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FMVSS NO. 216
ROOF CRUSH RESISTANCE

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SECTION 1
PURPOSE OF COMPLIANCE TEST

1.0 PURPOSE OF COMPLIANCE TEST

A 2003 Chevrolet Trailblazer MPV was subjected to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 216 testing to determine if the vehicle was in compliance with the requirements of the standard. The purpose of this standard is to reduce deaths and injuries due to the crushing of the roof into the occupant compartment in rollover crashes.

1.1 The test vehicle was a 2003 Chevrolet Trailblazer MPV. Nomenclature applicable to the test vehicle are:

A. Vehicle Identification Number: 1GNDT13X32213808

B. NHTSA No.: C30107

C. Manufacturer: GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION

D. Manufacture Date: 11/02

1.2 TEST DATE

The test vehicle was subjected to FMVSS No. 216 testing on July 28, 2003.
SECTION 2

COMPLIANCE TEST RESULTS SUMMARY

2.0 TEST RESULTS

All tests were conducted in accordance with NHTSA, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance (OVSC) Laboratory Procedure, TP-216-05 and General Testing Laboratories Procedure, TP-216-05B with the following modifications requested by the COTR:

1) The vehicle was rigidly mounted in the test fixture by welding vertical supports to the vehicle jack points to prevent any vehicle movement. Chains were not used in an effort to reduce and/or eliminate "pre-stressing" of the vehicle due to the tightening of chains.

2) Dial gauges were placed at the vehicle corners and at the passenger door to track overall vehicle motion and the ability of the alternate tie-down procedure to restrict motion of the vehicle.

3) String potentiometers were placed at the driver's designated seat position and attached to the interior surface of the roof above a normally positioned 50th percentile Hybrid III ATD head. The string potentiometers tracked the interior motion of the roof.

4) Performed the roof crush test to a loading ram displacement of 127 mm or 44,482 N force, whichever comes first.

The data for this portion of the test can be found on Data Sheets 6 and 7.

Based on the test performed, the 2003 Chevrolet Trailblazer appears to meet the requirements of FMVSS 216 testing.
SECTION 3

COMPLIANCE TEST DATA

3.0 TEST RESULTS

The following data sheets document the results of testing on the 2003 Chevrolet Trailblazer.
DATA SHEET 1
FMVSS 216
SUMMARY OF RESULTS

VEH. MOD YR/MAKE/MODEL/BODY: 2003 CHEVROLET TRAILBLAZER MPV
VEH. NHTSA NO: C3O107; VIN: 1GNDT13X32213808
VEH. BUILD DATE: 11/02; TEST DATE: JULY 28, 2003
TEST LABORATORY: GENERAL TESTING LABORATORIES
OBSERVERS: GRANT FARRAND, JIMMY LATANE, AMANDA PRESCOTT

A. VISUAL INSPECTION OF TEST VEHICLE

Upon receipt, inspect vehicle for completeness, function, and discrepancies or damage which might influence the testing.

RESULTS:

B. VEHICLE DATA

(1) Vehicle type as shown on certification label: MPV
(2) Vehicle UVW as recorded on Data Table 2: 2018.6 kg

C. STATIC LOAD TEST OF DRIVER SIDE OF ROOF

Minimum roof crush resistance required by FMVSS 216 for the vehicle tested:

MCCR as recorded on Data Table 2: 29,673 N

PASS  FAIL

Maximum roof crush resistance measured during test was
42,808 N at 72.4 mm

D. POST TEST VISUAL INSPECTION

Flattened area on roof on driver's side from "A" pillar to "C" pillar approximately 1500 mm long x 650 mm wide. Windshield shattered, driver door glass shattered, driver's "A" pillar and "B" pillar are bent.

RESULTS:

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DATA SHEET 2
FMVSS 216
RECEIVING INSPECTION

VEH. MOD YR/MAKE/MODEL/BODY: 2003 CHEVROLET TRAILBLAZER MPV
VEH. NHTSA NO: C30107; VIN: 1GNDT13S32213808
VEH. BUILD DATE: 11/02; TEST DATE: JULY 28, 2003
TEST LABORATORY: GENERAL TESTING LABORATORIES
OBSERVERS: GRANT FARRAND, JIMMY LATANE, AMANDA PRESCOTT

Upon receipt, the vehicle will be examined visually for completeness, function, and damage. The roof and supporting structures such as the doors and windows should be checked for proper operation and any discrepancies which may influence the testing. The vehicle will be weighed and the minimum roof crush resistance determined.

RESULTS:

(1) Unloaded Vehicle Weight (UVW)

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<td>Right Front</td>
<td>517.5</td>
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<td>1068.2</td>
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TOTAL UVW: 2018.6 kg

(2) Vehicle type as shown on vehicle certification label: MPV

(3) Minimum Roof Crush Resistance (MCRR):

Passenger Car:

UVW x 1.5 x 9.8 = N/A N
MCRR = N/A N (UVW x 1.5 x 9.8 or 22,241 N whichever is less)

MPV, Truck or Bus:

MCRR = UVW x 1.5 x 9.8 = 29,673 N

(4) Other Comments: ______________________________

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Prior to testing, the following will be accomplished:

A. Secure any convertible top, movable or removable roof structure in their weather tight positions Removed Roof Rack

B. Close all windows OK

C. Close and lock all doors OK

D. State Side of Roof Tested Driver

E. Measure the lateral angle of the test device at sufficient points to determine that it has a 25 degree (plus zero degree, minus one degree) angle 25°

F. Measure the longitudinal angle of the loading device at sufficient points to determine that is has a 5 degree (plus zero minutes, minus 20 minutes) 5°

G. The test device will initially contact the roof at 254 mm aft of windshield

H. If the test device was relocated based on the requirements of Chapter 12.3 paragraph F, describe where the test device will initially contact the roof as relocated N/A

I. Ambient temperature 51 mm from the vehicle roof in the immediate area of the test device: 27.2 degrees C.

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DATA SHEET 4
FMVSS 216

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VEH. NHTSA NO: C30107; V Vin: 1GNDT13X32213808
VEH. BUILD DATE: 11/02; TEST DATE: JULY 28, 2003
TEST LABORATORY: GENERAL TESTING LABORATORIES
OBSERVERS: GRANT FARRAND, JIMMY LATANE, AMANDA PRESCOTT

RESULTS: Plots of load versus displacement and time versus displacement showed that:

1. The maximum roof crush resistance was 42,808 N at 72.4 mm
2. The rate of loading was 5.08 mm/sec (.2 in/sec)
3. The required roof crush resistance of 29,673 N was at 40.1 mm

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Upon completion of testing, a detailed visual inspection of the vehicle shall be made. Describe all damage and deformation that occurred during the test.

RESULTS: Flattened area on roof on driver’s side from “A” pillar to “C” pillar approximately 1500 mm long x 650 mm wide. Windshield shattered, driver door glass shattered, driver’s “A” pillar and “B” pillar are bent.
DATA SHEET 6
FMVSS 216 MODIFIED PORTION PRE-TEST

VEH. MOD YR/MAKE/MODEL/BODY: 2003 CHEVROLET TRAILBLAZER MPV
VEH. NHTSA NO: C30107;  VIN: 1GNDT13S32213808
VEH. BUILD DATE: 11/02;  TEST DATE: JULY 28, 2003
TEST LABORATORY: GENERAL TESTING LABORATORIES
OBSERVERS: GRANT FARRAND, JIMMY LATANE, AMANDA PRESCOTT

Driver Seat Torso Angle: 24°

Driver Seat "H" Point Location at Mid Travel:
X = 260 mm aft from centerline of front outboard seat mounting bolt
Y = 203 mm inboard from centerline of front outboard seat mounting bolt
Z = 310 mm up from centerline of front outboard seat mounting bolt

Point VRL (Vertical Measurement from H-Point to Headliner): 904.2 mm
Point VRi (Vertical Measurement from H-Point to Structure Above Headliner): 924.6 mm
Point RE (Distance from H-Point to a point 112 mm behind point VRi): 942.3 mm

#1 LVDT (R.F.) Length: 930 mm
#2 LVDT (R.R.) Length: 907 mm
#3 LVDT (L.R.) Length: 907 mm

Distance from LVDT #1 (R.F.) to LVDT #2 (R.R.) = 270 mm
Distance from LVDT #2 (R.R.) to LVDT #3 (L.R.) = 250 mm
Distance from LVDT #1 (R.F.) to LVDT #3 (L.R.) = 370 mm

All LVDT's are located on a 185 mm radius from a vertical line passing through the seat "H" point. Using the forward direction as 0° reference and measuring clockwise, LVDT #1 is located at 43°, LVDT #2 is located at 137° and LVDT #3 is located at 222°.

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**DATA SHEET 7**
**FMVSS 216 MODIFIED PORTION POST TEST**

VEH. MOD YR/MAKE/MODEL/BODY: 2003 CHEVROLET TRAILBLAZER MPV

VEH. NHTSA NO: C30107; VIN: 1GNDT13SX32213808

VEH. BUILD DATE: 11/02 TEST DATE: JULY 28, 2003

TEST LABORATORY: GENERAL TESTING LABORATORIES

OBSERVERS: GRANT FARRAND, JIMMY LATANE, AMANDA PRESCOTT

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<th>42,806 N @ 72.4 mm</th>
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<td>#3 LVDT (LR) Displacement</td>
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| Left Front Dial Indicator Displacement | 8.9 mm |
| Right Front Dial Indicator Displacement | 3.1 mm |
| Left Rear Dial Indicator Displacement | 22.5 mm |
| Right Rear Dial Indicator Displacement | 19.3 mm |
| Right Door Sill Dial Indicator Displacement | 0.0 mm |

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TEST PLOTS
GTI 5101

216, Roof Crush, Driver Side.

Load in Pounds (Thousands)

Time in Seconds
GT-5101

2.6, Roof Crush, LVDT #2, R.R.

Displacement in Inches

Time in Seconds