

SIGNS WITH SMART CONNECTIVITY FOR BETTER ROAD SAFETY

Authors	Type	Availability	Research	Findings
Houser ,Pierowicz ,& Fuglewicz (2005)	FMCSA report	Public	A report to provide a better understanding of the function of on-board safety systems and provide insight into the safety and efficiency benefits of using such systems.	Describe the concept of operations and the voluntary requirements for the use of VSS for large trucks greater than 10,000 pounds GVWR.
Berg, Niewohner, Burkle, & Morschheuser (2001)	Journal article	Public	An investigation of 109 real-life truck crashes and a crash test involving a Mercedes-Benz Actros.	Safety belts in heavy trucks have a potential to save drivers and passengers. Ejected truck occupants have the greatest probability of being killed in a crash.
Trevorrow & Eady (2010)	Australian roads report	Public	A report to improve knowledge and understanding of heavy vehicle brakes safety on long steep and very steep roads. literature review , review of crash data , and a vehicle test	Advanced braking systems offer increased safety in an emergency on steep roads due to the automatic application of the service brakes preventing roll-over or run-off-road crashes. While brake failure crashes accounted for less than one quarter of fatal truck crashes , break failure crashes were found to be more serious. Fatal break failure crashes were more likely on horizontal curves , how ever brake failure crashes on a combination of horizontal curve and vertical grade were more serious than those occurring on vertical grade alone. The main safety issue highlighted was the drivers' interaction with the auxiliary braking system. Inadequate owner's manual information and a lack of real-time driver feedback regarding the performance (or lack thereof) of brakes were identified.
Lambert & Reznitzer (2002)	MUARC report	Public	A review and report of the Issue of rear and side under run crashes.	Two major effects of underrun on the outcomes of crashes were identified: underrun can expose light vehicle occupants to the rigid structures of the truck before the safety features of the light vehicle come into effect; and damage to heavy vehicle components (e.g., steering, braking, etc.) can reduce the controllability of the truck during or after the crash. There is little evidence suggesting that improvements in truck underrun protection can not be achieved. There is some evidence that enforcement of underrun requirements and standards is lacking. Performance of front barriers must have a significantly higher standard, at least twice that of rear under run barriers. The requirements of barriers should extend to vehicles of 3.0 tonnes GVM.
Hart (2010)	Conference paper	Public	Describe the development of the Australian brake balance code of practice to guide the intermixing of brake technologies on heavy vehicle combination vehicles.	A wider range of braking technologies can now be intermixed on combination vehicles, e.g., advanced electronic controls are being connected to basic vehicles. The recommended performance level set out by the code is that a combination vehicle be able to achieve an instantaneous deceleration level on a sealed 60 km/h

Rakja ,Fitch ,Arafah ,Blanco,& Hanowski (2010)	Journal article	Public	A study to estimate the safe Benefits of deploying forward collision Warning systems across the national fleet to the vehicles. Involved the use of simulation Models.	Estimated a potential 21% Reduction in heavy vehicle Rear end crashes ,which hequatesto4,800fewer crashes on US highways per year.
Lee ,Kourtellis ,Lin ,& Hsu(2010)	Journal article	Public	A study to evaluate the Effectiveness of rear view video systems(RVS) for reducing reversing man over crashes soft trucks.	Use of the RVS increased stop rates by 46.7% In straight line reversing manoeuvres ,withincreasesof4.4%foroff set right and17.8%fordockreversingmanoeuvres. Drivers generally showed positive attitudes towards using an RVS with 90% agreeing that the RVS could reduce the rear blind spot for large trucks.