

# A Study on the Development of the Expressway Traffic Accident Damage Model in the Winter Season

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

Since the opening of Gyeongbu and Gyeongin Expressways in 1969, Korea expressways have extended and a total of 33 expressway lines are now operated with the total length 4,084 km.

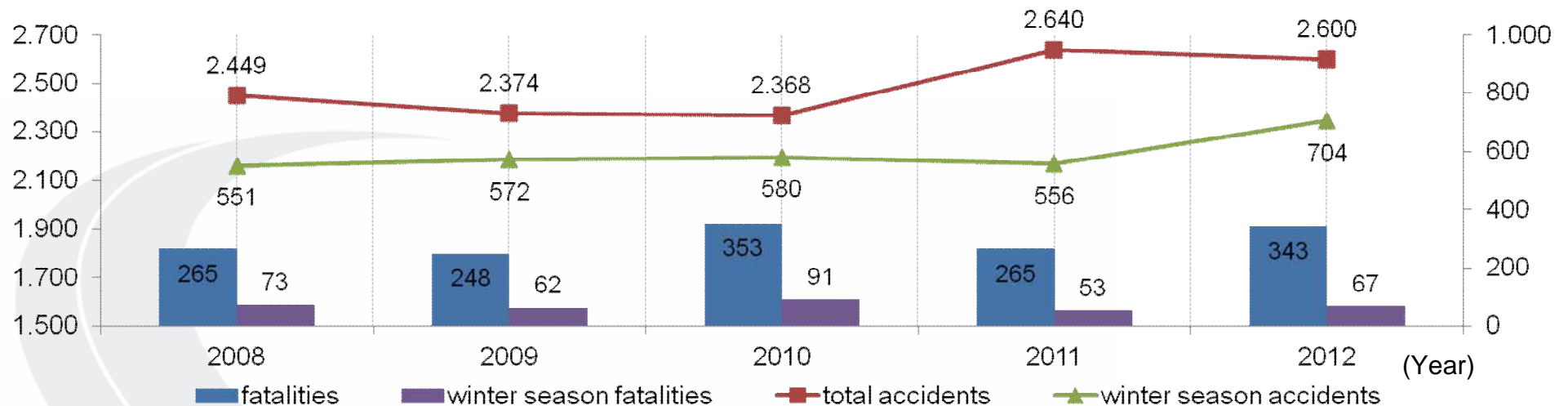


# 1. INTRODUCTION

## Background and Purpose of the Study

- ✓ Fatality rate per accident in the winter season is higher than others
- ✓ Analysis of major factors related to traffic accident damages

### Traffic Accidents & Fatalities in Expressway



## 2. Related Study & Traffic Accident Damage Cost Estimation

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### Review of Previous Studies

- ✓ Correlation between traffic accidents and accident factors is conducted.
- ✓ Researches on traffic accident damage is not sufficient.

### Traffic Accident Cost Estimation

- ✓ Personal damage cost was estimated by applying net average cost per person.
- ✓ Fatality net average cost is \$390,000 per person.
- ✓ Injured person net average cost is \$2,800 per person.

### 3. Traffic Accident Characteristics in Winter Season

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#### Traffic Accident Occurrence (2009–2011)

- ✓ A total of 7,250 traffic accidents occurred and 744 people died.
- ✓ Traffic accidents 1,708 and 180 fatalities occurred in the winter season.

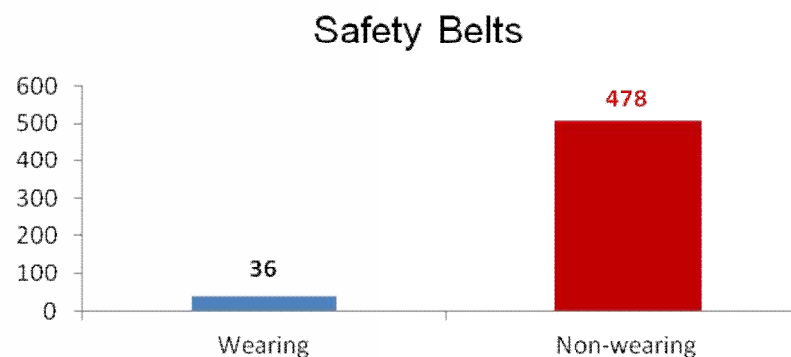
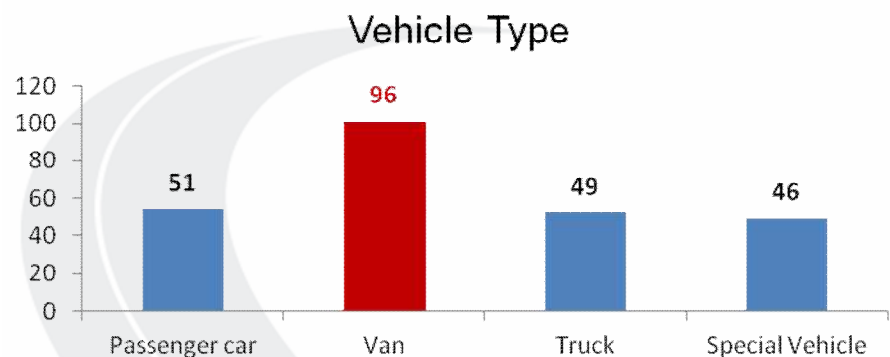
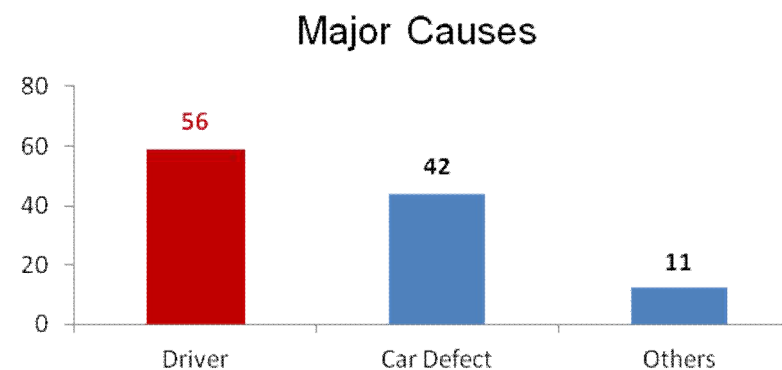
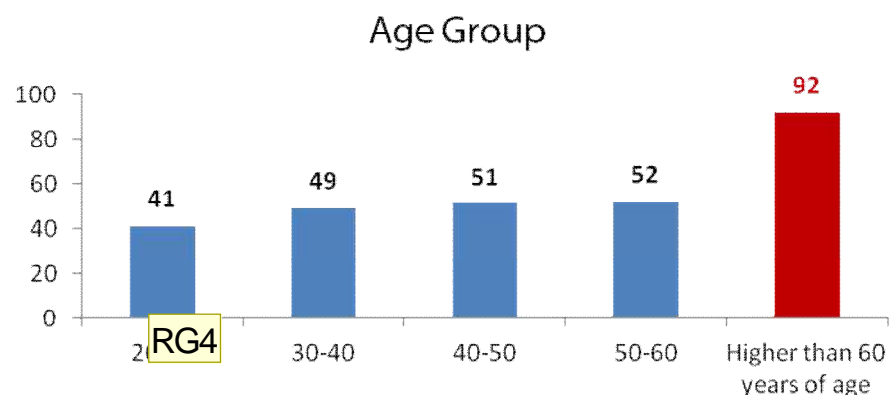
< Korea Expressway Corporation Traffic Accident Management Standards >

Level	Standards
Level A	More than 3 deaths, more than \$9,400 of damage, more than 20 injured people, and more than 10 vehicles involved in the accident
Level B	More than 1 death, more than \$2,300 of damage, more than 5 injured people, and more than 5 vehicles involved in the accident
Level C	More than 0 death, more than \$280 of damage, more than 1 injured people, and more than 3 vehicles involved in the accident

### 3. Traffic Accident Characteristics in Winter Season

#### Characteristics of Winter Season Traffic Accident Cost

(Unit: \$1,000)



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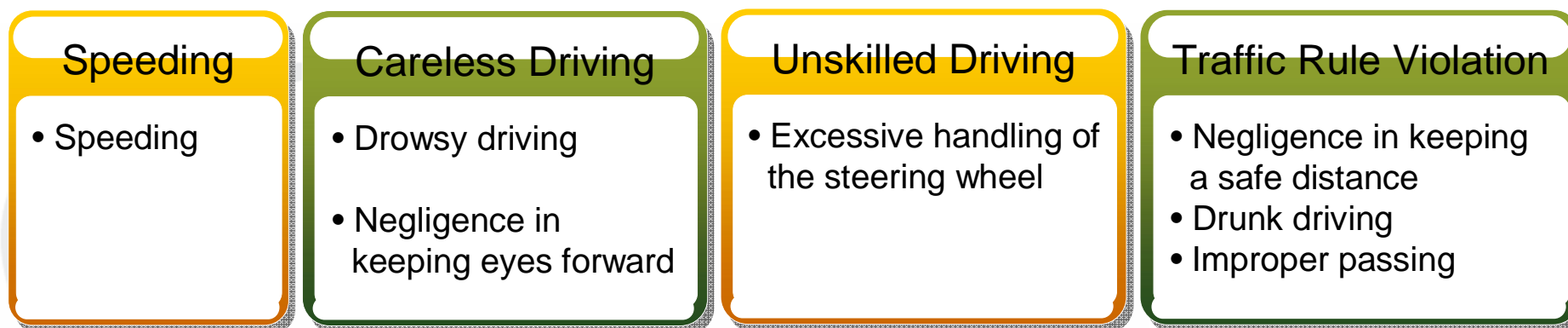
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### Principal Component Analysis

- ✓ To understand the pattern independent variables are composed of, an analysis was conducted.
- ✓ Four representative principal components with the Eigenvalue higher than 1 and the cumulative contribution ratio higher than 60%

#### < Principal Component Analysis Result >



## 4. Construction of Winter Season Traffic Accident Damage Cost Model

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### Model Selection

- ✓ A multiple linear regression analysis model set up in this study
- ✓ It is the most suitable model for analysis of different factors.

### Explanation of Variables

1. Accident factors: speeding, careless driving, unskilled driving, traffic rule violation
2. Accident type: vehicle type, number of accident vehicle, and accident pattern
3. Road and weather condition: vertical alignment, road shape, and weather
4. Controller's response: accident handling time
5. Driver's properties: age and non-wearing of the seat belt

## 4. Construction of Winter Season Traffic Accident Damage Cost Model

### Analysis Result

- ✓ Variables that greatly influenced the traffic accident cost, such as the following:
  - age, unskilled, seat belt, handling time, vehicle type, and number of vehicle

\*\* : A significance exists at 95% confidence level

	Factors	Coefficient	t-value	p-value
Accident Factor	Unskilled driving	-0.049	-2.187	0.029**
Accident Type	Vehicle type	0.082	3.545	0.000**
	The number of accident vehicles	0.143	5.696	0.000**
Driver's Reaction	Accident handling time	0.151	6.083	0.000**
Driver's Properties	Age	0.068	3.101	0.002**
	Non-wearing of the seat belt	-0.453	-20.328	0.000**
$R^2$		0.314		
$Adj - R^2$		0.307		

## 5. Conclusion

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- 1) To fully understand the **safe driving tips** and to establish an **information system** to inform drivers about dangerous sections
- 2) To conduct **a special safety training** for drivers of vans and heavy vehicles
- 3) To give **a prompt response** to accidents by integrating the Road Management Agency

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