# 32nd Annual Intelligent Ground Vehicle Competition(IGVC)

# AutoNav, Self Drive & Design

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**Oakland University** 

**Rochester**, Michigan

http://www.igvc.org/rules.htm

# New in 2025

Mapping for Course and position memorization removed and not allowed

AutoNav Vehicles (only) can register & compete in Self Drive

Self Drive FMVSS 500 vehicles suspended for competition, demonstration only

HBCU Award extended

All questions and concerns should be e-mailed to IGVCquestions@vahoo.com.

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# I. COMPETITION INFORMATION

#### I.1 TEAM ENTRIES

Teams may be comprised of undergraduate and graduate students, and must be supervised by at least one faculty advisor. Interdisciplinary (Electrical, computer, mechanical, systems engineering, etc.) teams are encouraged. Students must staff each team. Only the student component of each team will be eligible for the awards. Faculty supervisor will certify that all team members are bonafide students on application form and will also provide contact information (telephone number and e-mail address) for him and the student team leader on the form. Business/Non-Engineering students are encouraged to join teams to promote marketing, sponsorships, and other program management functions. For a student to be eligible to compete as a team member, they are required to have attended at least one semester of school as a registered student between June 2024 and June 2025.

Team sponsors are encouraged. Sponsors' participation will be limited to hardware donation and/or funding support. Sponsors logos may be placed on the vehicle and may be displayed inside of the team maintenance area. Teams should encourage sponsor attendance at the IGVC.

Universities are encouraged to have more than one entry; but are limited to a maximum of three per university, and each vehicle must separately registered, have a separate team of students and a design report in a defined format. See design rules for format. Each entry must be based on a different chassis and software and must be documented by a separate application form and design report, submitted in accordance with all deadlines. All entries must have a team name and each application will be accompanied with a \$500.00 non-refundable (after 1 March) registration.

New for 2025, A team can optionally register for Self Drive and compete in both AutoNav and Self Drive.

Registrations will be accepted on a first come first served basis. Register early to assure a confirmed team entry. Registrations are being accepted beginning 1 August 2024 and not later than February 28, 2025, by registering online see registration link at <u>https://igvc.secs.oakland.edu/registration.htm</u> .Questions regarding registration should be directed to OU PACE at Professional and Continuing Education (PACE) <oupace@oakland.edu

#### International Teams Note

International(Non-United States Teams) requiring Visa Invitation letters must limit team participation to a maximum of twelve students & two faculty. Changes and additions to original submission entry are not permitted after March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

# All battery chargers must be 3 prong grounded plug compatible United States 110V duplex plugs. No voltage converters are allowed between battery chargers and IGVC supplied electrical plugs! No exceptions!

I.2 VEHICLE CONFIGURATION for Autonomous Navigation (AutoNav) & Self Drive (SD)

Vehicles must be unmanned and autonomous. They must compete based on their ability to perceive thecourse environment and avoid obstacles. Vehicles cannot be remotely controlled by a human operator during competition. All computational power, sensing and control equipment must be carried on board the vehicle. No base stations allowed for positioning accuracy Mapping or course position memorization is not allowed. Judges will adjust course between runs to nullify any mapping/memorization In 2025 both AutoNav and SD competitions will use the same type of a small semi-rugged outdoor vehicle. Vehicle chassis can befabricated from scratch or commercially bought. Entries must conform to the following specifications:

- **Design**: Must be a ground vehicle (propelled by direct mechanical contact to the ground such as wheels, tracks, pods, etc.)
- Length: Minimum length three feet, maximum length seven feet.
- Width: Minimum width two feet, maximum width four feet.
- Height: Not to exceed 6 six feet (excluding emergency stop antenna).
- **Propulsion**: Vehicle power must be generated onboard. Fuel storage or running of internal combustion engines and fuel cells are not permitted in the team maintenance area (tent/building).
- Average Speed: Speed will be checked at the end of a challenge run to make sure the average speed of the competing vehicle is above one (1) mph over the course completed. Vehicle slower than the minimum average speed will be disqualified for the run.
- **Minimum Speed:** There will be a stretch of about 44 ft. long at the beginning of a run where the contending vehicle must consistently travel above 1 mph. A vehicle slower than this speed is considered to "hold-up traffic" and will be disqualified.
- **Maximum Speed:** A maximum vehicle speed of five miles per hour (5 mph) will be enforced. All vehicles must be hardware governed not to exceed this maximum speed. No changes to maximum speed control hardware are allowed after the vehicle passes Qualification.
- **Mechanical E-stop location**: The E-stop button must be a push to stop, red in color and a minimum of one inch in diameter. It must be easy to identify and activate safely, even if the vehicle is moving. It must be located in the center rear of vehicle at least two feet from ground, not to exceed four feet above ground. Vehicle E-stops must be hardware based and not controlled through software. Activating the E-Stop must bring the vehicle to a quick and complete stop.
- Wireless E-Stop: The wireless E-Stop must be effective for a minimum of 100 feet. Vehicle E-stops must be hardware based and not controlled through software. Activating the E-Stop must bring the vehicle to a quick and complete stop. During the competition performance events (AutoNav Challenge and SD Challenge) the wireless E-stop will be held bythe Judges.
- **Safety Light:** The vehicle must have an easily viewed solid indicator light which is turned on whenever the vehicle power is turned on. The light must go from solid to flashing whenever the vehicle is in autonomous mode. As soon as the vehicle comes out of autonomous mode the light must go back to solid.
- **Payload**: Each vehicle will be required to carry a 20-pound payload. The shape and size is approximately that of an 16" x 8" x 8" cinder block. Refer to section I.3 Payload.

# I.3 PAYLOAD

The payload must be securely mounted on the vehicle. If the payload falls off the vehicle during a run, the run will be terminated. The payload specifications are as follows: 18 inches long, 8 inches wide, 8 inches high and a weight of 20 pounds.

#### **I.4 QUALIFICATION**

All vehicles must pass Qualification to receive standard award money in the Design Competition and compete in the Auto Nav performance events. To complete Qualification the vehicle must pass/perform all of the following criteria.

- Length: The vehicle will be measured to ensure that it is over the minimum of three feet long and under the maximum of seven feet long.
- Width: The vehicle will be measured to ensure that it is over the minimum of two feet wide and

under the maximum of four feet wide.

- **Height**: The vehicle will be measured to ensure that it does not to exceed six feet high; this excludes emergency stop antennas.
- **Mechanical E-stop**: The mechanical E-stop will be checked for location to ensure it is located on the center rear of vehicle a minimum of two feet high and a maximum of four feet high and for functionality.
- Wireless E-Stop: The wireless E-Stop will be checked to ensure that it is effective for a minimum of 100 feet. During the performance events the wireless E-stop will be held by the Judges.
- **Safety Light:** The safety light will be checked to ensure that when the vehicle is powered up the light is on and solid. When the vehicle is running in autonomous mode, the light goes from solid

to flashing, then from flashing to solid when the vehicle comes out of autonomous mode.

- Speed: The vehicle will have to drive over a prescribed distance where its minimum and maximum speeds will be determined. The vehicle must not drop below the minimum of one mile per hour and not exceed the maximum speed of five miles per hour. Minimum speed of one mph will be assessed in the fully autonomous mode and verified over a 44 foot distance between the lanes and avoiding obstacles. No change to maximum speed control hardware is allowed after qualification. If the vehicle completes a performance event at a speed faster than the one it passed Qualification at, that run will not be counted.
- Lane Following: The vehicle must demonstrate that it can detect and follow lanes.
- Obstacle Avoidance: The vehicle must demonstrate that it can detect and avoid obstacles.
- **Waypoint Navigation:** Vehicle must prove it can find a path to a single two meter navigation waypoint by navigating around an obstacle.

During the Qualification the vehicle must be put in autonomous mode to verify the mechanical and wireless E -stops and to verify minimum speed, lane following, obstacle avoidance and waypoint navigation. The vehicle software cannot be reconfigured for waypoint navigation qualification. It must be integrated into the original autonomous software. For the max speed run the vehicle may be in autonomous mode or joystick/remote controlled. Judges will not qualify vehicles that fail to meet these requirements. Teams may fine tune their vehicles and resubmit for Qualification. There is no penalty for not qualifying the first time. Vehicles that are judged to be unsafe will not be allowed to compete. In the event of any conflict, the judges' decision will be final.

#### **I.5 INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE**

Teams will be required to submit an Application Form prior to **February 28, 2025**. The Application Form can be downloaded from <u>www.igvc.org.</u>

Each Team's sponsoring institution will also be required to submit a Certificate of Insurance at the time the Application Form is submitted. The certificate is to show commercial general liability coverage in an amount not less than \$1 million.

In addition, each individual participating at the competition will be required to sign a Waiver of Claims when they arrive at site and before they can participate in the IGVC events.

**NOTE:** The IGVC Committee and Officials will try to adhere to the above official competition details, rules and format as much as possible. However, it reserves the right to change or modify the competition where deemed necessary for preserving fairness of the competition. Modifications, if any, will be announced prior to the competition as early as possible.

# II AutoNav CHALLENGE

All teams must pass Qualification to participate in this event.

#### **II.1** Objective

A fully autonomous unmanned ground robotic vehicle must negotiate around an outdoor obstacle course under a prescribed time while maintaining a minimum of speed of one mph over a section and a maximum speed limit of five mph, remaining within the lane, and avoiding the obstacles on the course.

Judges will rank the entries that complete the course based on shortest adjusted time taken. In the event that a vehicle does not finish the course, the judges will rank the entry based on longest adjusted distance traveled. Adjusted time and distance are the net scores given by judges after taking penalties, incurred from obstacle collisions and boundary crossings, into consideration.

#### **II.2 AutoNav COURSE**

The Auto-Nav Challenge is on asphalt pavement. The Course will be approximately 500 feet long inan area 120 feet wide and 100 feet deep. This distance is identified so teams can set their maximum speed to complete the course pending no prior violations resulting in run termination. Track width will vary from ten to twenty feet wide with a turning radius not less than five feet.

Outer boundaries will be designated by continuous or dashed white lines approximately three inches wide, taped on the asphalt. Track width will be approximately ten feet wide. A minimum speed will be required of one mph and will be a requirement of Qualification and verified in each run of the Auto-Nav Challenge. If the vehicle does not average one mph for the first 44 feet (30 seconds) from the starting line, the vehicle run will be ended. The vehicle will then need to average over one mph for the entire run.

Competitors should expect natural or artificial inclines (ramps) with gradients not to exceed 15% and randomly placed obstacles along the course. The course will become more difficult to navigate autonomously as vehicle progresses. Obstacles on the course will consist of various colors (white, orange, brown, green, black, etc.) of construction barrels/drums that are used on roadways and highways. Natural obstacles such as trees or shrubs and manmade obstacles such as light posts or street signs could also appear on the course. The placement of the obstacles may be randomized from left, right, and center placements prior to every run. Simulated potholes of 2 foot diameter, solid white circles may be inserted. These simulated pot holes must be avoidedor an end of run will occur.

There will be a minimum of five feet clearance, minimum passage width, between the line and the obstacles; i.e., if the obstacle is in the middle of the course, then on either side of the obstacle will be five feet of driving space. Or if the obstacle is closer to one side of the lane then the other side of the obstacle must have at least five feet of driving space for the vehicles.

The Course will be primarily sinusoidal curves with series of repetitive barrel obstacles. Two waypoint pairs for the course will be provided prior to competition. One waypoint pair will be the entrance and exit of the course in No Man's Land. The two additional waypoints in No-Man's Land will guide the vehicles to the ramp entrance in either direction.

Six (6) minutes will be allowed for course driving/negotiation.



# **II.3 COMPETITION RULES & PROCEDURES**

- The competition will take place in the event of light rain or drizzle but not in heavy rain or lightning.
- Each qualified team will have up to two runs (time permitting) in each of five heats.
- Starting order will be based on order of qualification. Teams will setup on-deck in that order. Failure to be on-deck will place you at the end of the order for the run and may forfeit you final (second) run in a heat based on heat time completion.
- No team participant is allowed on the course before the team's first run, and only one student team member is allowed on the course during a run. This shall in no case be the faculty advisor.
- At the designated on-deck time, the competing team will be asked to prepare their vehicle for an attempt. On-deck teams start in the order they arrive in the starting area unless they give way to another team.
- A Starting Official will call teams to the starting line. The Starting Official's direction is final. The Starting Officials may alter the order to enhance the competition flow of entries; e.g. slower vehicles may be grouped together to allow successive running of two vehicles on the course simultaneously.
- A team will have one minute in the starting point to prep the vehicle at the starting line and point out to the Competition Judges the buttons to start and stop the vehicle,
- The Competition Judge will start the vehicle by a one touch motion; i.e. pushing a remote control button, hitting the enter key of a keyboard, a left mouse click, lifting the e-stop up, flipping a toggle switch, etc. The Competition Judge will also carry the E-Stop.
- An attempt will be declared valid when the Competition Judge initiates the start signal at the designated competing time. An attempt will continue until one of the following occurs:
- The vehicle finishes the course.
- The vehicle was E-Stopped by a judge's call.
- The team E-Stops the vehicle.
- The vehicle has not started after one minute after moving to the start line or at the judges' discretion.
- Time for each heat will be strictly observed.
- Tactile sensors will not be allowed.
- Based on the above allowable run times, if the vehicle has not completed the course in the **6** minute time period, the attempt will be ended by a judge's choice E-stop, with no additional penalty for that run.
- Each vehicle must navigate the course by remaining inside the course boundaries and navigating around course obstacles. Crossing internal lines is not allowed and will be judged an E-Stop end of run with penalty. For the following Traffic Violations, the appropriate ticket will be issued and deducted from the overall distance or time score. Refer to section II.5 Traffic Violation Laws.

# **II.4 TRAFFIC VIOLATION LAWS**

	Traffic Violations	Ticket Value	E-Stop	Measurement
1	Hold-up Traffic	End of Run	Yes	>60 secs. to 88 ft
2	Leave the Course/Scene	- 10 Feet	Yes	Yes
3	Crash/Obstacle Displacement	- 10 Feet	Yes	Yes
4	Careless Driving	- 5 Feet	No	No
5	Sideswipe/Obstacle Touch	- 5 Feet	No	No
6	Student's Choice E-Stop	- 10 Feet	Yes	Yes
7	Judge's Choice E-Stop	0 Feet	Yes	Yes
8	Blocking Traffic	- 5 Feet	Yes	Yes
9	Loss of Payload	0 Feet	Yes	Yes
10	Too slow, did not average 1 mph	Disqualified	No	No

• **Hold-up traffic:** Must maintain 1 mph, there will be a speed check at 44/88 foot mark of the course, will result in end of run with time recorded

- Leave the scene\course: All portions of the vehicle cross the boundary. The overall distance will be measured from the starting line to the furthest point where the final part of the vehicle crossed the boundary edge.
- **Crash**: The overall distance will be measured from the starting line to the collision point with the obstacle.
- **Careless Driving**: Crossing the boundary while at least some part of the vehicle remains in bounds.
- **Student E-Stop**: Student e-stop is used if the team feels that there may be damaged caused to their vehicle or they know that it is stuck and want to end their time.
- **Judge E-Stop**: The overall distance will be measured from the starting line to the front of the vehicle or where the final/furthest remaining part of vehicle if stopped, crossed the boundary outside edge.
- Obstacle Displacement: Defined as displacing permanently the obstacle from its original position. Slightly rocking/Tilting an obstacle with no permanent displacement is not considered obstacle displacement. An obstacle that rocks or tilts significantly but with no displacement will still be considered a end of run. Judges calls are final.
- Blocking Traffic: Vehicles stopping on course for over one minute will be E-Stopped and measured.
- Loss of Payload: If the payload falls of the vehicle the run will be ended.
- **Too Slow:** If the vehicle does not maintain 1 mph minimum average speed limit throughout the course this run is disqualified.

# **II.5 HOW COMPETITION WILL BE JUDGED**

- A team of judges and officials will determine compliance with all rules.
- Designated competition judges will determine the official times, distances and ticket deductions of each entry. At the end of the competition, those vehicles crossing the finish line will be scored on the time taken to complete the course minus any ticket deductions. Ticket values will be assessed in seconds (one foot = one second) if the vehicle completes the course within the run time.
- The team with the adjusted shortest time will be declared the winner.
- In the event that no vehicle completes the course, the score will be based on the distance traveled by the vehicle minus the ticket deductions. The team with the adjusted longest distance will be declared the winner.
- For standard award money consideration, entry must exhibit sufficient degree of autonomous mobility by completing the Auto-Nav course. If a tie is declared between entries, the award money will be split between them.
- If your vehicle is overtaken by a faster vehicle you will be commanded to stop and your time will be recorded and allowed to be restarted with remaining time after the faster vehicle passes. Total distance will be assessed at the 6 minute mark of runtime(driving) from start.

# **II.6 GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION**

- Judges will disqualify any vehicle which appears to be a safety hazard, degrades the course or violate the safety requirements during the competition.
- Intentional interference with another competitor's vehicle and/or data link will result in disqualification of the offending contestant's entry.
- Damaging the course or deliberate movement of the obstacles or running over the obstacles may result in disqualification.
- Actions designed to damage or destroy an opponent's vehicle are not in the spirit of the competition and will result in disqualification of the offending contestant's entry.

#### III. DESIGN Challenge for AutoNav and Self Drive

All teams must participate in the Design Competition and submit design report in mandatory format.

#### **III.1 OBJECTIVE**

Although the ability of the vehicles to negotiate the competition courses is the ultimate measure of product quality, the officials are also interested in the design strategy and process that engineering teams follow to produce their vehicles. Design judging will be by a panel of expert judges and will be conducted separate from and without regard to vehicle performance on the test course. Judging will be based on a written report, an oral presentation and examination of the vehicle.

Design innovation is a primary objective of this competition and will be given special attention by the judges. Innovation is considered to be a technology (hardware or software) that has not ever been used by this or any other vehicle in this competition. The innovation needs to be documented, as an innovation, clearly in the written report and emphasized in the oral presentation.

The Design Challenge has three aspects: the written report submitted ahead of time, the oral presentation with Q&A from the judges, immediately followed by the judges examining the vehicle and asking more questions. Generally, the teams are divided into multiple groups with a team of 2 to 3 judges assigned to each group. The preliminary oral presentations generally occur on Saturday of the competition weekend, with each team giving their oral presentation to the judging team that read and scored their written report. The score will be the sum of the scores for the written report, the oral presentation, and examination of the vehicle. The independent scores from each judge will be averaged to compute the final score.

Typically, the top three scoring teams from each group are asked to return for the finals on Sunday of the competition weekend. All the judges will join as the audience for these final presentations, so even though the format is the same as in the preliminaries, most of the judges will not have read your report so your briefing should be different. There is additional guidance below to guide structuring your presentations. The judges will score all aspects of the finals independently of your previous efforts, scoring solely on what happens during the finals. The score will be the sum of the scores for the oral presentation and examination of the vehicle during the finals. The independent scores from each judge will be averaged to compute the final event score. The top scoring teams in the final event will be the winners for the design competition.

#### **III.2 WRITTEN REPORT**

The IGVC report (15 page maximum) shall follow a modified version of the American Astronautical Society (AAS) paper format that is used by the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI). The report must follow the outlined format defined below in Section III.3

Each vehicle must have a complete report in defined format below of its own (a report cannot cover more than one vehicle). All reports, both for new vehicles and for earlier vehicles with design changes, must include a statement signed by the faculty advisor certifying that the design and engineering of the vehicle (original or changes) by the current student team has been significant and equivalent to what might be awarded credit in a senior design course.

Vehicles that have been entered in IGVC in earlier years and have not had significant changes in design are ineligible in either the design or performance events. Vehicles that have been changed significantly in design (hardware or software) from an earlier year are eligible, but will require a completely new design report treating both the old and new features, thus describing the complete vehicle as if it were

all new.

Participants are required to submit an electronic copy in PDF format along with a scanned copy of the statement in PDF format by May 15, 2025. Everything must be e-mailed along with any questions to <u>IGVCquestions@yahoo.com</u>. Reports arriving after that date will lose 10 points in scoring for each day late, statements arriving after that date will lose 5 points in scoring for each day late. Teams are encouraged to submit reports even several weeks early to avoid the last minute rush of preparing vehicles for the competition, and there will be no penalty for last minute changes in the vehicle from the design reported. The electronic copy of the report will be posted on the competition's web site in PDF format after the completion of the competition.

The report should allow the reader to understand the design of the vehicle, including its architecture, hardware and software components, and how they interact to complete the AutoNav and/or Self Drive challenges. It is especially important to highlight your unique innovative aspects of the design and the intelligence aspects of the vehicle.

# III.3 DESIGN REPORT MANDATORY FORMAT – for both AutoNav & Self Drive

- 1. Title Page
  - University/College Name
  - Vehicle/Team Name
  - Vehicle Photo/Sketch/Symbol
  - Date Submitted
  - Team Captain's Name and E-Mail
  - Team Members Names and E-Mails
  - Faculty Advisors Name and Statement of Integrity
- 2. Conduct of design process, team identification and team organization
  - Introduction
  - Organization

The team organization and the names of all members of the design team, with academic department and class, should be included along with an estimate of the project's total number of person-hours expended.

- Design assumptions and design process
- 3. System architecture of your vehicle
  - Identify significant mechanical, power, and electronic components
  - Identify the safety devices
  - Identify significant software modules
  - Document how these items are connected and interact in your vehicle
- 4. Effective innovations in your vehicle design
  - Identify and describe the key innovation(s) in your vehicle that sets it apart from other vehicles
  - Describe how you arrived at the innovation(s)
- 5. Description of mechanical design
  - Overview

Components acquired ready-made must be identified, but their internal components need not be described in detail. The steps followed during the design process should be described along with any use of Computer-Aided Design (CAD).

• Description of the significant mechanical components

- Decisions on frame structure, housing, structure design
- Suspension
- Weather proofing
- 6. Description of electronic and power design
  - Overview
  - Description of the significant power and electronic components
  - Power distribution system capacity, max. run time, recharge time, safety
  - Electronics suite, including computers, sensors, motor controllers
  - Mechanical and wireless ESTOP systems
- 7. Description of software system
  - Describe sensor processing, sensor fusion, object classification, etc., to extract the items of interest around the vehicle (the current scene)
     Design of the lane following and obstacle detection/avoidance systems must be specifically described.
     Along with how the vehicle uses machine vision mapping techniques to perceive and navigate through its environment. Describe how the system uses GPS for waypoint navigation and localization.
  - Describe how the current scene data is combined with older scene data to build a representation of the area around the vehicle (the world model)
  - Describe operating modes used in your vehicle (e.g., GPS following vs lane following), including what causes the vehicle to enter and exit each mode
  - Describe how the system determines where the vehicle will go next (the trajectory)
  - Describe how your system follows lanes, detects and avoids obstacles, and navigates to the GPS waypoints
  - Describe how vehicle motion is generated and monitored from the trajectory
  - Additional creative concepts
- 8. Cyber Security Analysis using RMF

#### Consider the case of a rival team disrupting your robot's software in the pit area

- Describe the NIST Risk Management Framework (RMF) process to show your understanding
- Model the threats and analyze their impact
- Select cyber controls that will protect against the high impact threats
- Describe how you would implement and test these controls
- 9. Analysis of Complete Vehicle
  - Describe lessons learned during construction and system integration
  - Identify top hardware failures that would prevent competition success and your mitigations
  - Describe how considerations of safety, reliability, and durability were addressed in the design process, as well as problems encountered in the design process and how they were overcome.
  - Describe the key hardware Failure Points and Failure Modes and how they will be addressed and resolved if they should occur during thedays of the competition.
  - Provide an analysis of the predicted performance of the vehicle, including:
    - o Speed
    - Ramp climbing ability (Self-Drive N/A)
    - o Reaction times
    - How the system uses GPS for waypoint navigation and localization
    - o Battery life
    - Distance at which obstacles are detected
    - o How the vehicle deals with complex obstacles including switchbacks and center islands

deadends, traps, and potholes)

- o How the team identifies and addresses vehicle failure points and modes (Not an FMEA)
- Accuracy of arrival at navigation waypoints
- Comparison of these predictions with actual trial data is desirable.
- Describe your software testing, bug tracking, and version control processes
- Describe your SIL virtual environment simulation testing process (e.g., Gazebo)
- Describe physical testing to date (mechanical, electronic, indoors, real world, etc.) and identify key differences in actual performance compared to predictions
- 10. Unique software, sensors and controls tailored for AutoNav or Self Drive
  - AutoNav
  - Self Drive
- 11. Initial Performance Assessments How is your vehicle performing to date

#### **III.4 DESIGN REPORT Scoring**

A team of judges will be assembled to individually read and independently score your design reports. These judges will review the directions in this section and use the scoring guide in the table below. The average of the "TOTAL" scores assigned by each judge will be the score assigned to your design report.

WRITTEN REPORT Scoring	Max Points per Section
1.Title Page content and quality of the document (English, grammar, style, completeness)	100
2.Conduct of design process, team identification, and team organization	50
3.System architecture of the vehicle	100
4.Effective innovation in the vehicle design	100
5.Description of mechanical design	100
6.Description of electronic and power design	100
7.Description of software system	300
8.Cyber Security Analysis using RMF	50
9.Analysis of Complete Vehicle	150
10.Description of AutoNav & Self Drive subsystems	100
11.Initial Performance Assessments	50
TOTAL	1200

#### **III.5 Preliminary Design ORAL PRESENTATION**

The same team of judges that read and scored your design reports will be the audience for your oral presentation on Saturday. These judges will review the directions in this section and use the scoring guide in the table below. The average of the "TOTAL" scores assigned by each judge will be the score assigned to your oral presentation.

Please structure your presentation following the concept that you are presenting the final report for your year-long project to your manager, who has read your design report but not otherwise aware of your project. You should provide an overview of your project using highlights from the written report. Highlight your design innovations, your successes, the challenges you overcame, and any updates since the report was written. You are trying to convince your manager that the project was a success, your vehicle is awesome, and you deserve a raise. Some polish and salesmanship will help!

Audio or video tape presentations of the text instead of a live speaker are not allowed, but graphic aids may be presented by video, slide projection, computer projection, overhead transparencies, or easel charts. The presentation must be made by one or more student members of the team to the judges and other interested members of the audience and should last not more than 10 minutes. A penalty of 5 points will be assessed for each minute or fraction thereof over 11 minutes. Scoring will be as follows:

Judges will score the oral presentations as follows:	Maximum Points
1. Logical organization and subject knowledge of talk	100
2. Effective use of graphic aids	100
<b>3</b> . Clear, well-planned explanation of the innovations	100
4. Description of Mapping Technique	100
5. Description of mechanical design	100
6. Description of electronic and power design	100
7. Description of Software System	100
8. Description of system architecture of the vehicle	100
9. Demonstrated using vehicle simulation for testing	100
<b>10.</b> Articulation and Eye contact during presentation	100
11. Response to questions	100
12. Salesmanship and polish	100
Total	1,200

The "Effective use of graphic aids" includes the presenter not blocking the view of the screen, and simpleenough graphics that are large enough to read (block diagrams rather than detailed circuit diagrams). Articulation refers to the clarity and loudness of speaking. Eye contact refers to speaking to the audience and judges (not reading notes or screen or looking above audience heads). Response to questions means short answers that address only the question. Salesmanship refers to the enthusiasm and pride exhibited (why this vehicle is the best).

Participants are responsible for providing their own visual aids and related equipment (the vehicle itself must be displayed). A computer-connected projector will be made available. Projectors may also be supplied by the participants.

During the oral presentation, the following question period and the examination of the vehicle, team members sitting in the audience may participate by assisting the oral presenters, but at no time is the faculty advisor to participate in this part of the design competition.

#### **III.6 Design Finals ORAL PRESENTATION**

The full team of judges will be the audience for your oral presentation on Sunday. These judges will review the directions in this section and use the scoring guide in the table below. The average of the

"TOTAL" scores assigned by each judge will be the score assigned to your oral presentation.

The concept is you are now presenting the final report for your year-long project to upper management in your company, who have NOT read your design report. You should provide an overview of your project using highlights from the written report. Highlight your design innovations, your successes, the challenges you overcame, and any updates since the report was written. You are trying to convince your upper management that the project was a success, and your vehicle is awesome. Sell it!

Audio or video tape presentations of the text instead of a live speaker are not allowed, but graphic aids may be presented by video, slide projection, computer projection, overhead transparencies, or easel charts. The presentation must be made by one or more student members of the team to the judges and other interested members of the audience and should last not more than 15 minutes. A penalty of 5 points will be assessed for each minute or fraction thereof over 16 minutes. Scoring will be as follows:

Judges will score the oral presentations as follows:	Maximum Points
1. Logical organization and subject knowledge of talk	100
2. Effective use of graphic aids	100
<b>3</b> . Clear, well-planned explanation of the innovations	100
<b>4</b> . Description of mechanical, electronics, and power designs	100
5. Description of Software System and Mapping Technique	100
<b>6</b> . Description of system architecture and analysis of complete vehicle	100
7. Compelling story of why this is the best vehicle in the competition	100
8. Articulation and Eye contact during presentation	100
9. Response to questions	100
10. Salesmanship and polish	100
Total	1,000

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Participants are responsible for providing their own visual aids and related equipment (the vehicle itself must be displayed). A computer-connected projector will be made available. Projectors may also be supplied by the participants.

During the oral presentation, the question periods, and during the examination of the vehicle, team members sitting in the audience may participate by assisting the oral presenters, but at no time is the faculty advisor allowed to participate in this part of the design competition.

#### **III.7 EXAMINATION OF THE VEHICLE AFTER EACH ORAL PRESENTATION**

After your oral presentation concludes (both the preliminaries and finals), the judges will examine your vehicle. These judges will review the directions in this section and use the scoring guide in the table below. The average of the "TOTAL" scores assigned by each judge will be the score assigned to your vehicle examination portion of the overall score.

Judging will be as follows:

Judges will score the vehicle examinations as follows:	Maximum Points
<ol> <li>Packaging neatness, efficient use of space</li> </ol>	50
2. Serviceability	50
3. Ruggedness	50
4. Safety	50
<ol><li>Degree of original content in the vehicle</li></ol>	50
6. Style (overall appearance)	50
Total	300

# IV. Self Drive Challenge IV.1 OBJECTIVE

The purpose of Self Drive is to develop student, faculty and university skills and experience in high level "Rules of the Road Autonomy" which encompasses those required to develop automotive smart driving cars or defense intelligent vehicle systems compatible with current roadways and future intelligent highway systems. Those capabilities include camera vision systems, lane following obstacle and pedestrian avoidance, roadway and parking driving maneuvers, road network navigation, road sign understanding and other traffic functions. Components and subsystems currently used in smart driving vehicles are the preferred approach.

Self Drive Competition is focused on AutoNav class vehicles defined in Part 1.2 and examples below









Figure 1:

Examples of

Self Drive AutoNav vehicles

**Demonstration only** in 2025 The Self Drive Demonstration Only Vehicle configuration is an FMVSS-500/EU Quadricycle type electrical vehicles (EV) equipped with automotive drive-by-wire systems. The primary Side by Side 2- Person EV vehicles are John Deere, Cub Cadet, Honda, Kawasaki, Arctic Cat, Polaris, Yamaha, Kubota. Safety driver must be in driver's seat for all Demo Runs

# **IV.2 COURSE**

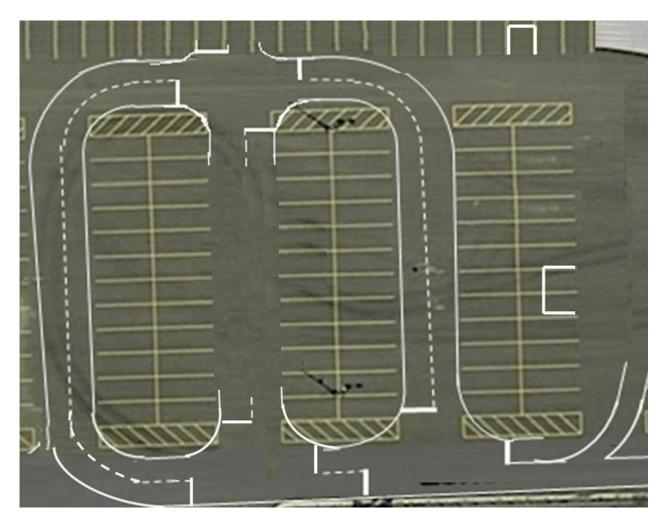


Figure 2: Self Drive Course Parking Lot 37. Oakland University

# IV.3 SELF DRIVE Challenge RULES AND PROCEDURES

The Self Drive competition aims to mimic highway and urban driving at the lower speeds for level five autonomy. The competition expects to attract future professionals interested in Deep learning, machine

learning, algorithm development, simulation, clean code development, feature and system requirements development and implementation.

At the Self Drive, teams are asked to test their vehicles similar to how automotive suppliers and manufactures test their features (here called function tests) at the test ground facilities. In addition, teams are asked to perform systems test, where all features are tied together (here called Main Course test).

All tests are conducted on the paved test track with an open sky environment. The course will be two lanes wide and each lane will have a width of 10 ft. No other vehicles or unauthorized personal shall be present when the tests are active. The vehicle's speed is limited to 5 mph.

First, a team needs to pass Qualification Tests outlined below. Qualification tests represent the basic requirements needed for any team to be successful at the competition. It is highly recommended to test those features ahead of the competition in both inside and outside environments, with various lighting conditions present. It is also recommended to develop software tests for testing your code's methods or functions in order to avoid simple bugs. There are unlimited number of trials to pass Qualification Tests.

Test Type	Test ID	Name	# of Runs
Qualification	Q.1	Lane Keeping (Go Straight)	Unlimited
Qualification	Q.2	White Lines Detection	Unlimited
Qualification	Q.3	Left Turn	Unlimited
Qualification	Q.4	Right Turn	Unlimited

The detailed testing procedures could be found in Appendix A.

Table 1: Qualification Test Data Sheet

After passing Qualifications Tests, a team is eligible to compete in Functions Tests and Self Drive Challenge Full Course.

There are unlimited trials available for each function, with the maximum score of 100 points per function. The team is allowed to keep the best score out of unlimited number of attempts. The team could choose to complete any function at random. Functions Testing have the following independent tests, outlined in the table below. For more information on Functions Testing, see Appendix B.

#### Table 2: Functions Test Data Sheet

Test				Total Penalty	Total Points
Туре	Test ID	Name	# of Runs	Points	Possible
Function	I.1	Pedestrian Detection	Unlimited	-25	100
Function	1.2	Tire Detection	Unlimited	-25	100
Function	II.1	Stop Sign Detection	Unlimited	-25	100
Function	III.1	Lane Keeping	Unlimited	-25	100
Function	111.2	Left Turn	Unlimited	-25	100
Function	III.3	Right Turn	Unlimited	-25	100
Function	IV.1	Parking. Pull Out	Unlimited	-25	100
Function	IV.2	Parking. Pull In	Unlimited	-25	100
Function	IV.3	Parking. Parallel	Unlimited	-25	100
Function	V.1	Unobstructed STATIC Pedestrian Detection	Unlimited	-25	100
Function	V.2	Obstructed DYNAMIC Pedestrian Detection	Unlimited	-25	100
Function	V.3	STATIC Pedestrian Detection. Lane Changing	Unlimited	-25	100
Function	V.4	Obstacle Detection. Lane Changing	Unlimited	-25	100
Function	VI.1	Curved Road Evaluation. Lane Keeping	Unlimited	-25	100

Function	VI.2	Curved Road Evaluation. Lane Changing	Unlimited	-25	100
Function	VII.1	Pothole Detection	Unlimited	-25	100
Function	VII.2	Merging	Unlimited	-25	100
Total					1700

Self Drive Challenge Full Course has all or most function tests tied together in a single run. Each completed step earns up to 100 points for the team.

This System test is intended to evaluate a vehicle's performance to stay in lane, change lane, detect and avoid obstacles, detect signs, merge into loop and park at the specified locations. During the official run, any sensor fusion combination is acceptable to detect any static/dynamic obstacles and signs. Fake signs might be present on the course. Below is an example of a tentative 2025 Self Drive Challenge Full Course. See Appendix C for more details.

	Test		Total Penalty	Total Points
	Туре	Name	Points	Possible
1	Function	Right Turn at Intersection	-25	100
2	Function	Lane Keeping	-25	100
3	Function	Curved Road Evaluation. Lane Keeping	-25	100
4	Function	Obstacle Detection. Lane Changing	-25	100
5	Function	Lane Keeping	-25	100
6	Function	Obstacle Detection. Lane Changing	-25	100
7	Function	Lane Keeping	-25	100
8	Function	Stop Sign Detection	-25	100
9	Function	Right Turn at Intersection	-25	100
10	Function	Lane Keeping	-25	100
11	Function	Obstructed DYNAMIC Pedestrian Detection	-25	100
12	Function	Lane Keeping	-25	100
13	Function	Curved Road Evaluation. Lane Keeping	-25	100
14	Function	Lane Keeping	-25	100
15	Function	Pothole Detection	-25	100
16	Function	Lane Keeping	-25	100
17	Function	Tire Detection. Lane Changing	-25	100
18	Function	Curved Road Evaluation. Lane Keeping	-25	100
19	Function	Stop Sign Detection (Fake/Real Sign)	-25	100
20	Function	Left Turn at Intersection	-25	100
21	Function	Parking. Pull In	-25	100
	Total			2100

#### Table 3: Self Drive Challenge Full Course

The following signs and obstacles may be present on the track during Functions Testing and Main Course.

Sign / Obstacle	Dimensions
"Stop"	24" H x 24" H minimum height from ground is 5 feet
Mannequin	71.7" height, 18.1" width shoulder to shoulder, 37.4" chest, 29.9" waist, 37.8" hips
Barrel(s)	39.7"H x 23.5"W Weight: 8 lbs
Pothole	2' diameter solid white circle or plastic mirror
Tire	Standard sedan's tire between 14" and 21" inches in diameter

#### Table 4: Traffic Signs and Obstacles specifications

The location of the barrels and/or tires on the course will be marked with the duct's tape.

The evaluation will be completed with two judges, who will track the vehicle through each test. Evaluation points and comments will be marked in the Self Drive Evaluation Worksheet. After the test completion, the test score will be reviewed with a team representative. The Judge(s) and a team representative will initial the evaluation sheet upon finished discussion.

#### Table 5: Tentative Self Drive Schedule

Self Drive	Remarks	Pre Heat	Heat	Heat	Heat	Heat	Heat
Test Plans		One Saturd	One Saturd	Two Sund	Three Sund	Four Mond	Five Mond
		ау	ay 2-5	ay 10-1	ay 2-5	ay 9-12	ay 1-4
Qualificati	Must be	Priority 9-2	As Judges	As Judges	As Judges	As Judges	As Judges
on	AutoNav	Saturday	and course	and course	and course	and course	and course
SDQ	Qualified		are	are	are available	are available	are
	before		available	available			available
	SDQ						
	initiated						
Functions	Fully	N/	Must be	Must be	Priority	As Judges	As Judges
	Qualified	А	SDQ	SDQ		and course	and course
			Function	Function		are available	are
			Only	Only			available
Full Course	All	N	Practice if	Practice if	Pending	Priority test	Priority test
	Function	/A	course is	course is	completion	for teams	for teams
	S		available	available	of all	which have	which have
	complet				function	completed	completed
	ed				tests	Function	Function
						Tests	Tests

# IV.4 Scoring Criteria

All schools are only eligible to win award money once per Self Drive; if more than one team from the same school places in the event, only the highest placing team will be placed in a standing and receive money for Self Drive.

The total score is determined by combining the total scores for functions and system testing. In case of the tie, the winner will be determined by the system's testing best time.

Results	Team's score	Max possible points
Functions Testing	cumulative score	1700
Full Course	cumulative score	2100
Final Score	total	3800

#### Table 6: Self Drive Cumulative Scoring System Example

# **IV.5 APPENDIX A. Unique SELF DRIVE QUALIFICATION TESTING**

#### **Qualification Test Descriptions**

# Test Q.1 Lane Keeping (Go Straight)

#### 1. Test Goal

This test is intended to evaluate if the vehicle is able to stay within lane boundaries, without wheels crossing the line or driving on the line.

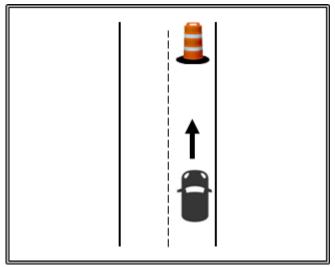


Figure 3: Qualification Testing. Lane Keeping. Go Straight

#### 2. Test Setup

The following items shall be placed on the road:

- o Barrel 1 on the side of the road to indicate a starting point at which vehicle is stationary
- o Barrel 2 about 50 ft away to indicate an ending point.
- A duct tape's mark placed 3 ft from the **Barrel 2**
- 3. Test Script
  - 1. Begin test run
  - 2. Judge pushes 'start' button
  - 3. Vehicle takes off from full stop at Barrel 1
  - 4. Vehicle maintains the target speed (between 4 5 mph)
  - 5. Vehicle reaches full stop within 3 ft (+- 2 inches) from the Barrel 2
  - 6. End test run
- 4. Evaluation

Pass Criteria - vehicle stays within lane boundaries without wheels crossing the lines. Vehicle

reaches full stop within 3 ft (+- 2 inches) from Barrel 2.

# **Test Q.2 White Lines Detection**

#### 1. Test Goal

This test is intended to evaluate detection of white lines using traditional Machine Vision algorithms. There are NO PENALTIES for crossing or moving over a line. A GUI interface with extracted white lines MUST be present during a run. This test could be performed as a stationary test per judges discretion.

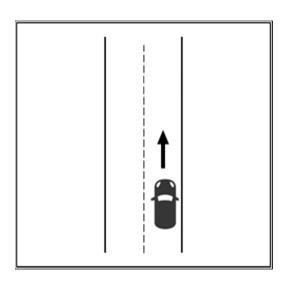


Figure 4: Qualification Testing. White Lines Detection

#### 2. Test Setup

The following items shall be placed on the road:

- o Barrel 1 to indicate a starting point at which vehicle is stationary
- 3. Test Script
  - 1. Begin test run
  - 2. Judge pushes 'start' button
  - 3. The white lines must be present on the screen.
  - 4. End test run
- 4. Evaluation

Pass Criteria – GUI interface is present during the run, correct identification of the white lines in front of the vehicle

# Test Q.3 Left Turn

1. Test Goal

This test is intended to evaluate if a vehicle is able to make a left turn across the traffic, merge into expected lane and drive within this lane until an obstacle is detected.

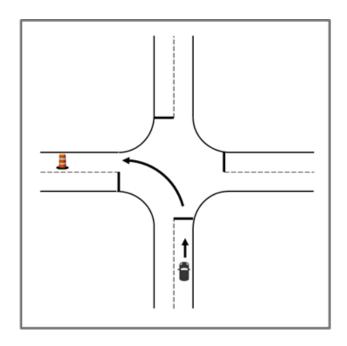


Figure 5: Qualification Testing. Left Turn

#### 2. Test setup

The following items shall be placed on the road:

- **Barrel 1** to indicate a starting point at which vehicle is stationary. The Barrel 1 could be placed near the stop bar, or several feet away from the stop bar per judges' decision.
- **Barrel 2** to indicate an ending point. The barrel is placed about 30 ft away from the stop bar in the right lane

#### 3.Test Script

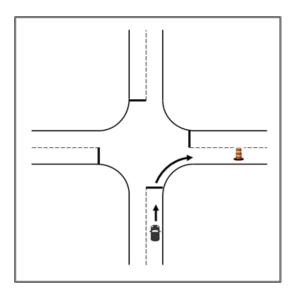
- 1. Begin test run
- 2. Judge pushes 'start' button
- 3. Vehicle takes off from full stop at Barrel 1
- 4. Vehicle maintains the target speed (between 3-5 mph)
- 5. Vehicle turns left across the traffic and merges into correct lane
- 6. Vehicle maintains the target speed (between 3-5 mph)
- 7. Vehicle reaches full stop within 5 ft from the Barrel 2
- 8. End test run
- 4. Evaluation

Pass Criteria - vehicle is able to turn left, merge into correct lane and stop without hitting abarrel or crossing boundaries

# Test Q.4 Right Turn

#### 1. Test Goal

This test is intended to evaluate if the vehicle is able to make a right turn, merge into the lane and drive within a lane until an obstacle is detected.



#### Figure 6: Qualification Testing. Right Turn

#### 2. Test Setup

The following items shall be placed on the road:

- **Barrel 1** to indicate starting point at which vehicle is stationary. The Barrel 1 could be placed near the stop bar, or several feet away from the stop bar per judges' decision.
- **Barrel 2** to indicate an ending point. The barrel is placed about 30 ft away from the stop bar in the right lane

#### 3. Test Script

- 1. Begin test run
- 2. Judge pushes 'start' button
- 3. Vehicle takes off from full stop at Barrel 1
- 4. Vehicle maintains the target speed (between 3 5 mph)
- 5. Vehicle makes right turn and merges into correct lane
- 6. Vehicle maintains the target speed (between 3 5 mph)
- 7. Vehicle reaches full stop within 5 ft from the Barrel 2
- 8. End test run
- 4. Evaluation

Pass Criteria - vehicle is able to turn right, merge into correct lane and stop without hitting abarrel or crossing boundaries

# **IV.6** APPENDIX B. FUNCTIONS TESTING

Traditional machine vision and signs detection tests require GUI interface with displayed results during the test. The Stop Sign detection test shall display a relevant classification as "Stop Sign" or "Unknown"

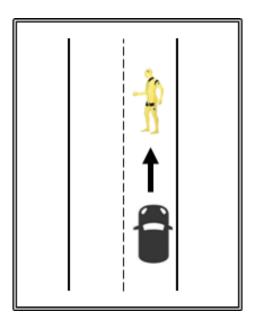
# I. Traditional Machine Vision Tests

The goals of the traditional Machine Vision tests are to foster object detection primarily based on shape and color. Traditional machine vision and signs detection tests **require** GUI interface with displayed results during the test.

# **Test FI.1 Static Pedestrian Detection**

#### 1. Test Goal

This test is intended to evaluate detection of a mannequin using traditional Machine Vision algorithms. A mannequin wears ORANGE construction vest. A GUI interface with extracted orange blob MUST be present during a run. There are NO PENALTIES for crossing or moving over a line.



#### Figure 7: Machine Vision Tests. Static Pedestrian Detection

#### 2. Test Setup

The following items shall be placed on the road:

- o Barrel 1 to indicate starting point at which vehicle is stationary
- 3. Test Script
  - 1. Begin test run
  - 2. Judge pushes 'start' button
  - 3. The extracted orange blob is present on the screen.
  - 4. End test run

#### 4. Evaluation

Fail Criteria – no GUI interface is present during the run, incorrect identification of the shape/object

Penalties - no penalties for crossing or moving over the lines, in case if vehicle is moving during the test

## **Test FI.2 Tire Detection**

#### 1. Test Goal

This test is intended to evaluate detection of a small item present in a current lane using traditional Machine Vision algorithms. A GUI interface with extracted shape of a tire MUST be present during a run. There are NO PENALTIES for crossing or moving over a line.

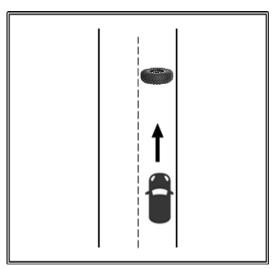


Figure 8: Machine Vision Tests. Tire Detection

2. Test Setup

The following items shall be placed on the road:

- o Barrel 1 to indicate starting point at which vehicle is stationary
- 3.Test Script
  - Begin test run
  - 2. Judge pushes 'start' button
  - 3. The extracted tire is present on the screen
  - 4. End test run
- 4. Evaluation

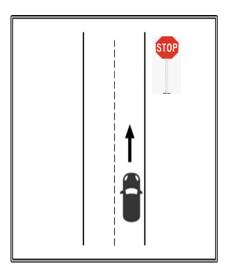
Fail Criteria – no GUI interface is present during the run, incorrect identification of the tire Penalties – no penalties for crossing or moving over the lines, if vehicle is moving during the test

## II. Traffic Sign Tests

## Test FII.1 Stop Sign Detection

#### 1. Test Goal

This test is intended to evaluate Stop Sign classification detection and accuracy. Any type of algorithm could be used for this test. Before test, a RANDOM picture might be put on top of a STOP sign. A forgery sign could be red in color with random letters, be a different color with same letters, or be a different picture. Examples used in the previous years: "Soup" and "IGVC" signs. A GUI interface shell display a relevant classification as "Stop Sign" or "Unknown". There are NO PENALTIES for crossing or moving over a lane.



#### Figure 9: Functions Testing. Stop Sign Detection

- 2. Test Setup
  - o Barrel 1 to indicate starting point at which vehicle is stationary
  - o 3 different "Stop" signs are being tested randomly

#### 3. Test Script

- 1. Begin test run
- 2. The 1<sup>st</sup> judge inside of the vehicle pushes a 'start' button
- 3. The extracted sign is shown on the screen with a correct identification
- 4. The 2<sup>nd</sup> judge removes a current sign, and puts a new "stop" sign. It could be a fake or a real sign.
- 5. The extracted sign is shown on the screen with a correct identification
- 6. The 2<sup>nd</sup> judge removes a current sign, and puts a new "stop" sign. It could be a fake or a real sign.
- 7. End test run
- 4. Evaluation

Fail Criteria – no GUI interface is present during the run, incorrect identification of any of 3 signs, keyboard touching between the sign changes. To pass the test, all 3 signs must be correctly identified.

Penalties – no penalties for crossing or moving over the lines, if vehicle is moving during the test

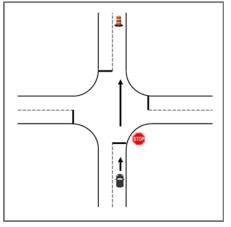
## III. Intersection Tests

The goals of the Intersection tests are to evaluate vehicle's ability to maneuver at a road intersection.

### Test FIII.1. Lane Keeping

#### 1. Test Goal

This test is intended to evaluate if the vehicle is able maneuver within lane boundaries, without wheels crossing the line or driving on the line. Additionally, this test evaluates if the vehicle stops at the "Stop" sign at the intersection, goes straight through intersection, and stops before an obstacle placed on the road.



#### Figure 10: Intersection Tests. Lane Keeping

#### 2. Test Setup

The following items shall be placed on the road:

- o Barrel 1 to indicate a starting point at which vehicle is stationary
- o 'Stop' sign
- **Barrel 2** to indicate an ending point
- o Duct tape's dashed line to indicate 30 cm from the perpendicular line

#### 3.Test Script

- 1. Begin test run
- 2. Judge pushes 'start' button
- 3. Vehicle takes off from full stop at Barrel 1
- 4. Vehicle maintains the target speed (between 4 5 mph)
- 5. Vehicle reaches full stop within 30 cm from perpendicular white line next to the "Stop" sign. A vehicle's bumper should be within two lines at the time when a vehicle reaches full stop.
- 6. Vehicle takes off from full stop
- 7. Vehicle maintains the target speed (between 4-5 mph)
- 8. Vehicle reaches full stop within 3 ft the Barrel 2
- 9. End test run
- 4. Evaluation

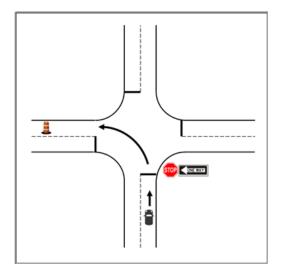
Fail Criteria – crosses white parallel lines, crosses perpendicular white line, stops further than 30 cm from a perpendicular line

Penalties – hits barrel at the end of the run (25 points), stops further than 3 ft from the barrel (10 points)

## Test FIII.2. Intersection Testing. Left Turn

1. Test Goal

This test is intended to evaluate if a vehicle is able to stop at the 'Stop' traffic sign, make a left turn across the traffic, merge into expected lane and drive within this lane until an obstacle is detected.



### Figure 11: Intersection Testing. Left Turn

2. Test Setup

The following items shall be placed on the road:

- o Barrel 1 to indicate a starting point at which vehicle is stationary
- o 'Stop' sign
- o 'One Way' sign
- **Barrel 2** to indicate an ending point
- o Duct tape's dashed line to indicate 30 cm from the perpendicular line
- 3. Test Script
  - 1. Begin test run
  - 2. Judge pushes 'start' button
  - 3. Vehicle takes off from full stop at Barrel 1
  - 4. Vehicle maintains the target speed (between 4-5 mph)
  - 5. Vehicle reaches full stop within 30 cm from perpendicular white line next to the "Stop" sign. A vehicle's bumper should be within two lines at the time when a vehicle reaches full stop.
  - 6. Vehicle takes off from full stop
  - 7. Vehicle turns left across the traffic and merges into correct lane
  - 8. Vehicle maintains the target speed (between 4 5 mph)
  - 9. Vehicle reaches full stop within 3 ft from the Barrel 2
  - 10. End test run
- 4. Evaluation

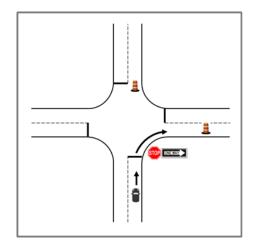
Fail Criteria – crosses white parallel lines, crosses perpendicular white line, makes a wrong turn, stops further than 30 cm from a perpendicular line

Penalties – hits barrel at the end of the run (25 points), stops further than 3 ft from the barrel (10 points)

## Test FIII.3. Intersection Testing. Right Turn

1. Test Goal

This test is intended to evaluate if a vehicle is able to stop at the 'Stop' traffic sign, make a right turn, merge into the lane and drive within a lane until an obstacle is detected.



#### Figure 12: Intersection Testing. Right Turn

2. Test Setup

The following items shall be placed on the road:

- o Barrel 1 to indicate a starting point at which vehicle is stationary
- o '**Stop'** sign
- o Barrel 2 to indicate an ending point
- o Duct tape's dashed line to indicate 30 cm from the perpendicular line
- 3. Test Script
  - 1. Begin test run
  - 2. Judge pushes 'start' button
  - 3. Vehicle takes off from full stop at Barrel 1
  - 4. Vehicle maintains the target speed (between 4 5 mph)
  - 5. Vehicle reaches full stop within 30 cm perpendicular white line next to the "Stop" sign. A vehicle's bumper should be within two lines at the time when a vehicle reaches full stop.
  - 6. Vehicle takes off from full stop
  - 7. Vehicle turns right and merges into correct lane
  - 8. Vehicle maintains the target speed (between 4 5 mph)
  - 9. Vehicle reaches full stop within 3 ft from the Barrel 2
  - 10.End test run
- 4. Evaluation

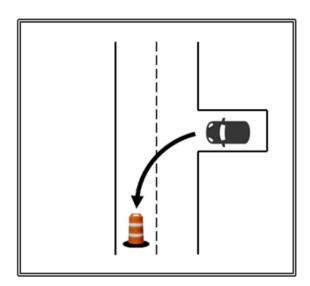
Fail Criteria – crosses white parallel lines, crosses perpendicular white line, makes a wrong turn, stops further than 30 cm from a perpendicular line

Penalties – hits barrel at the end of the run (25 points), stops further than 3 ft from the barrel (10 points)

## IV. Parking Tests Test FIV.1 Parking. Pull Out

1. Test Goal

This test is intended to evaluate if a vehicle is able to reverse out (or pull out) of the representativeparking space. The direction of pull out (right-turn-pull-out or left-turn-pull-out) is selected by the judges. The same direction is repeated for all 3 attempts.



#### Figure 13: Parking. Pull Out

2. Test Setup

The following items shall be placed on the road:

- o Barrel 1 to indicate a starting point at which vehicle is stationary
- o Barrel 2 to indicate an ending point

#### 3. Test Script

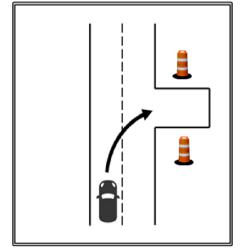
- 1. Begin test run
- 2. Judge pushes 'start' button
- 3. Vehicle takes off from full stop at Barrel 1
- 4. Vehicle slowly pulls out from the parking spot
- 5. Vehicle reaches full stop within 3 ft from the Barrel 2
- 6. End test run
- 4. Evaluation

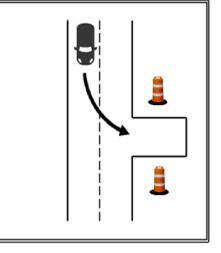
Fail Criteria – vehicle crosses solid white lines Penalties – hits barrel at the end of the run (25 points), stops further than 3 ft from the barrel (10 points)

## Test FIV.2. Parking. Pull In

#### 1. Test Goal

This test is intended to evaluate if a vehicle is able to pull into a representative parking space. The direction of pull in (right-turn-pull-in or left-turn-pull-in) is selected by the judges. The same direction is repeated for all 3 attempts.





#### Figure 14(a.b): Functions Testing. Parking. Pull In

2. Test Setup

The following items shall be placed on the road:

- o Barrel 1 to indicate starting point at which vehicle is stationary
- 3. Test Script
  - 1. Begin test run
  - 2. Judge pushes 'start' button
  - 3. Vehicle takes off from full stop at Barrel 1
  - 4. Vehicle slowly pulls into the parking spot
  - 5. Vehicle reaches full stop. It should be fully in the box without crossing any lines
  - 6. End test run
- 4. Evaluation

Fail Criteria - vehicle crosses solid white lines

## Test FIV.3. Parking. Parallel

#### 1. Test Goal

This test is intended to evaluate if a vehicle is able to parallel park into the representative parking space. The direction of parallel parking (to the right or to the left) is selected by the judges. The same direction is repeated for all 3 attempts.

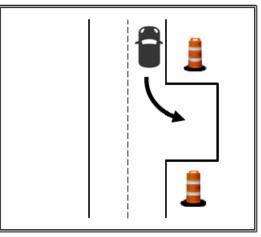


Figure 15: Functions Testing. Parking. Parallel

#### 2. Test Setup

The following items shall be placed on the road:

o Barrel 1 to indicate starting point at which vehicle is stationary

#### 3. Test Script

- 1. Begin test run
- 2. Judge pushes 'start' button
- 3. Vehicle backs off from full stop at Barrel 1
- 4. Vehicle slowly pulls into the parking spot
- 5. Vehicle reaches full stop. It should be fully in the box without crossing any lines.
- 6. End test run
- 4. Evaluation

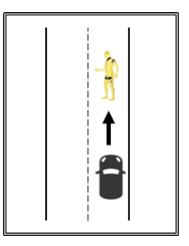
Fail Criteria - vehicle crosses solid white line

## V. VRU (Vulnerable Road User) and Obstacle Tests

## Test FV.1 Unobstructed STATIC pedestrian detection

#### 1. Test Goal

This test evaluates ability of Ego vehicle to stop if a pedestrian is detected within boundaries of a current lane.



#### Figure 16: Functions Testing. Unobstructed Static Pedestrian Detection

#### 2. Test Setup

The following items shall be placed on the road:

- o Barrel 1 to indicate a starting point at which vehicle is stationary
- o Mannequin

#### 3. Test Script

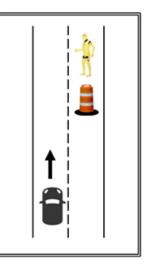
- 1. Begin test run
- 2. Judge pushes 'start' button
- 3. Vehicle takes off from full stop at Barrel 1
- 4. Vehicle maintains the target speed (between 4 5 mph)
- 5. Vehicle reaches full stop within 5 ft from the Mannequin
- 6. End test run
- 4. Evaluation

Fail Criteria – fails to stop 5 ft from the mannequin, or hits mannequin Penalties – hits barrel at the end of the run (25 points), stops closer than 5 ft from the Mannequin (10 points)

## Test FV.2 Obstructed DYNAMIC pedestrian detection

1. Test Goal

This test evaluates ability of Ego vehicle to stop if an obstructed by barrel pedestrian (mannequin) suddenly starts crossing an Ego's vehicle lane.



### Figure 17: Functions Testing. Obstructed Dynamic Pedestrian Detection

- 2. Test Setup
  - o Barrel 1 to indicate a starting point at which vehicle is stationary
  - o Barrel 2 placed in adjacent lane, with Mannequin behind it
  - o Barrel 3 to indicate an ending point
  - o Mannequin
- 3. Test Script
  - 1. Begin test run
  - 2. Judge 1 pushes 'start' button
  - 3. Vehicle takes off from full stop at Barrel 1
  - 4. Vehicle maintains the target speed (between 3-5 mph)
  - 5. Judge 2 rolls out Mannequin from behind Barrel 2 and stops Mannequin in Ego's vehicle lane
  - 6. Vehicle reaches full stop within 5 ft from the Mannequin
  - 7. Judge 2 pulls back Mannequin behind Barrel 2
  - 8. Vehicle takes off from the full stop
  - 9. Vehicle maintains the target speed (between 3 5 mph)
  - 10. Vehicle reaches full stop within 3 ft from the Barrel 2
  - 11. End test run
- 4. Evaluation

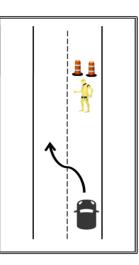
Fail Criteria – fails to stop 5 ft from the mannequin, or hits mannequin

Penalties – hits barrel at the end of the run (25 points), stops closer than 5 ft from the Mannequin (10 points)

## Test FV.3 STATIC Pedestrian Detection. Lane Changing

1. Test Goal

This test imitates a situation of a broken vehicle in a current lane with STATIC pedestrian standing in FRONT of barrel(s) in the same lane as Ego vehicle. Ego vehicle must slow down, and safely change into an adjacent lane.



#### Figure 18: Functions Testing. Pedestrian Detection. Lane Changing

#### 2. Test Setup

There will be a distance of approximately 85 ft between the mannequin/barrel when mannequin will start crossing the road.

The following items shall be placed on the road:

- o Barrel 1 to indicate starting point at which vehicle is stationary
- Mannequin to indicate obstacle
- o Barrels 1 and 2 to indicate a broken vehicle in a current lane
- Barrel 3 to indicate end of a run

#### 3. Test Script

- 1. Begin test run
- 2. Judge pushes 'start' button
- 3. Vehicle takes off from full stop at Barrel 1
- 4. Vehicle maintains the target speed (between 3 -5 mph)
- 5. Vehicle detects Mannequin
- 6. Vehicle performs safe transition into the next lane 10 ft away from the Mannequin
- 7. Vehicle maintains the target speed in the new lane (between 3-5 mph)
- 8. Vehicle reaches full stop within 3 ft from the obstacle (Barrel 3)
- 9. End test run
- 4. Evaluation

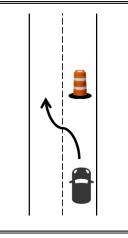
Fail Criteria – hits mannequin, crosses white solid line

Penalties – hits barrel at the end of the run (25 points), lane change completed closer than 10 feet from the obstacle (10 points)

## Test FV4. Obstacle detection. Lane Changing

1. Test Goal

This test evaluates Ego vehicle's ability to safely change lane if a stationary object is present within a current lane.



### Figure 19: Functions Testing. Obstacle Detection. Lane Changing

2. Test Setup

The following items shall be placed on the road:

- o Barrel 1 to indicate a starting point at which vehicle is stationary
- o Barrel 2 to indicate obstacle
- o Barrel 3 to indicate an ending point
- 3. Test Script
  - 1. Begin test run
  - 2. Judge pushes 'start' button
  - 3. Vehicle takes off from full stop at Barrel 1
  - 4. Vehicle maintains the target speed (between 3 5 mph)
  - 5. Vehicle detects obstacle (Barrel 2) and safely moves into the next lane
  - 6. Vehicle maintains the target speed in the new lane (between 3 5 mph)
  - 7. Vehicle reaches full stop within 3 ft from the obstacle (Barrel 3)
  - 8. End test run
- 4. Evaluation

Fail Criteria – hits Barrel 2, crosses white solid line

Penalties – hits Barrel 3 at the end of the run (25 points), lane change completed closer than 10 feet from the obstacle (10 points)

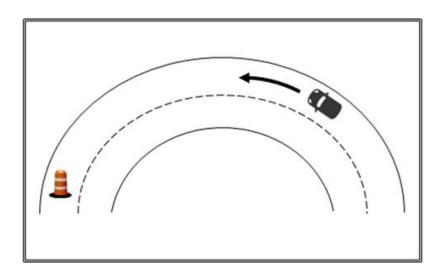
## **VI.** Curved road Evaluation Tests

The minimum inside curve radius is 10 meters (32.8084 feet).

## Test FVI.1 Curved Road Evaluation. Lane Keeping

#### 1. Test Goal

This test is intended to evaluate Ego vehicle's ability to stay in the lane on a curved road, and be able to stop at the obstacle within a current lane. This test consists of 4 possible case scenarios: driving in right lane on the left curve, driving in left lane on the left curve, driving in right lane on the right curve and driving in left lane on the right curve. Any of above scenarios could be chosen at judges' discretion.



#### Figure 20: Functions Testing. Curved Road Evaluation. Lane Keeping

#### 2. Test Setup

The following items shall be placed on the road:

- o Barrel 1 to indicate a starting point at which vehicle is stationary
- o Barrel 2 to indicate an ending point
- 3. Test Script
  - 1. Begin test run
  - 2. Judge pushes 'start' button
  - 3. Vehicle takes off from full stop at Barrel 1
  - 4. Vehicle maintains the target speed (between 3 5 mph)
  - 5. Vehicle reaches full stop within 3 ft from the Barrel 2
  - 6. End test run

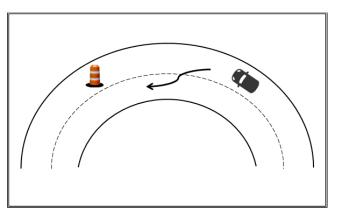
#### 4. Evaluation

Fail Criteria – crosses white solid line Penalties – hits barrel at the end of the run (25 points), stops further or closer than 3 ft to the Barrel 2 (10 points)

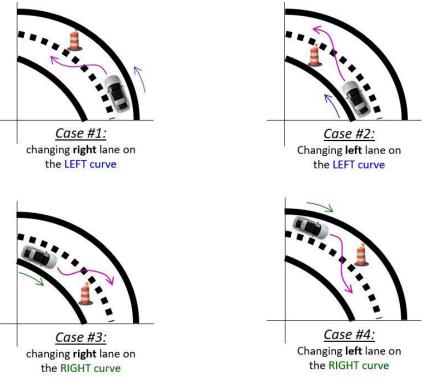
## Test FVI.2 Curved Road Evaluation. Lane Changing

#### 1. Test Goal

This test is intended to evaluate if a vehicle is able to perform a lane change on the curved road if obstacles are detected. This test consists of 4 possible case scenarios: changing right lane on the left curve, changing left lane on the left curve, changing right lane on the right curve and changing left lane on the right curve. Any of above scenarios could be chosen as this year's test.







#### Figure 22: Types of Curved Road Evaluation scenarios

2. Test Setup

The following items shall be placed on the road:

- o Barrel 1 to indicate a starting point at which vehicle is stationary
- o Barrel 2 to indicate an obstacle in current lane
- o Barrel 3 to indicate an ending point

#### 3. Test Script

- 1. Begin test run
- 2. Judge pushes 'start' button
- 3. Vehicle takes off from full stop at Barrel 1
- 4. Vehicle maintains the target speed (between 3 5 mph)
- 5. Vehicle detects obstacle (Barrel 2), and safely moves into the next lane
- 6. Vehicle maintains the target speed in the new lane (between 3 5 mph)
- 7. Vehicle reaches full stop within 3 ft from the obstacle (Barrel 3)
- 8. End test run
- 4. Evaluation

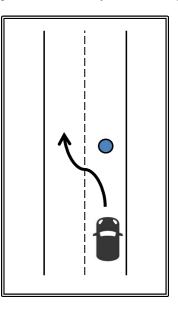
Fail Criteria – crosses white solid line, hits Barrel 2

Penalties - hits Barrel 3 at the end of the run (25 points), stops further or closer than 3 ft to the Barrel 2 (10 points)

## VII. Other Tests Test FVII.1 Pothole Detection

#### 1. Test Goal

This test is intended to evaluate Ego vehicle's ability to detect a pothole and safely change lane.



#### Figure 23: Functions Testing. Pothole Detection

#### 2. Test Setup

The following items shall be placed on the road:

- o **Barrel 1** to indicate a starting point at which vehicle is stationary
- o Pothole (2 feet diameter solid white circle or plastic mirror)
- o Barrel 2 to indicate an ending point

#### 3. Test Script

- 1. Begin test run
- 2. Judge pushes 'start' button
- 3. Vehicle takes off from full stop at Barrel 1
- 4. Vehicle maintains the target speed (between 4 5 mph)
- 5. Vehicle detects pothole and safely moves into the next lane
- 6. Vehicle maintains the target speed in the new lane (between 4 5 mph)
- 7. Vehicle reaches full stop within 3 ft from the Barrel 2
- 8. End test run
- 4. Evaluation

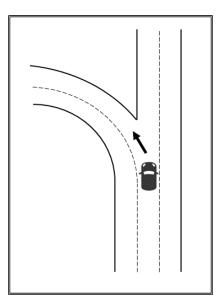
Fail Criteria - run over the pothole

Penalties - hits barrel at the end of the run (25 points), stops further or closer than 3 ft to the Barrel 2 (10 points)

## **Test FVII.2 Merging**

#### 1. Test Goal

This test is intended to evaluate if a vehicle is able to perform a merge onto a representative highway.



#### Figure 24: Functions Testing. Merging without Waypoints

#### 2. Test Setup

The following items shall be placed on the road:

- Barrel 1 to indicate a starting point at which vehicle is stationary
- o Barrel 2 to indicate an ending point
- 3. Test Script
  - 1. Begin test run
  - 2. Judge pushes 'start' button
  - 3. Vehicle takes off from full stop at Barrel 1
  - 4. Vehicle maintains the target speed (between 3-5 mph)
  - 5. Vehicle merges into the next lane
  - 6. Vehicle maintains the target speed (between 3-5 mph)
  - 7. Vehicle reaches full stop within 3 ft from the obstacle (Barrel)
  - 8. End test run
- 4. Evaluation

Fail Criteria - crosses white lines

Penalties - hits barrel at the end of the run (25 points), stops further or closer than 3 ft to the barrel (10 poin

## IV.7 APPENDIX C. SELF DRIVE CHALLENGE FULL COURSE TESTING

The Full Course setup varies from year to year, and it is usually announced 1 week prior to the competition. Below is tentative Self Drive Challenge Full Course. It has 21 functions run consecutively and autonomously. No course mapping is allowed. The obstacles positions may vary each run. 100 points are awarded for each successfully completed function. As part of the challenge, there is a probability to have fake sign on the road. Before each run, each team draws out the sign. The course ends if the vehicle's 2 wheels cross a solid white line, or vehicle displaces an obstacle. In the case of line excursion or an obstacle touch, 25 points penalty is applied to relative function.

#### Direction of travel: 21 20 19 4 17 5 16 Penalties: 6 End of Run 15 7 solid white line 4 8 10 11 17

#### Figure 25: Self Drive Challenge Full Course Example

straight finish change lane pothole intersection turn **Obstacles:** Points available: 21 functions total Barrels 100 points each Tire Line excursion -25 Sideswipe/obstacle touch -25 Mannequin Crush/Obstacle displacement Two front wheels cross a Signs: SOUP ICVC TO

start

#### Test Setup

The following items shall be placed on the road:

- o Small and/or large barrels to indicate starting and ending point of the course
- o Barrels on the course
- o Mannequin
- o Signs
- o Pothole
- o Tire

## **IV.10 REFERENCES**

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## **V. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

All schools are only eligible to win award money once per event (AutoNav Challenge, Design Challenge and Self Drive Challenge); if more than one team from the same school places in the same event, only the highest placing team will beplaced in a standing and receive money for that event.

### V.1 AUTONAV CHALLENGE

Standard Award Money

(Vehicle must complete AutoNav course)

1 <sup>ST</sup> Place	\$ 3,000
2 <sup>ND</sup> Place	\$2,000
3 <sup>KD</sup> Place	\$1,500
4 <sup>1H</sup> Place	\$1,000
5 <sup>TH</sup> Place	\$ 750
6 <sup>TH</sup> Place	\$ 500

#### Nominal Award Money

(AutoNav must attain one ramp waypoint in No Man;s Land & Self drive Vehicle must qualify and successfully complete Function Tests 1-4)

1 <sup>ST</sup> Place	<b>\$</b> 1	,000
2 <sup>ND</sup> Place	\$	800
3 <sup>RD</sup> Place	\$	600
4 <sup>1 n</sup> Place	\$	500
5 <sup>TH</sup> Place	\$	400
6 <sup>TH</sup> Place	\$	300

### **V.2 SELF DRIVE CHALLENGE**

### Standard Award Money

(Vehicle must complete All functions and entire Self Drive course autonomously

#### autonomous)

1 <sup>ST</sup> Place	\$ 3,000
2 <sup>ND</sup> Place	\$2,000
3 <sup>KD</sup> Place	\$1,500
4 <sup>1H</sup> Place	\$1,000
5 <sup>TH</sup> Place	\$ 750
6 <sup>TH</sup> Place	\$ 500

Less than six teams competing

1 <sup>ST</sup> Place	\$2,000
2 <sup>ND</sup> Place	\$ 1,500
3 <sup>RD</sup> Place	\$1,000

### Nominal Award Money

Vehicle must qualify and successfully complete Function Tests 1-4)

1 <sup>ST</sup> Place	<b>\$</b> 1	,000
2 <sup>ND</sup> Place	\$	800
3 <sup>RD</sup> Place	\$	600

## V.3 VEHICLE DESIGN Challenge – Dr. William G. Agnew Award

**Design Competition Standard Awards** 

1 <sup>ST</sup> Place	\$2,0	00
2 <sup>ND</sup> Place	\$1,5	00
3 <sup>RD</sup> Place	\$1,0	00
4 <sup>1H</sup> Place	\$ 7	50
5 <sup>TH</sup> Place	\$5	00
6 <sup>TH</sup> Place	\$ 2	50

# Nominal Award Money (Vehicle did not pass Qualification)

1<sup>ST</sup> Place \$ 600 57

2 <sup>ND</sup> Place	\$ 500
3 <sup>KD</sup> Place	\$ 400
4 <sup>1H</sup> Place	\$ 300
5 <sup>TH</sup> Place	\$ 200
6 <sup>TH</sup> Place	\$ 100

### V.4 ROOKIE-OF-THE-YEAR AWARD

The Rookie-of-the-Year Award will be given out to a team from a new school competing for the first time ever or a school that has not participated in the last five competitions. To win the Rookie-of-the-Year Award the team must be the best of the eligible teams competing and perform to the minimum standards of the following events. In the Design Competition you must pass AutoNav Qualification, in the AutoNav Challenge you must pass the Rookie Barrel and in the Self Drive Challenge you must pass SD Qualification. The winner of the Rookie-of-the-Year Award will receive \$1,000 in award money; in the case the minimum requirements are not met the best of the eligible teams competing will receive \$500.

#### V.5 GRAND AWARD

Two sets of Grand Award trophies will be, presented to the top three teams that perform the best overall in both AutoNav and Self Drive (combined with design scores per below).

Challenge AN or SD	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth
AutoNav-Self Dr	24	20	16	12	8	4
Design	12	10	8	6	4	2

#### **Standard Grand Award Points\***

#### **Nominal Grand Award Points\*\***

Challenge	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth
AutoNav-Self Dr	12	10	8	6	4	2
Design	6	5	4	3	2	1

\* For Standard Grand Award Points, the team must complete the Auto-Nav & Self Drive courses

For the Standard Design Competition points the vehicle must qualify in AutoNav or Self Drive

\*\* For Nominal Grand Award Points, the team must qualify to be eligible in the AutoNav or Self Drive Challenges and have their vehicle present for the Design Competition.

#### V.6 HBCU Top Flight AWARD

New \$1000 award to the top performing HBCU student team with combined performance

and design scores in either AutoNav or Self Drive, minimum of three HBCU schools competing.

## **VI PUBLICATION AND RECOGNITION**

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