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Quadricycle Safety

How do L7s fare in standard crash tests?

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About Euro NCAP

- Providing impartial safety information to consumers since 1997.
- Safety ratings of over 650 car models sold in the EU are available – predominately of M1 category.
- Tests cover crashworthiness, crash avoidance & ADAS.

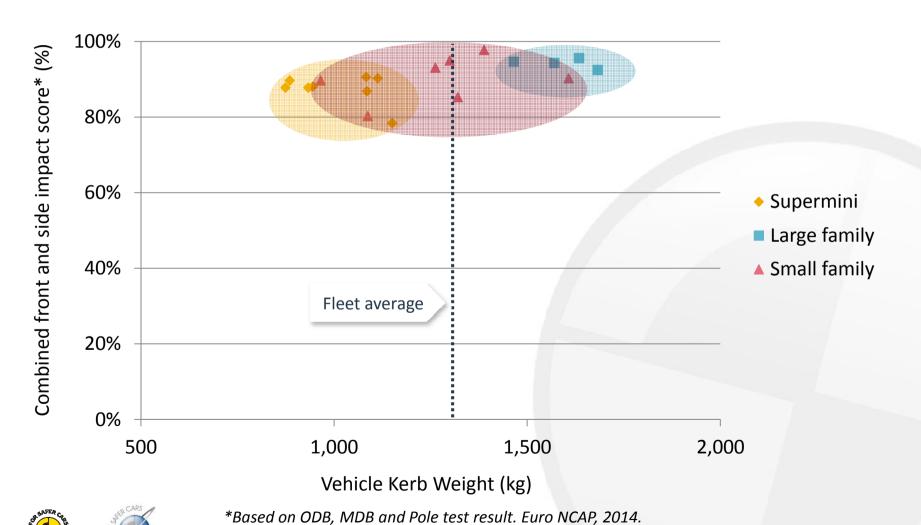


94%
of new cars sold* in
EU28 hold an
Euro NCAP safety
rating





Crashworthiness vs. Weight





Quadricycle Focus

- Category limited by mass and power.
 - ≤ 350 kg or ≤ 550 kg
 - Lower emissions & fuel consumption.
- Some capable of 100km/h.
 - No licence may be required if speed is limited to 45 km/h.
- New stricter emissions tests but no legislative crash test requirements.





Double Standard





Top Speed	98 km/h	150 km/h
Mass	440 kg	880 kg
Safety	Front seat belt reel assembly, reinforced doors, reinforced front and rear bumpers	High-strength cabin, front airbags, belt pretentioners, belt load limiters, driver knee airbag, side airbags, ISOFIX, SBR and ESC.
Fuel consumptio	n* 6 L/100 km (petrol)	4.5 L/100 km (petrol)

^{*}Source: http://www.aixam.com/en/licence-free-car-crossover/gt-gtr, http://int.smart.com/en/en/en/index/smart-fortwo-453.html









Testing Quadricycle Safety

- Simplified crash tests representing most frequent front and side accidents.
 - Front: moderate 50km/h, full width to deformable barrier.
 - Side: 50km/h, 950kg mobile trolley, no pole impact.
- Assessment
 - Driver injury risk as predicted by ATD.
 - Penalties for footwell intrusion, door opening, etc.
- Published protocol, internationally accepted criteria and limits and quadricycle-specific star rating.



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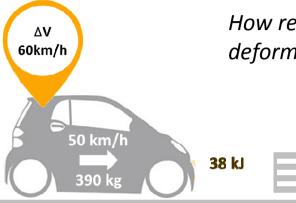
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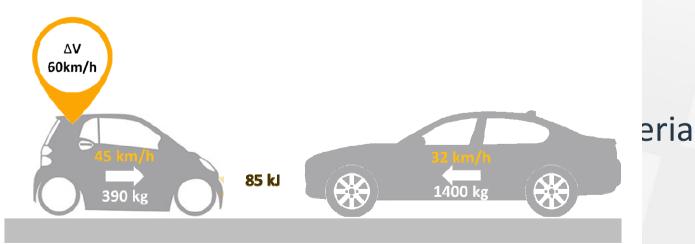
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How realistic is a 50 km/h full-width deformable crash test?

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Test Campaigns – Heavy Quadricycles



Renault Twizzy 80

Mass: 474 kg

Top speed: 80 km/h

Production: France



Ligier IXO JS LINE 4P

Top speed: 70 km/h

Mass: 465 kg

Production: France



Tazzari ZERO

Top speed: 100 km/h

Mass: 542 kg Production: Italy Mass: 541 kg Production: USA





Microcar M.Go Family

Top speed: 95 km/h

Mass: 425 kg

Production: France



Aixam Crossover GTR

Top speed: 98 km/h

Mass: 440 kg

Production: France



Chatenet CH30

Top speed: 100 km/h

Mass: 390 kg

Production: France



Club Car Villager 2+2

Top speed: 40 km/h

Bajaj Qute

Top speed: 70 km/h

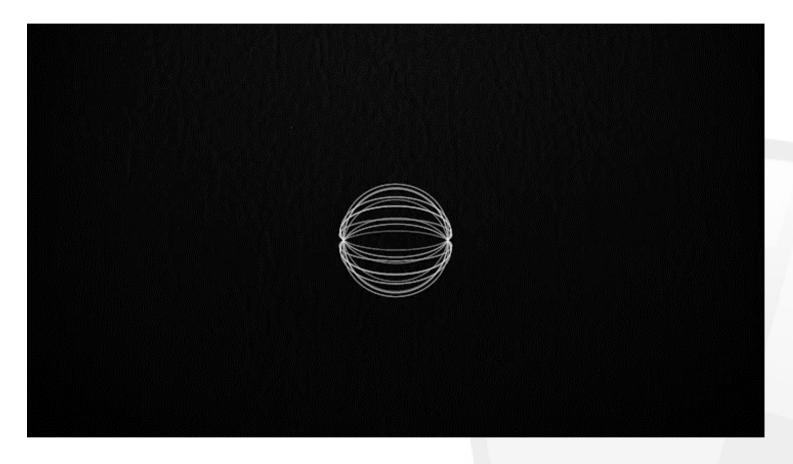
Mass: 400 kg

Production: India





Results



Find detailed results: http://www.euroncap.com/en/ratings-rewards/quadricycle-ratings/



Main Findings

All vehicles performed poorly – 0-2 on a 5 stars "quadricycle" rating.

Tests revealed fundamental safety concerns.

Some showed poor structural integrity.

Dummy readings indicated a high risk of fatal or serious injuries.

However addressing the most common shortcomings would not be impossible.



Conclusion

- Tests demonstrate that the crashworthiness of heavy quadricycles is sub-standard.
- Failing to roll out appropriate safety legislation for quadricycles is unnecessarily putting lives at risk.
- Quadricycle manufacturers are urged to invest more in safety and hold themselves accountable.
- Substituting vehicles of category M1 by lighter but fundamentally less safe L7s is not a productive strategy for Europe - nor anywhere else.

Global Perspective





