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Guidelines for motorcyclist-friendly guardrails published

The Federation of European Motorcyclists Associations (FEMA) launched today a dedicated website to promote motorcyclist-friendly road barriers, featuring a comprehensive database of existing barriers, a listing of manufacturers and guidelines detailing current standards and best practices for the benefit of road authorities.

Most road restraint systems do not offer any protection to motorcyclists falling off, sliding or rolling onto the pavement. Victims are likely to hit one or more posts which have no energy absorption properties. As a result, collision with guardrail posts is a major cause of fatal motorcyclist injury, along with serious limb and organ injury often leading to amputation.

A great variety of motorcycle protection systems is available in Europe. These products can be installed along the road or combined with existing road restraint systems and offer protection not only to car occupants but also to users of two-wheelers. www.mc-roadsidebarriers.eu presents these products and offers a comprehensive search function to help interested road authorities and infrastructure operators identify suitable products. Manufacturers are also invited to provide information about their products.

The website includes a download link to the publication "*New Standards for Road Restraint Systems for Motorcyclists - Designing safer roadsides for motorcyclists*". This document provides accurate and complete information on the solutions available to road authorities and infrastructure operators who wish to upgrade road restraint systems, by presenting the current technical standards available, statistical data and in-depth research, accident profiles configurations, as well as best practices and success stories.

In addition, the Guardrail Guidelines feature a comprehensive list of road restraint products available on the market today, their characteristics, their use, the standards against which they are tested, and guidelines on where and how they should be used to the best benefit.

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Note to editors:

- Motorcyclists Protection Systems: www.mc-roadsidebarriers.eu
- "*New Standards for Road Restraint Systems for Motorcyclists - Designing safer roadsides for motorcyclists*": <http://www.mc-roadsidebarriers.eu/motorcycle-protection-systems/guidelines/>
- The Federation of European Motorcyclists' Associations (FEMA) : www.fema-online.eu