SID IIs DUMMY DURABILITY

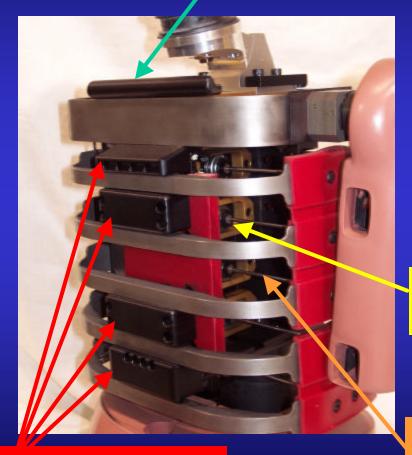
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SID IIs Dummy

Shoulder Rib Guide





Pot Housing

Thorax & Abdomen Rib Guides

Pot Shaft

Overview of Durability Issues

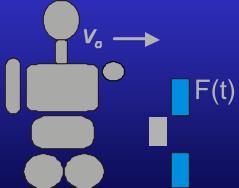
- Extensive testing revealed several durability issues
 - Pot shafts bent at rib-end
 - Pot shafts bent mid-shaft
 - Pot housing crushed
 - Pot housing inset
 - Ribs deformed
 - Damping material separated from rib
- Mechanism of damage identified
- Modification concepts by VRTC appear promising
- OSRP, FTSS and NHTSA working toward a solution

Pot Bottom-out

Mechanism

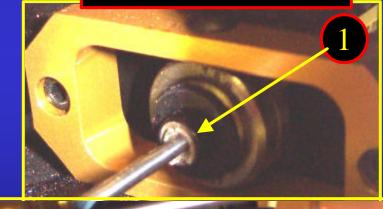
-ribs @ max deflection ⇒ pot bottom-out





Damages

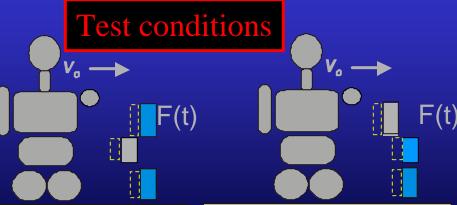
- 1. Pot housing crushed
- 2. Pot shaft bent





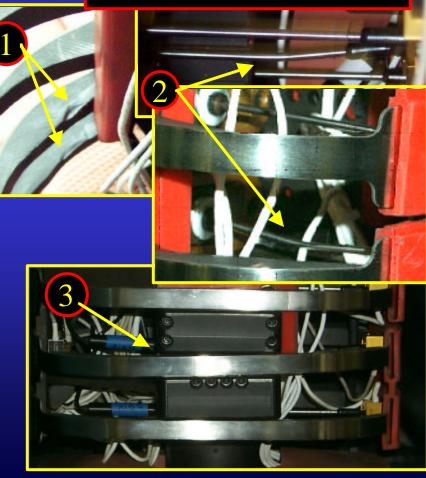
Thorax & Abdomen Rib Jump





Damages

- 1. Gouges in damping material
- 2. Pot shaft bent
- 3. Ribs deformed

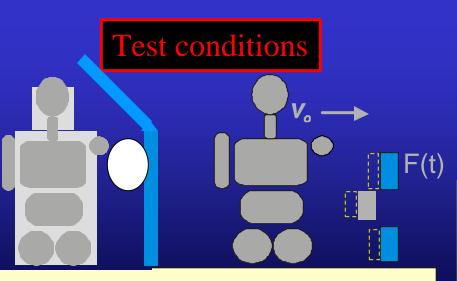


15 mph Rigid & Padded Abdomen Plate Offset

15 mph Rigid & Padded Thorax Plate Offset

Shoulder Rib Jump



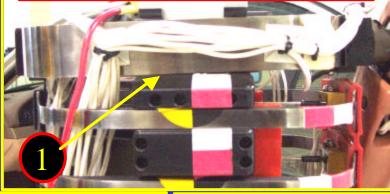


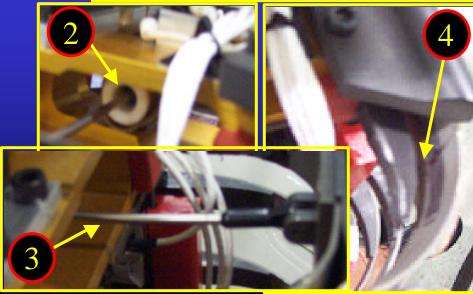
In-vehicle static airbag OOP

15 mph Padded Abdomen Plate Offset

Damages

- 1. Rib deformation
- 2. Pot housing inset
- 3. Pot shaft bent
- 4. Damping material separated





Summary

- SID-IIs dummy has durability problems
- Mechanisms causing damage are:
 - -Potentiometer bottom-out
 - -Thorax & abdomen rib jump
 - -Shoulder rib jump
- VRTC has suggested possible minimally invasive modifications to remedy situation
- OSRP, FTSS and NHTSA working toward resolving durability problems

Thank You