



Urban Challenge

Site Visit Liability Release

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Document Change Summary

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Background

The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) Urban Challenge program is a competitive program to develop autonomous vehicles able to operate safely in an urban area. To qualify as semi-finalists for the DARPA Urban Challenge, a Team must undergo a Site Visit test conducted according to the guidelines specified in the “Site Visit Guidelines” (available at www.darpa.mil/grandchallenge/rules.asp). The Site Visit is conducted by the Team and observed by DARPA officials.

Prior to the start of the Site Visit, the Team must identify a limited number of individuals to work in and around their autonomous vehicle (the Vehicle) to support the Site Visit. This group is identified as the Test Crew. Only members of the Test Crew may be on the Site Visit course for any reason, including driving vehicles, moving barriers, or working with the Vehicle. All other individuals including members of the Team must remain in the spectator area at all times during the Site Visit test.

Autonomous vehicles are experimental in nature and may move or operate in ways that are not expected or anticipated. Working in, near, or around these vehicles is inherently risky, and inadequate safety measures may lead to injury, illness, or death. Although DARPA may specify certain vehicle trajectories or vehicle placements for testing purposes, it is the responsibility of the Team and the Test Crew to ensure that adequate safety procedures are in place and strictly observed. The Team and the Test Crew take responsibility for all risks associated with the Site Visit. If at any point during the Site Visit test, any member of the Test Crew believes that there is an issue regarding safety, he or she has a responsibility and an obligation to immediately stop the test for assessment and remediation.

Applicability

This document must be executed by each member of the Test Crew in the presence of the DARPA officials on-site. In case the Site Visit is subsequently delayed or rescheduled, the document must be re-executed at the subsequent event.

Release

I am aware that participation in the Site Visit test may involve risks due to the experimental nature of the technology and the inherent risks associated with the movement of large vehicles. I understand that a description of all the risks is not complete and that unknown or unforeseen risks may exist.

In exchange for being allowed to participate in the DARPA Urban Challenge Site Visit, I agree to release and forever discharge DARPA, its employees, and its contractors from any and all claims, demands, and causes of action of whatever kind, including but not limited to, bodily injury, property damage, imprisonment, death or the consequences thereof resulting from my participation in the Site Visit.

By signing below, I certify I am at least 18 years of age and have carefully read and understand this "Site Visit Liability Release."

Signature

Date

Printed Name

By signing below, I certify I am at least 18 years of age and am the parent or legal guardian of the Team member listed below. I have carefully read and understand this "Site Visit Liability Release" and give permission for participation of the below-named Team member in this event.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

Printed Name

Team Member Name