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# **Flex-GTR:**

# **Proposal for Tibia Bending Moment**

# **Injury Threshold**

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# Anthropometric Data

- Values for tibial plateau height have been taken from DIN 33402-2
- Vertical distance from base to tibial plateau
- Statistically representative data (1999-2002) obtained from anthropometrical measurements of german inhabitants
- Value for 50th percentile Male aged 18-65 is in line with reference tibial plateau height of Kerrigan et al. (2004) → 460,7 mm
- Within this study, the values for 50th percentile Male aged 41-60 and 61-65 (according to PMHS data used) taken into account

DIN 33402-2:2005-12

Tabelle 8 — Tibialhöhe

Altersgruppen Jahre	Tibialhöhe mm					
	Männer			Frauen		
	Perzentil					
18-65	430	460	480	400	425	450
18-25	440	465	500	405	430	460
26-40	435	460	485	400	425	450
41-60	425	455	475	395	420	445
61-65	420	450	470	395	420	435

Source: DIN 33402-2 (2005)

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Test	Source	Gender	Age	Stature (cm)	Body Mass (kg)	Impact Speed (m/s)	Loading Direction	Peak BM at Midspan (CFC 60) [Nm]	Peak BM at Midspan $M_{Max}$ [Nm]	Anatomical Measurement (Heel to Tibial Plateau) L [mm]	Standardized tibia height (DIN 33402-2) $L_{ref}$ [mm]	Scaled Fracture Moment $M_{scaled}$ [Nm]
118	Nyquist et. al.	M	54	182	68	3,5	LM*	395	434,5	520	455	291,1
124	Nyquist et. al.	M	64	177	82	4,2	LM*	287	315,7	490	450	244,5
126	Nyquist et. al.	M	58	174	73	4,2	LM*	224	246,4	480	455	209,9
127	Nyquist et. al.	M	56	176	79	3,7	LM*	237	260,7	465	455	244,2
129	Nyquist et. al.	M	57	178	99	3,7	LM*	349	383,9	500	455	289,3
132	Nyquist et. al.	M	57	187	45	3,8	LM*	264	290,4	445	455	310,4

\*: Lateral to Medial

Source: Nyquist et al. (1985)

- Consideration of six male tibia specimen tested by Nyquist et al. (1985) with known heel to tibia plateau heights
- Acquisition of Bending Moment to fracture at Midspan
- Due to attenuation of peak values by CFC 60 filtering: increase of bending moment values by 10% ( $\rightarrow M_{max}$ )
- Calculation of scaled Fracture Bending Moments according to the formula:  

$$M_{scaled} = [(L_{ref}/L)^3] * M_{max}$$

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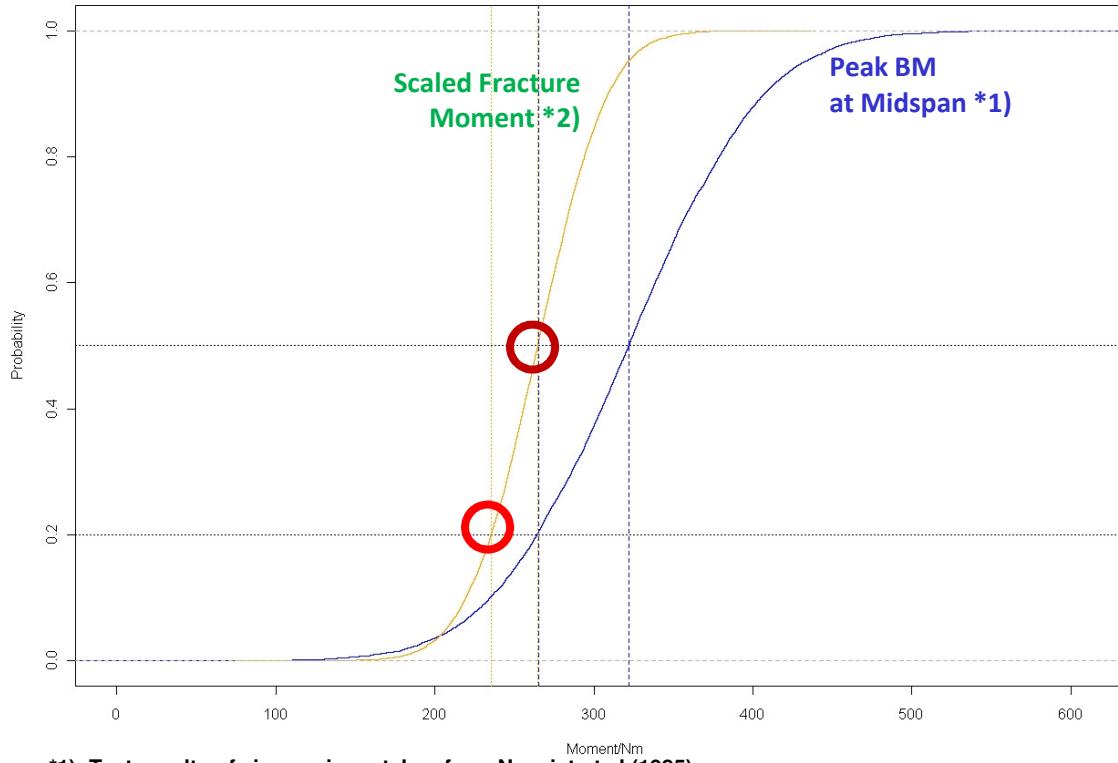
**Shapiro Wilk Normality Test results in Gaussian distribution of both the Peak BM at Midspan as well as the Scaled Fracture Moment results ( $P>95\%$ ).**

**Scaled Fracture Moment results take into account the standardized tibia heights of DIN.**

**Therefore, the injury risk thresholds are to be derived from this risk curve.**

**20% risk of tibia fracture:**

**50% risk of tibia fracture:**



Source: Pastor C. (2009)

$$P_{0,2} = \sum_1^6 M_{Max} / 6 = 235,7 \text{Nm}$$

$$P_{0,5} = \sum_1^6 M_{Scaled} / 6 = 264,9 \text{Nm}$$

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# Calculation of Maximum Tibia BM

**Flex-GT Tibia Bending Moment = [...] = 0,9977 \* Human Tibia Bending Moment – 12,325**

assumption:  $H_{TBM} = HM_{TBM}$ ,  $FGT_{MTBM} = FGT_{TBM}$

$FGT_{MTBM} = 0.9977 * HM_{TBM} - 12.325$  (from reguration curve)

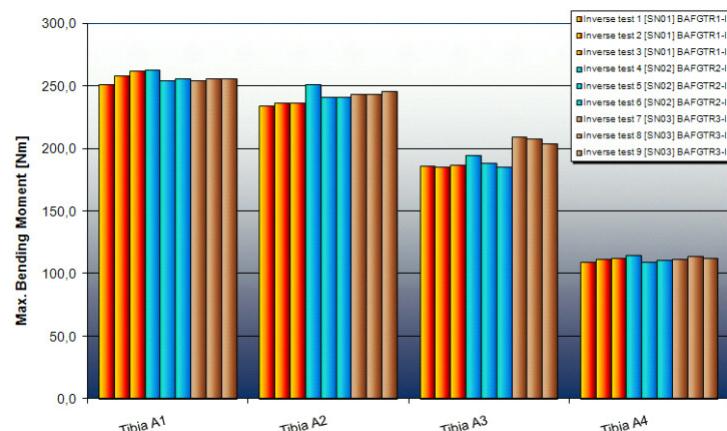
Source: TEG-048

$$\text{Flex-GT } BM_{\text{Tibia}} = 0,9977 * 264,9 - 12,325 = 252 \text{ Nm}$$

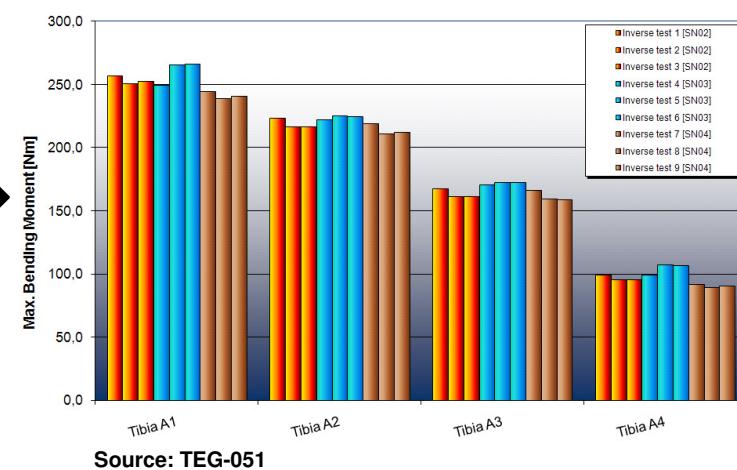
Increase of Flex-GTR  $BM_{\text{Tibia}}$  values compared to Flex-GT  $BM_{\text{Tibia}}$  :

A1: +1,83%, A2: +10,18%, A3: +17,04%, A4: +14,58%

→ Mean increase of Flex-GTR  $BM_{\text{Tibia}}$  compared to Flex-GT  $BM_{\text{Tibia}}$  in idealised tests: 11%  
(Flex-GT and Flex-GTR readings within ACEA/BAST joint projects on Flex-GT/GTR evaluation)



← Flex-GTR  
Flex-GT →



Source: TEG-051

# Calculation of Maximum Tibia BM



**Flex-GTR Tibia Bending Moment =  
1,11 \* (0,9977 \* Human Tibia Bending Moment – 12,325)**

$$\text{Flex-GTR BM}_{\text{Tibia}} = 1,11 * (0,9977 * 264,9 - 12,325) = 279,7 \text{ Nm}$$

**Maximum deviation of tibia value from mean value within inverse tests: 7,66 % (measured at Tibia A3)**

**Nine inverse tests with Flex-GTR, three with SN01, SN02, SN03 each, at 40 km/h**

Test #	Tibia A1	Tibia A2	Tibia A3	Tibia A4
Inverse test 1 [SN01]	251,4	234,3	186,2	108,9
Inverse test 2 [SN01]	257,9	236,6	184,9	111,8
Inverse test 3 [SN01]	262,0	236,1	186,8	112,7
Inverse test 4 [SN02]	262,7	251,3	194,9	114,5
Inverse test 5 [SN02]	254,0	241,2	188,4	108,9
Inverse test 6 [SN02]	256,1	240,9	185,1	110,5
Inverse test 7 [SN03]	254,2	243,2	209,0	111,5
Inverse test 8 [SN03]	255,8	243,7	207,9	113,6
Inverse test 9 [SN03]	255,6	245,8	204,0	112,6
MV	256,63	241,46	194,13	111,67
cv	1,44	2,21	5,23	1,75
Max	262,70	251,30	209,00	114,50
Min	251,40	234,30	184,90	108,90
max. Dev. from MV [%]	2,36	4,08	7,66	2,54

$$\text{Upper Performance Limit (UPL)} = \text{Flex-GTR BM}_{\text{Tibia}} / 1,0766 = 259,8 \text{ Nm}$$

$$\text{Lower Performance Limit (LPL)} = \text{Flex-GTR BM}_{\text{Tibia}} * 1,0766 = 301,1 \text{ Nm}$$

**As type approval requires pass-/fail threshold:**

**Proposed Threshold Value for Flex-GTR Max. Tibia Bending Moment: 302 Nm**

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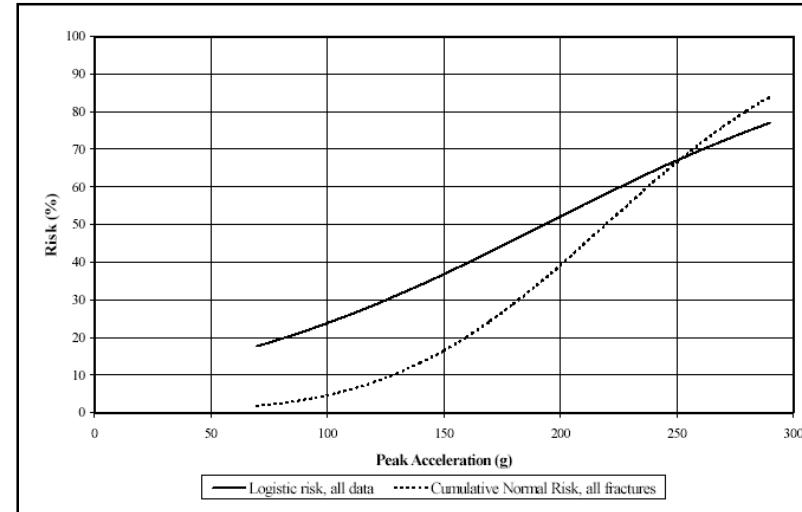
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- This study is limited to six cases under consideration of the anthropometric data according to DIN that is in line with Kerrigan et al. (2004).
- The test results of those six cases are found to be Gaussian distributed (not Weibull).
- The study is based on a 50% risk of tibia fracture, but:
- EEVC WG 17 proposed a maximum tibia acceleration of 150 g equal to almost 20% risk for an AIS 2+ lower leg fracture.



Source: EEVC (2002)

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**Thank you!**

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