

Setback to Uber's autonomous car program

Uber's autonomous car VOLVO XC90 SUV ,fatally hit a pedestrian in Tempe, Arizona. It paints a damning picture of Uber's self driving technology.

It is learnt that sensors on the vehicle worked well as expected, spotting the pedestrian about 6 seconds prior to impact, which should have given it enough time to stop given the car's 43mph speed. Problem was in its software to identify the pedestrian.

Uber has been racing to meet an end of year internal goal of allowing customers in Phoenix area to ride in Uber's autonomous VOLVO vehicles with no safety driver sitting behind the wheel.