

**Question for written answer E-011817/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Road safety

In 2010 the average power of a new car sold in the EU was 84 kW, compared with 74 kW in 2001, which constitutes a 13.5 % increase. In 2001 the average top speed of a new car sold in the EU was 180 km/h compared with 185 km/h in 2010.

The European Transport Safety Council has stressed that a large majority of cars are greatly over-powered for the conditions in which they are actually used and that most new cars today can exceed 130 km/h by at least an additional 40 km/h. Top speeds of common cars range from approximately 160 km/h to nearly 300 km/h.

- Does the Commission agree that a better match between the top speed capability and the speed at which one can drive safely on public roads would help to improve road safety?
- Would a binding top speed for vehicles such as trucks, buses and coaches be advisable for ensuring safer roads?
- Does the Commission consider it desirable to introduce a limit on the power that a car's engine can deliver?