

Press Release

International Expert Organization to Support Working Group on Truck Safety

DEKRA Affiliated Member in Euro NCAP

- Organization has been active in the field for more than 90 years
- Experts are committed to contribute their experience
- DEKRA Accident Research and Technology Center in close cooperation

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The international expert organization DEKRA has joined the European New Car Assessment Programme (Euro NCAP) as an affiliated member. Experts from DEKRA Accident Research and DEKRA Technology Center are set to support the Euro NCAP working group on truck safety. In addition, they are committed to contributing to the strategy of Euro NCAP on truck safety by sharing accident data, test data and research findings.

“DEKRA has been working on commercial vehicle safety ever since its foundation more than 90 years ago. Improving road safety has been at the heart of our daily work since 1925”, says Jann Fehlauer, Managing Director of DEKRA Automobil GmbH. “So when Euro NCAP were looking for support in the field of truck safety, it was immediately clear that we were going to contribute whatever we can for the common goal.”

“We are excited to partner with DEKRA,” says Michiel van Ratingen, Secretary General of Euro NCAP. “Recent advances in vehicle safety include both active safety systems, which help prevent crashes, and passive safety systems, which help to mitigate their effects. These systems are also available for commercial vehicles, however, vans, lorries and trucks are still much lagging behind on safety compared to the passenger cars rated by Euro NCAP. DEKRA has longstanding expertise in safety of commercial vehicles and can provide first-class technical support in the development of test methodologies and rating methods.”

DEKRA Accident Research, based in DEKRA’s Stuttgart headquarters, bring their more than four decades of experience to the table. Since 1978, the team has been intensively involved in analyzing real-life accident situations, aiming at drawing conclusions for road safety. As well as using DEKRA’s own accident database, which is based on information from the organization’s accident analysis reports, DEKRA Accident Research is a member of GIDAS (German In-Depth Accident Study) and is involved in IRTAD (International Road Traffic Accident Database). “As a neutral and independent institution, DEKRA enjoys excellent reputation with

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the public, with the automotive industry and with governments and authorities”, says Jann Fehlauer.

As well as in other projects like the annual DEKRA Road Safety Report, the accident experts will be working closely with other departments within DEKRA in their support for Euro NCAP, first and foremost with their colleagues at the DEKRA Technology Center. At its test site at the Lausitzring racetrack in Klettwitz and its crash site in Neumünster, the DEKRA Technology Center offers destructive and non-destructive component and whole-vehicle testing for all vehicle classes, as well as tests of infrastructure facilities. “At our 540-hectare test site in Klettwitz, the necessary conditions are in place to develop new test procedures for driver assistance systems in a safe environment that is also suitable for heavy commercial vehicles”, says the DEKRA Managing Director. “We are convinced that our participation in Euro NCAP’s push for truck safety will add some considerable weight to the efforts.”

About DEKRA

DEKRA has been active in the field of safety for more than 90 years. Founded in 1925 in Berlin as Deutscher Kraftfahrzeug-Überwachungs-Verein e.V., it is today one of the world’s leading expert organizations. DEKRA SE is a subsidiary of DEKRA e.V. and manages the Group’s operating business. In 2019, DEKRA generated sales totaling 3.4 billion euros. The company currently employs almost 44,000 people in approximately 60 countries on all six continents. With qualified and independent expert services, they work for safety on the road, at work and at home. These services range from vehicle inspection and expert appraisals to claims services, industrial and building inspections, safety consultancy, testing and certification of products and systems, as well as training courses and temp work. The vision for the company’s 100th birthday in 2025 is that DEKRA will be the global partner for a safe world.