

TITLE: The Relationship Between Age-Related Functional Disability and Road Safety

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PROJECT OBJECTIVE:

To define the relationship between aging and safe driving for use by General Motors and NHTSA in establishing research funding priorities.

SUMMARY:

This is essentially a literature review of California, national and international studies. The paper identifies areas in need of additional research and outlines a proposal for assessing the level of self awareness and compensation in drivers with age-related functional disabilities.

IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The above paper is one of 18 currently under review by General Motors in establishing a research grant program on older driver research.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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