u>UK Roads</u>

#### Conclusions

#### • Road Safety Markings Association:

- 'Lifelines' survey of road markings, nearly 4,000 km of England's roads
- 47% of markings on all roads need replacing immediately or need scheduling for replacement now



#### **Conclusions**

- Run off road crashes are frequent and costly to society
- Systems on vehicles can help drivers to avoid errors
- Road markings have a role to support those systems
- EuroNCAP devising test procedures to encourage AES

