

Performance-Based Standards in South Africa: Vehicle safety performance improvements

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Performance-Based Standards



Heavy Vehicle Fatal Crash Rates



Fatal truck crash per 100 million vehicle kilometres travelled

Source: OECD report, Moving Freight with Better Trucks, 2010



PBS Pilot Project in South Africa

- ISHVWD in 1998, 2000 & 2002
- PBS seminar in Melbourne in 2003
- Committee established in 2004
- First 2 PBS vehicles (timber) commissioned in Nov 2007



Performance-Based Standards

Prescriptive Standards

Performance-Based Standards





What the vehicle looks like	What the vehicle can do
Governs mass and dimensions	Governs actual on-road performance
Constrains productivity	Allows heavier and/or larger vehicles
Constrains innovation	Promotes innovation



Performance-Based Standards: Safety

Manoeuvre/Test	Performance Standard
Low-speed 90° turn (5 km/h)	Low-speed swept path Tail swing Frontal swing Steer-tyre friction demand
High-speed lane-change (80 km/h)	Rearward amplification High-speed transient offtracking
Rollover	Static rollover threshold
High-speed pulse steer (80 km/h)	Yaw damping coefficient
High-speed on uneven road (90 km/h)	Tracking ability on a straight path
Various (driveability standards)	Startability Gradeability A Gradeability B Acceleration Capability

PBS braking test





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PBS Pilot Project in South Africa

Target kms: 100 million

Kms travelled to date: 51.5 million (end-June 2015)

No. of Smart Trucks per Province: July 2015										
Commodity/ Industry	E. Cape	W. Cape	N. Cape	Mpum.	Gauteng	Limpopo	KZN	Free State	N. West	Total
Timber	0	0	0	30	0	0	54	0	0	84
Mining	0	5	2	7	0	29	11	0	0	54
Processed Sugar	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	9
Buses	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	12
Total	0	5	2	49	0	29	74	0	0	159

Current projects: Fuel, Beef cattle, containers, beer, tomatoes, paper reels, coal, general freight

Forestry baseline and PBS vehicles



22,0 m, 56.0 tons

24.0 m, 64.1 tons

27.0 m. 67.5 tons

25.8 m, 67.5 tons

25.0 m, 70.0 tons







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Timber PBS vehicle: High Speed Transient Offtracking



baseline

Last_Run Time= 2.4000 Frame=50



Last_Run Time= 2.4000 Frame=50



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Unitrans BAB Quad

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Unitrans B-Triple vs BAB Quad



Mining Road Train: Assessment Results



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Mining Road Train: Rearward Amplification





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PBS 27 m Bi-articulated Bus





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Original Vehicle





PBS 27 m Bi-articulated Bus: crash statistics

	Crashes per million kilometres							
	Cause: Driver Err.	Cause: Third Party	Passenger Fatalities	3rd Party Fatalities	Pedestrian Fatalities	Total crashes		
Solo Bus	6.5	9.8	0.0	0.1	0.0	16.2		
Bus Train	3.1	6.9	0.1	0.0	0.02	10.1		
PBS bi-artics	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3		



Car Carriers



Car-carriers: Tail swing



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- Existing car-carriers were shown to exhibit poor tail swing performance due to excessive rear overhangs.
- Tail swing of up to 710 mm was calculated (limit = 300 mm).
- This was shown to be a result of lenient rear overhang legislation.

	Rear Ov	verhang	Tail Swing			
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Vehicle type	* *		* *			
Rigid truck	3.7 m	5.01 m	0.30 m	0.60 m		
Semitrailer	3.7 m	6.32 m	0.30 m	0.87 m		
Tag-trailer	3.7 m	7.00 m	0.30 m	1.25 m		

De Saxe, C.C., Kienhöfer, F. & Nordengen, P.A., 2012. Tail swing performance of the South African car-carrier fleet. In 12th International Symposium on Heavy Vehicle Transport Technology. Stockholm.

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SA Breweries baseline: SRT (Rollover)



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Smart Truck monitoring: Productivity & Environmental Impacts



PBS Pilot Project: Forestry







Smart Truck Safety Performance Results: Jan 2008 – June 2015

		Timber Logistics Services	Unitrans Timber	Buhle Betfu	Timber24	Total
	Smart Trucks	30	8	9	3	76
No of Crashes	Baseline	101	2	27	52	410
	Total	131	10	36	55	486
	Smart Trucks	16 554 920	4 698 908	5 019 000	3 378 162	51 525 276
Total Kilometres	Baseline	23 490 641	1 183 134	9 212 970	21 981 042	164 923 560
	Total	39 409 884	5 882 042	14 231 970	24 654 106	214 791 116
Crashes per million kms	Smart Trucks	1.80	1.70	1.80	0.90	1.48
	Baseline	4.30	1.70	2.90	2.40	2.49
	Total	3.30	1.70	2.50	2.20	2.26
	Ca	used by Third Parties a	nd Pedestrians (includ	ed in figures above)		
S No of Crashes T	Smart Trucks	11	3	0	0	45
	Baseline	44	13	0	0	206
	Total	55	16	0	0	251
% of Total	Smart Trucks	91.7%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	59.2%
	Baseline	51.2%	650.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.2%
	Total	56.1%	145.5%	0.0%	0.0%	51.6%

Crash rate ratio: Smart Truck : Baseline 1:1.69

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Smart Trucks: Potential Gains

- Reduced vehicle trips i.e.
 - Reduced congestion
 - Reduced safety exposure risk
- Improved safety performance
- Improved transport productivity
- Reduced road wear (per ton.km)
- Reduced emissions (per ton.km)
- Improved performance of the SA heavy vehicle fleet



