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2.3.1 Method of Assessment

The assessment of pedestrian protection is made with the use of headform, upper legform, legform impacts and AEB test data. In the legform areas, the bumper and front of the bonnet of the car will be marked with a grid and are assessed using the two legform impactors. TNCAP will test “worst case” grid points and manufacturers may nominate additional tests to be performed and the results will be included in the assessment.

In the headform impact area, a grid will be marked on the outer surface of the vehicle. The vehicle manufacturer is required to provide the TNCAP executive agency with data detailing the protection offered by the vehicle at all grid locations. The data shall be provided to the TNCAP executive agency before any test preparation begins. The predicted level of protection offered by the vehicle is verified by TNCAP by means of testing of a sample of randomly selected grid-points and the overall prediction is corrected accordingly.

Regarding the emergency braking assistance test, manufacturers must supply TNCAP with data beforehand, specifying the anticipated performance of the Autonomous Emergency Braking Vulnerable Road User (AEB VRU) across four major test scenarios. TNCAP then compares expected and actual results to identify any disparities.

2.3.1.1 Points Calculation

For the legform impact areas, a sliding scale system of points scoring has been used to calculate points for each measured criterion. This involves two limits for each parameter, a more demanding limit (higher performance), below which a maximum score is obtained and a less demanding limit (lower performance), beyond which no points are scored. Where a value falls between the two limits, the score is calculated by linear interpolation. No capping is applied to any of the measurements. The maximum score for each grid point is one point for bumper and bonnet leading ledge tests. The total score will then be scaled to a maximum of six points for each impactor.

For the headform impact area, the protection predicted by the vehicle manufacturer will be compared to the outcome of the randomly selected test locations. The results at those test locations will be used to generate a correction factor, which will then be applied to the predicted score. Only data that results in a correction factor of between 0.850 and 1.150 are accepted. Where this is not the case, the cause will be investigated and the Secretariat will subsequently take a decision as to how to proceed. Where the data are accepted, the headform score will be based on the predicted data score with correction applied.

For the emergency braking assistance test, scores will be calculated using a sliding

scale method for test speeds up to 40 km/h, while speeds exceeding 40 km/h will be indicated only as Pass or Fail.

2.3.2 Pedestrian Impact Assessment

2.3.2.1 Criteria and Limit Values

The assessment criteria used for the pedestrian impact tests, with the upper and lower performance limits for each parameter, are summarized below. Where multiple criteria exist for an individual test, the lowest scoring parameter is used to determine the performance of that test, unless indicated otherwise.

2.3.2.1.1 Headform

The manufacturer must provide predicted data for all grid points. This data shall be expressed as a color according to the corresponding color boundaries for the predicted HIC₁₅ performance below. Alternatively, HIC₁₅ values may be provided.

Green	$HIC_{15} < 650$
Yellow	$650 \leq HIC_{15} < 1000$
Orange	$1000 \leq HIC_{15} < 1350$
Brown	$1350 \leq HIC_{15} < 1700$
Red	$1700 \leq HIC_{15}$

The manufacturer is allowed to color a limited number of grid points blue where the performance is unpredictable. These grid points will always be tested. The procedure is detailed in the Section 3.9 Pedestrian Protection Test protocol.

2.3.2.1.2 Upper Legform Higher performance limit

Bending Moment	285Nm
Sum of Forces	5.0kN
Lower performance limit	
Bending Moment	350Nm
Sum of Forces	6.0kN

2.3.2.1.3 Legform

Higher performance limit	
Tibia Bending Moment	282Nm
MCL Elongation	19mm
ACL/PCL Elongation	10mm
Lower performance limit	
Tibia Bending Moment	340Nm
MCL Elongation	22mm
ACL/PCL Elongation	10mm

2.3.2.2 Modifiers

There are no modifiers applied.

2.3.2.3 Scoring & Visualization

2.3.2.3.1 Scoring

A maximum of 24 points is available for the headform test zone. The total score for all grid points is calculated as a percentage of the maximum achievable score, which is then multiplied by 24 points. The bonnet leading edge and bumper test zone will be awarded a maximum of 6 points each. A total of 36 points are available in the pedestrian protection assessment.

2.3.2.3.1.1 Headform

Each of the grid points can be awarded up to one point, resulting in a maximum total amount of points equal to the number of grid points. For each predicted color the following points are awarded to the grid point:

$HIC_{15} < 650$	1.00 points
$650 \leq HIC_{15} < 1000$	0.75 points
$1000 \leq HIC_{15} < 1350$	0.50 points
$1350 \leq HIC_{15} < 1700$	0.25 points
$1700 \leq HIC_{15}$	0.00 points

2.3.2.3.2 Headform Correction Factor

The data provided by the manufacturer is scaled using a correction factor, which is calculated based on a number of verification tests performed. The verification points are randomly selected grid points, distributed in line with the predicted color distribution.

The actual tested total score of the verification test points is divided by the predicted total score of these verification test points. This is called the correction factor, which can be lower or higher than 1.

$$\text{Correction Factor} = \frac{\text{Actual tested score}}{\text{Predicted score}}$$

The correction factor is multiplied to all the grid points (excluding defaulted and blue points). The final score for the vehicle can never exceed 100% regardless of the correction factor.

2.3.2.3.2.1 HIC Tolerance

As test results can be variable between technical service and in-house tests and/or simulations a 10% tolerance to the HIC value of the verification test is applied. The tolerance is applied in both directions, meaning that when a tested point scores better than predicted, but within tolerance, the predicted result is applied. The tolerance only applies to verify whether the predicted color of the tested verification point is correct. When, including tolerance, the

color is not in line with the prediction, the true color of the test point will be determined by comparing the actual measured HIC value with the color band in section 2.3.2.3.1.1 without applying a tolerance to the HIC value.

Prediction	HIC ₁₅ range
Green	HIC ₁₅ < 650
Yellow	650 ≤ HIC ₁₅ < 1000
Orange	1000 ≤ HIC ₁₅ < 1350
Brown	1350 ≤ HIC ₁₅ < 1700
Red	1700 ≤ HIC ₁₅

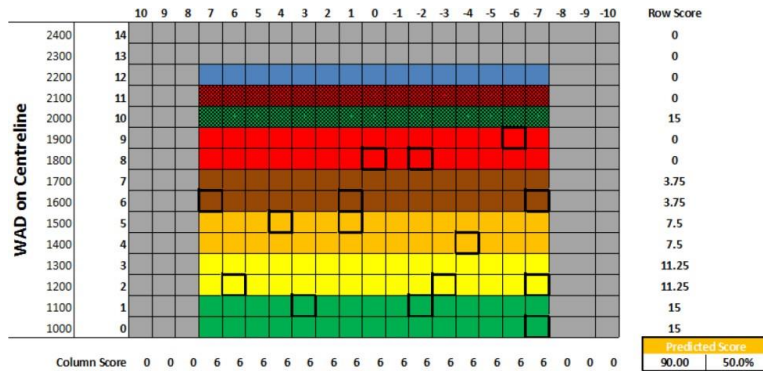
Accepted HIC₁₅ range

Green	HIC ₁₅ < 722.22
Yellow	590.91 ≤ HIC ₁₅ < 1111.11
Orange	909.09 ≤ HIC ₁₅ < 1500.00
Brown	1227.27 ≤ HIC ₁₅ < 1888.89
Red	1545.45 ≤ HIC ₁₅

2.3.2.3.2.2 Example:

Headform testing:

Manufacturer X has provided the following prediction to TNCAP with a total score of 90 points (excluding blue) out of the possible 195:



The prediction consists of the following:

15 Default Green	× 1.00 =	15.00
30 Green	× 1.00 =	30.00
30 Yellow	× 0.75 =	22.50
30 Orange	× 0.50 =	15.00
30 Brown	× 0.25 =	7.50
30 Red	× 0.00 =	0.00
15 Default Red	× 0.00 =	0.00
15 Blue		
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195 grid points		90.00 points

Femur lower bending moment = 324.10Nm	0.398	
Femur sum of forces = 5.26kN	0.740	
Test Result U-2	Score	Total
Femur upper bending moment = 395.81Nm	0.000	0.000
Femur middle bending moment = 467.69Nm	0.000	
Femur lower bending moment = 435.69Nm	0.000	
Femur sum of forces = 6.80kN	0.000	
Test Result U-4	Score	Total
Femur upper bending moment = 152.00Nm	1.000	1.000
Femur middle bending moment = 208.00Nm	1.000	
Femur lower bending moment = 245.00Nm	1.000	
Femur sum of forces = 4.89kN	1.000	

Grid points that have not been tested will be awarded the worst result from one of the adjacent points. Given that U-1 and U-3 have not been tested, both will be awarded the result from the adjacent point U-2. Symmetry will also be applied to all grid points on the opposite side of the vehicle (U+1 to U+4).

U+4	U+3	U+2	U+1	U0	U-1	U-2	U-3	U-4
1.000	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.114	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.000

The score for each individual grid point is then summed, this produces a score in terms of the maximum achievable percentage of $2.114/9 = 23.488\%$.

The final upper legform score is $23.488\% \times 6 = 1.409$ points.

2.3.2.3.2.4 Legform

Each of the grid points can be awarded up to one point resulting in a maximum total of points equal to the number of grid points. A linear sliding scale is applied between the relevant limits of each parameter. The one point per grid point is divided into two independent assessment areas of equal weight:

- (1) Tibia injury assessment based on the worst performing of tibia bending moments T1, T2, T3, T4 (0.500 points).
- (2) Knee injury assessment based upon MCL elongation, as long as ACL/PCL elongation is smaller than the threshold (0.500 points).

The total score for the legform area will be calculated out of six by scaling down the sum of grid points scores by the relevant number of grid points.

Example:

For a vehicle that has 11 grid points and tests are performed to points L1, L+3 & L+5 with the following results:

Test Result L+1	Score	Total
Tibia bending moment = 280.00Nm	0.500	0.500
ACL or PCL elongation = 10.00mm	Fail	0.000
MCL elongation = 15.00mm	0.500	
		=0.500
Test Result L+3	Score	Total
Tibia bending moment = 320.00Nm	0.172	0.172
ACL or PCL elongation = 9.50mm	Pass	0.250
MCL elongation = 20.50mm	0.250	
		=0.422
Test Result L+5	Score	Total
Tibia bending moment = 340.00Nm	0.000	0.000
ACL or PCL elongation = 10.00mm	Fail	0.000
MCL elongation = 19.00mm	0.000	
		=0.000

Grid points that have not been tested will be awarded the worst result from one of the adjacent points. Given that L0, L+2 & L+4 have not been tested, L0 will be awarded the score from L+1, L+2 will be awarded the score from L+3 and L+4 will be awarded the score from L+5. Symmetry will also be applied to the other side of the vehicle.

L+5	L+4	L+3	L+2	L+1	L0	L-1	L-2	L-3	L-4	L-5
0.0	0.0	0.422	0.422	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.422	0.422	0.0	0.0

The score for each individual grid point is then summed, this produces a score in terms of the maximum achievable percentage of $3.188/11 = 28.981\%$

The final upper legform score is $28.981\% \times 6 = 1.739$ points

2.3.2.3.3 Visualization of results

2.3.2.3.3.1 Headform Results

The protection provided by each grid location is illustrated by a colored area, on an outline of the front of the car. Where no grid is used in the assessment and the fallback scenario is adopted, the same 5 color boundaries and HIC 650 – HIC 1700 values will be applied. The headform performance boundaries are detailed below.

Green	$HIC_{15} < 650$
Yellow	$650 \leq HIC_{15} < 1000$
Orange	$1000 \leq HIC_{15} < 1350$
Brown	$1350 \leq HIC_{15} < 1700$

Red $1700 \leq \text{HIC}_{15}$

2.3.2.3.3.2 Legform & Upper Legform Results

The protection provided by each grid location is illustrated by a colored point on an outline of the front of the car. The color used is based on the points awarded for that test site (rounded to three decimal places), as follows:

Green	Grid point score = 1.000
Yellow	$0.750 \leq \text{Grid point score} < 1.000$
Orange	$0.500 \leq \text{Grid point score} < 0.750$
Brown	$0.250 \leq \text{Grid point score} < 0.500$
Red	$0.000 \leq \text{Grid point score} < 0.250$

2.3.3 Assessment of AEB Vulnerable Road User

2.3.3.1 Definitions

- 2.3.3.1.1 Autonomous Emergency Braking (AEB): A braking system that is applied automatically by the vehicle in response to the detection of a likely collision to reduce the vehicle speed and potentially avoid the collision.
- 2.3.3.1.2 Forward Collision Warning (FCW): An audiovisual warning that is provided automatically by the vehicle in response to the detection of a likely collision to alert the driver.
- 2.3.3.1.3 Vehicle Width: The widest point of the vehicle ignoring the rear-view mirrors, side marker lamps, tire pressure indicators, direction indicator lamps, position lamps, flexible mud-guards and the deflected part of the tire side-walls immediately above the point of contact with the ground.
- 2.3.3.1.4 Car-to-Pedestrian Farside Adult Test at 50% (CPFA-50): A collision in which a vehicle travels forwards towards an adult pedestrian crossing its path running from the farside and the frontal structure of the vehicle strikes the pedestrian at 50% of the vehicle's width when no braking action is applied.
- 2.3.3.1.5 Car-to-Pedestrian Nearside Adult Test at 25% (CPNA-25): A collision in which a vehicle travels forwards towards an adult pedestrian crossing its path walking from the nearside and the frontal structure of the vehicle strikes the pedestrian at 25% of the vehicle's width when no braking action is applied.
- 2.3.3.1.6 Car-to-Pedestrian Nearside Adult Test at 75% (CPNA-75): A collision in which a vehicle travels forwards towards an adult pedestrian crossing its path walking from the nearside and the frontal structure of the vehicle strikes the pedestrian at 75% of the vehicle's width when no braking

action is applied.

- 2.3.3.1.7 Car-to-Pedestrian Nearside Child Test at 50% (CPNC-50): A collision in which a vehicle travels forwards towards a child pedestrian crossing its path running from behind and obstruction from the nearside and the frontal structure of the vehicle strikes the pedestrian at 50% of the vehicle's width when no braking action is applied.
- 2.3.3.1.8 Car-to-Pedestrian Longitudinal Adult Test at 25% (CPLA-25): A collision in which a vehicle travels forwards towards an adult pedestrian walking in the same direction in front of the vehicle where the vehicle strikes the pedestrian at 25% of the vehicle's width when no braking action is applied or an evasive steering action is initiated after an FCW.
- 2.3.3.1.9 Car-to-Pedestrian Longitudinal Adult Test at 50% (CPLA-50): A collision in which a vehicle travels forwards towards an adult pedestrian walking in the same direction in front of the vehicle where the vehicle strikes the pedestrian at 50% of the vehicle's width when no braking action is applied.
- 2.3.3.1.10 Car-to-Bicyclist Nearside Adult Test at 50% (CBNA-50): A collision in which a vehicle travels forwards towards a bicyclist crossing its path cycling from the nearside and the frontal structure of the vehicle strikes the bicyclist when no braking action is applied.
- 2.3.3.1.11 Car-to-Bicyclist Longitudinal Adult Test at 25% (CBLA-25): A collision in which a vehicle travels forwards towards a bicyclist cycling in the same direction in front of the vehicle where the vehicle would strike the cyclist at 25% of the vehicle's width when no braking action is applied or an evasive steering action is initiated after an FCW.
- 2.3.3.1.12 Car-to-Bicyclist Longitudinal Adult Test at 50% (CBLA-50): A collision in which a vehicle travels forwards towards a bicyclist cycling in the same direction in front of the vehicle where the vehicle would strike the cyclist at 50% of the vehicle's width when no braking action is applied.
- 2.3.3.1.13 Vehicle Under Test (VUT): Means the vehicle tested according to this protocol with a pre-crash collision mitigation or avoidance system on board.
- 2.3.3.1.14 Euro-NCAP Pedestrian Target (EPTa): Means the adult pedestrian target used in this protocol as specified in the Articulated Pedestrian Target Specification document version 2.0.
- 2.3.3.1.15 Euro-NCAP Child Target (EPTc): Means the child pedestrian target used in this protocol as specified in the Articulated Pedestrian Target

Specification document version 2.0.

- 2.3.3.1.16 Euro-NCAP Bicyclist Target (EBT): Means the bicyclist and bike target used in this protocol as specified in the Bicyclist Target Specification document version 1.0.
- 2.3.3.1.17 Time To Collision (TTC): Means the remaining time before the VUT strikes the EPT, assuming that the VUT and EPT would continue to travel with the speed it is travelling.
- 2.3.3.1.18 Time of Autonomous Emergency Braking (T_{AEB}) Activation: Means the time where the AEB system activates. Activation time is determined by identifying the last data point where the filtered acceleration signal is below -1 m/s^2 , and then going back to the point in time where the acceleration first crossed -0.3 m/s^2 .
- 2.3.3.1.19 Time of Forward Collision Warning (T_{FCW}) Activation: Means the time where the audible warning of the FCW starts. The starting point is determined by audible recognition.
- 2.3.3.1.20 Impact Speed (V_{impact}): Means the speed at which the profiled line around the front end of the VUT coincides with the square box around the EPTa, EPTc and EBT.

2.3.3.2 Criteria and Scoring

To be eligible for scoring points in AEB Pedestrian or AEB Cyclist, the AEB system must be default ON at the start of every journey. It may not be possible to switch off the system with a single push on a button.

For AEB Pedestrian, the system needs to operate (i.e. warn or brake) from speeds of 10 km/h in the CPNA-75 scenario in both day and night. In addition, the system must be able to detect pedestrians walking as slow as 3 km/h and reduce speed in the CPNA-75 scenario at 20 km/h, also for both day and night.

For both AEB Pedestrian as for AEB Bicyclists, the system may also not automatically switch off at a speed below 80 km/h.

The total score is also conditional to the subsystem test score, see section 2.3.3.3.

2.3.3.2.1 Autonomous Emergency Braking (AEB)

For the AEB system tests, the assessment criteria used is the (relative) impact speed. For test speeds up to 40 km/h, the available points per test speed are awarded based on the relative speed reduction achieved. Where there is no full avoidance a linear interpolation is applied to calculate the score for every single test speed.

$$\text{Score}_{\text{test speed}} = ((V_{\text{rel_test}} - V_{\text{rel_impact}}) / V_{\text{rel_test}}) \times \text{Points}_{\text{test speed}}$$

Where:

$V_{\text{rel_test}}$ - Theoretical relative test speed

V_{rel_impact} - Measured relative impact speed

For test speeds above 40km/h points are available on a pass/fail basis. For each of these test speeds points are awarded when a speed reduction of at least 20 km/h is achieved related to the actual measured test speed.

2.3.3.2.2 Forward Collision Warning (FCW)

For the FCW system tests in the longitudinal scenarios, the assessment criteria used is the Time-To-Collision (TTC). The available points per test speed are awarded when the warning is issued at a $TTC \geq 1.70s$.

2.3.3.3 Scoring and Visualization

AEB Pedestrian scoring is conditional to the total points achieved in subsystem tests, i.e. the sum of pedestrian Headform, Upper Legform & Lower Legform scores:

If the subsystem total test score is lower than 22 points, no points are available for AEB Pedestrian, regardless whether the system is fitted and would achieve a good score.

2.3.3.3.1 AEB Pedestrian

A maximum of 6 points is available for AEB Pedestrian, 3 points for daytime performance (all scenarios) and 3 points for performance at night conditions (CPNA-25, CPNA-75, CPLA-25 and CPLA-50).

For each scenario a normalized score is calculated which are averaged and multiplied with the available 3 points available for day and night conditions.

The following points are available for the different test speeds in each AEB Pedestrian scenario for both day and night conditions:

Test speed	CPFA-50	CPNA-25		CPNA-75		CPNC-50	CPLA-50	CPLA-25
	Day	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Day & Night	
20 km/h	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	
25 km/h	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	
30 km/h	2.000	2.000	1.000	2.000	1.000	2.000	1.000	
35 km/h	3.000	3.000	2.000	3.000	2.000	3.000	2.000	
40 km/h	3.000	3.000	2.000	3.000	2.000	3.000	2.000	
45 km/h	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	
50 km/h	2.000	2.000	3.000	2.000	3.000	2.000	3.000	3.000
55 km/h	2.000	2.000	3.000	2.000	3.000	2.000	3.000	3.000
60 km/h	1.000	1.000	2.000	1.000	2.000	1.000	2.000	2.000
65 km/h								1.000
70 km/h								1.000
75 km/h								1.000
80 km/h								1.000
Total	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000	30.000	

2.3.3.3.1.1 AEB Pedestrian Scoring Example

Scenario	Daytime		Night-time	
	CPFA-50	16.02	89.0%	
CPNA-25	18.00	100.0%	14.93	82.9%
CPNA-75	18.00	100.0%	15.84	88.0%
CPNC-50	14.94	83.0%		
CPLA	22.50	75.0%	24.00	80.0%
TOTAL	89.4 % or 2.682 points		83.6 % or 2.509 points	

Total AEB Pedestrian Score = 2.682 + 2.509 = 5.191 points

2.3.3.3.2 AEB Cyclist

A maximum of 6 points is available for AEB Cyclist. For both scenarios a normalized score is calculated which are averaged and multiplied with the available 6 points.

The following points are available for the different test speeds in each AEB Pedestrian scenario:

Test speed	CBNA		CBLA	
	20 km/h	1.000		
25 km/h	1.000		1.000	
30 km/h	1.000		1.000	
35 km/h	1.000		2.000	
40 km/h	1.000		2.000	
45 km/h	1.000		3.000	
50 km/h	1.000		3.000	3.000
55 km/h	1.000		3.000	3.000
60 km/h	1.000		1.000	1.000
65 km/h				1.000
70 km/h				1.000
75 km/h				1.000
80 km/h				1.000
Total	9.000		27.000	

2.3.3.3.2.1 A AEB Cyclist Scoring example test results in CBLA scenario:

Vtest	pointstest speed		Vimpact		Scoretest speed	
	AEB	FCW	AEB	FCW	AEB	FCW
25 km/h	1.000		0 km/h		1.000	
30 km/h	1.000		0 km/h		1.000	
35 km/h	2.000		0 km/h		2.000	
40 km/h	2.000		20 km/h		1.000	
45 km/h	3.000		25 km/h		3.000	
50 km/h	3.000	3.000	30 km/h	2.28s TTC	3.000	3.000
55 km/h	3.000	3.000	40 km/h	2.01s TTC	0.000	3.000
60 km/h	1.000	1.000	Not tested	1.71s TTC	0.000	1.000
65 km/h		1.000		1.70s TTC		1.000
70 km/h		1.000		1.69s TTC		0.000
75 km/h		1.000		1.41s TTC		0.000
80 km/h		1.000		1.43s TTC		0.000
Total	27.000				19.000	
Normalised score					70.3%	

AEB Cyclist (assumed normalized scores for this example)

(1) Normalized score in CBNA scenario: 45.7%

(2) Normalized score in CBLA scenario: 70.3%

Total 58.0%

Total score for AEB Cyclist = 6.0 x 58.0% = 3.480 points

2.3.3.3.3 Visualization

The color of score for AEB VRU is based on the sum of the scores for AEB Pedestrian and AEB Cyclist, rounded to 3 decimal places.

Color	Verdict	Applied to Total Score	Applied to Scenario
Green	Good	9.001-12.000 points	75.0%-100.0%
Yellow	Adequate	6.001-9.000 points	50.0%-75.0%
Orange	Marginal	3.001-6.000 points	25.0%-50.0%
Brown	Weak	0.001-3.000 points	00.0%-25.0%
Red	Poor	0.000 points	00.0%
Grey	Not Available	0.000 points	00.0%

The AEB Pedestrian and AEB Cyclist scores are presented separately using a colored top view of the different scenarios; adult crossing, child crossing and longitudinal (where applicable). The colors used are based on the scenario scores respectively, rounded to three decimal places.

Color	Verdict	Applied to Total Score	Applied to Scenario
Green	Good	4.501-6.000 points	75.0%-100.0%
Yellow	Adequate	3.001-4.500 points	50.0%-75.0%
Orange	Marginal	1.501-3.000 points	25.0%-50.0%
Brown	Weak	0.001-1.500 points	00.0%-25.0%
Red	Poor	0.000 points	00.0%

Grey	Not Available	0.000 points	00.0%
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