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Latin NCAP 2020 – 2023 Protocols update – COVID 19

The current situation in the world as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, challenges the whole humanity. Disruptions to “regular” processes affects “regular” timing resulting in direct and indirect impact to all human beings and all human activity.

Travel and logistic operations restrictions have affected activities at all levels. Social distancing restrictions has also challenged the usual operation of crash test facilities, technical working groups and meetings. .

Latin NCAP Considers that Safety improvements should not stop and should not be delayed. However under this new scenario, many of the tests and developments planned for 2020 and 2021 will be affected in an estimated timeframe of 6 months to a year. With the New Protocols (2019-2023) already in place, Latin NCAP has decided to implement an extension of the duration of the new protocols and their updates for an additional 12 months. Intermediate adjustments have also been developed to prevent a negative impact of the extension proposed over key elements of passive safety, essential for consumers in the region. As a consequence, Latin NCAP protocols have been updated in timing and published. Latin NCAP considers that this crisis requires a timely action.

The changes introduced are summarized in the following points:

- The adjustments of the thresholds required for each star rating level in each safety box will now be updated 12 months later than initially proposed in the original protocol. (Before the COVID: 2020 - 2021 and 2022 - 2023, after COVID: 2020- 2022 and 2023 - 2024)
- The AEB VRU protocol to be developed along 2020 and 2021 based in the Euro NCAP protocol, has now been extended until December 2022.
- Updates were introduced to the HPD assessment in order to maintain the planned times to improve side impact protection.
- The completion of the 2020 protocols initially proposed for December 2023, is now extended until December 2024.

The list of updated protocols:

- Latin NCAP AOP Protocol 2020 v1.1.2
- Latin NCAP COP Protocol 2020 v1.1.2
- Latin NCAP PP Protocol 2020 v1.1.2
- Latin NCAP safety Assist Protocol 2020 v1.1.2
- Latin NCAP Overall Rating 2020 v1.1.2
- Latin NCAP Moose Test Testing Protocol 2020 v1.0.1
- Latin NCAP CSSTR Protocol 2020 v1.1.2
- Latin NCAP Testing Protocols 2020 v1.0.2