

The Driverless Future

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- Therefore, the **only** way to realize **Vision Zero** is to remove the driver from the loop, to build driverless vehicles

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Automation Levels (SAE)

SAE level	Name	Narrative Definition	Execution of Steering and Acceleration/Deceleration	Monitoring of Driving Environment	Fallback Performance of Dynamic Driving Task	System Capability (Driving Modes)
Human driver monitors the driving environment						
0	No Automation	the full-time performance by the <i>human driver</i> of all aspects of the <i>dynamic driving task</i> , even when enhanced by warning or intervention systems	Human driver	Human driver	Human driver	n/a
1	Driver Assistance	the <i>driving mode</i> -specific execution by a driver assistance system of either steering or acceleration/deceleration using information about the driving environment and with the expectation that the <i>human driver</i> perform all remaining aspects of the <i>dynamic driving task</i>	Human driver and system	Human driver	Human driver	Some driving modes
2	Partial Automation	the <i>driving mode</i> -specific execution by one or more driver assistance systems of both steering and acceleration/deceleration using information about the driving environment and with the expectation that the <i>human driver</i> perform all remaining aspects of the <i>dynamic driving task</i>	System	Human driver	Human driver	Some driving modes
Automated driving system ("system") monitors the driving environment						
3	Conditional Automation	the <i>driving mode</i> -specific performance by an <i>automated driving system</i> of all aspects of the dynamic driving task with the expectation that the <i>human driver</i> will respond appropriately to a <i>request to intervene</i>	System	System	Human driver	Some driving modes
4	High Automation	the <i>driving mode</i> -specific performance by an automated driving system of all aspects of the <i>dynamic driving task</i> , even if a <i>human driver</i> does not respond appropriately to a <i>request to intervene</i>	System	System	System	Some driving modes
5	Full Automation	the full-time performance by an <i>automated driving system</i> of all aspects of the <i>dynamic driving task</i> under all roadway and environmental conditions that can be managed by a <i>human driver</i>	System	System	System	All driving modes

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- Vehicle will be fitted with sensors that can detect potential collisions and take action
- Firm claims 'nobody will be killed or injured in a new Volvo by 2020'

By **RAY MASSEY**, TRANSPORT EDITOR

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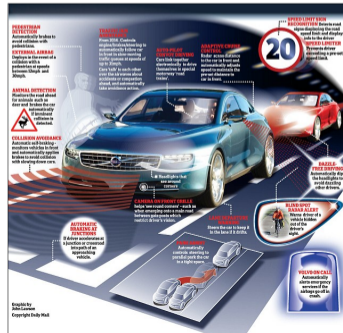
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Car giant Volvo is developing 'no death' cars that drive themselves and are impossible to crash-ready for launch in showrooms within eight years.

The computerised vehicles will be fitted with high-tech sensors and will 'refuse to be steered' into other objects.

Volvo says they will be on sale to customers by 2020, but that some of the life-saving technology will be incorporated into its vehicles even earlier – from 2014 – it says.

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- Announcements for **2020**: GM, Volvo, Ford, Google Waymo, Tesla, Uber, etc.

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Why is it going to work this time?

“We were promised flying cars”

- No need for new dedicated infrastructure
- **Progressive** introduction of technologies: (advanced) driver assistance systems (ADAS)

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6. **Jobs, jobs, jobs**

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- Parking management becomes the management of curb space (pick-up and drop-in)

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- to manage the complex and potentially chaotic **transition**

Eric Schmidt, Google CEO, said in 2010

“It’s amazing to me that we let humans drive cars. It’s a bug that cars were invented before computers.”

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