

## Subpart A—General

### § 571.1 Scope.

This part contains the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards for motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment established under section 103 of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966 (80 Stat. 718).

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### § 571.3 Definitions.

(a) *Statutory definitions.* All terms defined in section 102 of the Act are used in their statutory meaning.

(b) *Other definitions.* As used in this chapter—

*Act* means the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966 (80 Stat. 718).

*Approved*, unless used with reference to another person, means approved by the Secretary.

*Boat trailer* means a trailer designed with cradle-type mountings to transport a boat and configured to permit launching of the boat from the rear of the trailer.

*Bus* means a motor vehicle with motive power, except a trailer, designed for carrying more than 10 persons.

*Curb weight* means the weight of a motor vehicle with standard equipment; maximum capacity of engine fuel, oil, and coolant; and, if so equipped, air conditioning and additional weight optional engine.

*Designated seating capacity* means the number of designated seating positions provided.

*Designated seating position* means any plan view location capable of accommodating a person at least as large as a 5th percentile adult female, if the overall seat configuration and design and vehicle design is such that the position is likely to be used as a seating position while the vehicle is in motion, except for auxiliary seating accommodations such as temporary or folding jump seats. Any bench or split-bench seat in a passenger car, truck or multipurpose passenger vehicle with a GVWR less than 4,536 kilograms (10,000 pounds), having greater than 127 centimeters (50 inches) of hip room (measured in accordance with SAE

Standard J1100(a)) shall have not less than three designated seating positions, unless the seat design or vehicle design is such that the center position cannot be used for seating. For the sole purpose of determining the classification of any vehicle sold or introduced into interstate commerce for purposes that include carrying students to and from school or related events, any location in such vehicle intended for securing of an occupied wheelchair during vehicle operation shall be regarded as four designated seating positions.

*Driver* means the occupant of a motor vehicle seated immediately behind the steering control system.

*Emergency brake* means a mechanism designed to stop a motor vehicle after a failure of the service brake system.

*5th percentile adult female* means a person possessing the dimensions and weight of the 5th percentile adult female specified for the total age group in Public Health Service Publication No. 1000, Series 11, No. 8, “Weight, Height, and Selected Body Dimensions of Adults.”

*Firefighting vehicle* means a vehicle designed exclusively for the purpose of fighting fires.

*Fixed collision barrier* means a flat, vertical, unyielding surface with the following characteristics:

(1) The surface is sufficiently large that when struck by a tested vehicle, no portion of the vehicle projects or passes beyond the surface.

(2) The approach is a horizontal surface that is large enough for the vehicle to attain a stable attitude during its approach to the barrier, and that does not restrict vehicle motion during impact.

(3) When struck by a vehicle, the surface and its supporting structure absorb no significant portion of the vehicle’s kinetic energy, so that a performance requirement described in terms of impact with a fixed collision barrier must be met no matter how small an amount of energy is absorbed by the barrier.

*Forward control* means a configuration in which more than half of the engine length is rearward of the foremost point of the windshield base and the