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#### Background of GBUM Certification Test

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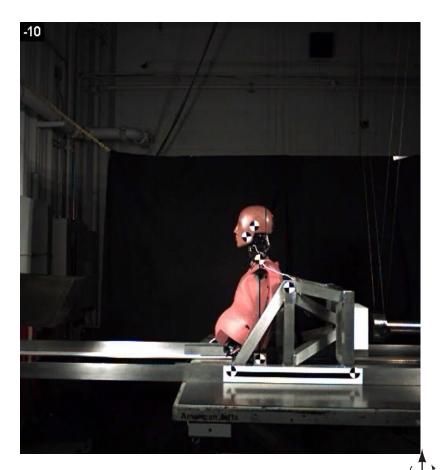


## Agenda

- Problems with Original Certification Test
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- Changes to original test for GBUM test
- Rationale for Each Change
- Track system handling
- Open issues with GBUM test



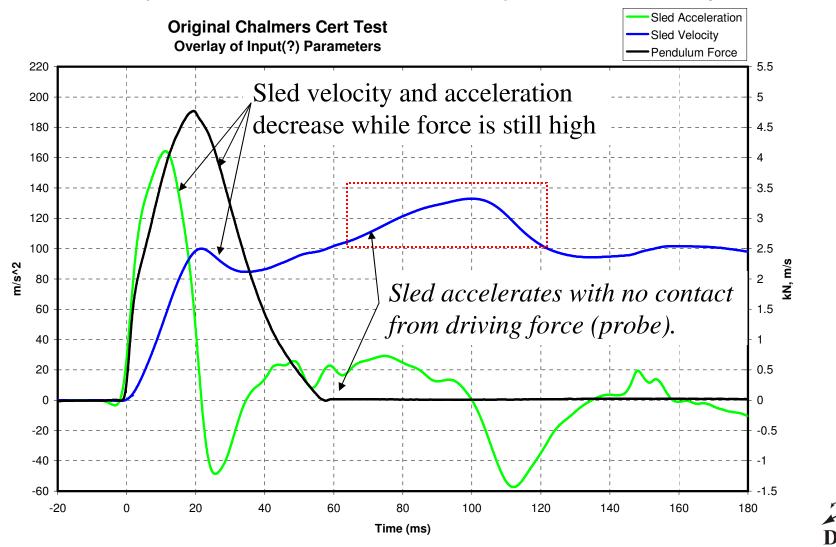
- Original test used
  - Welded aluminum sled sliding on Teflon
  - Disposable
    Styrofoam energy
    transfer device



- Disposable Styrofoam has high variability
- Sled bounces during test
- Poor test repeatability and reproducibility
- Interaction of dummy with input pulse (sled velocity corridors)



Heavy interaction of dummy with test inputs



- Impossible to separate whether failing sled velocity is due to dummy or Styrofoam
  - Labs adjust foam to get sled velocity to pass
    - This gets dummies to "pass" but increases test variability



## **Goals of GBUM Test Revision**

- Late 2007 started discussing with BUM group changing certification test
- GOALS for test revision:
  - Good test repeatability and reproducibility
  - Discern differences between dummies
  - Eliminate sled bounce
  - Reusable energy transfer device to replace Styrofoam
  - Reasonable to adapt to existing certification labs
  - Add headrest? (open question)
    - Mid 2009 GBUM recommended adding headrest test



#### Changes to original test for GBUM test

- Reusable Energy Transfer Device (ETD)
- Ball bearing guide rail system
- Headform
- Stiffer bars for pot measurement system
- Added separate headrest test
- Added test to certify ETD and total sled system
- Steel sled

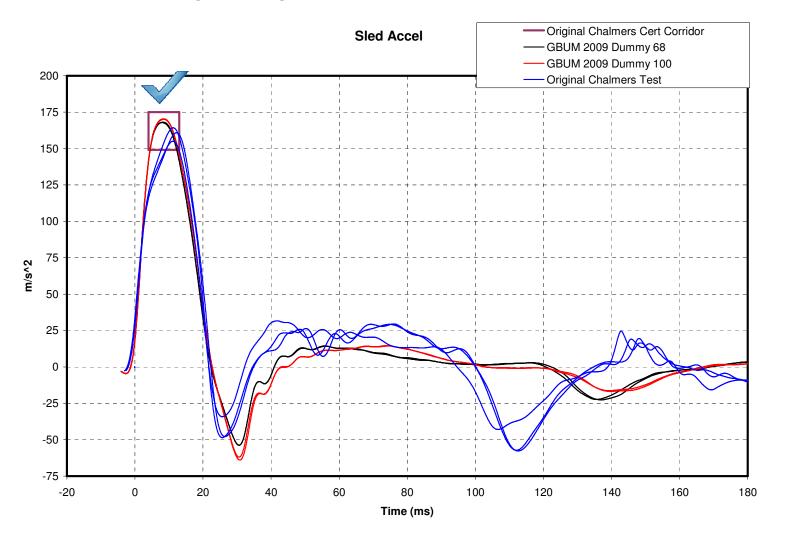


- Reusable energy transfer device
  - Keep close to existing sled pulse
    - Sled acceleration
    - Sled velocity first peak and tunnel
  - Keep similar dummy acceleration (T1)
  - Test to discern if ETD is no longer acceptable
    - Weight package sled certification test
  - Run several hundred tests without change
  - Best possible repeatability and reproducibility



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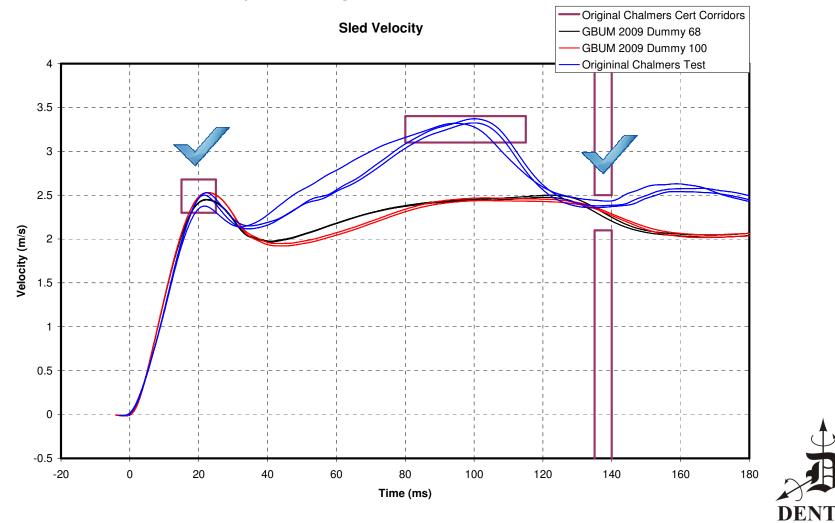
• Met original peak sled acceleration





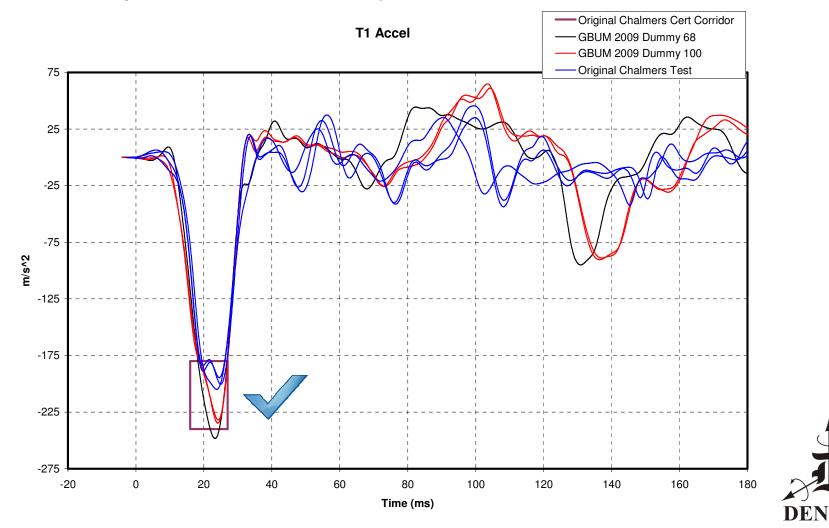
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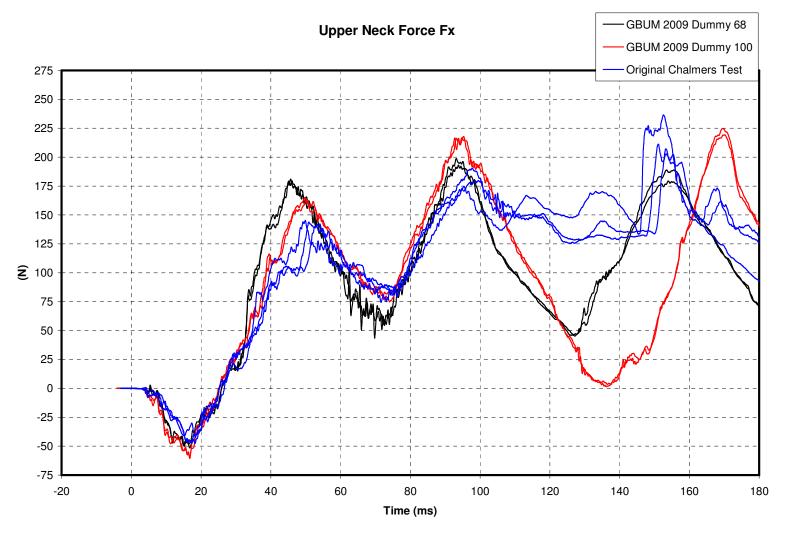


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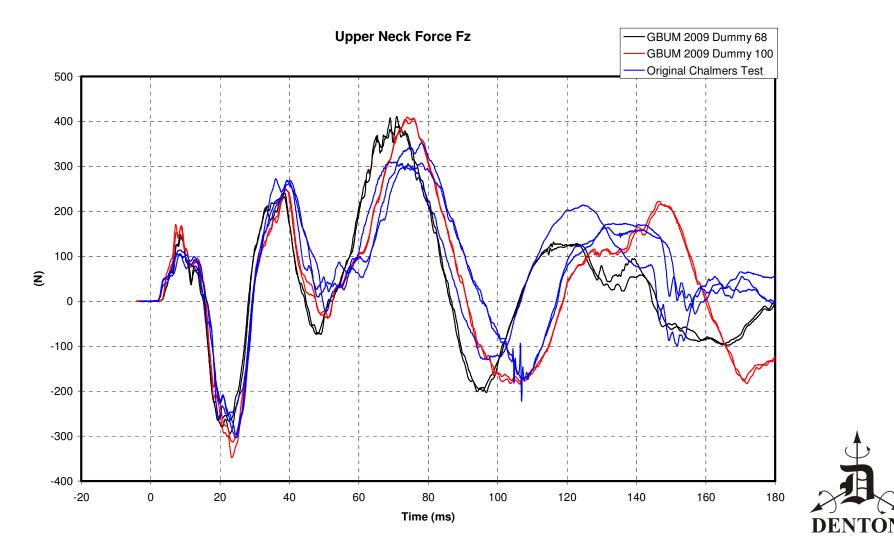


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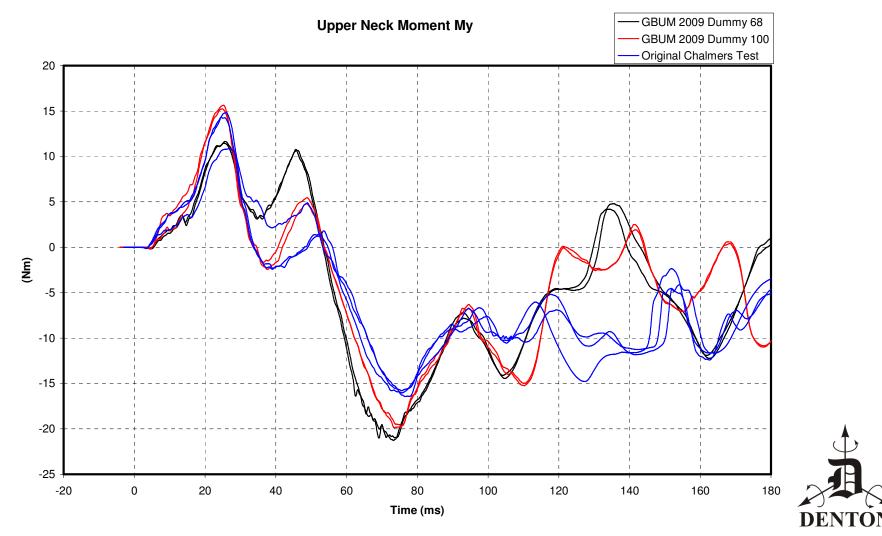




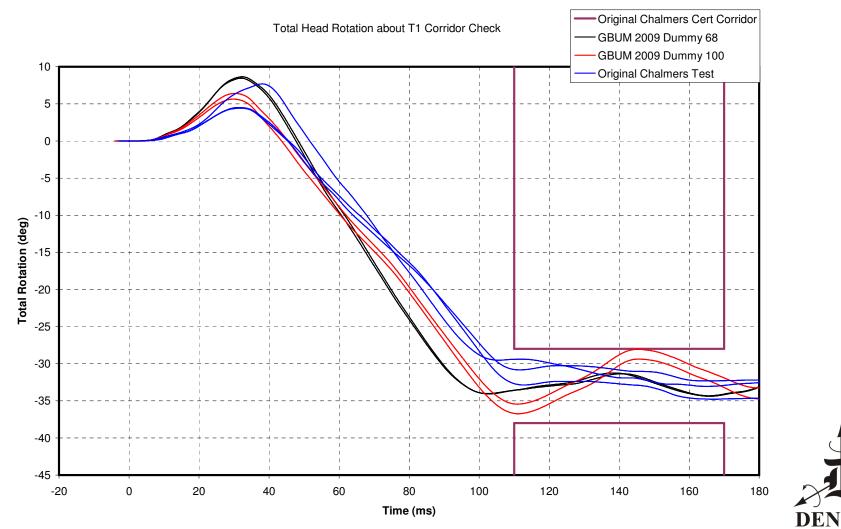
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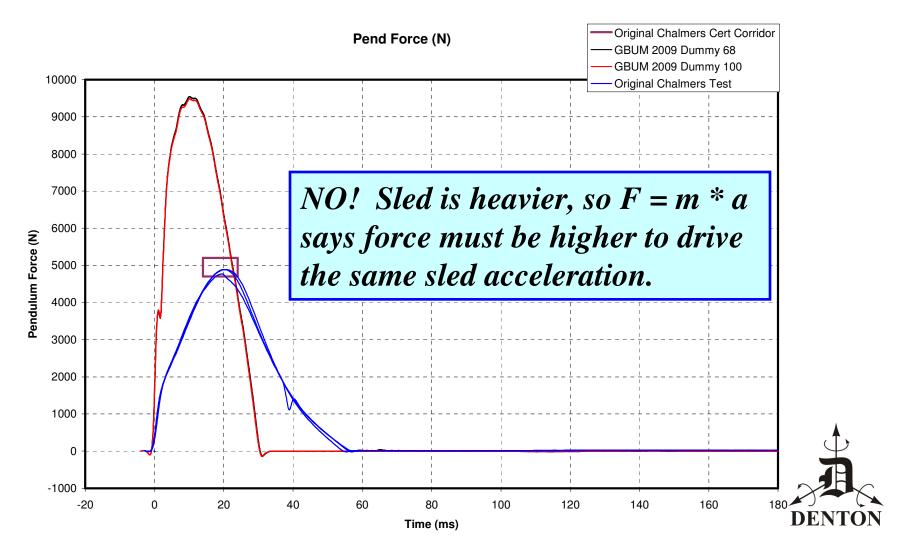
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• Total Neck Rotation Similar Magnitude & Onset



• Does a higher probe force make it more aggressive?



## Rationale for ETD

- Goal was repeatability, reproducibility, reusability, durability
- Denton evaluated many possible ETD before settling on this foam
  - Springs
  - Spring/damper system
  - Silicones
  - Foams
- Current foam ETD provided best overall performance

- Ball bearing guide rail system
  - Sled bouncing down track (see video) is probably not repeatable & reproducible
- Headform
  - Better reproducibility of Mass Moment of Inertia than heads
    - This has been done for many dummies
  - Easier access to adjusters during testing
- Stiffer bars for pot measurement system
  - Decrease oscillations sometimes seen in pot data



- Added separate headrest test
  - PDB paper at ESV 2009 indicated that biggest dummy to dummy reproducibility issues existed during head contact with headrest
- Added test to certify ETD and total sled system
  - Assures nothing has changed with ETD or sled
  - Assures correct sled & probe setup
  - Assures total system is reproducible



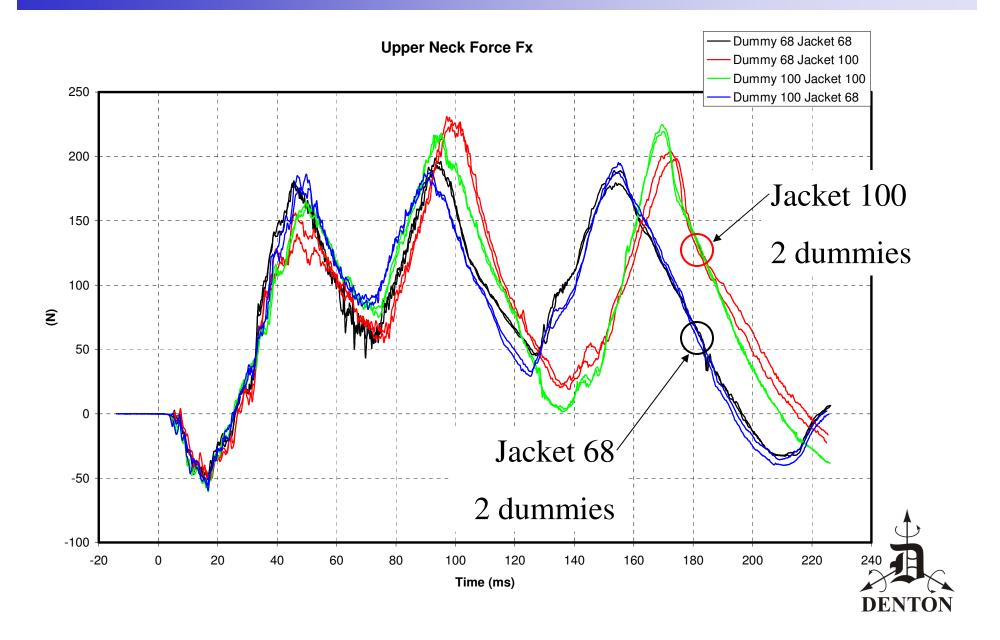
- Steel sled
  - Driven by head rest test
    - Allows rigid and durable mount for removable headrest
    - It undesirable for headrest to deflect or vibrate during contact
  - Reduce effect of dummy variation on test inputs (i.e. sled acceleration & velocity)
    - Don't want to tune inputs because of dummy
    - Want reproducibility of test
    - Want dummy differences to drive test output differences not input differences
      - See example on next pages



#### Rationale for Steel Sled: Example

- GBUM 2009 test helped identify differences between dummies caused by jackets
  - Both dummies passed Original Chalmers certification test
  - Dummies immediately appeared different on multiple data channels with GBUM 2009 test
  - Swapping jackets showed clear difference that tracked jacket
    - NOTE: we suspected jackets were a source of variation but could never prove it with original test

#### Rationale for Steel Sled: Example



## Rationale for Heavy Rail Support

- Concern expressed that 6" aluminum beams under bearing rails are excessively heavy "over designed"
- Reason:
  - Massive forces are exerted on system throughout event
  - Small deflections of a parallel bearing rail system can cause random binding
  - Very rigid system minimizes deflections and therefore possible binding on rails
  - Also provides support for forces from stopping the dummy at end of test



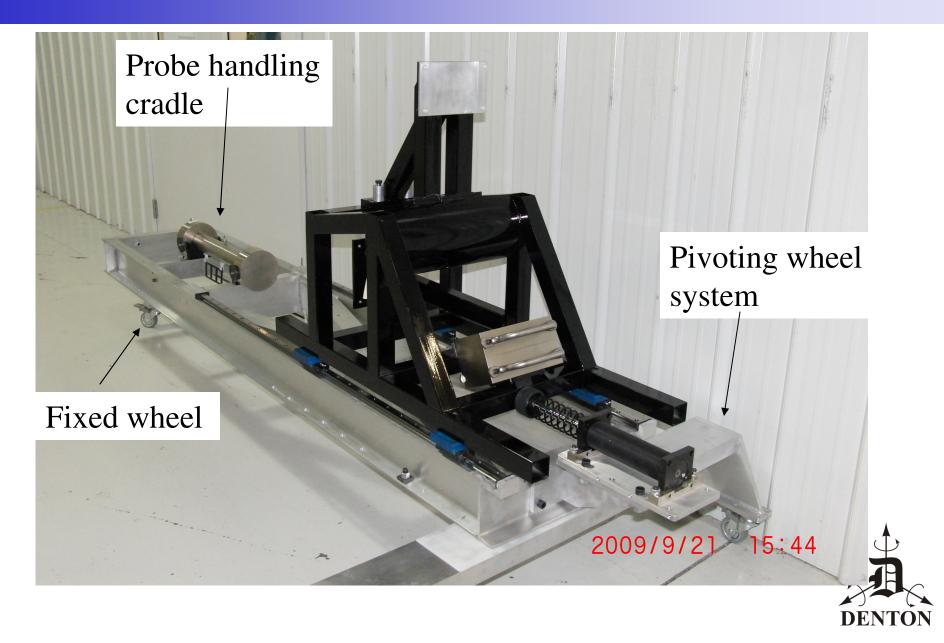
## Track system handling

- There have been concerns about heavy sled/rail system for handling
  - i.e. too heavy to lift
- Systems were built with wheel system to allow easy one person installation/removal

- i.e. just roll into place or away when done



#### Track system handling



#### **Open issues with GBUM test**

- Headrest test
  - How to set it up
  - Need for adjustable headrest?
  - What does it mean?
  - Is it needed?
- Should pulse change to better match seat testing?
- Finalizing corridors for standard and head rest tests



# THANK YOU for your attention

