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**CALSPAN REMOTE INADVERTENT AIR BAG DEPLOYMENT INVESTIGATION**

**CALSPAN CASE NO. 93-17**

**VEHICLE: 1991 VOLVO 240, 4DR. SEDAN**

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**LOCATION: [REDACTED], MD**

**SUMMARY**

This remote investigation focused on an owner's complaint to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of an alleged inadvertent deployment of the driver's side air bag system in a 1991 Volvo 240, 4 dr. sedan. The owner purchased the Volvo new at the end of the model year in [REDACTED], 1991, and was the principal driver of the vehicle. In addition to the standard factory installed features that included air conditioning, power windows, a central power locking system, Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) and leather seats, the owner had the dealer install an alarm system. The SRS consisted of the driver's side air bag system. The vehicle identification number for the Volvo was unknown, however, the owner stated that the odometer reading at the time of the incident was approximately 18,518 km/h (11,500 miles).

The owner reported that during her ownership of the vehicle, she had returned the Volvo 240 to the dealership on several occasions for service. She stated that the dealer installed alarm system frequently activated without disturbance to the vehicle. The owner also complained that she was unable to manually turn off the alarm system and that it was always in the active mode. The owner noted that the Volvo was not prewired at the factory for the alarm system. In addition to the alarm problems, the owner further reported that the service engine indicator lamp was illuminated for approximately one year prior to the alleged inadvertent deployment. During the winter of 92/93, the owner stated that the SRS indicator lamp continued to glow after the vehicle was started. She returned the vehicle to the dealership where they tested the diagnostics and informed her that the system was fully operational. Following this incident, the SRS indicator lamp functioned properly during the start-up procedure.

The alleged inadvertent deployment occurred on [REDACTED], 1993, during daytime hours in [REDACTED], MD. During the morning, the owner stated that she drove the vehicle from her residence to her work place and parked the Volvo at curbside on a local street. All the windows were fully closed as she exited the vehicle and activated the power locking system. The owner walked to her office and returned at the end of the day, following her normal work shift. She stated that the weather was clear, but hazy and that the temperature was very hot (upper 90's, F) with high humidity. As she approached her vehicle, she thought the heat that had developed on the inside of the vehicle throughout the day would have softened the leather on the seats and steering wheel. She unlocked the driver's door and opened the window for a few moments prior to entering the vehicle. As she entered the Volvo, the owner stated that she placed the ignition key in the switch and turned it to the on-position, as she noted the indicator lamps illuminate, but did not start the engine. She

immediately began to reach with her left hand for the manual 3-point lap and shoulder belt system as the SRS deployed.

The owner/driver of the Volvo was a 50 year old female with a height of 157 cm (62") and weight of 81 kg (180 lbs.) She stated that the vehicle was equipped with a fixed (non-tilting) steering column and that the driver's seat was adjusted to the full rearward track position with the seatback set nearly vertical. At the time of the incident, she recalled that she was leaning slightly forward with her torso rotated in a counterclockwise direction as she was reaching for the manual belt system with her left arm. As the air bag deployed, the driver stated that she heard a tremendous explosion and felt something impact her head. She claimed to have momentarily lost consciousness. As she regained consciousness, the driver found herself slumped forward with the deployed air bag deflated and extended over her head. The driver began to gasp for her breath due to the fumes from the deployed bag. She initially thought the vehicle was on fire and opened the driver's side door and crawled from the vehicle onto the street.

Several passers-by stopped to offer assistance to the driver. The driver, who is a health care professional, determined that she was injured and requested an ambulance for transport to a local hospital. The driver sustained multiple injuries from her involvement with the deployed SRS. The lower quadrant of the air bag contacted her abdominal area which resulted in a contusion of the anterior abdomen, at the waistline. Her right upper anterior chest, right breast and right upper arm were contused from contact with the air bag. The bag subsequently contacted her face and head as her head was rotated in a counterclockwise direction. As a result of the contact, the driver sustained abrasions over the anterior chin and right cheek, and a laceration of the lower lip from compression of the lip against a tooth. The bag abraded the auricle of the right ear and separated a screw-back earring from the ear. The earring lacerated the lobe of the ear. In addition to the soft tissue injuries that resulted from direct contact with the air bag, the driver also sustained a middle right ear injury with trauma to the tympanic membrane. The driver stated that she was wearing plastic framed eyeglasses that were knocked off her face by the deploying air bag. There was no damage to the eyewear. She was transported to a local hospital where she was treated for her injuries and released. The emergency room physician who treated the driver related to her that her large weight probably prevented her from crushing type injuries of the chest.

The driver stated that immediately following the inadvertent air bag deployment, she detected a ringing sensation in her right ear. In addition, the trauma to the inner ear had resulted in amplified hearing in the ear and extreme sensitivity to noise. Due to the ear trauma, the driver stated that she tries to avoid areas involving loud noises. At night, she sleeps on the right ear to reduce sound levels around her environment. She was examined by an ear specialist who was not able to provide treatment for the injury. It should be noted that the driver was reinterviewed on [REDACTED] 1994, for long term follow-up on the hearing impairment. She stated that the amplified hearing has persisted since the accident and that she is becoming accustomed to it. The driver further relayed that she has not revisited the specialist since her initial evaluation. The physician told the driver that the impairment would probably diminish over time, however, she does not believe it will.

A member of the driver's family notified the Volvo dealership on the following day of the alleged inadvertent deployment. The dealership representative denied the possibility of an inadvertent deployment and arranged to have the Volvo towed to the dealer that day. The service department advised the owner that the vehicle would be repaired promptly providing she authorizes the repair. The driver requested that someone from Volvo should inspect the vehicle to determine the cause of the inadvertent deployment and to make the necessary repair to prevent this from recurring to her Volvo, or to someone else. The owner stated that the communication with the dealer and Volvo began to deteriorate. Within several days of the inadvertent deployment, a representative from Volvo Cars of North America called to inquire if the driver was initiating legal action against Volvo. She informed that person that she was in contact with her attorney, however, did not seek legal action. The dealership subsequently called the owner to inform her that the Volvo 240 would be repaired under warranty. She asked if the air bag system could be defeated since she was fearful of another inadvertent deployment. The dealer advised her that disconnecting the SRS was not permissible by law. The owner stated that the primary reason why she purchased the vehicle was the safety record of the Volvo and that she no longer felt safe with an air bag.

The driver finally had the Volvo removed from the dealership as she continued to pursue the inadvertent deployment issue. She noted during our interview that she became aware of several other inadvertent deployments involving Volvo automobiles. The owner stated that after a considerable length of time, the dealership notified her and offered her a "deal that she couldn't refuse", to trade her 1991 Volvo 240 on a new 1993 Volvo 940. She accepted the offer and traded the 240 sedan without the necessary repair to the SRS.

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**NASS Occupant Forms**





# OCCUPANT ASSESSMENT FORM

1. Primary Sampling Unit Number

2. Case Number ~~Stratum~~

3. Vehicle Number

4. Occupant Number

## OCCUPANT'S CHARACTERISTICS

5. Occupant's Age

Code actual age at time of accident.

(00) Less than one year old (specify by month):

(97) 97 years and older

(99) Unknown

6. Occupant's Sex

(1) Male

(2) Female

(9) Unknown

7. Occupant's Height

Code actual height to the nearest  
centimeter.

(999) Unknown

62 inches X 2.54 = \_\_\_\_\_ centimeters

8. Occupant's Weight

Code actual weight to the nearest  
kilogram.

(999) Unknown

180 pounds X .4536 = \_\_\_\_\_ kilograms

9. Occupant's Role

(1) Driver

(2) Passenger

(9) Unknown

## OCCUPANT'S SEATING

10. Occupant's Seat Position

*Front Seat*

(11) Left side

(12) Middle

(13) Right side

(14) Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

(15) On or in the lap of another occupant

*Second Seat*

(21) Left side

(22) Middle

(23) Right side

(24) Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

(25) On or in the lap of another occupant

*Third Seat*

(31) Left side

(32) Middle

(33) Right side

(34) Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

(35) On or in the lap of another occupant

*Fourth Seat*

(41) Left side

(42) Middle

(43) Right side

(44) Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

(45) On or in the lap of another occupant

(97) In or on unenclosed area

(98) Other seat (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

(99) Unknown

11. Occupant's Posture

(0) Normal posture

*Abnormal posture*

(1) Kneeling or standing on seat

(2) Lying on or across seat

(3) Kneeling, standing or sitting in front of seat

(4) Sitting sideways or turned to talk with another  
occupant or to look out a rear window

(5) Sitting on a console

(6) Lying back in a reclined seat position

(7) Bracing with feet or hands on a surface in front  
of seat

(8) Other abnormal posture (specify):

TURNED CCW, REACHING FOR SEAT BELT

(9) Unknown

## EJECTION/ENTRAPMENT

12. Ejection 0

- (0) No ejection
- (1) Complete ejection
- (2) Partial ejection
- (3) Ejection, unknown degree
- (9) Unknown

13. Ejection Area 0

- (0) No ejection
- (1) Windshield
- (2) Left front
- (3) Right front
- (4) Left rear
- (5) Right rear
- (6) Rear
- (7) Roof
- (8) Other area (e.g., back of pickup, etc.)  
(specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- (9) Unknown

14. Ejection Medium 0

- (0) No ejection
- (1) Door/hatch/tailgate
- (2) Nonfixed roof structure
- (3) Fixed glazing
- (4) Nonfixed glazing (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- (5) Integral structure
- (8) Other medium (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- (9) Unknown

15. Medium Status (Immediately Prior To Impact) 0

- (0) No ejection
- (1) Open
- (2) Closed
- (3) Integral structure
- (9) Unknown

16. Entrapment 0

(NOTE: Entrapped means that part of the person was in the vehicle and mechanically restrained; jammed doors and immobilizing injuries by themselves are not sufficient to constitute entrapment.)

- (0) Not entrapped
- (1) Entrapped
- (9) Unknown

## RESTRAINT SYSTEM EVALUATION

17. Manual (Active) Belt System Availability 4

- (0) None available
- (1) Belt removed/destroyed
- (2) Shoulder belt
- (3) Lap belt
- (4) Lap and shoulder belt
- (5) Belt available—type unknown

*Integral Belt Partially Destroyed*

- (6) Shoulder belt (lap belt destroyed/removed)
- (7) Lap belt (shoulder belt destroyed/removed)

(8) Other belt (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

(9) Unknown \_\_\_\_\_

18. Manual (Active) Belt System Use 00

- (00) None used, not available, or belt removed/destroyed
- (01) Inoperative (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

(02) Shoulder belt \_\_\_\_\_

(03) Lap belt \_\_\_\_\_

(04) Lap and shoulder belt \_\_\_\_\_

(05) Belt used—type unknown \_\_\_\_\_

(08) Other belt used (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

(12) Shoulder belt used with child safety seat \_\_\_\_\_

(13) Lap belt used with child safety seat \_\_\_\_\_

(14) Lap and shoulder belt used with child safety seat \_\_\_\_\_

(15) Belt used with child safety seat—type unknown \_\_\_\_\_

(18) Other belt used with child safety seat (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

(99) Unknown if belt used \_\_\_\_\_

19. Proper Use of Manual (Active) Belts 0

- (0) None used or not available
- (1) Belt used properly
- (2) Belt used properly with child safety seat

*Belt Used Improperly*

- (3) Shoulder belt worn under arm
- (4) Shoulder belt worn behind back or seat
- (5) Belt worn around more than one person
- (6) Lap belt worn on abdomen
- (7) Lap belt or lap and shoulder belt used improperly with child safety seat (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

(8) Other improper use of manual belt system (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

(9) Unknown \_\_\_\_\_

20. Manual (Active) Belt Failure Modes During Accident 0

- (0) No manual belt used
- (1) No manual belt failure(s)
- (2) Torn webbing (stretched webbing not included)
- (3) Broken buckle or latchplate
- (4) Upper anchorage separated
- (5) Other anchorage separated (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

(6) Broken retractor \_\_\_\_\_

(7) Combination of above (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

(8) Other manual belt failure (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

(9) Unknown \_\_\_\_\_

21. Air Bag System Availability/Function 1

- (0) Not equipped/not available
- (1) Air bag

*Non-functional*

(2) Air bag disconnected (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Air bag not reinstalled \_\_\_\_\_

(9) Unknown \_\_\_\_\_

22. Air Bag System Deployment 2

- (0) Not equipped/not available
- (1) Air bag deployed during accident (as a result of impact)
- (2) Air bag deployed inadvertently just prior to accident
- (3) Air bag deployed, accident sequence undetermined
- (4) Nondeployed
- (5) Unknown if deployed
- (6) Air bag deployed as a result of a noncollision event during accident sequence (e.g., fire, explosion, electrical)
- (9) Unknown

23. Are There Indications of Air Bag System Failure? 9

- (0) Not equipped/not available
- (1) No
- (2) Yes (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

(9) Unknown \_\_\_\_\_

Note: See Variables 44 through 48 (Page 5) for Information on Automatic Belts

24. Police Reported Restraint Use —

- (0) None used
- (1) Police did not indicate restraint use
- (2) Shoulder belt
- (3) Lap belt
- (4) Lap and shoulder belt
- (5) Belt used, type not specified
- (6) Child safety seat
- (7) Other or automatic restraint (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

(8) Restrained, type unknown \_\_\_\_\_

(9) Police indicated "unknown" \_\_\_\_\_

NO POLICE INVOLVEMENT

## HEAD RESTRAINT AND SEAT EVALUATION

25. Head Restraint Type/Damage by Occupant  
at This Occupant Position 1

- (0) No head restraints
- (1) Integral—no damage
- (2) Integral—damaged during accident
- (3) Adjustable—no damage
- (4) Adjustable—damaged during accident
- (5) Add-on—no damage
- (6) Add-on—damaged during accident
- (8) Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- (9) Unknown \_\_\_\_\_

26. Seat Type (this Occupant Position) 01

- (00) Occupant not seated or no seat
- (01) Bucket
- (02) Bucket with folding back
- (03) Bench
- (04) Bench with separate back cushions
- (05) Bench with folding back(s)
- (06) Split bench with separate back cushions
- (07) Split bench with folding back(s)
- (08) Pedestal (i.e., column supported)
- (09) Other seat type (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- (10) Box mounted seat (i.e., van type)
- (99) Unknown

27. Seat Performance (this Occupant Position) 1

- (0) Occupant not seated or no seat
- (1) No seat performance failure(s)
- (2) Seat adjusters failed
- (3) Seat back folding locks or "seat back" failed (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- (4) Seat track/anchors failed
- (5) Deformed by impact of occupant
- (6) Deformed by passenger compartment intrusion (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- (7) Combination of above (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- (8) Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- (9) Unknown

## CHILD SAFETY SEAT

28. Child Safety Seat Make/Model 000

(000) No child safety seat  
 Applicable codes are found in your NASS CDS  
 Data Collection, Coding and Editing  
 (950) Built-in child safety seat  
 (997) Other make/model (specify):

(998) Unknown make/model  
 (999) Unknown if child safety seat used

29. Type of Child Safety Seat 0

(0) No child safety seat  
 (1) Infant seat  
 (2) Toddler seat  
 (3) Convertible seat  
 (4) Booster seat  
 (7) Other type child safety seat (specify):

(8) Unknown child safety seat type  
 (9) Unknown if child safety seat used

30. Child Safety Seat Orientation 00

(00) No child safety seat

*Designed for Rear Facing for This Age/Weight*

(01) Rear facing  
 (02) Forward facing  
 (08) Other orientation (specify):

(09) Unknown orientation*Designed For Forward Facing for This Age/Weight*

(11) Rear facing  
 (12) Forward facing  
 (18) Other orientation (specify):

(19) Unknown orientation*Unknown Design or Orientation For This Age/Weight, or Unknown Age/Weight*

(21) Rear facing  
 (22) Forward facing  
 (28) Other orientation (specify):

(29) Unknown orientation

(99) Unknown if child safety seat used

31. Child Safety Seat Harness Usage 0032. Child Safety Seat Shield Usage 0033. Child Safety Seat Tether Usage 00

Note: Options below applicable to  
 Variables OA31-OA33.  
 (00) No child safety seat

*Not Designed With Harness/Shield/Tether*

(01) After market harness/shield/tether  
 added, not used  
 (02) After market harness/shield/tether used  
 (03) Child safety seat used, but no after market  
 harness/shield/tether added  
 (09) Unknown if harness/shield/tether  
 added or used

*Designed With Harness/Shield/Tether*

(11) Harness/shield/tether not used  
 (12) Harness/shield/tether used  
 (19) Unknown if harness/shield/tether used

*Unknown If Designed With Harness/Shield/Tether*

(21) Harness/shield/tether not used  
 (22) Harness/shield/tether used  
 (29) Unknown if harness/shield/tether used

(99) Unknown if child safety seat used

## INJURY CONSEQUENCES

34. Injury Severity (Police Rating) —

- (0) O - No injury
- (1) C - Possible injury
- (2) B - Nonincapacitating injury
- (3) A - Incapacitating injury NO PAR
- (4) K - Killed
- (5) U - Injury, severity unknown
- (6) Died prior to accident
- (9) Unknown

35. Treatment - Mortality 4

- (0) No treatment
- (1) Fatal
- (2) Fatal - ruled disease (specify):  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Nonfatal*

- (3) Hospitalization
- (4) Transported and released
- (5) Treatment at scene - nontransported
- (6) Treatment later
- (8) Treatment - other (specify):  
\_\_\_\_\_
- (9) Unknown

36. Type Of Medical Facility (for Initial Treatment) 2

- (0) Not treated at a medical facility
- (1) Trauma center
- (2) Hospital
- (3) Medical clinic
- (4) Physician's office
- (5) Treatment later at medical facility
- (8) Other (specify):  
\_\_\_\_\_
- (9) Unknown

37. Hospital Stay 00

- (00) Not Hospitalized
- \_\_\_\_\_ Code the number of days (up through 60) that the occupant stayed in hospital.
- (61) 61 days or more
- (99) Unknown

38. Working Days Lost 99

- \_\_\_\_\_ Code the number of days (up through 60) that the occupant lost from work due to the accident
- (00) No working days lost
- (61) 61 days or more
- (62) Fatally injured
- (97) Not working prior to accident
- (99) Unknown

**STOP - GO TO VARIABLE 44 ON PAGE 7****VARIABLES 39 THROUGH 43 ARE COMPLETED BY THE ZONE CENTER**39. Time to Death 00

- \_\_\_\_\_ Code number of hours from time of accident to time of death up through 24 hours. If time of death is greater than 24 hours, code number of days. (Note: 1 day = 31, 2 days = 32, ... n days = 30 + n up through 30 days = 60)
- (00) Not fatal
- (96) Fatal - ruled disease
- (99) Unknown

40. 1st Medically Reported Cause of Death 0041. 2nd Medically Reported Cause of Death 0042. 3rd Medically Reported Cause of Death 00

- \_\_\_\_\_ Code the Occupant Injury from line number(s) for the medically reported injury(s) which reportedly contributed to this occupant's death
- (00) Not fatal or no additional causes
- (96) Mode of death given but specific injuries are not linked to cause of death. (specify):  
\_\_\_\_\_

- (97) Other result (includes fatal ruled disease) (specify):  
\_\_\_\_\_

- (99) Unknown

43. Number of Recorded Injuries for This Occupant 09

- \_\_\_\_\_ Code the actual number of injuries recorded for this occupant.
- (00) No recorded injuries
- (97) Injured, details unknown
- (99) Unknown if injured

**AUTOMATIC BELT SYSTEM****44. Automatic (Passive) Belt System Availability/Function** 0

- (0) Not equipped/not available  
 (1) 2 point automatic belts  
 (2) 3 point automatic belts  
 (3) Automatic belts - type unknown

*Non-functional*

- (4) Automatic belts destroyed or rendered inoperative  
 (9) Unknown

**45. Automatic (Passive) Belt System Use** 0

- (0) Not equipped/not available/destroyed or rendered inoperative  
 (1) Automatic belt in use  
 (2) Automatic belt not in use (manually disconnected, motorized track inoperative) (specify):  
 (3) Automatic belt use unknown  
 (9) Unknown

**46. Automatic (Passive) Belt System Type** 0

- (0) Not equipped/not available  
 (1) Non-motorized system  
 (2) Motorized system  
 (9) Unknown

**47. Proper Use of Automatic (Passive) Belt System** 0

- (0) Not equipped/not available/not used  
 (1) Automatic belt used properly  
 (2) Automatic belt used properly with child safety seat

*Automatic Belt Used Improperly*

- (3) Automatic shoulder belt worn under arm  
 (4) Automatic shoulder belt worn behind back  
 (5) Automatic belt worn around more than one person  
 (6) Lap portion of automatic belt worn on abdomen  
 (7) Automatic lap and shoulder belt or automatic shoulder belt used improperly with child safety seat (specify):

- (8) Other improper use of automatic belt system (specify):  
 (9) Unknown

**48. Automatic (Passive) Belt Failure Modes During Accident** 0

- (0) Not equipped/not available/not in use  
 (1) No automatic belt failure(s)  
 (2) Torn webbing (stretched webbing not included)  
 (3) Broken buckle or latchplate  
 (4) Upper anchorage separated  
 (5) Other anchorage separated (specify):  
 (6) Broken retractor  
 (7) Combination of above (specify):  
 (8) Other automatic belt failure (specify):  
 (9) Unknown

**49. Seat Orientation (this Occupant Position)** 1

- (0) Occupant not seated or no seat  
 (1) Forward facing seat  
 (2) Rear facing seat  
 (3) Side facing seat (inward)  
 (4) Side facing seat (outward)  
 (8) Other (specify):  
 (9) Unknown

**Check the Primary Source Used In Determining Belt Use.**

- [ ] Not equipped/not available/destroyed or rendered inoperative  
 [ ] Vehicle inspection  
 [ ] Official injury data  
 [✓] Driver/occupant interview  
 [ ] Other (specify):

[ ] Unknown if belt used

ARE ALL APPLICABLE MEDICAL RECORDS INCLUDED  
 WITH INITIAL SUBMISSION?

NO [ ] YES [ ]

UPDATE CANDIDATE?

NO [✓] YES [ ]

**STOP - VARIABLES 50 THROUGH 53 ARE  
COMPLETED BY THE ZONE CENTER****TRAUMA DATA**

50. Glasgow Coma Scale (GCS) Score 02  
(at Medical Facility)  
(00) Not injured  
(01) Injured - not treated at medical facility  
(02) No GCS Score at medical facility  
(03-15) Code the actual value of the  
initial GCS Score recorded at medical  
facility.  
(97) Injured, details unknown  
(99) Unknown if injured
51. Was the Occupant Given Blood? 1  
(1) No - blood not given  
(2) Yes - blood given  
(specify units): \_\_\_\_\_  
(9) Unknown if blood given
52. Arterial Blood Gases (ABG) -  $\text{HCO}_3$  01  
(00) Not injured  
(01) Injured, ABGs not measured or reported  
(02-50) Code the actual value of the  $\text{HCO}_3$   
(96) ABGs reported,  $\text{HCO}_3$  unknown  
(97) Injured, details unknown  
(99) Unknown if injured

**BELT USE DETERMINATION**

53. Primary Source of Belt Use Determination 3  
(0) Not equipped/not available/destroyed  
or rendered inoperative  
(1) Vehicle inspection  
(2) Official injury data  
(3) Driver/occupant interview  
(8) Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
(9) Unknown if belt used





# OCCUPANT INJURY FORM

1. <del>Primary Sampling Unit Number</del> _____	3. Vehicle Number <u>01</u>
2. Case Number - <del>Stratum</del> <u>93-17</u>	4. Occupant Number <u>01</u>

## INJURY DATA

Record below the actual injuries sustained by this occupant that were identified from the official and unofficial data sources. Remember not to double count an injury just because it was identified from two different sources. If greater than ten injuries have been documented, encode the balance on the Occupant Injury Supplement.

	Source of Injury Data	Body Region	A.I.S. - 90			Injury Source	Injury Confidence Level	Direct/ Indirect Injury	Occupant Area Intrusion Number
			Type of Anatomic Structure	Specific Anatomic Structure	Level of Injury				
1st	5. <u>7</u>	6. <u>5</u>	7. <u>9</u>	8. <u>04</u>	9. <u>02</u>	10. <u>1</u>	11. <u>7</u>	12. <u>45</u>	13. <u>1</u> 14. <u>1</u> 15. <u>00</u>
(MSCI-1)									
2nd	16. <u>7</u>	17. <u>4</u>	18. <u>9</u>	19. <u>04</u>	20. <u>02</u>	21. <u>1</u>	22. <u>1</u>	23. <u>45</u>	24. <u>1</u> 25. <u>1</u> 26. <u>00</u>
(CRCI-1)									
3rd	27. <u>7</u>	28. <u>7</u>	29. <u>9</u>	30. <u>04</u>	31. <u>02</u>	32. <u>1</u>	33. <u>1</u>	34. <u>45</u>	35. <u>1</u> 36. <u>1</u> 37. <u>00</u>
(ARCI-1)									
4th	38. <u>7</u>	39. <u>2</u>	40. <u>9</u>	41. <u>02</u>	42. <u>02</u>	43. <u>1</u>	44. <u>8</u>	45. <u>45</u>	46. <u>1</u> 47. <u>1</u> 48. <u>00</u>
(FIAI-1)									
5th	49. <u>7</u>	50. <u>2</u>	51. <u>9</u>	52. <u>02</u>	53. <u>02</u>	54. <u>1</u>	55. <u>1</u>	56. <u>45</u>	57. <u>1</u> 58. <u>1</u> 59. <u>00</u>
(FILI-1)									
6th	60. <u>7</u>	61. <u>2</u>	62. <u>9</u>	63. <u>06</u>	64. <u>02</u>	65. <u>1</u>	66. <u>8</u>	67. <u>45</u>	68. <u>1</u> 69. <u>2</u> 70. <u>00</u>
(HRAE-1)									
7th	71. <u>7</u>	72. <u>2</u>	73. <u>9</u>	74. <u>02</u>	75. <u>02</u>	76. <u>1</u>	77. <u>1</u>	78. <u>45</u>	79. <u>1</u> 80. <u>1</u> 81. <u>00</u>
(HRLE-1)									
8th	82. <u>7</u>	83. <u>2</u>	84. <u>9</u>	85. <u>06</u>	86. <u>02</u>	87. <u>1</u>	88. <u>1</u>	89. <u>45</u>	90. <u>1</u> 91. <u>1</u> 92. <u>00</u>
(HROE-1)									
9th	93. <u>7</u>	94. <u>2</u>	95. <u>4</u>	96. <u>02</u>	97. <u>08</u>	98. <u>1</u>	99. <u>1</u>	100. <u>45</u>	101. <u>1</u> 102. <u>2</u> 103. <u>00</u>
10th	104. <u>  </u>	105. <u>  </u>	106. <u>  </u>	107. <u>  </u>	108. <u>  </u>	109. <u>  </u>	110. <u>  </u>	111. <u>  </u>	112. <u>  </u> 113. <u>  </u> 114. <u>  </u>

AIS-88 codes in ( )

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AGE 50  
SEX FEMALE  
WT. 81 kgs  
HT. 157 cm

Lacerated right ear (AIS-1),  
air bag/earring

Abrasion right ear (AIS-1),  
air bag

Abrasion right face (AIS-1),  
air bag

Mid ear injury w/trauma to  
the tympanic membrane (AIS-1),  
air bag

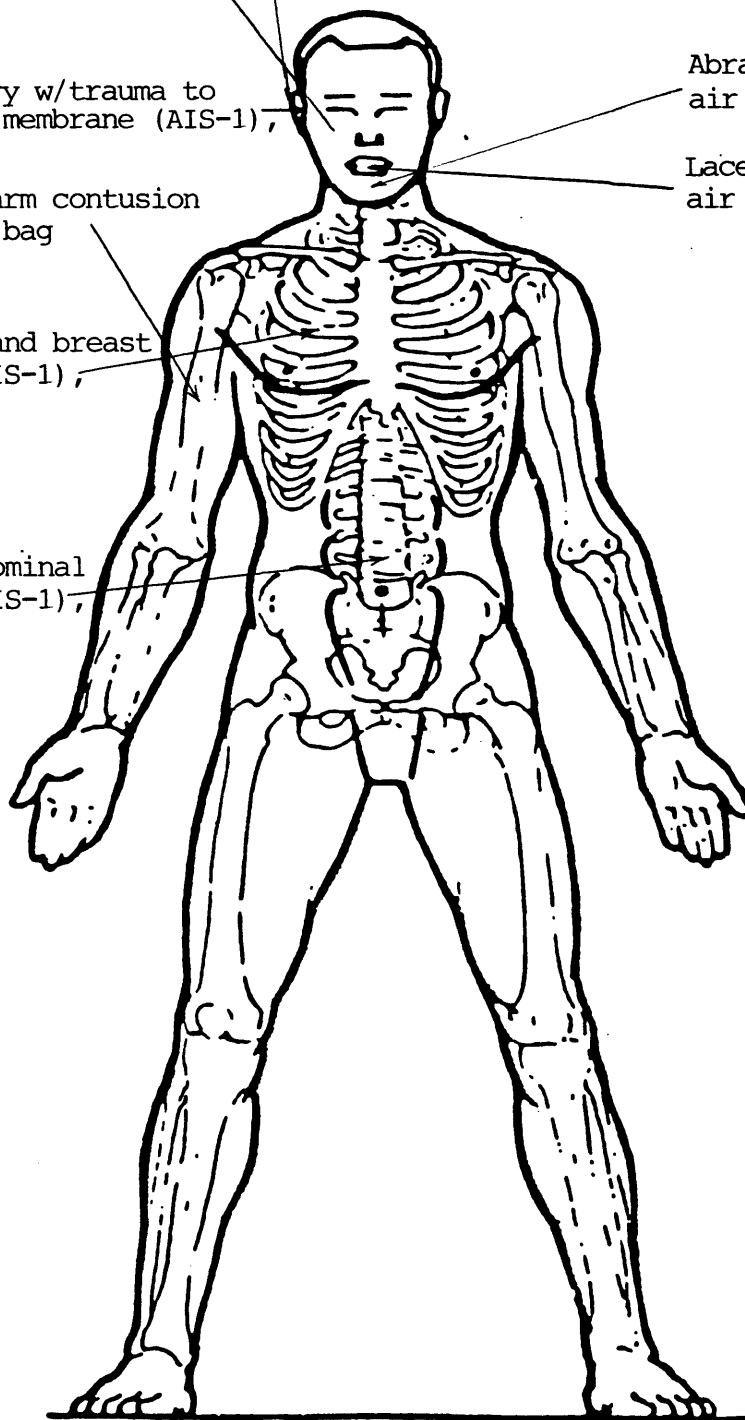
Right upper arm contusion  
(AIS-1), air bag

Right chest and breast  
contusion (AIS-1),  
air bag

Anterior abdominal  
contusion (AIS-1),  
air bag

Abrasion chin (AIS-1),  
air bag

Lacerated lower lip (AIS-1),  
air bag/tooth



**SOURCE OF INJURY DATA****OFFICIAL**

- (1) Autopsy records with or without hospital/medical records
- (2) Hospital/medical records other than emergency room (e.g., discharge summary)
- (3) Emergency room records only (including associated X-rays or other lab reports)
- (4) Private physician, walk-in or emergency clinic

**UNOFFICIAL**

- (5) Lay coroner report
- (6) E.M.S. personnel
- (7) Interviewee
- (8) Other source (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- (9) Police

**INJURY SOURCE****FRONT**

- (01) Windshield
- (02) Mirror
- (03) Sunvisor
- (04) Steering wheel rim
- (05) Steering wheel hub/spoke
- (06) Steering wheel (combination of codes 04 and 05)
- (07) Steering column, transmission selector lever, other attachment
- (08) Add on equipment (e.g., CB, tape deck, air conditioner)
- (09) Left instrument panel and below
- (10) Center instrument panel and below
- (11) Right instrument panel and below
- (12) Glove compartment door
- (13) Knee bolster
- (14) Windshield including one or more of the following: front header, A (A1/A2)-pillar, instrument panel, mirror, or steering assembly (driver side only)
- (15) Windshield including one or more of the following: front header, A (A1/A2)-pillar, instrument panel, or mirror (passenger side only)
- (16) Driver side air bag compartment cover
- (17) Passenger side air bag compartment cover
- (18) Windshield reinforced by exterior object (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- (19) Other front object (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**LEFT SIDE**

- (20) Left side interior surface, excluding hardware or armrests
- (21) Left side hardware or armrest
- (22) Left A (A1/A2)-pillar
- (23) Left B-pillar
- (24) Other left pillar (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

- (25) Left side window glass or frame
- (26) Left side window glass including one or more of the following: frame, window sill, A (A1/A2)-pillar, B-pillar, or roof side rail.
- (27) Other left side object (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- (28) Left side window sill

**RIGHT SIDE**

- (30) Right side interior surface, excluding hardware or armrests
- (31) Right side hardware or armrest
- (32) Right A (A1/A2)-pillar
- (33) Right B-pillar
- (34) Other right pillar (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- (35) Right side window glass or frame
- (36) Right side window glass including one or more of the following: frame, window sill, A (A1/A2)-pillar, B-pillar, or roof side rail.
- (37) Other right side object (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- (38) Right side window sill

**INTERIOR**

- (40) Seat, back support
- (41) Belt restraint webbing/buckle
- (42) Belt restraint B-pillar or door frame attachment point
- (43) Other restraint system component (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- (44) Head restraint system
- (45) Air bag (use codes "16" and "17" for injuries sustained from air bag compartment covers)
- (46) Other occupants (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- (47) Interior loose objects
- (48) Child safety seat (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- (49) Other interior object (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**ROOF**

- (50) Front header
- (51) Rear header
- (52) Roof left side rail
- (53) Roof right side rail
- (54) Roof or convertible top

**FLOOR**

- (56) Floor (including toe pan)
- (57) Floor or console mounted transmission lever, including console
- (58) Parking brake handle
- (59) Foot controls including parking brake

**REAR**

- (60) Backlight (rear window)

- (61) Backlight storage rack, door, etc.
- (62) Other rear object (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**EXTERIOR OF OCCUPANT'S VEHICLE**

- (65) Hood
- (66) Outside hardware (e.g., outside mirror, antenna)
- (67) Other exterior surface or tires (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- (68) Unknown exterior objects

**EXTERIOR OF OTHER MOTOR VEHICLE**

- (70) Front bumper
- (71) Hood edge
- (72) Other front of vehicle (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- (73) Hood
- (74) Hood ornament
- (75) Windshield, roof rail, A-pillar
- (76) Side surface
- (77) Side mirrors
- (78) Other side protrusions (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- (79) Rear surface
- (80) Undercarriage
- (81) Tires and wheels
- (82) Other exterior of other motor vehicle (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- (83) Unknown exterior of other motor vehicle

**OTHER VEHICLE OR OBJECT IN THE ENVIRONMENT**

- (84) Ground
- (85) Other vehicle or object (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- (86) Unknown vehicle or object

**NONCONTACT INJURY**

- (90) Fire in vehicle
- (91) Flying glass
- (92) Other noncontact injury source (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- (93) Air bag exhaust gases
- (97) Injured, unknown source

**INJURY SOURCE CONFIDENCE LEVEL**

- (1) Certain
- (2) Probable
- (3) Possible
- (9) Unknown

**DIRECT/INDIRECT INJURY**

- (1) Direct contact injury
- (2) Indirect contact injury
- (3) Noncontact injury
- (7) Injured, unknown source

**OCCUPANT INJURY CLASSIFICATION****Body Region**

- (1) Head
- (2) Face
- (3) Neck
- (4) Thorax
- (5) Abdomen
- (6) Spine
- (7) Upper Extremity
- (8) Lower Extremity
- (9) Unspecified

**Type of Anatomic Structure**

- (1) Whole Area
- (2) Vessels
- (3) Nerves
- (4) Organs (includes muscles/ligaments)
- (5) Skeletal (includes joints)
- (6) Head - LOC
- (9) Skin

**Specific Anatomic Structure****Whole Area**

- (02) Skin - Abrasion
- (04) Skin - Contusion
- (06) Skin - Laceration
- (08) Skin - Avulsion
- (10) Amputation
- (20) Burn
- (30) Crush
- (40) Degloving
- (50) Injury - NFS
- (90) Trauma, other than mechanical

**Head - LOC**

- (02) Length of LOC
- (04, 06, 08) Level of Consciousness
- (10) Concussion

**Spine**

- (02) Cervical
- (04) Thoracic
- (06) Lumbar

Vessels, Nerves, Organs, Bones,  
Joints are assigned consecutive two digit numbers beginning with 02

**Level of Injury**

Specific injuries are assigned consecutive two-digit numbers beginning with 02.

To the extent possible, within the organizational framework of the AIS, 00 is assigned to an injury NFS as to severity or where only one injury is given in the dictionary for that anatomic structure. 99 is assigned to any injury NFS as to lesion or severity.

**Abbreviated Injury Scale**

- (1) Minor injury
- (2) Moderate injury
- (3) Serious injury
- (4) Severe injury
- (5) Critical injury
- (6) Maximum (untreatable)
- (7) Injured, unknown severity

**Aspect**

- (1) Right
- (2) Left
- (3) Bilateral
- (4) Central
- (5) Anterior
- (6) Posterior
- (7) Superior
- (8) Inferior
- (9) Unknown
- (0) Whole region