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Foreword

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Introduction

ISO/TC 22/SC 12/WG 1 has been working on the definition of a side impact test procedure for child restraint systems. After meeting the deadline for finalisation of a third DIS version and with disapprovals (by a small margin) of the previous two DIS votings, it was decided to finalise the current project with a Technical Report and to restart the process of developing an international standard.

The aim of this Technical Report is to summarise the work done within ISO, and to compile additional relevant information to form a solid base for the restarted project.

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1 Scope

This Technical Report summarises the work within ISO to define a side impact test method for child restraint systems (CRS). It presents the main background data, and experiences from crash tests carried out during the process of development. Additional relevant data are also presented.

2 Accident statistics

The severity of injuries in side impacts depends on the seating position. It can be noticed that the severity of injuries is much higher for children sitting on the struck side than sitting on the non-struck side. The share of injuries on the non-struck side is comparable to frontal impacts, while the injury probability is much higher in struck side accidents, see Figure 1.

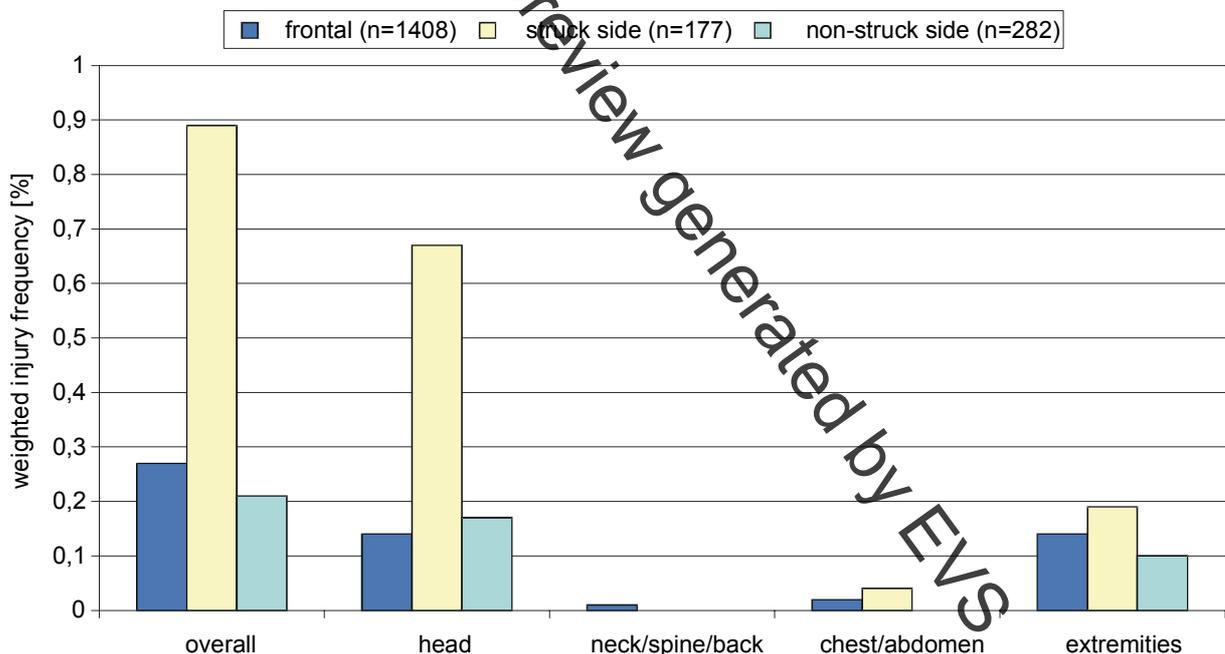


Figure 1 — Injury frequency depending on the impact direction [Arbogast, 2004]

Even when analysing all lateral impact accidents the relative number of children suffering MAIS 2+ injuries is much higher than for other impact directions, see Figure 2.