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PEOPLE WORK FOR THREE REASONS:

- They know, like, trust and believe in the people they work for.
- For a purpose – an organisational mission, and their own goals.
- For positive feedback.

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originally developed for the US army. Designed to provide in-vehicle personnel visual and audio alerts, the control unit monitors the axis of the vehicle. The unit alerts the driver when the vehicle becomes unstable and a rollover becomes likely.

This early warning rollover prevention system may

be of particular value in reducing or preventing vehicle rollover accidents. It may also be of value in monitoring drivers during training exercises.

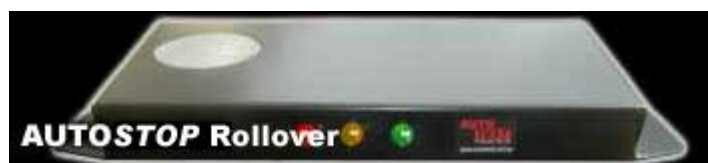


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Green Vehicle Guide

THE GREEN VEHICLE GUIDE PROVIDES RATINGS ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE OF NEW VEHICLES sold in Australia. When buying a new car, use the site to identify the vehicle with the highest ratings that meets your needs. The guide is regularly updated to ensure a comprehensive listing of new passenger cars, 4WDs and light commercial vehicles sold in Australia. Click on the following link to search the Green Vehicle Guide Database <http://tinyurl.com/3ovjr>.

AutoSTOP™ Rollover IS AN IN-CAB VEHICLE CONTROL SENSOR DEVELOPED BY AUTOTEST PRODUCTS PTY LTD. The compact, dash unit was



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Don't die for a deadline - tips for safe driving

HAVING A GOOD SLEEP IS THE ONLY

WAY TO PREVENT BECOMING FATIGUED or cure fatigue once you have it. Taking drugs to keep awake can make the fatigue worse



when the effect of the drug wears off.

Some prescription medications can also affect your driving. Read the instructions on the medication

packaging or consult your doctor or pharmacist to find out if the drugs you are taking will impact your driving ability.

Avoid driving if you:

- Have used drugs - especially recent use and if large quantities were taken.
- Feel dizzy or light headed.
- Are unable to think clearly.
- Are nauseous or unwell.
- Feel drowsy or tired.



Fatigue is one of the biggest causes of accidents for heavy vehicle drivers.

A study in 2000 found that 45 per cent of long

distance heavy vehicle drivers in Australia had experienced fatigue during their last trip. If you drive a truck or bus, it's crucial that you know how to identify and handle the effects of fatigue.

Why is fatigue dangerous?

Fatigue doesn't just make you feel tired. It affects your body and driving in a range of ways. This includes a slowing of your reactions, loss in concentration, and fatal 'microsleeps'.

It also makes it harder for you to recognise how tired you actually are, and therefore difficult to recognise when fatigue is setting in.

As a professional driver, you need to understand what causes fatigue and how to

pick up on the early warning signs so you can do something before it affects your driving.

Know the signs of fatigue

These include:

- Feeling tired or drowsy. Yawning. Sore or tired eyes.
- Feeling bored - Getting restless and uncomfortable.
- Not remembering the past few minutes or forgetting where you are going.
- Getting angry or annoyed on the road - Missing road signs or taking wrong turns.
- Reacting slower - Under or over-correcting your steering - Straying out of your lane.
- Experiencing microsleeps, where you 'nod off' for a short time.



This article is an extract from the Roads and Traffic Authority (NSW) website, 29 July 2004.

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