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As a mechanic since the early 1980s who has been inside many different makes and models, I have concerns regarding the fact that too many cars have insufficient forward vision.

At two inches shorter than the 95th percentile, whenever I check a different model vehicle for suitability for myself, having sat in the driver's seat, I first locate the steering wheel and seat adjustments and lower the seat, then I close my eyes, adjust the seat base so as to operate the foot controls adequately then adjust the seat back for ergonomic use of the steering wheel and adjust the wheel if possible/practical.

Having done this, with extremely few exceptions, I open my eyes to find that I am looking directly at where the roof meets the windscreen and thus I need to drop my eyes down to look into the internal rear view mirror which also is blocking my forward vision.

The few exceptions see me looking out the windscreen maybe an inch lower than the roof line . .

I do note this, as a general rule of thumb I've found that the more expensive the vehicle, the more restricted is the forward vision.

Now considering good ergonomics is a key factor in maintaining driver awareness, why must us taller people have to drive a car in a manner which is not conducive to maintaining good concentration or minimizing fatigue, like when you have to lay the seat right back just in order to look out the windscreen and thus operate the steering wheel at full arms length.

Another issue is power/electric steering, which admittedly is generally not an issue in suburbia but out in the countryside if you are not getting the signals that warn you of black ice for example then you don't know to slow down.

Power/electric steering removes this 'feel' of the road and may well be a large contributing factor to the number of accidents . .

And worst of all we now have vehicles that require you to take your eyes OFF THE ROAD for way too many seconds in order to navigate a computer screen menu just so you can turn on a demister/radio/heater which is worse than using a mobile phone whilst driving . . please can we have some common sense.