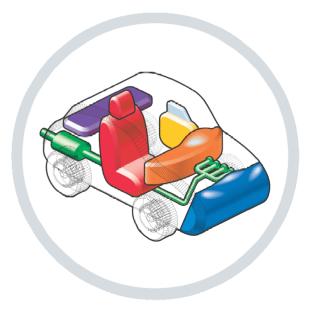


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Head positions, summary of UMTRI study & vehicle examples



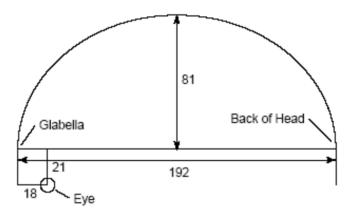
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Anthropometry basis of UMTRI study

Mean male/female head size :



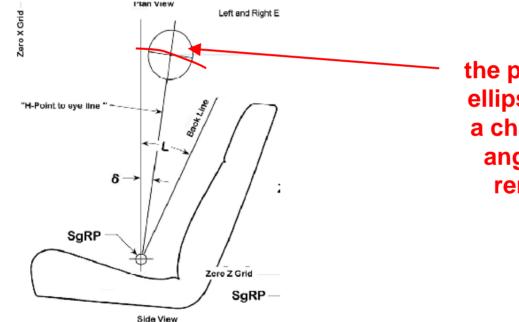
Basis : ANSUR data (US 1989)



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• Eye ellipses of occupants in seats with fixed seat back angle



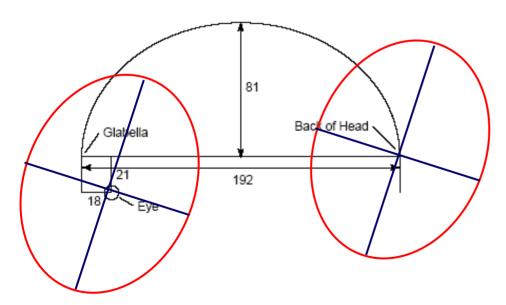
the position of the eye ellipse is varying with a change of the torso angle, but the form remains identical

- Basis : posture study (up to 120 drivers in 22 vehicles) & NHANES III (US) anthropometry
- NHANES III : male stature (5^{th:} 1636, 50^{th:} 1755, 95th: 1880mm) female stature (5^{th:} 1504, 50^{th:} 1618, 95th: 1730mm)

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 Combining eye ellipse & mean head size = ellipse of back of head (occiput)



95th cut-off ellipse

Eye ellipse is only translated and head size variations are not taken into account in UMTRI model.

According UMTRI : Standard deviation of forafter driver head position is 35.3mm & male head length is 7mm & correlation between stature & head length is 0.35



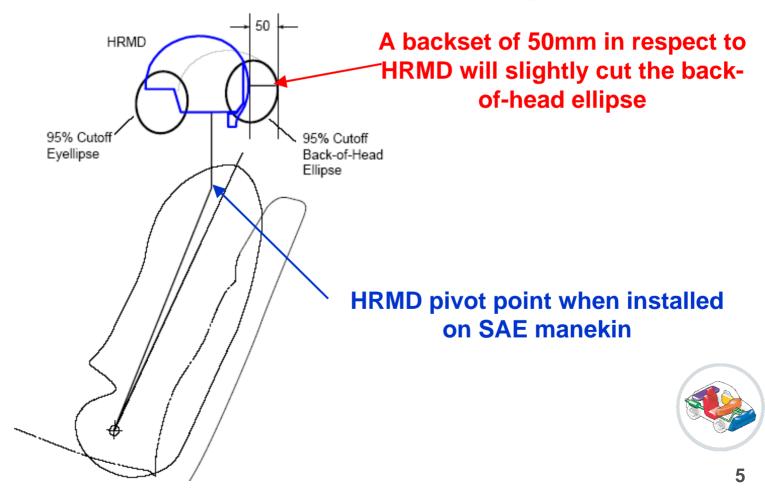


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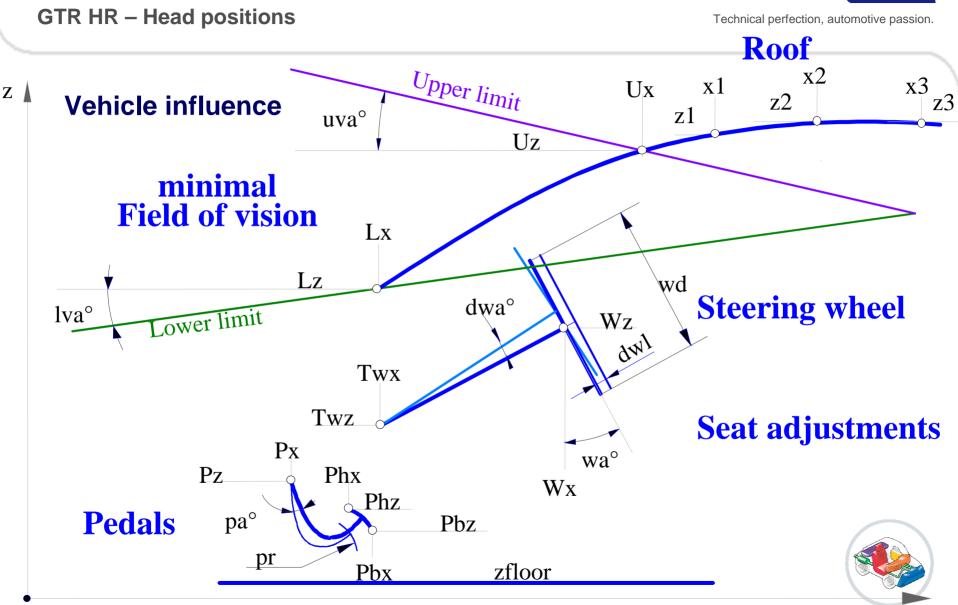
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Superposition with HRMD at 25° fixed torso angle



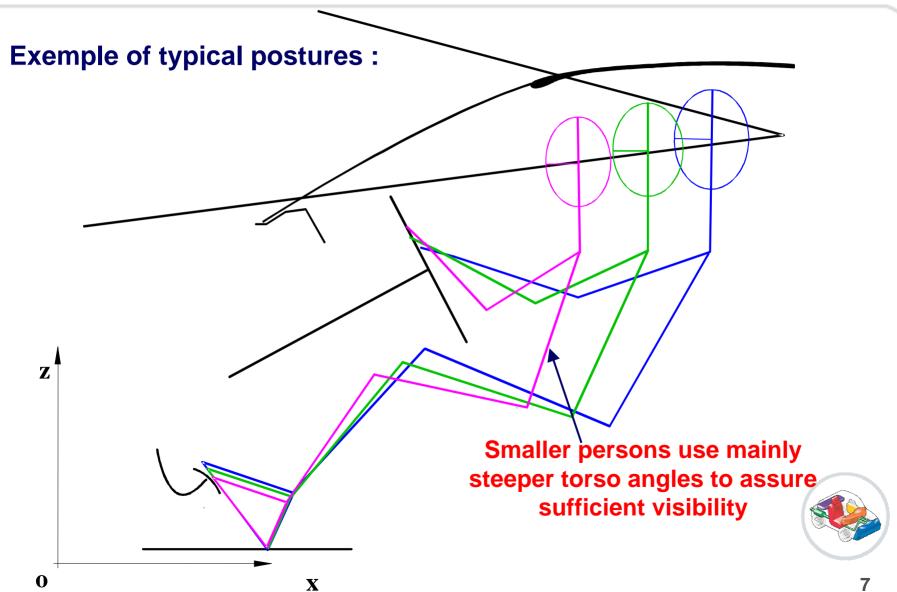
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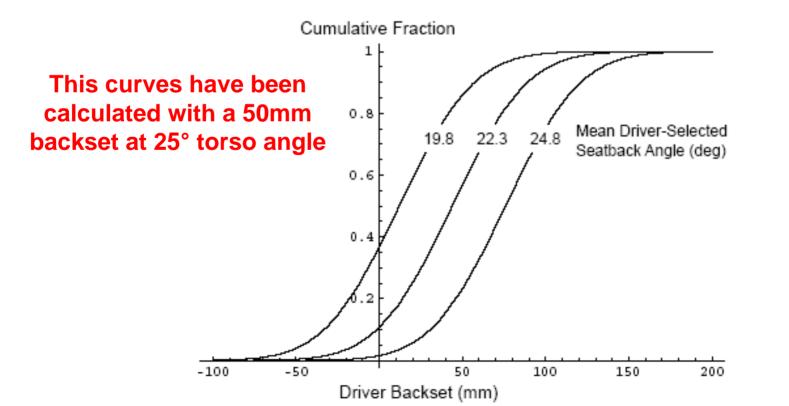


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In reality every occupant adjusts its torso angle and the percentage of occupants which are in interference with the head restraint depends on the mean driver selected seat back angle :





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Conclusions

Need to enlarge requested backset of 55mm to accommodate persons in vehicles where the design torso angle is smaller than 25°.

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