









Safety systems in vehicles

- Passive safety systems protect the passengers in case of an accident
 - Airbag
 - Seatbelt tighteners



- Active safety systems help prevent accidents
 - Antilock braking system ABS
 - Traction control system TCS







Antilock Braking System

- Prevents the wheels from locking and thus allows avoiding obstacles
- The vehicle remains under control even while braking on one-sided slippery road
- The stopping distance is usually shortened compared to locked wheels









Traction Control System

- Fast interventions in engine management and brakes prevent the driven wheels from spinning
- Safe drive off is possible even on one-sided slippery road
- TCS prevents the vehicle from skidding when accelerating too much in a turn







Electronic Stability-Program



Safety and stability in <u>any</u> driving situation





What does ESP[®] do?

- ESP[®] actively enhances vehicle stability (staying in lane and in direction)
 - Through interventions in the braking system or the engine management
 - To prevent critical situations (i.e. skidding), that might lead to an accident
 - To minimize the risk of side crashes





What is so special about ESP®? (1)

- → ESP[®] watches out:
 - Surveys the vehicle's behavior (longitudinal and lateral dynamics)
 - Watches the driver's commands (Steering angle, brake pressure, engine torque)
 - Is continuously active in the background



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What is so special about ESP[®]? (2)

- → ESP[®] knows:
 - Recognizes critical situations in many cases before the driver does
 - Considers the possible ways of intervening:
 - Wheel-individual brake pressure application
 - Intervention in the engine management





Why is ESP[®] so important? (1)

- Frequent cause for accidents:
 The driver loses control of his vehicle. I.e. through
 - Speeding
 - Misinterpretation of the course or the road condition
 - Sudden swerving











Why is ESP[®] so important? (2)

 25% of all accidents involving severe personal injury are caused by skidding

(Source: GDV – General Association of German Insurance Companies)







Why is ESP[®] so important? (3)

- → 60% of all accidents with fatal injuries are caused by side crashs
- These side crashs are mainly caused by skidding because of excessive speed, driving errors or excessive steering movements (Source: GDV – General Association of German Insurance Companies)







Why is ESP[®] so important? (4)

 Recommendation of the General Association of German Insurance Companies

"Practice shows that vehicle dynamic control systems like ESP[®] are capable of making skidding avoidable or at least increase control. With their widespread introduction a substantial decrease in the number of serious accidents could be expected."

(RESIKO-Survey of GDV – General Association of German Insurance Companies)





What are the components of ESP[®]?

The Bosch ESP[®] components:

- 1 Hydraulic modulator with attached ECU
- 2 Wheel-speed sensors
- 3 Steering-angle sensor
- 4 Yaw-rate and lateral acceleration sensor
- 5 Communication with engine management



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How does ESP[®] work? (1)

- ESP[®] analyzes: What is the driver's intention?
 Position of the steering wheel
 - + wheel speed
 - + position of the accelerator
 - + brake pressure







How does ESP[®] work? (2)

- ESP[®] examines: How does the vehicle behave?
 Yaw speed
 - + Lateral forces
 - = ECU calculates the vehicle's behaviour







How does ESP[®] work? (3)

- → ESP[®] acts: It "steers" through brake-application
 - The ECU calculates the required measures
 - The hydraulic unit quickly and individually supplies the brake pressure for each wheel
 - In addition, ESP[®] can reduce the engine torque via connection to the engine management







In what situations is ESP[®] needed? (1)

- → Examples:
 - Avoiding an obstacle
 - Sudden wrenching of the steering wheel
 - Driving on varying road surfaces
 (Longitudinal and/or lateral changes)







In what situations is ESP[®] needed? (2)

- Avoiding an obstacle
- 1) Hit the brakes, wrench the steering wheel: Vehicle tends to understeer
- 2) ESP® brakes the left rear wheel, vehicle obeys steering-wheel input
- Reverse steering input: Vehicle tends to oversteer, ESP[®] brakes the front right wheel
- 4) Vehicle becomes stable again



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In what situations is ESP® needed? (3)

Sudden wrenching of the steering wheel

- 1) Vehicle tends to break away. Automatic braking-pressure rise at the front right wheel
- 2) Vehicle is stable
- 3) Vehicle tends to break away. Automatic braking-pressure rise at the front left wheel
- 4) Vehicle is stable



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In what situations is ESP[®] needed? (4)

Driving on varying road surfaces



- Vehicle tends to break away (understeer):
 ESP intervenes and brakes the right rear wheel while at the same time reducing engine torque
- 2) Vehicle is stable





Do you drive more safely with ESP[®]?

