

EuroTAP European Tunnel Assessment Programme



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Brennero

EuroTest: Clubs' regular tunnel tests Test history

- 1999: 20 tunnels tested
 - 2000: 25 tunnels tested
 - 2001: 16 tunnels tested
 - 2002: 31 tunnels tested
 - 2003: 25 tunnels tested
 - 2004: 27 tunnels tested
- > 144 tunnel tests in 6 years**



EuroTAP: Europe's tunnel testing programme

- European consortium of 12 EuroTest automobile clubs from 11 European countries
- Project management ADAC, co-ordination FIA Brussels
- Supported by EU Commission
- Three-year programme 2005 until 2007
- No comparable programme within Europe
- No competition with national risk analysis



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The check list

- Basis: RABT 2003 (directives on the equipping and operation of road tunnels)
- Recommendations of the UNECE (United Nations Economic Commission for Europe) expert group on the safety of road tunnels, Dec. 2001
- Opinions of PIARC (World Road Association)
- EU Directive 2004/54/EC
- National rules of the 6 major European tunnel states: Italy, Austria, Germany, France, Spain, the UK and Switzerland



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Value and objectives of EuroTAP

- Publication of safety standards of major European road tunnels (transparency to users)
- Make people aware of correct behaviour in tunnels
- Systematic benchmarking to foster improvements (create a market for safety, give concerned parties an incentive to go beyond the basic legal requirements)
- Give recommendations to operators of how to improve their safety performances
- Show how legislative decisions are actually being interpreted
- Comparison of changes in safety performance over the years



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Key role of the clubs and their tunnel activities: Informing the public

- **October 2002: President Chirac**

“... The public has a right to know where the dangerous points of the road network are ...”

- **October 2004: Conclusions of Verona Ministerial Conference**

“... The Ministers of Transport Recognise the need to focus on...: Setting up information campaigns aimed at giving citizens complete and accurate information on the situations with highest risks and raise the awareness of the various risk factors.”



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Activities of clubs related to their key role

- EuroTest Tunnel Tests in the past
- EuroTAP
- Safety Awareness Campaign Safe Tunnels



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Programme

2005

- April: 49 tests
- May: 49 tunnel info sheets
- Autumn: distribution leaflet

2006

- April: 51 tests
- May: 51 tunnel info sheets

2007

- April: 50 tests
- May: 50 tunnel info sheets
- October: audit (analyse of 9 years testing)



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First EuroTAP 2005





























- April: 49 tunnels tested in 14 countries,
(published 26 April)
 - Test result: 65,3 % very good or good,
18,37 % acceptable, 16,32 % critical or poor
- May: publication of 49 tunnel info sheets
- November: distribution of leaflet



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Tunnel info sheets

- 49 tunnel info sheets published on the internet web sites of participating clubs
- Travel service for car drivers

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Location: T 2 Turin/ Italy – Villeneuve/ Switzerland, near Aosta between Saint-Rhemy-en Bosses/ Italy and Bourg Saint Pierre/ Switzerland > Start of operation: 1964 > Length: 5.798 metres > Number of tubes: 1 > Toll duty: yes > Internet address: http://www.letunnel.com > Test rating: acceptable (2001) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  bi-directional traffic  Traffic radio not throughout the tunnel 										
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Leaflet

- Distribution of 2.7 million leaflets directly to club members
- Further distribution through external partners (e.g. tunnel operators or national authorities) welcome
- Co-ordination of contents with EU Commission and CEDR



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Clubs' distribution channels:

- Club magazines (a total of 37 million members)
- Internet (club web sites)
- Press releases
- Press conferences



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Media coverage unique media platform

- Extensive Europe-wide media coverage of EuroTAP contents and messages
- Example 2005 tunnel test:
 - Total (TV: 58 million people watching, radio: 25 million listeners, print: 84 million circulation)



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