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COST 327

Motorcycle Safety Helmets

Project details	
Domain	Vehicle Technology: Passive Safety
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Head injuries cause some three-quarters of all fatalities to motorcyclists, while about one quarter of all injured riders suffer a head injury. COST 327 was formed to investigate in detail, motorcyclists' head and neck injuries.

The COST 327 action was established with seven research topics, with a timetable and four main objectives, all to be achieved using a wide range of European experience to determine or modify national approaches.

Topics:

- Literature review
- Accident data collection
- Headform assessment
- Reconstruction of helmet accident damage
- Mathematical model of the skull, brain, neck, and helmet
- Human tolerance to injury
- Development of test procedures

Objectives:

- The first was to establish the distribution and severity of injuries experienced by motorcyclists, concentrating on the head and neck.
- The second was to determine the most significant head and neck injury mechanisms.
- Thirdly, the tolerance of the human head, brain and neck to these injuries and injury mechanisms was to be established.
- The overall findings were to be used to propose a specification for future testing of motorcycle helmets in Europe.

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