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# James Casassa

# **Professional Competencies:**

Forensic Engineer who performs:

- Reconstruction of collisions including automobile, heavy truck, tractor-trailer, motorcycle and recreational vehicles
- Mechanical and component failure analysis
- Forensic vehicle inspections including wheel and tire
- Automotive safety and crashworthiness investigations
- Download and interpretation of crash data recorder information

#### **Experience Summary**

- Management of retail/wholesale auto parts business
- Research administrator of auto design issues related to crash-worthiness and damageability for insurance company
- General Motors Test Engineer

# **Employment History:**

#### Wolf Technical Services, Inc., Indianapolis, IN

Forensic and Design Engineer, Accident Reconstructionist (1989 to Present)

Mr. Casassa's forensic specialties include technical investigation and reconstruction of vehicle collisions, mechanical failure analysis, automotive safety and crashworthiness. He has been the principal investigator and reconstructionist of more than 1,400 vehicle-related incidents and has supported fellow staff members on numerous other cases. He has provided consultation on wheel loss issues for a transit company as well as evaluated numerous cases involving tire failure. His continuing education includes attendance at Society of Automotive Engineer technical sessions and seminars on topics such as accident reconstruction, vehicle crash characteristics, component failures and injury causation. He participated in a series of crash tests performed to improve understanding of the relationship between vehicle crush stiffnesses and collision speed.

Jim was instrumental in the research, design, development and testing on a project for the U.S. Air Force involving helicopter aircrew restraints and injury mitigation. He also contributed his expertise in mechanics, testing, and mechanical design to the development of a safer troop seat for U.S. Air Force helicopters. Jim was a registered professional engineer





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for over 25 years and a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers. He has testified in both state and federal courts as an expert in accident reconstruction and mechanical failure analysis.

**Mt. Zion Auto Supply, Inc.**, Mt. Zion, Illinois Owner/President (1976 to 1991)

Management of all aspects of full service retail/wholesale auto parts business including personnel, finance, purchasing, promotion, and inventory control.

**State Farm Insurance**, Bloomington, Illinois Research Administrator (1971 to 1976)

Gathered and analyzed statistical data relating automotive design to insurance losses. Advised management and legal department on auto design issues related to crashworthiness and damageability.

#### General Motors Proving Ground, Milford, Michigan

Test Engineer (1969 to 1970)

Designed and performed engineering tests related to vehicular noise and vibration problems, and recommended engineering solutions.

## Education:

Purdue University, Lafayette, IN Master of Science in Industrial Administration	1971
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Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering	1969
Continuing Education:	
<ul> <li>Event Data Recorder Use in Traffic Crash Reconstruction – Level II</li> </ul>	2018
SAE International Commercial Vehicle Braking Systems	2014
IMIS Safety & Technical Conference	2012
<ul> <li>Crash Data Retrieval Data Operator &amp; Analyst Course</li> </ul>	2012
<ul> <li>Crash Data Retrieval User's Conference</li> </ul>	2008
<ul> <li>Crash Data Retrieval Data Analyst Course</li> </ul>	2006
<ul> <li>Society of Automotive Engineers "Tire and Wheel Safety Issues" Seminar</li> </ul>	2005
<ul> <li>Society of Automotive Engineers "The Tire as a Vehicle Component" Seminar</li> </ul>	2005



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- Crash Data Retrieval System Operator Certification Course 2005
- Engineering Dynamics Corporation "Theoretical and Applied Vehicle Dynamics" 2002

1992

 Society of Automotive Engineers "Automotive Safety: Anatomy, Injury, Testing & Regulation"

## Accreditations, Licenses and Certifications:

Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Indiana (inactive) Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Illinois (inactive) Crash Data Retrieval (CDR) System Operator Certification Crash Data Retrieval (CDR) Data Analyst Certification

## Patents:

US Patent No. 9,937,893 B2; Magnetically Actuated Personnel Restraint System

## Past and Present Affiliations and Honors:

Member of the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Member of O.T.A.R.A (Ohio Traffic Accident Reconstruction Association) Corporate Member of the SAFE Association Arch T. Colwell Award 1975 – Outstanding SAE technical paper