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SECTION 1

PURPOSE AND TEST PROCEDURE

This head impact compliance test is part of the FMVSS 201 Occupant Protection in Interior Impact Test Program sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) under Contract No. DTNH22-06-C-00031. The purpose of this impact compliance test was to determine whether the subject vehicle, a 2009 Nissan Sentra, NHTSA No. C95206, meets the performance requirements of FMVSS 201, Occupant Protection in Interior Impact. The compliance test was conducted using the requirements found in the OVSC Laboratory Test Procedure No. TP-201-02 dated March 3, 1989.

SECTION 2

SUMMARY OF OCCUPANT PROTECTION IN INTERIOR IMPACTS

A 2009 Nissan Sentra, NHTSA No. C95206, was impacted at various locations throughout its instrument cluster/dash panel and seat back area by a 6.8 kg (15 lb.), 165 mm (6.5 inch) diameter steel headform. A total of four (4) impacts were performed in this test series. The target area impacts were chosen by the NHTSA Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR). The four (4) chosen impact points were:

Seat Back / Head Restraint Area

Instrument Panel Cluster Area

Airbag Cover / Dash Panel Area (2 impacts)

The selected impact areas on the test vehicle appeared to comply with the performance requirements of FMVSS 201.

The 165 mm (6.5 inch) diameter steel headform weighed 6.8 kg (15 lb.) and had an accelerometer mounted along the centerline of the head.

One (1) channel of data for each target impact test was recorded on a Keyser-Threde data acquisition system. Data plots can be found in Appendix C along with still photographs can be found in Appendix A of this report.

To document each target area impact test, one 35mm camera picture was taken pre- and post-test at various locations to view the headform contact with the selected target areas.

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TEST VEHICLE RECEIVING INSPECTION DATA SHEET

VEHICLE YEAR/MAKE/MODEL/STYLE:	2009 Nissan Sentra
NHTSA NO.:	C95206
VIN:	3N1AB61E39L608724
DATE OF MANUFACTURE:	10/08 (SEE CERTIFICATION LABEL)
COLOR:	Gray
ODOMETER READING:	40
LABORATORY:	Calspan
TEST DATE:	February 11, 2009

NUMBER OF SEATING POSITIONS:

FRONT: 2 REAR: 3

INSTRUMENT PANEL:

NOTE UNUSUAL FEATURES: None

TYPE OF FRONT SEATS:

BENCH: - BUCKET: X SPLIT BACKS: -

TYPE OF HEAD RESTRAINTS:

FIXED: - ADJUSTABLE: X

VEHICLE EQUIPPED WITH ARMRESTS?

NO: - YES: X NUMBER: 4

LOCATION: Front door panel, rear door panel, rear seat arm rest and center console arm rest

VEHICLE EQUIPPED WITH SUN VISORS?

NO: - YES: X

VEHICLE EQUIPPED WITH INTERIOR DOOR LATCHES?

NO: - YES: X NUMBER: 3

LOCATION: Glove Box, Floor Console, and Instrument Panel Storage Bin

HEAD FORM IMPACT TEST RESULTS INSTRUMENT PANEL

VEHICLE YEAR/MAKE/MODEL/STYLE:	2009 Nissan Sentra
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IMPACT LOCATI	VELOCITY	PEAK			
TARGET	X (mm)	Y (mm)	ANGLE (degrees)	(kph)	ACCELERATION (3 ms Clip) Gs
LEFT DASH BELOW AIRBAG PANEL	635	283	57	18.7	58.39
RIGHT DASH BELOW AIRBAG PANEL	642	538	47	18.9	63.15
INSTRUMENT PANEL STORAGE BIN	665	76.9	53	18.8	60.77

REFERENCE POINT: The front centerline of the vehicle is the starting coordinate (0,0,0) at ground level.

REMARKS:

HEAD FORM IMPACT TEST RESULTS SEAT BACK / HEAD RESTRAINT

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IMPACT LOCATIO	VEL OCITV	PEAK			
NUMBER	X (mm)	Y (mm)	ANGLE (degrees)	VELOCITY (kph) ACCELERATI (3 ms Clip) G	
PASSENGER SIDE FRONT SEAT HEAD RESTRAINT	1719	362	29.0	23.5	38.35

REFERENCE POINT: The front centerline of the vehicle is the starting coordinate (0,0,0) at ground level.

SUNVISOR AND ARMREST EVALUATION

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LABORATORY:	Calspan
TEST DATE:	February 11, 2009

SUN VISOR INFORMATION:

1. Are sun visors constructed of or covered with energy absorbing material?

YES (PASS): X

NO (FAIL): -

NO (PASS): X

2. Are any edges statically contactable by a spherical 165 mm (6.5 inch) diameter head form of radius less than 31.75 mm (1.25 inch)?

YES (FAIL): -

ARMREST INFORMATION: A. FIXED ARMREST

1. Is it constructed of energy absorbing material with the capability of laterally deflecting 50.8 mm (2 inches) without contacting any underlying rigid material?

YES: N/A NO: N/A

2. Is it constructed of energy absorbing material that deflects or collapses within 31.75 mm (1.25 inches) of the rigid test panel surface without contacting underlying rigid material between 12.7 mm inches (0.50) and 31.75 mm (1.25 inches) from the panel which has a vertical height of less than 25.4 mm (1 inch)?

YES: N/A NO: N/A

3. Does it provide adequate pelvic area impact protection?

YES: X NO: -

4. Does it meet at least one of the criteria No. 1 to 3?

YES (PASS): X NO (FAIL): -

B. FOLDING ARMREST

Is it made of or covered with energy absorbing material? Or does it meet at least one of the criteria No. 1 to 3?

YES (PASS): X NO (FAIL): -

DOOR LATCH EVALUATION

VEHICLE YEAR/MAKE/MODEL/STYLE:	2009 Nissan Sentra
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ODOMETER READING:	40
LABORATORY:	Calspan
TEST DATE:	February 11, 2009

LATCH ENGAGEMENT INTERFERENCE

DESCRIPTION OF LATCH LOCATION	NO LOAD	10G HORIZONTAL TRANSVERSE	10G VERTICAL	30G HORIZONTAL LONGITUDINAL
GLOVE BOX	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FLOOR CONSOLE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
STORAGE BIN	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(APPENDIX B CONTAINS CALCULATION SHEETS WHICH ARE BASED ON MANUFACTURES DATA)

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

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	NUMBER OF IMPACTS	PASS/FAIL
INSTRUMENT PANEL	3	PASSED
SEAT BACK / HEAD RESTRAINT	1	PASSED
SUN VISORS	N/A	N/A
ARMRESTS	N/A	N/A
INTERIOR COMPARTMENT DOORS	N/A	N/A

REMARKS:

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Figure A-6: VEHICLE'S TIRE INFORMATION LABEL



Figure A-7 : SUN VISOR CONSTRUCTION



Figure A-8 : ARMREST LEFT FRONT DOOR



Figure A-9: ARMREST FLOOR CONSOLE



Figure A-10: ARMREST REAR SEAT



Figure A-11: ARMREST LEFT REAR DOOR



Figure A-12 : INSTRUMENT PANEL



Figure A-13 : DELINEATED INSTRUMENT PANEL IMPACT ZONE PRE-TEST

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Figure A-14 : DELINEATED INSTRUMENT PANEL IMPACT ZONE POST-TEST



Figure A-15 : INSTRUMENT PANEL IMPACT #1 PRE-TEST



Figure A-16: INSTRUMENT PANEL IMPACT #1 POST-TEST



Figure A-17: INSTRUMENT PANEL IMPACT #2 PRE-TEST

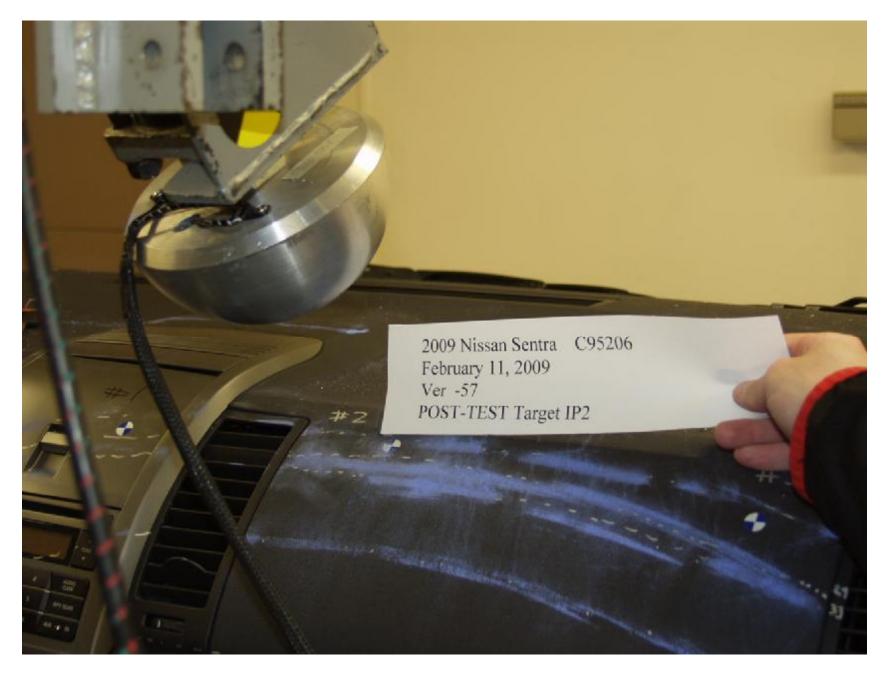


Figure A-18: INSTRUMENT PANEL IMPACT #2 POST-TEST

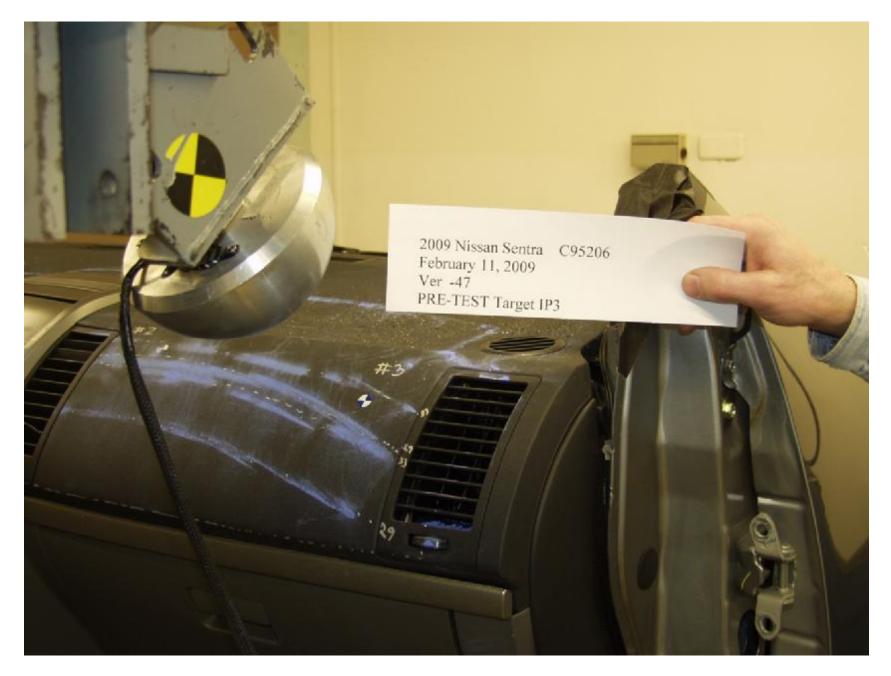


Figure A-19: INSTRUMENT PANEL IMPACT #3 PRE-TEST

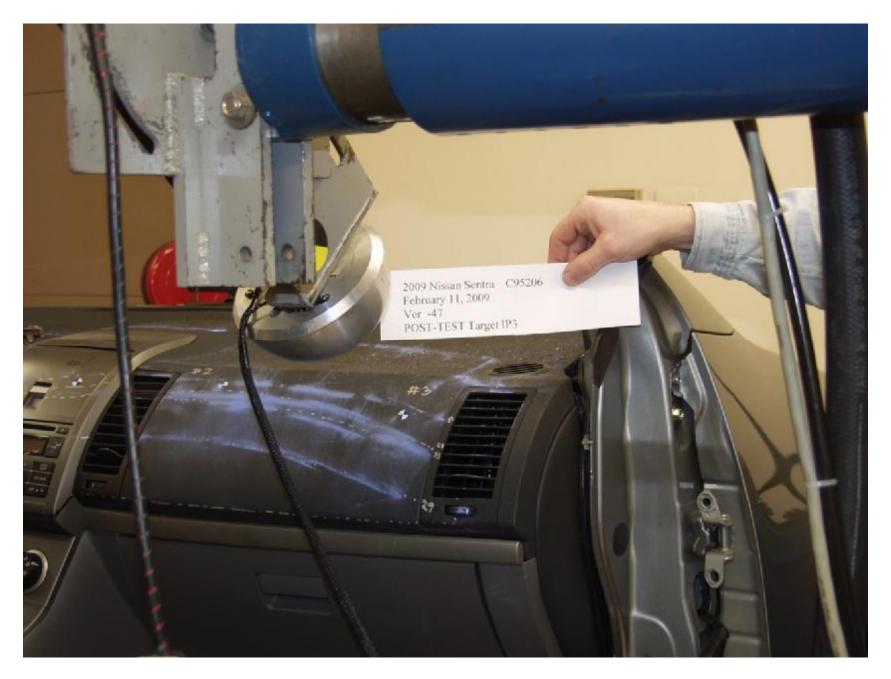


Figure A-20 : INSTRUMENT PANEL IMPACT #3 POST-TEST



Figure A-21 : HEAD RESTRAINT

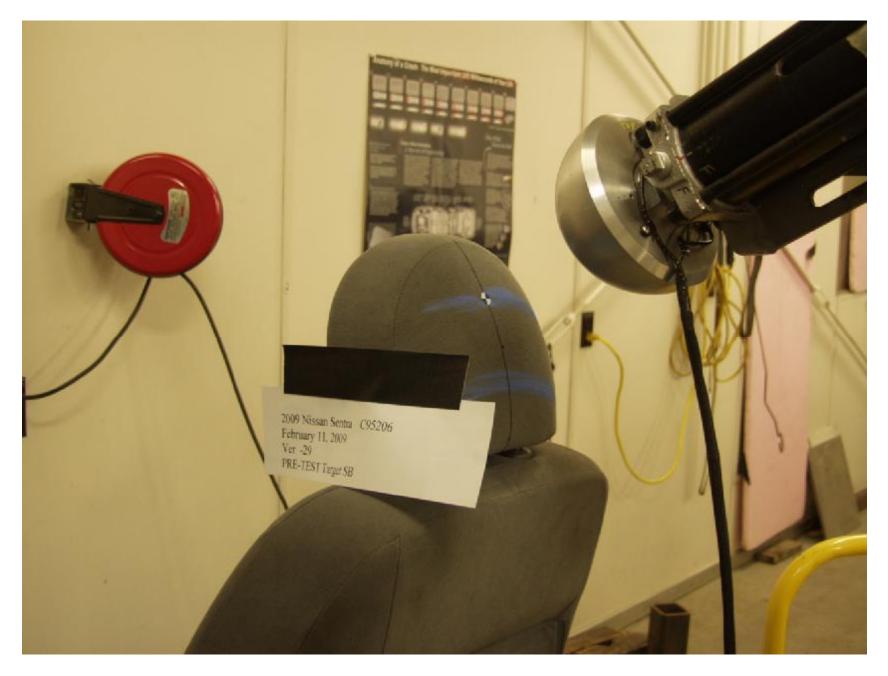


Figure A-22 : HEAD RESTRAINT IMPACT AREA PRE-TEST



Figure A-23 : HEAD RESTRAINT IMPACT AREA POST-TEST

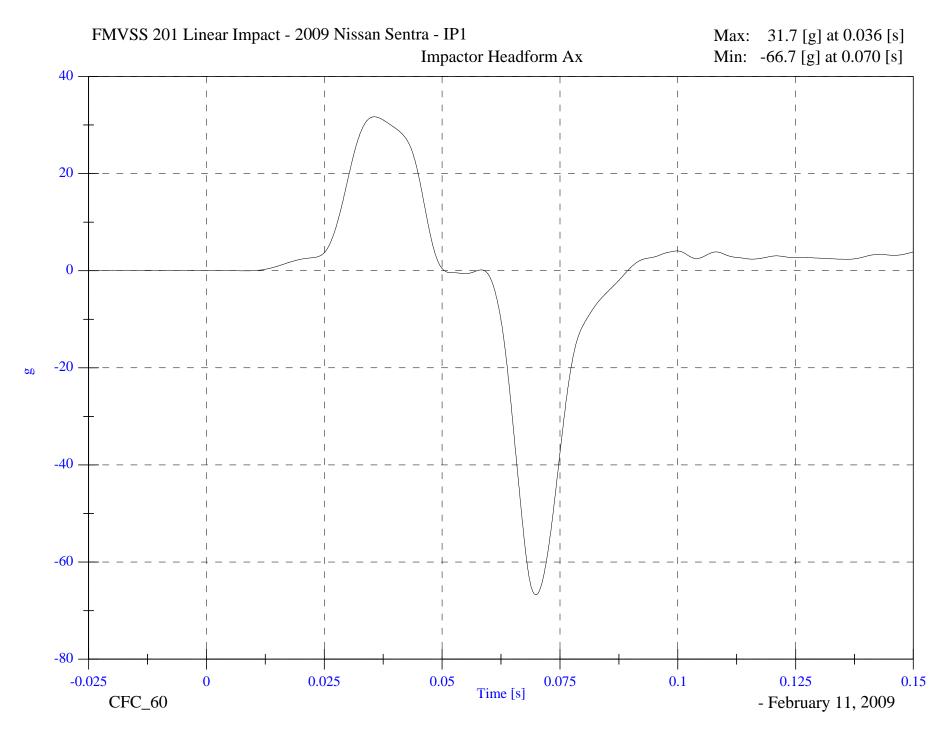
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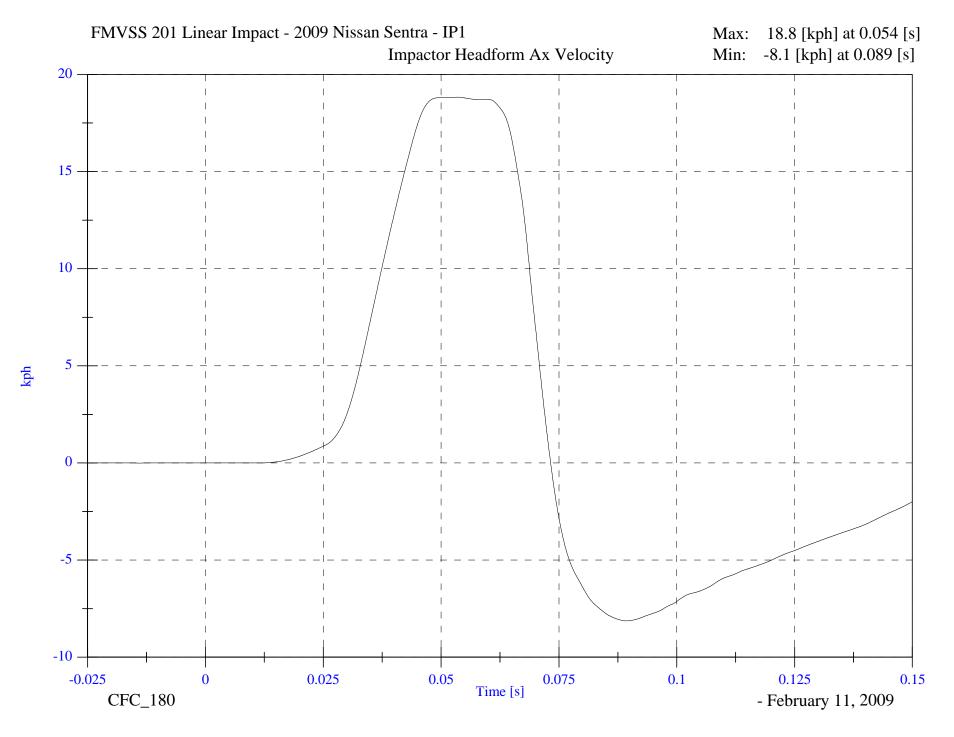
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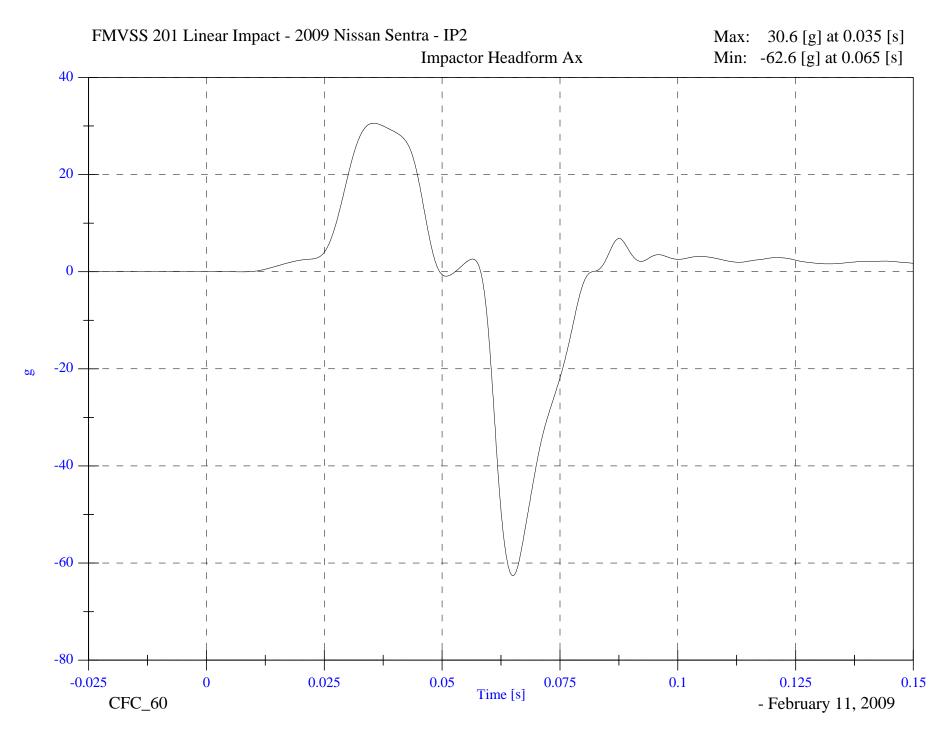
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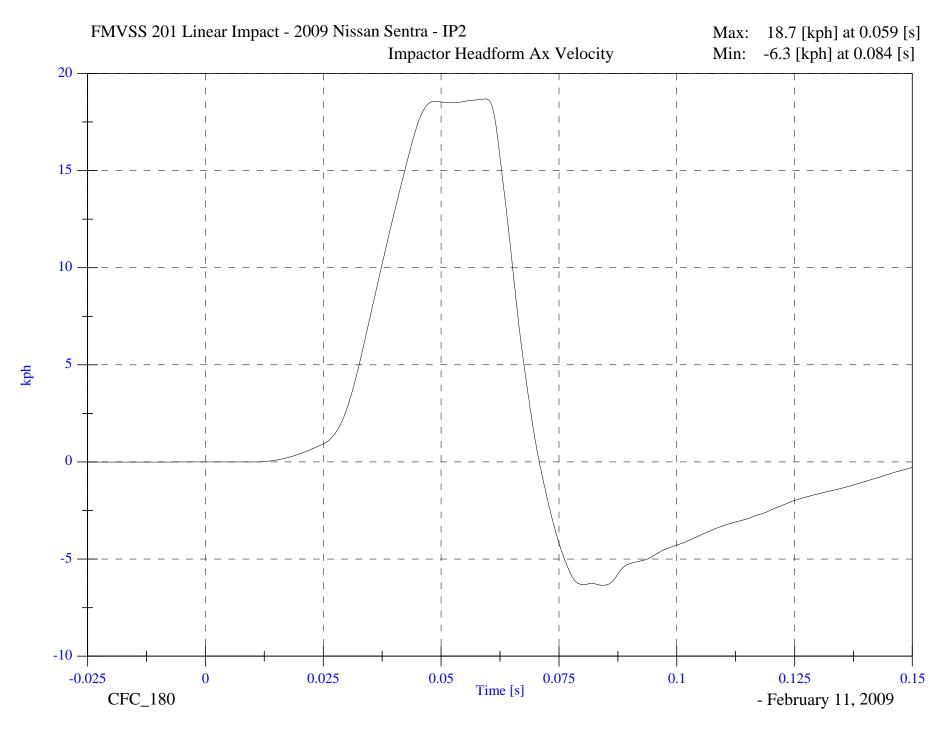
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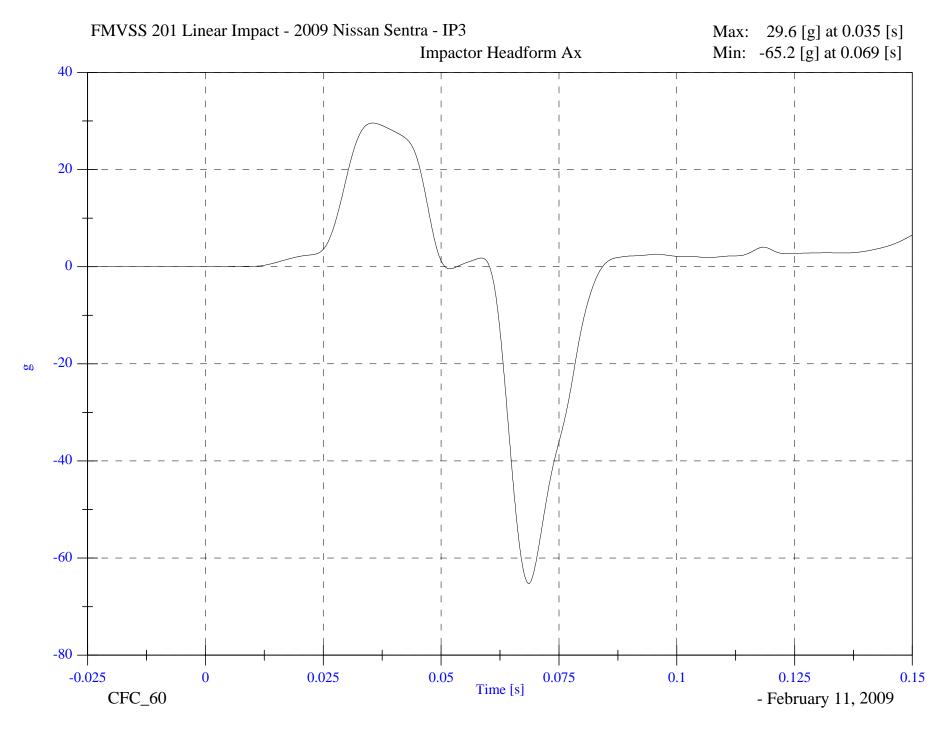


C95206 IP1 STORAGE BIN IMPACT PLOT #2

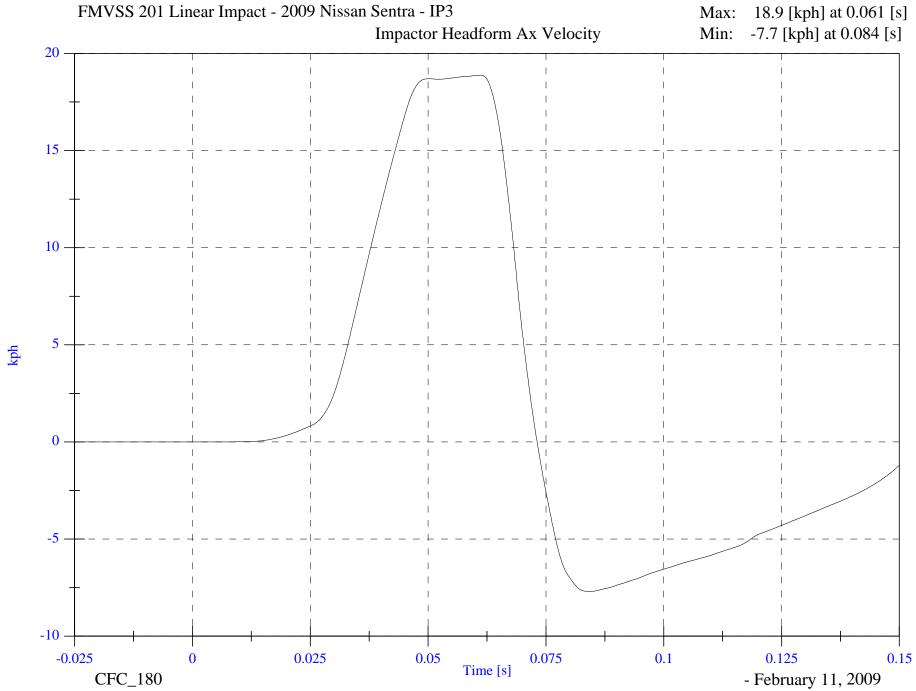




C95206 IP2 LEFT AIRBAG COVER IMPACT PLOT #2



C95206 IP3 RIGHT AIRBAG COVER IMPACT PLOT #1



C95206 IP3 RIGHT AIRBAG COVER IMPACT PLOT #2

