



# TRL contract with EC: Provision of information for the development of frontal impact legislation:

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# Objectives, Client and Timescales

## Objective

- Gather and evaluate all available information related to a potential update of Regulation 94, in particular that relevant to the review currently being performed by a GRSP informal working group

## Client

- DG Enterprise and Industry, European Commission

## Timescales

- Sept 2008 to April 2009

# Potential options to improve legislation

- Main Options

- 1. No change.
- 2. Replace the current R94 ODB test with a Progressive Deformable Barrier (PDB) test
- 3. Add a full width high deceleration test to the current R94 ODB test procedure
  - Rigid or deformable barrier?
- 4. Combination of options 2 and 3

# Potential options to improve legislation

## ■ Supplementary options

- Dummy related
  - Incorporate the THOR-Lx, and possibly the THOR upper leg, as a retro-fit to the Hybrid III dummy
- Other
  - Extend the scope of the Directive to include N1 vehicles, in particular those less than 2.5 tonnes, and all M1 vehicles
  - Add a steering wheel movement lateral displacement limit of 100 mm to current vertical and horizontal limits
  - Add an appropriate footwell intrusion criterion and associated limit
  - Assess rear seated positions

# Considerations for evaluation of potential options

- Whether the option will address the needs identified in the accident studies
- Potential for unintended consequences
- Potential for further development to include measures to assess and control compatibility
- Relationship with present international requirements
- Issues that require further investigation to ensure suitability for regulatory application
- Cost-benefit