FOT Execution

A Subjective FOT on Lane Departure Warning

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Lane Departure Warning

- The Lane Departure Warning (LDW) is an equipment available on the Lancia Delta.
- ¿ LDW provides the feedback to the driver through a torque applied on the steering wheel as soon as the driver is going close or overcome a lane border unintentionally.
- The device also warns the driver, acoustically, when it detects that he/she has not the hands on the steering wheel.

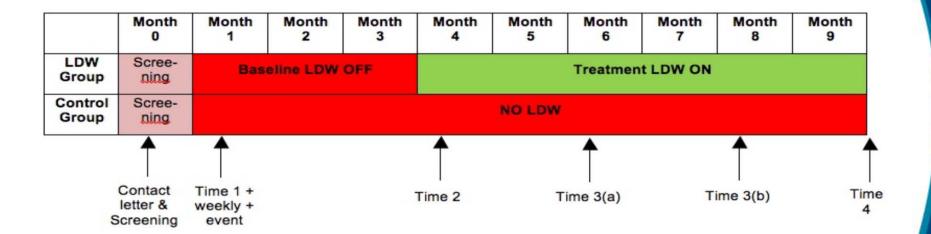


Field Test

- Assessment of the impact of LDW function.
- Subjective large scale test through questionnaires.
- Passenger cars 570 drivers recruited (1761 contacted).
- LDW group (i.e. 280 drivers with the LDW installed) and Control group (i.e. 290 without LDW).
- 9 month test per each drivers.
- No data acquisition system on the vehicles.
- Data collected through different questionnaires. On-line and on paper.
- Assessment of the users' acceptance and perceived safety.



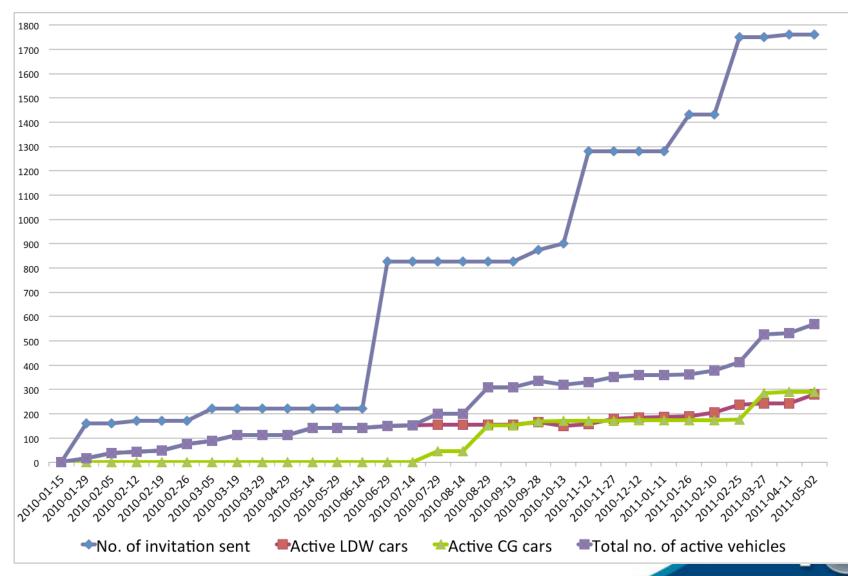
Design of Experiment



- Five periodical questionnaires to test the users' perception about the system.
- Users could also report specific events when the device has been useful to avoid dangerous situations.



Recruitment history



Questionnaires

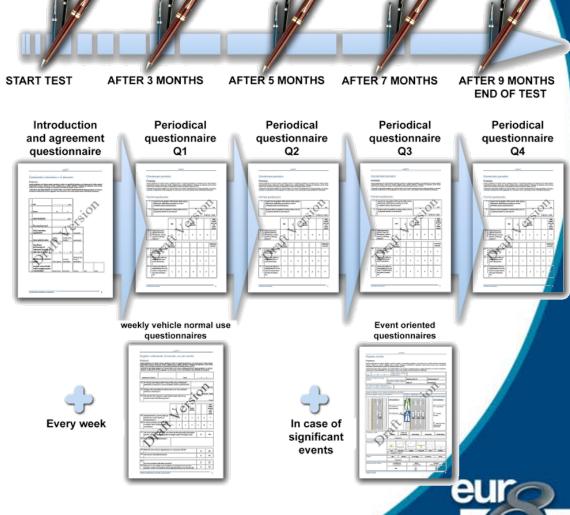
- Time 1. After the order:

 driver characteristics and START TEST

 preliminary risk
- Time 2. After few weeks of vehicle use, initial feedback.

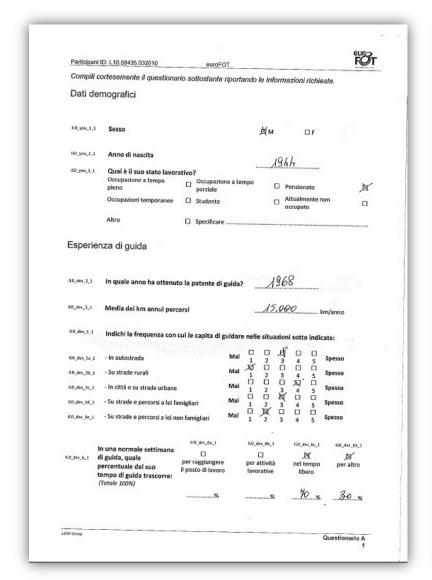
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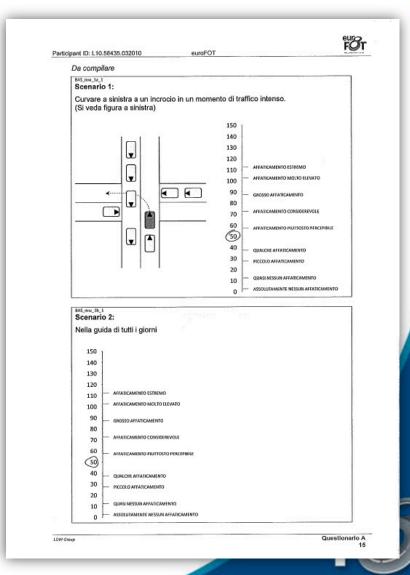
- Time 3a and 3b. After periods of use of the vehicle, two months.
- Time 4. Final questionnaire, new risk assessment.



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Filled-in questionnaires - examples





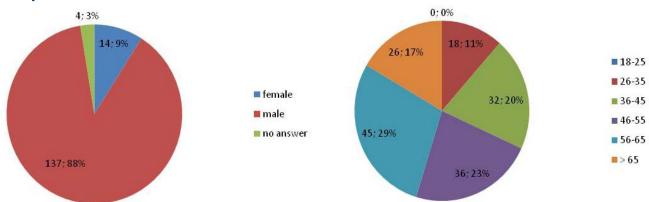
Event register

- Used to allow subjects to easily inform about important "events" happened during the use (or not) of the LDW.
- It is asked to keep this module (a small book with several copies of them) in the car, and to compile the module as soon as possible after the event.
- The module is very simple and could be filled in less then a minute.

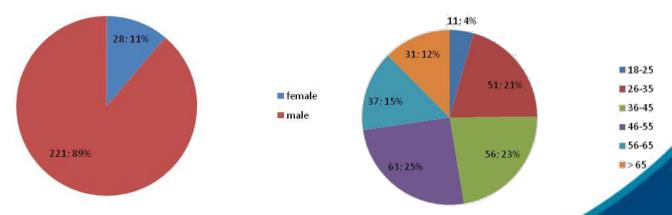
Date Briefly event description	·····/·····/-····
(use the rear for a more detailed description)	<u> </u>
Driving Advisor system status at the event	Switched ON Switched OFF
	If switched ON: Active Not active I don't know
IF SWITCHED ON Referring to the event, the Driving Advisor system	solved the situation providing did not solve the the right warning
Please describe the Driving Advis and the warning provided	sor reaction
IF SWITCHED OFF You think that the Driving Advisor	could solve the situation could not solve the situation
Which type of road were you driving on?	Urban Extra urban Highway
Event described happened	in a bend in a line in an in an in a line line in a line
Manoeuvre performed at the event	Normal driving Lane change Going in or out in a junction
Weather condition	Please tick in cas of windy condition with the condition of the condition
Lighting condition	Dawn Daytime Sunset Night with Night without artificial lighting artificial lighting
Traffic situation	Light Normal Heavy
Speed at the event (km/h)	0 10 30 50 70 90 110 13
Your distraction level at the event was	very low
Your tiredness level at the event was	very low
Your trip started since	less than an hour Between 1 and 3 hours More than 3 hou
Were you using something at the event?	Nothing Phone Radio/CD Air conditioning Other

Sample characteristics

LDW Group

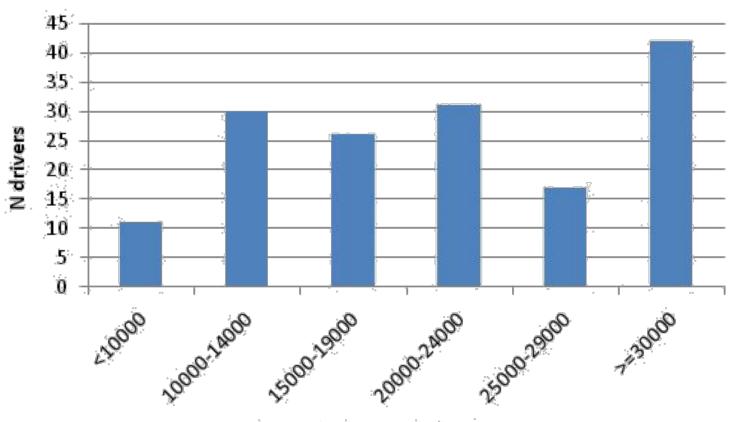


Control Group





Mileage – LDW group



Annual mileage in [km]



Lessons learned

- Questionnaire design and planning for a largescale test. Response rate issue.
- Driver recruitment and pre-screening.
- 8 Driver liaison centre.
- Day-by-day activity for a large-scale test.
- Data management tools.
- Piloting test phases.
- A Hypotheses specifications and tuning of them during the FOT.

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