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**THE INSURANCE INSTITUTE FOR HIGHWAY SAFETY’S (IIHS) FIRST PARTIAL DRIVING AUTOMATION SAFEGUARD RATINGS SHOW INDUSTRY HAS WORK TO DO**

**Out of 14 Systems Tested, Only the Teammate System on the Lexus LS Earned an Acceptable Rating, Two Systems Were Rated Marginal And 11 Were Rated Poor**

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The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety introduced a new ratings program to encourage automakers to incorporate more safeguards into their partial driving automation systems.

IIHS evaluated partial automation systems from BMW, Ford, General Motors, Genesis, Lexus, Mercedes-Benz, Nissan, Tesla and Volvo. The GMC Sierra and Nissan Ariya are both available with partial automation systems that earn marginal ratings. The LS and Ariya each offer an alternative system that earns a poor rating. The Ford Mustang Mach-E, Genesis G90, Mercedes-Benz C- Class sedan, Tesla Model 3 and Volvo S90 also earn poor ratings, in some cases for more than one version of partial automation. Only the Teammate with Advanced Drive system on the Lexus LS managed an acceptable rating. No systems earned good ratings.

Some drivers may feel that partial automation makes long drives easier, but there is little evidence it makes driving safer. Vehicles with partial automation are not self-driving — though automakers sometimes use names that imply their systems are. The human driver must still handle many routine driving tasks, monitor how well the automation is performing and remain ready to take over if anything goes wrong. While most partial automation systems have some safeguards in place to help ensure drivers are focused and ready, these initial tests show that they’re not robust enough.

Scores are awarded based on a battery of tests conducted over multiple trials, and some performance areas are weighted more heavily than others.

**Soundbites with David Harkey, IIHS President**

**B-Roll includes:** Cars being driven including the Lexus, BMW, Ford, General Motors, Genesis, Mercedes-Benz, Nissan, Tesla and Volvo, Traffic, Experts Doing Safety Evaluations, Examples of How Partial Automated Systems Respond to Different Tests

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