Head Restraint Height Measurement H-point vs. R-point

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H-Point vs. R-point

- New FMVSS No. 202 defines height as the distance from the H-point measured parallel to the torso reference line defined by the SAE J826 manikin.
 - Torso angle set to 25 degrees.
 - Previously the reference point was the SgRP (seating reference point defined in SAE J1100).
- ECE 17 uses the R-point, which is equivalent to the SgRP.

R-point must be within ± 25 mm of H-point with torso angle within 5 deg. of design angle.



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Using R-point (SgRP)

- SgRP defined with the seat in the rearmost "normal" design driving or riding position.
 - Defined at a time when the only seat adjustment was seat back angle.
- SgRP location in space referenced from fiduciary marks provide by manufacturer.

Using J826 manikin (H-point)

- Adjust seat for worse case height.
- Measure seat as it exists.
 - Takes into consideration upholstery characteristics.
 - Takes into consideration manufacturing variability.



Height Measurement Variability

Using J826 manikin

- Seat setup
- Positioning of J826 manikin

Using R-point

- Seat setup
- Locating point is space from fiduciary references
- Making the measurement



Conclusions

- Using the J826 manikin and H-point is preferred over the R-point for the following reasons:
 - Allows measurement of the seat in its worstcase configuration.
 - Allows measurement of the seat as it exists.





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