



Technology Assistance

AutoBid

Testing and Evaluation

AutoBid is designed to help police fleet administrators select the patrol vehicle that is best suited to the needs of their department. The system is based on vehicle performance test data for police patrol package models published annually by the Michigan State Police. The current version of AutoBid uses data from the 2002 model year patrol vehicle evaluations.

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AutoBid helps fleet managers select the best patrol vehicle based on vehicle test scores. It identifies which vehicle has the highest overall test performance and ranks the vehicles according to their relative performance. The overall performance score of a vehicle is based on each test score weighted by the importance weight for each test category assigned by the user. The overall performance score is particularly helpful when an evaluation is needed before a request for bids has been prepared. The performance analysis can be used to determine which models warrant a request for bids.

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Future versions of AutoBid will include an additional method of vehicle selection using a combined score based on both vehicle cost and test scores. This method will identify which vehicle is the "Best Buy" in terms of the lowest cost for equivalent test performance and ranks the vehicles by the bid price adjusted for performance.

AutoBid is available both as an application and as an applet. The AutoBid Application does not require you to be connected to the Internet while it is running and can run on any operating system. However, the installation program available on this web site is designed for Windows. To request a non-Windows version, please contact Amy Rushing of NIST at amy.rushing@nist.gov. ([Download the AutoBid Application](#)).

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The AutoBid Applet can be viewed via a Java-capable web browser and requires an Internet connection. Please note that the applet may take a few minutes to load over a modem. ([Try the AutoBid Applet](#))

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