

GST120

Overview

The Guided Soft Target 120 (GST120) is the most capable platform available to date for use in the testing of vehicle Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS). With a top speed of 120km/h, GST120 is the only product on the market capable of testing highway assist and drive pilot systems at realistic highway speeds.

The GST120 shares many of the class-leading features of AB Dynamics original GST design which is widely used for Euro NCAP testing. The GST120 benefits from an ultra-low height of just 100mm, capability of operating at speeds of up to 120km/h and a class leading 4.8kWh battery. Utilising AB Dynamics' proven Path Following and patented Synchro control technology allows the GST120 to seamlessly integrate with all of AB Dynamics existing track testing products.

The GST120 is designed to enable high-speed collisions to be carried out without causing significant damage to the test vehicle. It consists of a Low-Profile Chassis (LPC), which can be driven over, and a separate foam panel body (the Soft Car 360 harmonized Global Vehicle Target, GVT). When the low-profile vehicle is driven over, the wheels of the vehicle retract into the chassis to protect the suspension of the GST120 and to provide the minimum possible shock input to the test vehicle's suspension.



GST Low Profile Chassis (example)

Using electric motors with on-board batteries to propel the vehicle, the GST120 houses a control system which can accurately guide the vehicle along a pre-programmed course at a defined speed. The batteries used to power the system will provide sufficient power for a typical day of testing, though they can easily be recharged between tests by connecting to a suitable supply at the track.

The controller uses position feedback from a high-precision, GPS-corrected, inertial navigation system to allow accurate path-following control to be achieved. The time signal from the GPS unit is used to ensure the precise millisecond synchronisation that is necessary to generate accurate and repeatable crash and close-passing scenarios. The control system and software are based on the systems used by AB Dynamics in-vehicle robots, so that users already familiar with the systems will find using the GST easy to operate. The GST is controlled via radio from the same remote base-station that is used by AB Dynamics standard driverless testing system. By using the same systems as AB Dynamics' robots, the GST can be used at the same time as other vehicles, to create complex multi-vehicle tests.

Features

- Aluminum chassis wheels retract into chassis when LPC is driven over
- Electric drive system with belt drive transmission
- Electrically-actuated steering system
- Lithium Iron Phosphate battery pack giving outstanding power to weight ratio
- Battery packs are certified safe for air freight transportation under the UN38.3 battery transportation safety testing requirement
- 4-disc hydraulic braking system with failsafe emergency braking
- ABS braking to prevent wheel lock and optimize deceleration control
- Uses AB Dynamics' proven driverless control system, with hardware mounted in water-resistant casing
- Position feedback from Inertial Navigation System with GPS correction
- Accurate path-following and speed control capability
- Synchro software allows coordinated motion with other vehicles (either driven manually or equipped with AB Dynamics driving robots)







Performance/Dimensions

| Maximum acceleration | 0.25g (with soft car body fitted) |
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| Maximum deceleration | 0.8g |
| Maximum lateral acceleration | 0.4 – 0.5g |
| LPC Length | 3154mm |
| LPC Width | 1680mm |
| LPC Height (suspension retracted into chassis) | 100mm |
| LPC Wheelbase | 1670mm |
| LPC Front track | 790mm |
| Max ground clearance, set to max ride height | 20mm |
| Edge Detail | 22deg edge for minimal radar reflection |
| Testing duration | Full day (typical) |
| Battery capacity | 4.8kWh (removeable for shipping) |
| Path-following accuracy | Meets Euro NCAP requirements of +/-0.1m Measurement accuracy dependent upon motion pack (2cm 1SD RMS typical maximum). Compatible with OxTS and Genesys products |
| Over-run capacity | Up to 1000kg per wheel+, (optional HD version 9000kg / axle) |
| Typical Maximum speed | 120km/h+ (fitted with GVT) |

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