

GLASS PERFORMANCE DAYS 2025

SIMULATION OF WINDSHIELD PERFORMANCE ACROSS DIVERSE LAMINATE THICKNESSES, GLASS COMPOSITIONS, AND DESIGNS



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Background

- Industry Standard - Pedestrian Protection Test
- Conventional Windshield: 2.1/1.6mm SLG
 - Well studied performance
 - Established simulation approaches
 - Not changed since 1960s



<https://www.euroncap.com/en/car-safety/the-ratings-explained/vulnerable-road-user-vru-protection/head-impact/>

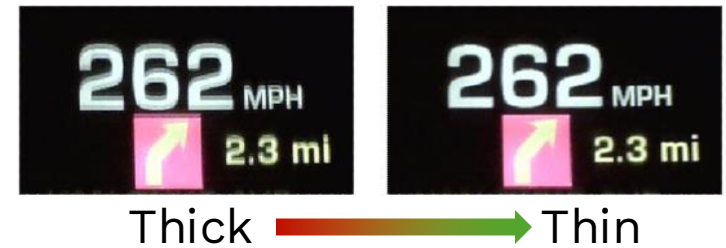


Does it address needs of modern vehicles?

Background

Pressing need in innovative windshields solutions

- Replacement cost rise → **Enhanced Durability**
- Optical Performance → **Thin, Excellent optics**
- CO₂ reduction and fuel economy → **Lightweight**



Leonhard, T., Cleary, T., Moore, M., Seyler, S. et al., "Novel Lightweight Laminate Concept with Ultrathin Chemically Strengthened Glass for Automotive Windshields," *SAE Int. J. Passeng. Cars - Mech. Syst.* 8(1):2015, doi:10.4271/2015-01-1376.



Background

Corning® Fusion5® and Corning® Gorilla® compositions in asymmetric windshields address industry needs

- **Enhanced Durability**

- 2-6 times better sharp impact resistance
- 5x better scratch performance
- >2x better thermal shock resistance



What about the performance in the Pedestrian Protection test?

- **Thin and Excellent Optics**

- Less thickness (0.7 mm)
- 2x lower optical distortion over SLG
- > 2x lower optics decay



Photos with shadowgraph at 60 degrees tilt

- **Lightweight**

- 12% lower density (Fusion5® vs. SLG) + weight savings due to thinner glass

Modeling Approach

Laminated Glass:

- Glass: shell elements
- PVB: solid elements

Head-form:

- Brainpan
- Skin

Glass Failure Criterion:

- Proposed by Pyttel* et al. non-local failure criterion with parameters:
 - Critical Tensile and Compressive Stress f_c, f_t
 - Critical Radius R_{cr}
 - Critical Energy E_{cr}

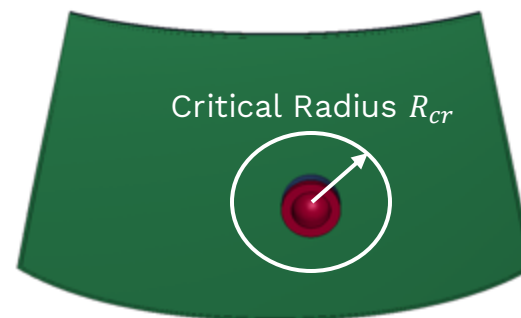
Implemented in MAT_280
LS-DYNA Software

Rankine failure criterion is violated : $-f_c < \{\sigma_1, \sigma_2\} < f_t$

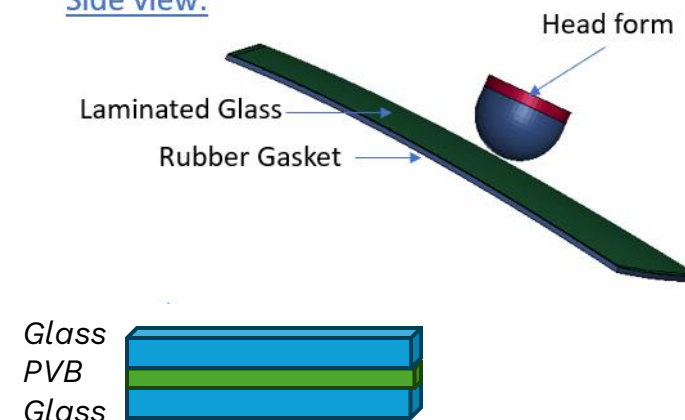
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Internal energy E inside a circle R_{cr} exceeds E_{cr}

Front view:



Side view:



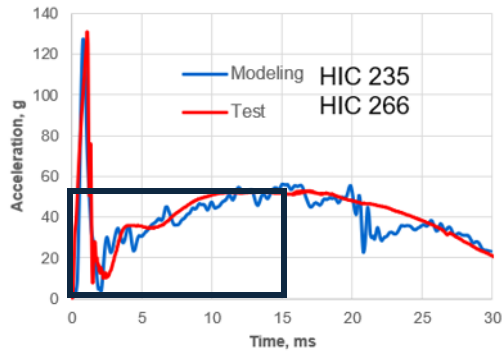
(*) Failure criterion for laminated glass under impact loading and its application in finite element simulation; T. Pyttel, H. Lieberz, J. Cai

Validation

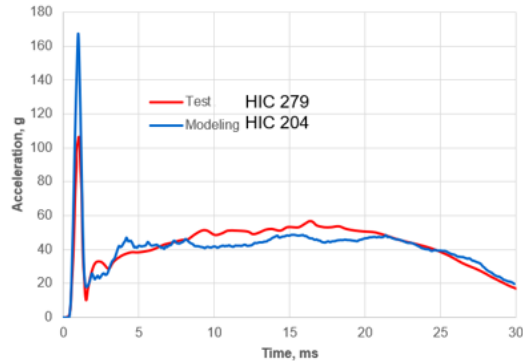
$$HIC = \max_{t_1, t_2} \left\{ (t_2 - t_1) \cdot \left[\frac{1}{t_2 - t_1} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} a(t) dt \right]^{2.5} \right\}$$

Shape

Shape 1



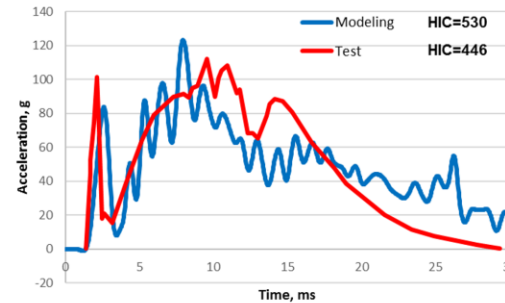
Shape 2



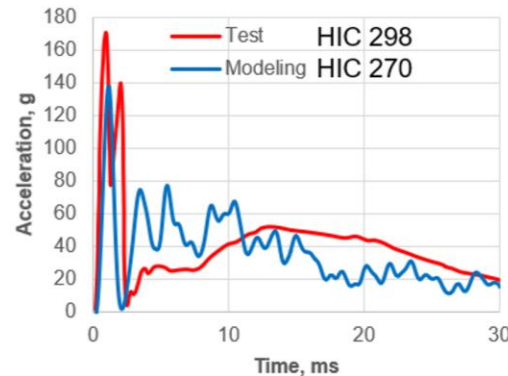
**Accuracy is independent
on windshield shape**

Glass Composition

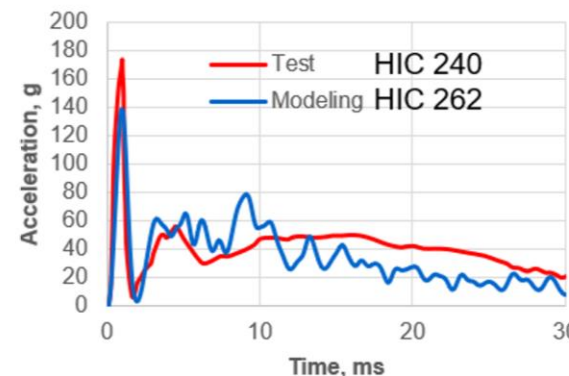
2.1 mm SLG/ 0.76 mm PVB/ 0.7 mm Gorilla® Glass



3.0 mm Fusion5®/0.76 mm PVB/1.6 mm SLG



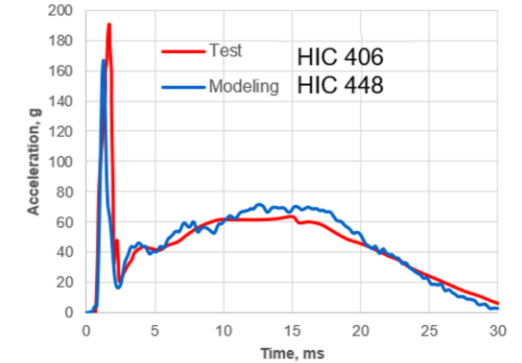
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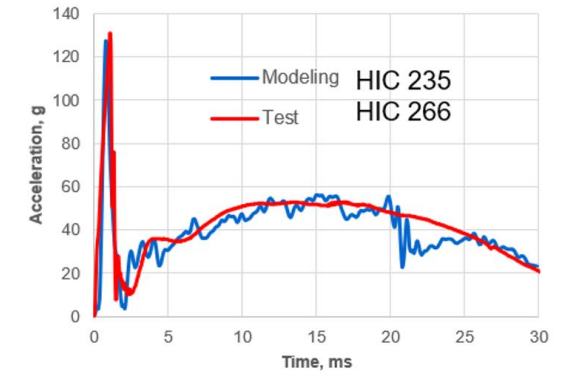
**Well predicted performance for various
compositions and thicknesses**

Head-Form Type

Child Head



Adult Head

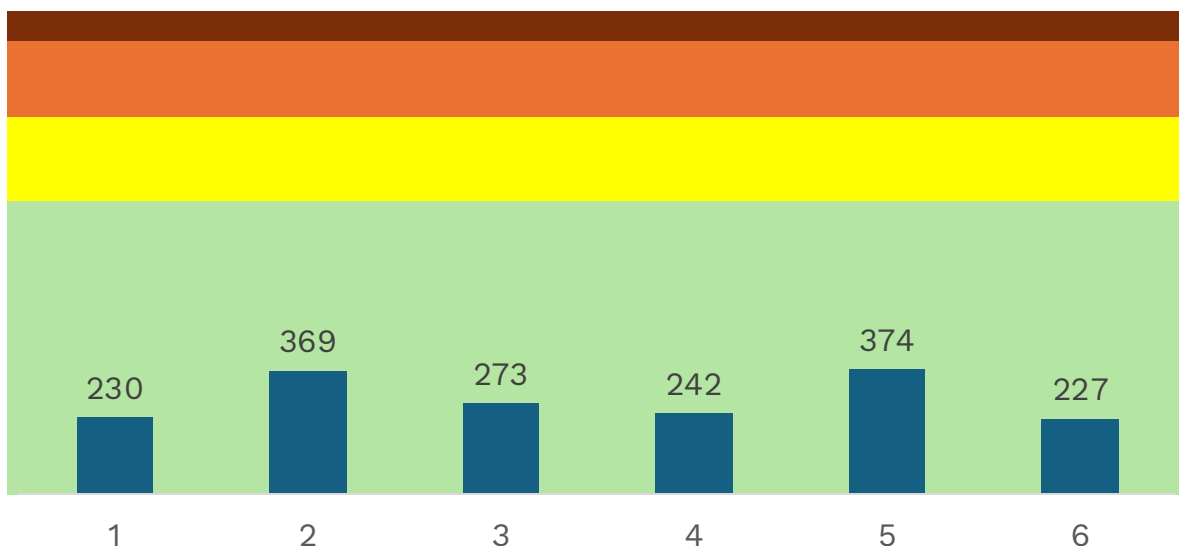


**Accurate for all
head-form types**

Evaluation of Asymmetric Windshield Constructions

Explore performance in the pedestrian protection test:

1. 2.1 mm SLG/ 0.76 mm PVB / 1.6 mm SLG ← Conventional windshield
 2. 3.3 mm Fusion5® / 0.76 mm PVB / 0.7 mm Gorilla® Glass
 3. 3.3 mm Fusion5® / 0.76 mm PVB / 1.2 mm Fusion5®
 4. 2.7 mm Fusion5® / 0.76 mm PVB / 1.6 mm SLG
 5. 1.8 mm Fusion5® / 0.76 mm PVB / 0.7 mm Gorilla® Glass
 6. 2.1 mm Fusion5® / 0.76 mm PVB / 1.6 mm SLG
- Asymmetric laminates with novel glass compositions for windshields

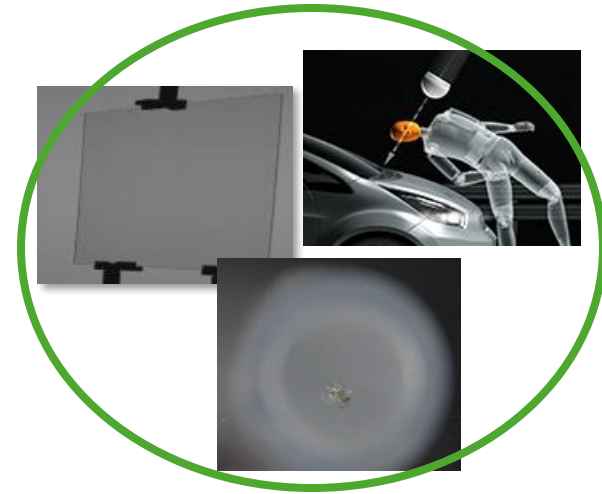


- All HIC values <650 – highest test score
- Almost the same results as conventional WS
- Little effect on the performance in pedestrian protection test



Summary

- Corning® Fusion5® and Corning® Gorilla® glass address industry needs
- Novel constructions benefits:
 - Superior sharp impact, scratch and thermal shock resistance
 - Thin and excellent optics
 - Lightweight
- Robust Pedestrian Protection Test modeling approach demonstrates the little effect of novel constructions on the test result



Conclusion

Interested in Corning Auto-Exterior glass for your product or collaboration?

Let's get in touch!

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The background of the entire image is a close-up photograph of several vertical glass tubes standing on a surface of fine, multi-colored sand. The sand has shades of teal, orange, and brown. The glass tubes are clear and reflect the ambient light, which has a warm, golden-orange hue. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is centered over the image, containing the event's logo and text.

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