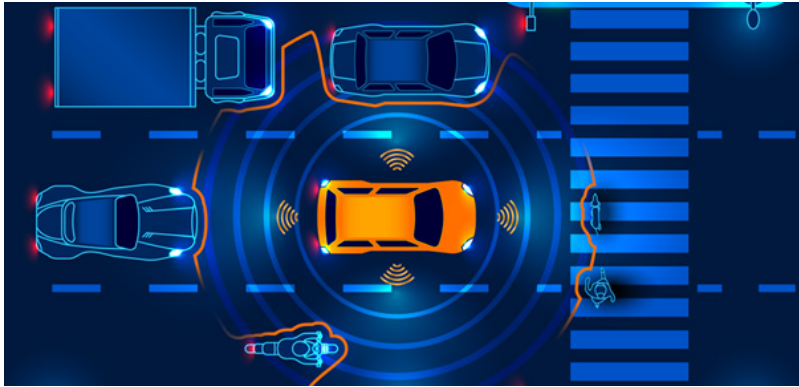


The European Parliament, Council and Commission have agreed that the next generation of vehicle safety standards are to become mandatory in new European vehicles by 2022.



The final consequential chain of active and passive safety measures will see the development of cutting-edge vehicles with advanced safety measures that are predicted to save up to 25,000 lives and prevent 140,000 serious injuries in the 16 years following introduction.

The requirements are to include autonomous emergency braking and emergency lane keeping to intervene in the most critical situations to avoid a crash; meanwhile, improved crash tests will ensure that injuries to vehicle occupants and to pedestrians and cyclists are minimised in those collisions that can't be avoided.