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#### **Europe's cars to have speed limiters** – **30th March, 2019**

# Level 0

Cars in Europe will soon have technology to limit their speed. This will be from 2022. Cars will also have breathalyzers to stop a drunk driver from driving. Cars will also have advanced emergency braking and a data recorder. Around 25,000 people die each year on Europe's roads. The new safety systems will cut road deaths.

Some people agree with features, others disagree. The EU said the features will help like safety belts and airbags did. The safety features could save up to 10,500 lives by 2030. Many drivers are unhappy. A British driver said he didn't want data recorders. He said it was like someone was watching him.

### Level 1

All cars in Europe will soon have technology to limit their speed. The cars will have speed limiter systems from 2022. There are other things that cars will have, like breathalyzers that won't allow driving if the driver has drunk too much. Cars will also have advanced emergency braking, a data recorder, a drowsiness monitor, and reversing sensors. Around 25,000 people die each year on Europe's roads. The new safety systems will cut road deaths.

There has been mixed reaction. Some people agree with features, others disagree. The EU said: "We can have the same kind of impact as when safety belts [and airbags] were first introduced." The safety features could save up to 10,500 lives by 2030. Many drivers are unhappy. A British driver said he didn't want data recorders in his car because that was like Big Brother was watching him.

#### Level 2

All new cars in Europe will have technology to limit their speed. The European Union will require cars to have "speed assistance" systems from 2022 as standard equipment. There are other things that cars will have, like breathalyzers that won't allow driving if the driver has had too much alcohol. Cars must also have advanced emergency braking, a built-in data recorder, drowsiness monitoring, and sensors to help when reversing. Around 25,000 people die each year on Europe's roads. Most accidents are caused by human error. The new safety systems will cut road deaths.

There has been mixed reaction to the safety features. Some people agree with them, others disagree. The EU said the features would increase safety. It said: "We can have the same kind of impact as when safety belts [and airbags] were first introduced." The safety features could save up to 10,500 lives and avoid up to 60,000 injuries by the year 2030. Many drivers are unhappy with the technology. They say it could make driving more dangerous. A British driver said he didn't want data recorders in his car because that was like Big Brother was watching him.

# Level 3

All new cars sold in Europe from 2022 will have technology to limit their speed. New safety rules from the European Union will require new cars to have "intelligent speed assistance" systems. These will be standard equipment on cars, just like seatbelts and airbags. There are other things that cars will be fitted with. All cars will have breathalyzers that won't allow driving if the driver has drunk too much alcohol. Cars must also have advanced emergency braking, a built-in data recorder, drowsiness and distraction monitoring, and sensors to help when reversing. The EU said 25,000 people are killed each year on Europe's roads. Most accidents are caused by human error. The new safety systems will reduce road deaths.

There has been mixed reaction to the new safety features. Some people agree with them, while others disagree. The EU said the features would make driving a lot safer. It said: "With the new advanced safety features...we can have the same kind of impact as when safety belts were first introduced." It added that the new safety features could save up to 10,500 lives and avoid up to 60,000 serious injuries by the year 2030. Many drivers are unhappy with the technology. They say it could make roads more dangerous because driving requires human judgment. One British driver said he didn't want data recorders in his car because that was like Big Brother was watching him.

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