



**Latest NHTSA Timelines Shorter than SAFETEA Schedule
for Safety Rulemakings**

*NHTSA Plans Same as Bill on Merits of Safety Goals, Need for New Rules;
Show Agency Can More than Meet SAFETEA Rulemaking Schedule*

<p align="center">NHTSA Schedule <i>(from Jan. 2005 NHTSA Vehicle Safety Rulemaking Update)</i></p>	<p align="center">SAFETEA 2005 <i>(bill language for markup on 4/14)</i></p>
<p align="center">Proposed: 2005 Final Rule: 2006</p> <p>Plans to upgrade roof crush resistance and evaluate safety belt performance and failures</p>	<p align="center">Proposed: December 2005 Final Rule: July 2008</p> <p>Upgrade roof strength standard to protect drivers and passengers</p>
<p align="center">2005-2007</p> <p>“Research and rulemaking decision” on electronic stability control rollover sensors</p>	<p align="center">Proposed: Oct. 1, 2006 Final Rule: April 2009</p> <p>Rulemaking to reduce rollover crashes in all vehicles consistent with stability systems</p>
<p align="center">Proposed: 2006 Final Rule: 2007</p> <p>Side-window occupant containment performance requirement</p> <p align="center">-----</p> <p align="center">2005-2007</p> <p>“Research and rulemaking decisions” on rollover sensors</p> <p align="center">-----</p> <p align="center">2005-2006</p> <p>“Research and rulemaking decision” on improved occupant restraint during rollovers</p>	<p align="center">Proposed: June 30, 2008 Final Rule: October 2009</p> <p>Rulemaking to reduce complete or partial ejection of occupants; consider ejection mitigation alternatives</p>
<p align="center">Proposed: May 2004 Final Rule: 2006</p> <p>Upgraded side-impact protection</p>	<p align="center">Final Rule: July 1, 2008</p> <p>Standard designed to enhance occupant protection in side-impact crashes</p>