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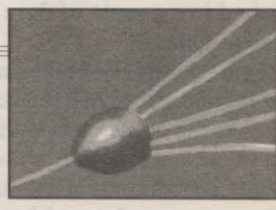
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When is a cart a car?

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In contrast, "Golf car means a motor vehicle, whose speed attainable in 1 mile exceeds 15 mph but does not exceed 25 mph, used to convey one or more persons and equipment to play the game of golf in an area designated as a golf course."

Also defined is a "Low-speed vehicle means a motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, whose speed attainable in 1 mile does not exceed 25 mph."

Most important the standard applies to golf cars and low-speed vehicles, namely NEVs, operated on the public streets, roads, and highways. It does NOT apply to golf carts which cannot go faster than 15 mph.

The standard requires the following equipment on golf cars and LSVs - headlamp, front and rear turn signal lamps, taillamps, stop lamps and one red reflex reflector on each side as far to the rear as practicable and located not less than 15 inches nor more than 60 inches above the road surface.

They must also have an exterior mirror mounted on the driver's side of the vehicle and either an exterior mirror mounted on the passenger's side of the vehicle or an interior mirror, parking brake and a windshield marked "AS 1" by its prime glazing material manufacturer.

Also required are Type 1 or Type 2 seat belts conforming to Sec. 571.209 Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 209, Seat belt assemblies, installed at each designated seating position. Finally, there must be a label permanently affixed, visible to the operator when seated, which reads: "WARNING: This vehicle must not be operated on the public roads at a speed more than 25 mph." There is neither requirements for air bags or crash testing.

Note there are some NEVs on the market such as the Gizmo, Sparrow, Twike and City-elthat are not governed by the standards. That is because they have only three wheel and qualify as motorcycles.

Are safety requirements required on golf cars? Probably not. During hearings during formulation of the new standard, only one instance of an accident with a golf cart was reported. A teenager joy riding in a stolen golf cart lost control and rolled it. However, one plus is that there will be a national standard for low-speed vehicles rather than a hodge-podge of regulations issued by states and even individual communities.

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