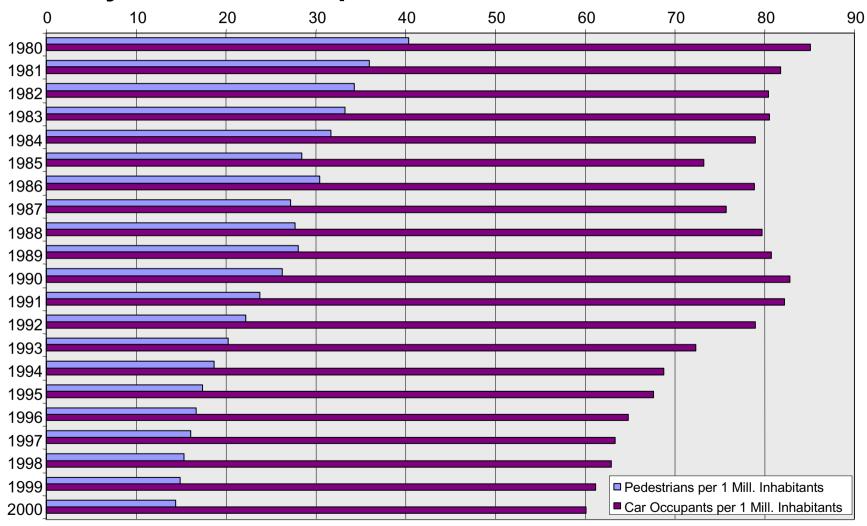
# **Pedestrian Protection in Europe**

# The Potential of Car Design and Impact Testing

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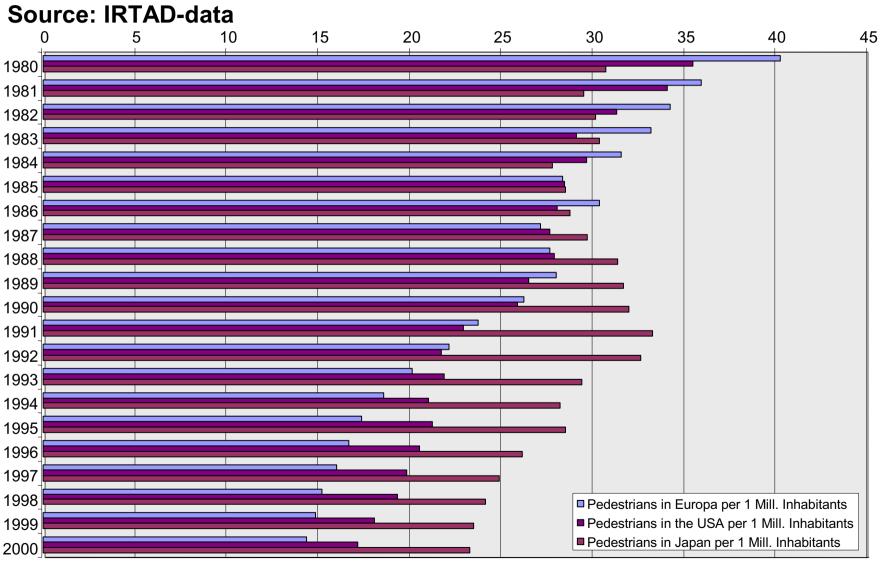
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## Fatality Rates in Europe \* Source: IRTAD-data



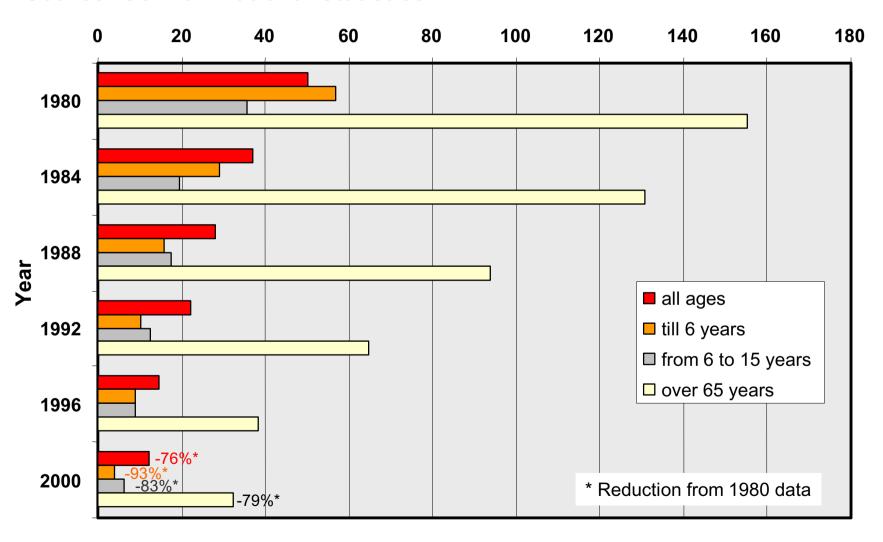
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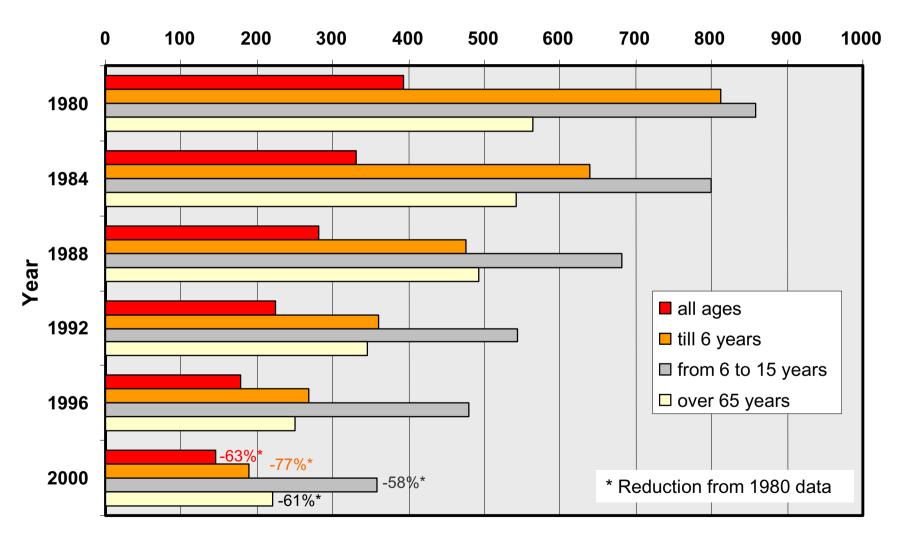
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**Source: German National Statistics** 

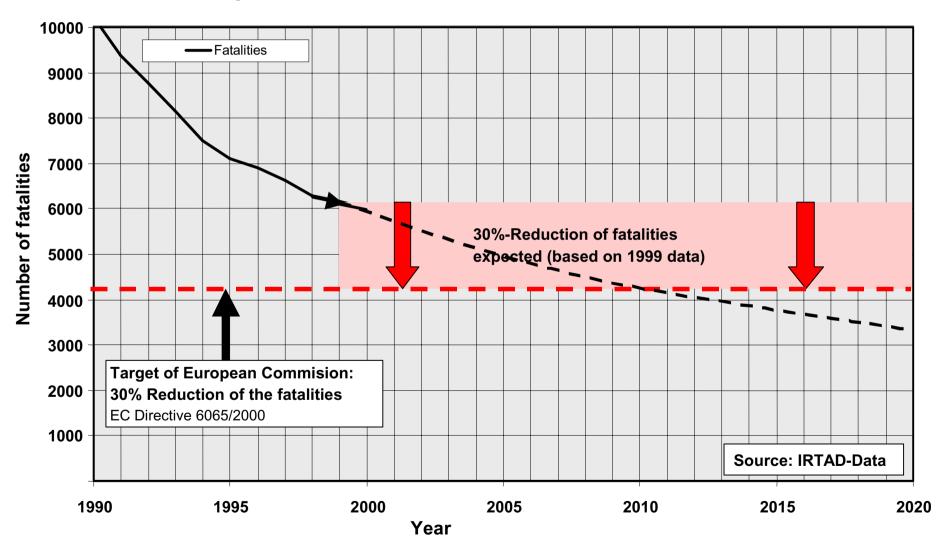


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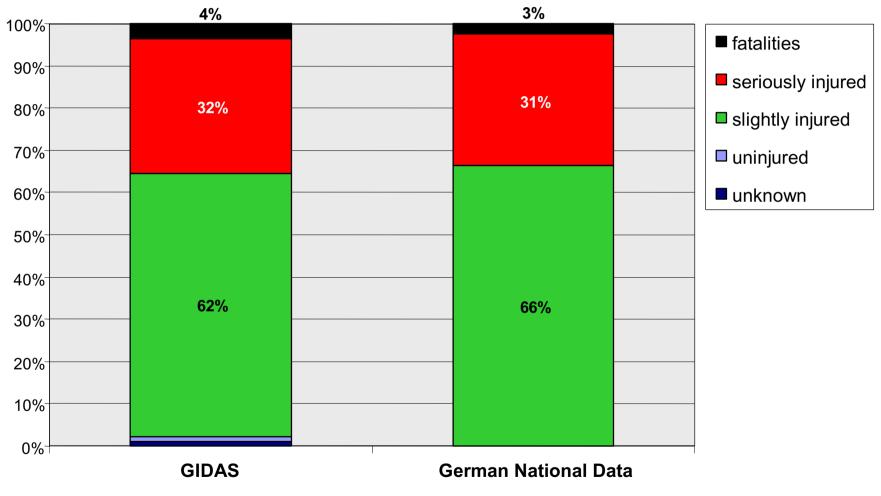


### Trend of the European Pedestrian Fatalities and the Draft Phase-In



### **Pedestrian Accidents in Germany**

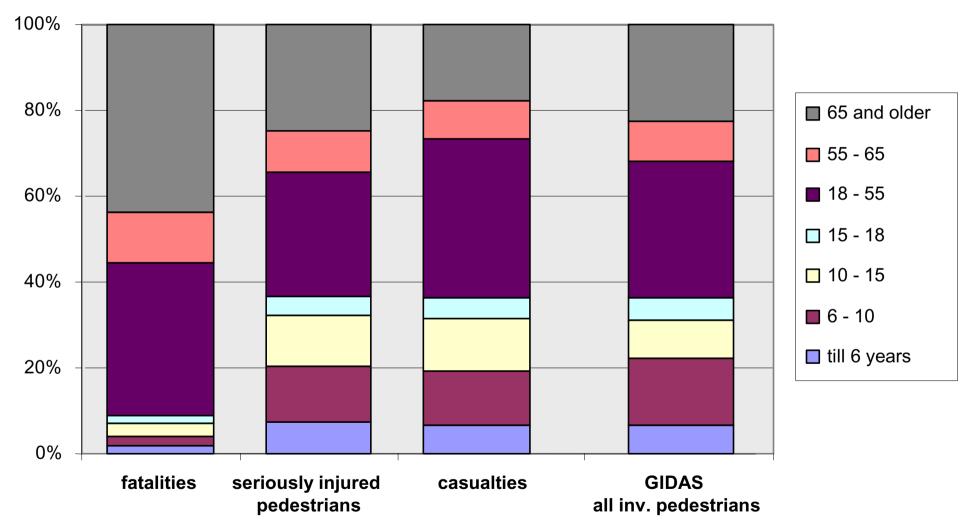
Comparison of the German National Data 2000 with the GIDAS data (n=415)



Sources: German National Data 2000

GIDAS (German In-Depth Accident Study) 1999-2001

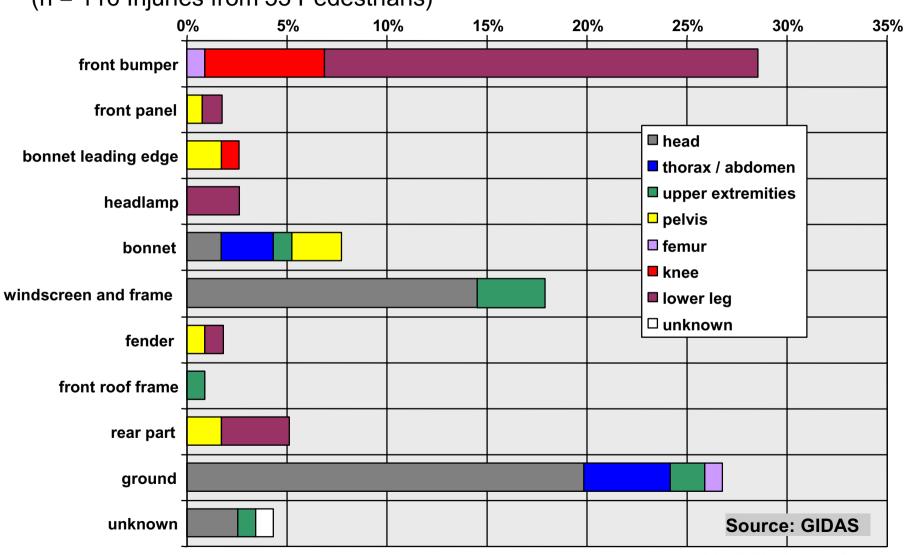
## **Age Groups in Pedestrians Accidents**



Source: German National Data 2000

### **Injuries and Contact Zones for AIS 2+ injuries**

(n = 116 Injuries from 53 Pedestrians)



# Frequency of contacts for AIS 2+ - injuries, all body regions

(front-to-pedestrian impacts, only passenger cars, all impact speeds)

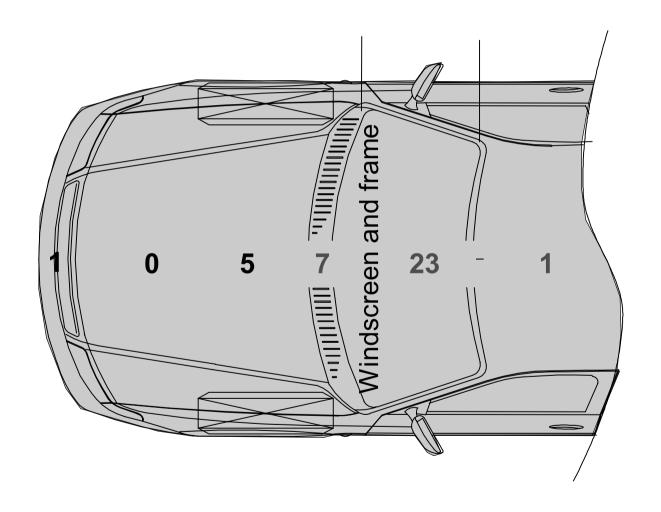
	GIDAS	IHRA (Europe)
Contact zones	100% = 116 injuries	100% = 1460 injuries
Parts of vehicle	share	share
front bumper	28%	21%
front panel and headlamps	5%	3%
bonnet leading edge	3%	10%
bonnet	8%	15%
Subtotal for vehicle front	44%	49%
windscreen and frame	18%	24%
ground surface	27%	13%
others	11%	14%

## Frequency of contacts for AIS 2+ - injuries, head and face

(front-to-pedestrian impacts, only passenger cars, all impact speeds)

	GIDAS	IHRA (Europe)
Contact zones	100% =	100% =
	45 injuries	512 injuries
Parts of vehicle	share	share
front bumper	0%	0%
front panel and headlamps	0%	1%
bonnet leading edge	0%	0,2%
bonnet	6%	16%
Subtotal for vehicle front	6%	17,2%
windscreen and frame	35%	51%
ground surface	49%	22%
others	10%	9,8%

# Number of Contacts in Different Zones for AIS 1+ Head Injuries Source: GIDAS



## Frequency of contacts for AIS 2+ - injuries, lower extremities

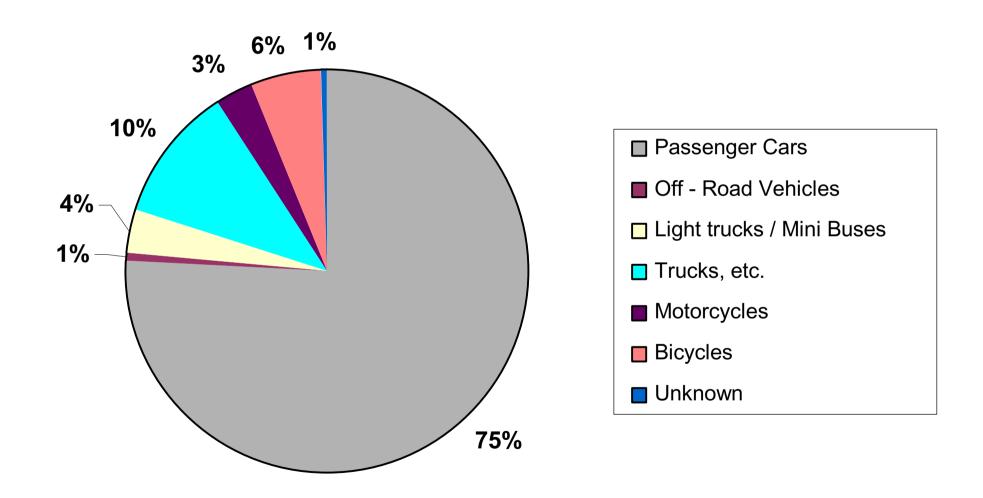
(front-to-pedestrian impacts, only passenger cars, all impact speeds)

		GIDAS	IHRA (Europe)
Contact zones		100% = 55 injuries	100% = 572 injuries
Parts of vehicle		share	share
front bumper	all	61%	52%*
low	er leg	46%	39%
	knee	13%	5%
	femur	2%	3%
front panel and headlamps		9%	6%
bonnet leading edge	all	6%	19%
	pelvis	4%	12%
bonnet		6%	4%
Subtotal for vehicle fro	nt	82%	81%
windscreen and frame		0%	0%
ground surface		2%	5%
others		16%	14%

\*including 5% "others"

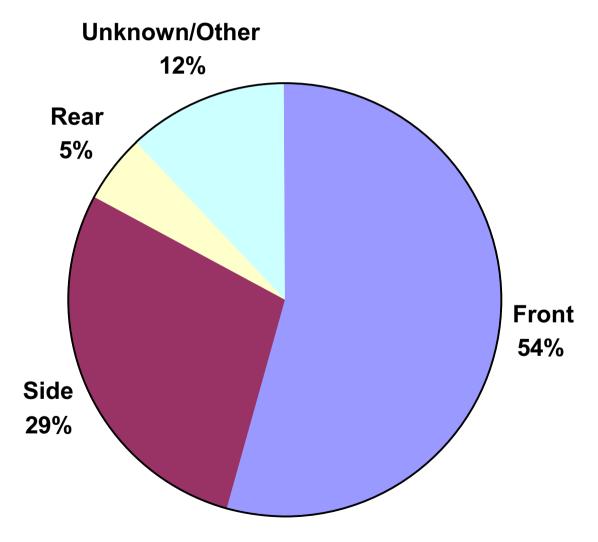
# Distribution of Vehicle Types in Pedestrian Accidents (AIS1+)

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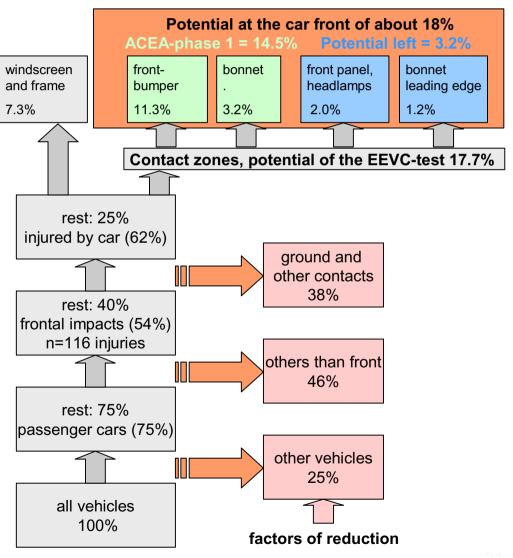


# Impact Locations in Car-to-Pedestrian Accidents (AIS1+)

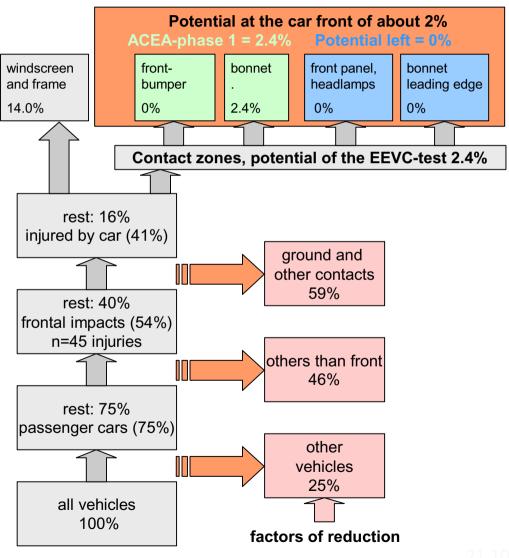
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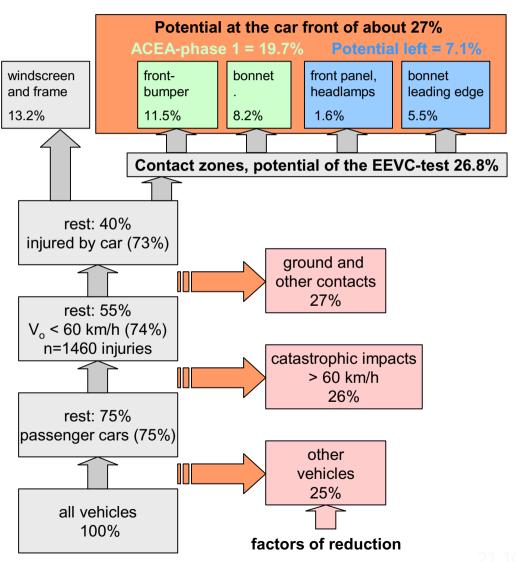
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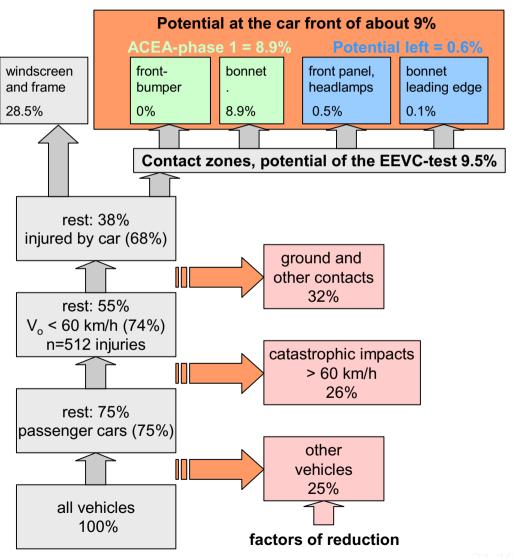
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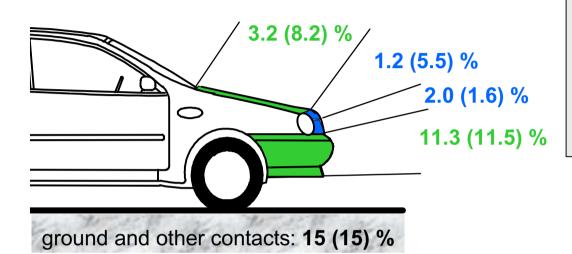
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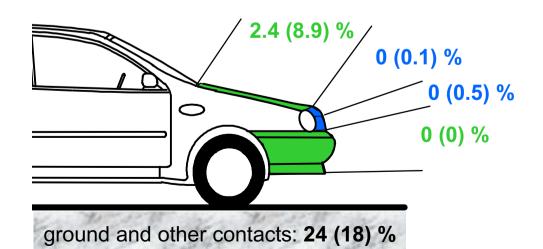
### Potential of the tests for ACEA-phase 1 and EEVC WG17



#### AIS 2+, all body regions

ACEA Phase 1: 14.5 (19.7) % potential left: 3.2 (7.1) %

potential of EEVC: 17.7 (26.8) %



#### AIS 2+, head and face

ACEA Phase 1: 2.4 (8.9) % potential left: 0 (0.6) %

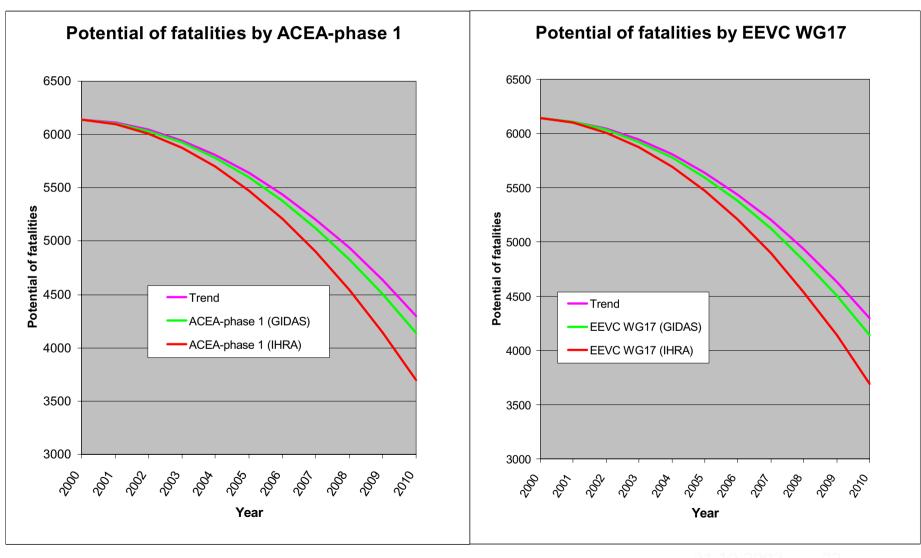
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GIDAS (IHRA) data

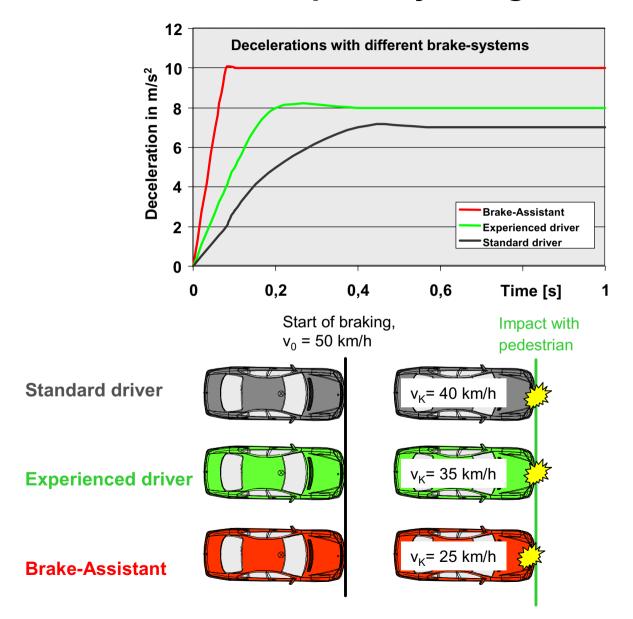
# Estimated Potentials of Pedestrian Protection Testing for Complete European Vehicle Fleet Exchange

	seriously injured	fatalities
European casualties 2000	74,494	6,143
GIDAS	<b>8.8%</b> see fig. 16 (17.7%/2)	<b>0.5%</b> see fig. 17 (2.4%/5)
Potential from ACEA-Phase 1	<b>5,363</b> (7.2%)	<b>30</b> (0.5%)
Potential left	<b>1,191</b> (1.6%)	0 (0%)
Total potential based on GIDAS-data for EEVC WG17	6,554	30
IHRA (Europe)	13.4% see table 19 (26.8%/2)	1.9% see table 20 (9.5%/5)
Potential from ACEA-Phase 1	<b>7,375</b> (9.9%)	<b>110</b> (1.78%)
Potential left	<b>2,607</b> (3.5%)	<b>7</b> (0.12%)
Total potential based on IHRA-data for EEVC WG17	9,982	117

# Estimated Potential ACEA-phase 1 (left) Compared to Estimated Potential for EEVC WG17 tests (right)



### Reduced collision speed by using a brake-assistant



#### **Conclusions**

- Internationally, the fatality rate in Europe with 14 pedestrians per mill. Inhabitants is the lowest in the world. (US 17, Japan 23)
- Based on this positive trend, the target of the EU-Commission to reduce the fatalities by 30% and the seriously injured by 17% will be reached in 2010 without having any regulation.
- The potential of the EEVC WG17 tests is less than 2% of the pedestrian fatalities and about 8-13% of the seriously injured.
- ACEA-phase 1 is a good compromise for all parties
- Upper Leg test / Adult head test have no potential to reach targets estimated by the Commission
- Accident avoidance is much more promising to reduce casualties