

FOUNDER OF APPLE SAYS TESLA CARS WILL KILL YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

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STEVE WOZNIAK: IF YOU WANT TO LEARN ABOUT AI KILLING PEOPLE, "GET A TESLA"

THE WOZ IS AT IT AGAIN.

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Tesla Killer

Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak has some harsh words for Tesla. In a new interview, Wozniak argued that the Elon Musk-led company's self-driving efforts leave a lot to be desired — and are actively making Teslas incredibly unsafe to drive.

"And boy, if you want a study of AI gone wrong and taking a lot of claims and trying to kill you every chance it can, get a Tesla," Wozniak told *CNN* earlier this week during a televised interview, as [quoted by Electrek](#).

While comparing the current AI chatbot discourse to the dangers of self-driving cars might sound a touch disingenuous, the Apple cofounder does make a compelling point: There do appear to be very real risks involved in allowing your Tesla to take over the wheel.

Autopilot Off

Wozniak has long been a critic of Tesla's Autopilot software, arguing that the reality falls far short of Tesla's lofty claims.

Last year, Wozniak recalled the "[phantom breaking](#)" issues that were plaguing him while driving his Model S in an [interview](#) with Stephen "Steve-O" Glover, causing him to slow down significantly while driving on the interstate.

"This is so dangerous!" he told Glover at the time. "It's happened to us a hundred times, at least, because we drive so much."

Musk reportedly convinced Wozniak to buy a Model S back in 2013. At the time, Musk told him that the car "would drive itself across the country by the end of 2016," Wozniak told *CNN*.

"I actually believed those things, and it's not even close to reality," he added, arguing that the software could end up killing the occupant.

Investigated

Wozniak's off-the-cuff remark does have some truth to it. We've seen [numerous fatal collisions](#) involving Tesla's Autopilot feature over the years.

Meanwhile, the US National Highway Traffic Safety Administration [announced](#) back in 2021 that it was investigating the EV maker over a series of accidents in which Teslas have smashed into pulled-over emergency response vehicles.

Then last year, [news emerged](#) that the Justice Department is also investigating more than a dozen crashes involving Autopilot, some fatal. The carmaker [eventually confirmed](#) the news to investors in January.

Despite Tesla's controversial marketing and Musk's [repeated promises](#), its vehicles are not able to fully drive themselves in 2023 and require the driver to watch the road and take over at any time — and, as Wozniak has discovered first hand, there's a very good reason for that.

