

# SAFETY: 11 dead in York Room for improvement on roads across region

Markham continues to outpace every other area of the region when it comes to driver and pedestrian infractions, York Regional Police data shows.

According to figures released this week, 90 people were charged in March for offences such as failure to stop for red or amber lights, failure to yield to a pedestrian and failure to obey pedestrian signals.

The second-highest number of people charged were in Vaughan at 45.

## MARKHAM LEADS

For the year, 197 people in Markham have been charge and the figure represents more than 37 per cent of the 530 charged regionwide.

Since Jan. 1, 11 people have died on York streets including three pedestrians and one snowmobile operator.

Two of those who died were killed about a week apart on the same stretch of Rutherford Road in Vaughan.

If you drive, you are reminded that speeding and distractions reduce your chances of a safe drive.

Police are also looking out for anyone using a hand-held device.

Since February, it is against the law to use a hand-held device while operating a vehicle.

## OPERATION CROSS SMART

Breakdown of tickets issued by municipality for offences such as fail to stop for red or amber lights, fail to yield to a pedestrian and fail to obey pedestrian signal:

TOWN	MARCH 2010	
▶ Aurora	12	28
▶ East Gwillimbury	10	12
▶ Georgina	2	9
▶ King	8	15
▶ Markham	90	197
▶ Newmarket	20	37
▶ Richmond Hill	39	109
▶ Vaughan	45	114
▶ Stouffville	2	8
▶ Other	1	1
▶ Total	229	530

Source: York Regional Police



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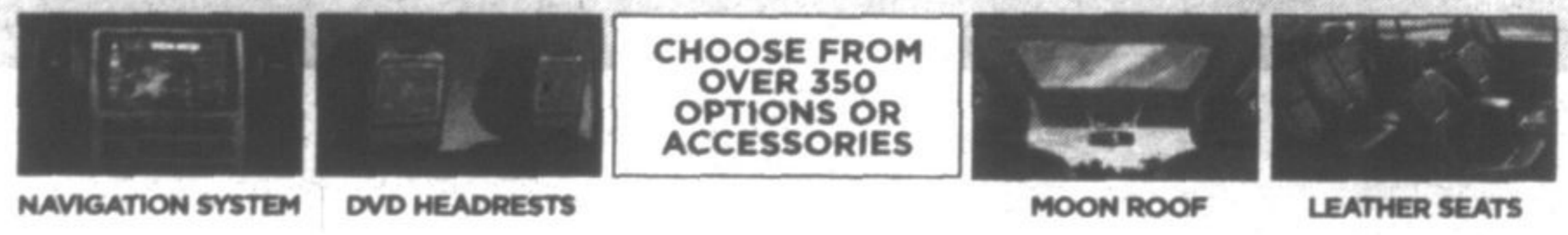
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