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Professional Profile

Mr. Newberry's experience is in the biomechanics of traumatic injury and human injury tolerance. He specializes in vehicle occupant dynamics and vehicle occupant protection system performance.

Mr. Newberry has more than 25 years of experience in the biomechanical analysis of occupant kinematics and trauma in motor vehicle accidents. He also analyzes matters of injury causation to determine whether a particular event presents the required mechanism and loading for a particular injury or pathology.

Mr. Newberry has analyzed a wide array of trauma resulting from various events including motor vehicle accidents, bicycle accidents, falls, recreational accidents, workplace accidents, and improper use of consumer products. He has evaluated injury mitigation and injury prevention as it relates to vehicle occupant protection systems, as well as the use of protective equipment such as helmets. Mr. Newberry's research in vehicle rollover includes the study of occupant kinematics, restraint system performance, including rollover-deployed curtain airbags and seatbelt pretensioners, as well as the performance of vehicle roof structures. His efforts in these areas involve computational modeling, component-level testing, and full-scale rollover testing.

In addition, Mr. Newberry has performed research involving occupant kinematics, kinetics, and response strategies in off-road vehicles during operation and during tip-over events. For more than five years, Mr. Newberry was based in Exponent's Test and Engineering Center in Phoenix, Arizona where he conducted various testing using anthropomorphic test dummies (ATDs) including full-scale automotive crash and sled testing.

Academic Credentials & Professional Honors

M.S., Mechanics, Michigan State University, 1996

B.S., Mechanical Engineering, Michigan State University, 1993

SAE Forest R. McFarland Award, 2009

SAE Arch T. Colwell Merit Award, 2006

Tau Beta Pi

40th Stapp Car Crash Conference Student Paper Award

Licenses and Certifications

Professional Engineer, Michigan, #6201062065

Professional Engineer Mechanical, Texas, #150530

Professional Affiliations

Association for the Advancement of Automotive Medicine—AAAM (member)

American Society of Mechanical Engineers—ASME (member)

Society of Automotive Engineers—SAE (member)

Past-Chair of the Occupant Protection Committee, Society of Automotive Engineers

National Society of Professional Engineers

Michigan Society of Professional Engineers

Publications

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Prange M, Newberry W, Moore T, Peterson D, Smyth B, Corrigan CF. Inertial neck injuries in children involved in frontal collisions. 2007-01-1170, SAE 2007 World Congress, Society of Automotive Engineers, Warrendale, PA, 2007.

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Additional Education & Training

Forensic Analysis of Medical Records in Injury Biomechanics and Accident Reconstruction Studies, SAE 2007.

Vehicle Accident Reconstruction Methods, SAE, 2006.

Northwestern University Center for Public Safety - Traffic Crash Reconstruction, 2011