

Procedure for Regulating Bharat New Car Assessment Programme

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Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
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Whereas, in pursuance of the rule 126-E of Central Motor Vehicle Rules (CMVR)1989, the Central Government hereby makes the following Procedure for regulating the Bharat New Car Assessment Programme regarding evaluation of motor vehicles as per AIS 197 and based on its performance in testing and to assign star rating to the vehicle of M1 Category, namely: –

PROCEDURE

1. This Procedure is for the “Bharat New Car Assessment Programme” or “BNCAP”. It shall come into force with effect from 1st October 2023.
2. **Definitions.** – In this Procedure, unless the context otherwise requires, –
 - (a) “Act” means the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (59 of 1988);
 - (b) “Star rating” means the rating, in the form of stars, ranging from zero star to five star, assigned to the vehicles based on its performance with respect to safety evaluation done as per AIS -197.
 - (c) “Bharat New Car Assessment Programme” or “BNCAP” or “Programme”. is a programme for awarding star rating to the vehicles as per AIS-197.
 - (d) “Testing Agency” means the testing agency mentioned in CMVR 126.
 - (e) “Designated Agency” shall be Central Institute of Road Transport (CIRT), Pune or any other agency decided by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, New Delhi.
3. **Objective.** – (1) The objective of this document is to lay down the procedure for the vehicle manufacturers/importers to get their vehicles tested as per Automotive Industry Standard (AIS) - 197 and accordingly award a Star rating for the tested vehicle(s).
(2) A Standing Committee and two sub-committees shall be set up to meet the objective of the Programme.
4. **Standing Committee and sub-committees.** – (1) There shall be a Standing Committee consisting of following members, namely:-

(a) Standing Committee:

- (i) Additional Secretary / Joint Secretary (MVL), Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.....Chairman;
- (ii) CE (MVL)/Director (MVL)/SE (MVL), Ministry of Road Transport & Highways Member;
- (iii) Director, Ministry of Heavy Industries.....Member;
- (iv) Director, Central Institute of Road Transport (CIRT)Member Secretary;

Provided that the Chairman may invite Director General, Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM); Director General, Automotive Component Manufacturers Association (ACMA); or any other technical expert for consultation.

(2) There shall be two sub-committees working under the Standing Committee, consisting of the following members:

(a) Sub- Committee 1: 'Administrative Standing Committee':

- (i) Director, CIRT.....Chairman;
- (ii) Account officer, CIRT.....Member;
- (iii) Superintendent, Administration, CIRT.....Member;

(b) Sub- Committee 2: 'Technical Standing Committee':

- (i) Head, Technical and IT- BNCAP,Chairman;
- (ii) Up to three Scientists/Technical Experts nominated by Director, CIRT in consultation with Head, Technical.....Member;
- (iii) One IT EngineerMember.

(3) The person nominated as a member by virtue of an office shall cease to be a member when he ceases to hold that office.

5. Powers and functions of Standing Committee. – (1) The powers and functions of the Committees are as listed below:

(a) Standing Committee shall, -

- (i) Review the working of this Programme at least once every quarter;
- (ii) Consider the quarterly reports of the Technical Standing Committee and Administrative Standing Committee and provide guidance or directions;
- (iii) Approve amendments proposed to the test procedures and rating scheme, if any, by Technical Standing Committee, in consultation with the applicable stakeholders, if required;

- (iv) Approve the Star Rating Assessment Report forwarded by the Technical Standing Committee.
- (v) Give directions to the Technical and Administrative Standing Committees from time to time.

(b) Technical Standing Committee shall,-

- (i) Identify the vehicle model for evaluation, based on the vehicle selection criteria mentioned in AIS-197;
- (ii) Ensure random selection of sample vehicles from the manufacturing premises of the vehicle manufacturer, importer, or authorized dealer of the manufacturer/importer as per request received by the respective vehicle manufacturer for star rating;
- (iii) The manufacturer of the vehicle, thus selected, shall be asked to transport the vehicle to the Testing Agency identified by the Committee.
- (iv) Co-ordinate with testing agency to get the vehicle tested as per AIS-197;
- (v) Analyse the test report(s) received from the testing agency and evaluate star rating applicable to the vehicle as per AIS-197. The results of the Test obtained from the Testing Agency shall be shared with the respective vehicle manufacturer/importer. In case the manufacturer/importer requests for retesting, it shall be done in accordance with the provisions under AIS 197, otherwise, the Star Rating Assessment Report shall be forwarded to the Standing Committee for approval.
- (vi) Publish the approved Star Rating Report on the official Website of BNCAP consequent to the approval of the Star Rating by the Standing Committee and the release of the Star Rating Certificate by Director, CIRT.
- (vii) Prepare a Summary Report every month inter-alia including star ratings assigned to the vehicles in the previous month(s), and submit it to the Standing Committee.
- (viii) Update and maintain the BNCAP website and all IT related functions;
- (ix) Prepare a quarterly technical report, highlighting the tasks accomplished and challenges faced, and submit to the Standing Committee;
- (x) Assess and advise the testing agencies from the point of view of BNCAP requirements.

(c) Administrative Standing Committee shall,-

- (i) Manage and process the requests for testing the vehicle from the Vehicle Manufacturers or importers;
- (ii) Manage all the financial transactions required to run the BNCAP;
- (iii) Manage the internal administrative activities required to run the BNCAP;

- (iv) Hire a legal consultant as and when required for the functioning of BNCAP;
 - (v) Address RTI queries in consultation with the Technical Standing Committee; The overall score in the Adult occupant protection and Child occupant protection tests can be shared with other manufacturers, if asked for. However non-disclosure of the information as applicable in the RTI Act 2005 shall apply.
 - (vi) Prepare a quarterly administrative and financial report, highlighting the tasks accomplished and challenges faced, and submit to the Standing Committee.
6. Expansion of Scope / Future roadmap of the programme shall be finalised in consultation with the stakeholders and approval by the Competent Authority in the Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways, Government of India.
7. **Release of Certificate** - Director, CIRT upon receipt of the approval of results by the Standing Committee, shall issue the 'Star Rating Certificate' to the concerned vehicle manufacturer
8. **Record of Discussions.** – The proceedings of the meetings of the Standing Committee shall be approved by the Chairman of the Standing Committee and the records shall be maintained by the Member Secretary.
9. **Grievance Redressal Mechanism.** - All the grievances related to the Programme shall be addressed to Director, CIRT, who will respond to the queries in consultation with the concerned Committee.
10. **Procedure to be followed by Vehicle Manufacturer or importer.**- Detailed procedure to be followed by the Vehicle Manufacturers and grant of Star Rating shall be as per AIS197.
11. **Procedure to be followed by the Designated Agency.**- Based on the request received from the Vehicle Manufacturer, Designated Agency shall follow the procedure laid down in AIS197 for testing, analysis, evaluation and assigning Star Rating to the vehicle(s).

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