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PREFACE

The second, revised edition of *The Handbook of Road Safety Measures*, first published by Elsevier Science in 2004, gives a systematic overview of current knowledge regarding the effects of road safety measures. The book gives state-of-the-art summaries of current knowledge regarding the effects of 128 road safety measures. Since 2004, the introduction part and 65 chapters have been revised and 5 chapters have been added.

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