
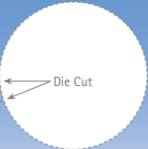


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Appendix D


“Reducing The Risk of Rollover Crashes in 15-Passenger Vans” Hang Tag


Alert!
15-passenger van drivers

15-passenger vans handle differently from other vehicles such as passenger cars. They do not respond as well to abrupt turns and require additional braking distance.


REDUCE YOUR CHANCE OF ROLLOVER

 **Check your vehicle loading**


- Heavily loaded 15-passenger vans – those with 10 or more passengers or with loads placed on the roofs – have an increased chance of rollover.
- If possible, have passengers and cargo forward of the rear axle and avoid placing any loads on the roof.

 **Check your tires**


- Excessively worn or improperly inflated tires can lead to a loss-of-control situation and a rollover.
- At least once a month, check that the van's tires are properly inflated and the tread is not worn down.

 **Check your safety belts**


- 80% of people killed in rollover crashes in 15-passenger vans were not wearing their safety belts.
- Require all occupants to use their safety belts or appropriate child restraints.

 **Check your road conditions**


- Most rollovers occur at high speeds as a result of sudden steering maneuvers.
- Use caution on interstates and rural roads to avoid running off the road.
- If your van's wheels should drop off the roadway, gradually slow down and steer back onto the roadway when it is safe to do so.


 **Check yourself, the driver**

- U.S. DOT recommends 15-passenger vans be driven by trained and experienced drivers.
- Ensure you are well rested and alert.
- Maintain a safe speed for weather and road conditions.



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