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**Driver:** *On April 29, 2008, myself and a friend were in a rollover accident in my 2003 MINI Cooper S in the mountains of North Carolina. I was wearing a 4-point harness (as I do numerous HPDE events) and my passenger was in the stock seatbelt with a CG-Lock. We came around a fairly gentle curve at about 45 mph and the car lost traction in the right rear and put us into a skid. Because of my track experience I knew enough to keep power applied to the front wheels and we were actually starting to recover from the skid when the right rear wheel hit a pile of dirt, spun us in a violent 360 in the other direction and drove us up the wall and over onto the roof. I was completely uninjured and as I was hanging upside down in my harness, my first concern was for Rich's safety. I looked over at him to see if he was alright and he was as firmly locked in his seat as I was in my harness! To my great relief, he was uninjured as well. My car, however, was later written off by the insurance company. Thank you, CG-Lock for protecting my friend and sparing me the pain and guilt I would of felt had he been injured!" Don Christopher, Windsor, Ontario*

**Passenger:** *I will admit, I was not a big supporter of your product. It was my opinion that some little gizmo...do-dad...thingy that you stick on your seat-belt wasn't going to do anything positive in the event of a serious crash. (This opinion, wrongfully, was based on nothing more than testosterone). In the spring of 2008. I was involved, as a passenger, in a rollover accident of a MINI Cooper. Thankfully, my friend who owned the car didn't feel the same way I did about your product, the CG-Lock.*

*We were going to make a night-time pass through the Dragon. Don was going to drive. When I got in his car he was buckling up his full harness. I grabbed the stock seat-belt when Don said, that belt has a CG-Lock...do you know how to use it? Puzzled, I said no, and was thinking you have a harness, I get some little snap thing. :( Don showed me how to use it (simple) and made sure I was strapped in nice and tight.*

*Not five minutes later, Don and I were upside down assessing each other when Don said, are you OK !! To my surprise, I was. I was hanging there as tight in my seat, with the CG-Lock, as Don was in his harness. Thank you for your CG-Lock and thank you Don for strapping me in with it. Rich McNutt, Livonia, MI*

**Passerby:** *My car wasn't involved, but since the whole story and/or pictures are on MMMC and YouTube, it was a fellow MMMC member "Big Daddy" and his crash/rollover at the Dragon. His passenger was actually hanging by his CG-Lock and was very grateful Big Daddy had one on his passenger seat belt. Your CG-Lock performed perfectly, so thank you from the MMMC family. MB*

**Photographer:** *Tuesday, April 29, 2008, Big Daddy (Don) took a spill on Rte 28 in Fontana, NC. There was a nice "volcano" pothole in the outside curve of the road that he hit, and lost control. He WAS NOT going fast, just couldn't regain control in the curve and flipped. There are two amazing things...NEITHER Don nor Rich were hurt (Thanks to a harness and a CG-Lock) and the car was drivable!*

*I too use a CG lock in my Cabrio and know just how good they are. As a nurse my greatest concern was for their safety as well and I was, and still am, very happy that I didn't even have to break out a snooty band-aid for either of them.*

*MINIs are strong cars, and anything to show the public JUST how strong they are is good press in my book.*

*I am glad that your company does this. It is very important to show what an inexpensive piece of equipment can do to save someone's life. I am upgrading for myself to a harness because, well.. I have a cabrio, and feel that I need just that much more cinch down if I am in an accident, but on the regular seatbelt, which I use for everyday driving, I have a CG Lock. :) We also have one in the passenger seat of my husband's MINI as well, so we are very familiar with their great uses.*

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