

Air Bags

Make Drivers More Reckless

A 1993 study of 206 fatal auto accidents in the State of Virginia concluded that drivers of cars equipped with air bags drive in such a manner as to offset the advantage of the safety device itself. It seems that these drivers think that having the air bag gives them so much protection from the dangers of the road they can exceed the bounds of common sense.

The study analyzed wrecks involving 1990 to 1993 model cars. Nearly half (43%) were equipped with air bags. It concludes that drivers of air bag equipped cars were responsible for a disproportionate number of those wrecks.

The Virginia study results apparently confirms the theory of "offsetting behavior" pioneered 20 years ago by University of Chicago professor Sam Peltzman. His theory suggests people adapt to safety improvements by taking more chances.

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Growing the club is a great way to expand your enjoyment. Tell your friends about us and before you know it - you'll be seeing those friends at shows.

And then, **grow** your own membership. Take the Dieter challenge! -Ed.