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## **IMPROVER** (subproject 1: Sports Utility Vehicles)

Impact Assessment of Safety Measures for Vehicles and Road Equipment

Project details	
Domain	Vehicle Technology: Passive Safety
Duration	from 23/11/2004 until 23/05/2006
Website	
Other sources	IMPROVER (subproject 2: Light vans)
	IMPROVER (subproject 3: Cruise control)
	IMPROVER (subproject 4: Road signs)
	Final Report subproject 1
	Final Report subproject 1 annex
	Final Report subproject 1 annex (list of SUV)

The IMPROVER project is a study commissioned by the European Commission (Directorate General Energy and Transport) to examine the following aspects of road safety:

- the impact on road safety due to the increasing use of sports utility and multipurpose vehicles,
- the impact assessment of measures improving the road safety of light vans,
- the impact of Cruise Control on traffic safety, energy consumption, and environmental pollution and
- the harmonisation of road signs and road markings from a safety point of view.

According to the tasks the project is divided into four subprojects.

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- Chalmers University of Technology (SE)
- TNO Organisation for Applied Scientific Research (NL)
- TRL Transport Research Laboratory (UK)
- <u>Union Technique de l'Automobile du motocyle et du Cycle</u> (FR)
- VTI Swedish Road and Transport Research Institute (SE)