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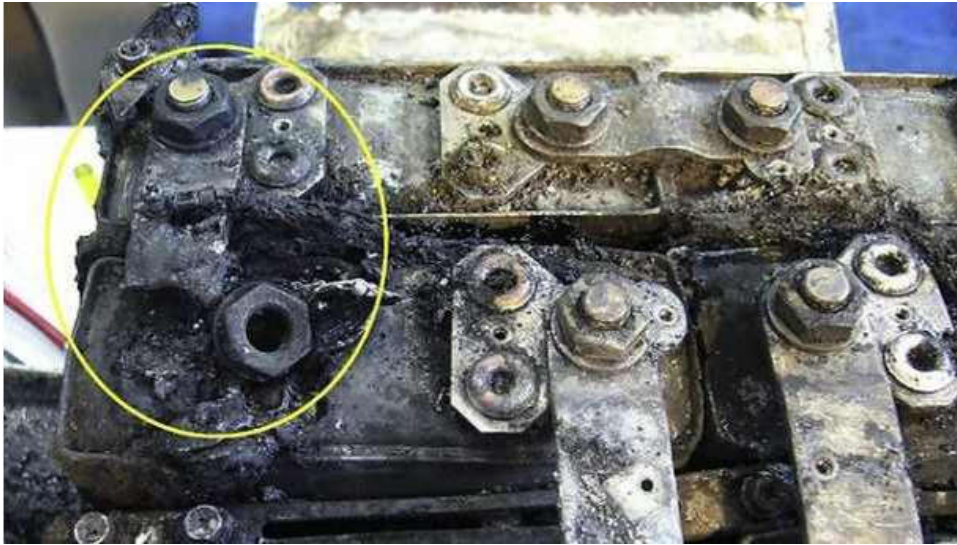
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Airbus to drop lithium-ion batteries for A350 due to regulatory concerns

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By Associated Press, Updated: Thursday, February 14, 6:44 PM

NEW YORK — Airbus is dropping lithium-ion batteries from its new A350 airplane because of uncertainty surrounding the technology that has led to the grounding of Boeing's 787.

The European planemaker said late Thursday that it has decided to revert to nickel-cadmium batteries for the A350. The plane is a wide-body jet rival to the 787 and is expected to make its first flight around the middle of the year.

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Airbus says it does not expect the battery switch to delay the A350.

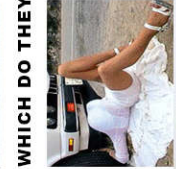
Federal officials grounded the 787 last month because of problems with its lithium-ion batteries that caused one fire and forced another plane to make an emergency landing.

Airbus says the A350 uses batteries in a different setup to the 787, making it unlikely that it would face the same problems.





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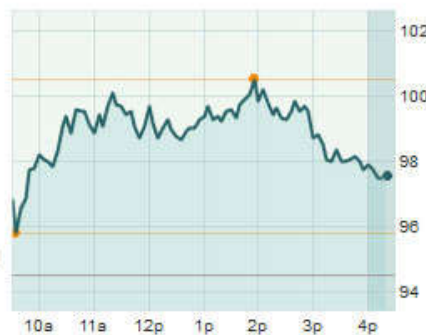


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By Laura Mandaro

SAN FRANCISCO (MarketWatch) — Tesla Motors Inc. **TSLA +3.45%** shares fell 3.2% premarket Monday, to \$98.54, after Barron's featured the company in a cover story. The article noted that one big driver behind the stock's tripling in value this year was a powerful short squeeze. "With the shorts in retreat, Tesla should trade more in line with its fundamentals," notes the article. The author argues there will have to be a break-through in battery technology for sales to take off. ■

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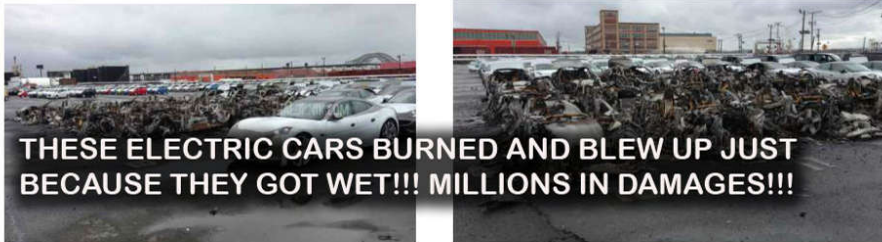


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Tesla now? Fisker's insurance company is balking at paying for this saying: "You knew this would happen".



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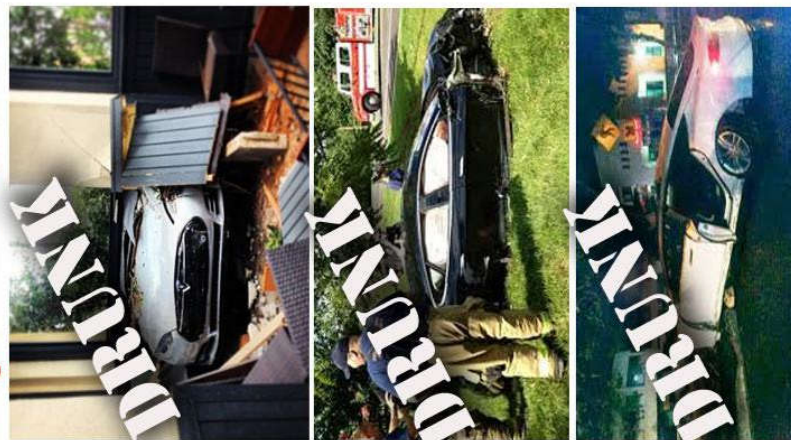
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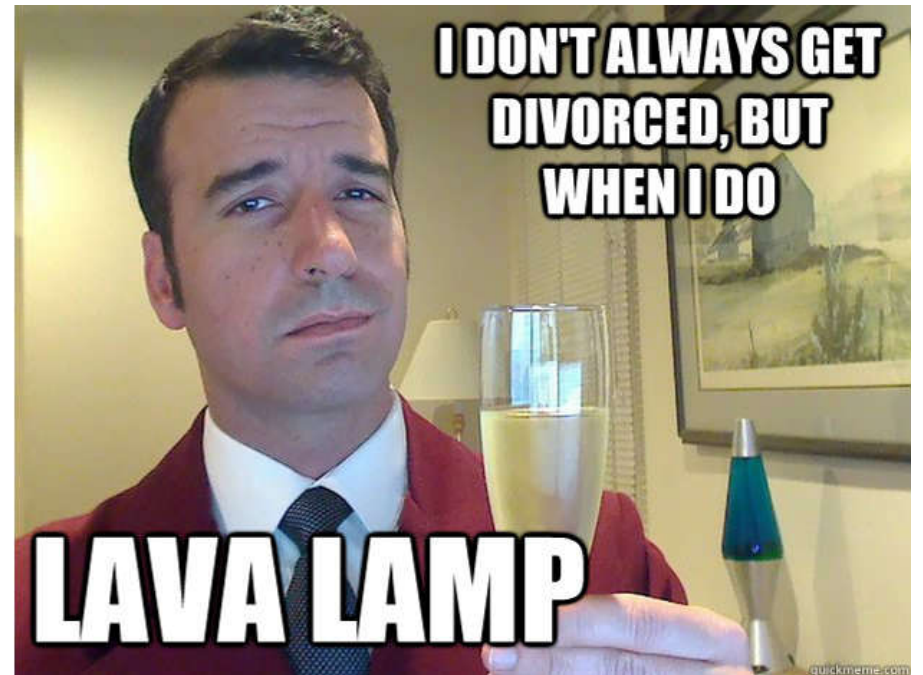


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The Elon Musk Center
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Elon Musk, a billionaire, has now received billions of free taxpayer dollars in out-right cash hand-outs, tax waivers, free or low-cost resources, stock pumps and federal NASA contracts. Musk's companies would not exist today if not for taxpayer hand-out cash. No other living person has received this much taxpayer money from the Obama administration. No other living person has given so much money to the Obama administration through his companies, investors and partners, like Google. No other living person has had the Obama administration sabotage, terminate or rule against so many of his competitors. Federal records demonstrate this to be one of the most overt examples of a political campaign kick-back scheme in this decade. In Musk's carefully orchestrated, self-aggrandizing media campaigns, all mention of his true financial connections, extensive fraud lawsuits, and employee distrust is carefully expunged.



Elon Musk's Space Dream Almost Killed Tesla

By Ashlee Vance | FOR BLOOMBERG

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SpaceX started with a plan to send mice to Mars. It got crazier from there.

In late October 2001, Elon Musk was in Jim Cantrell, a kind of international Although Musk had tens of millions and they were planning to buy a refueling station or some mice to Mars. Musk, a gangly eccentric, had been launching the rocket venture as best as he could to raise the money, and he'd been doing his best to discourage the project. He peppered Musk with links to video messages of Russian,

"He can be a downright liar ..." SPACE X STAFF



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During an event at Tesla's design studio in Hawthorne, Elon Musk introduces a line of batteries for homes and businesses. (Jerome Adams/Reuters / Los Angeles Times)

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ELON MUSK: A RAT IN SPACE



ELON MUSK: A RAT IN SPACE





Tesla CEO in Digital Witch Hunt



Owen Thomas
Filed to: LEAKS 3/04/09 9:30am



Enraged by leaks at his troubled Silicon Valley electric carmaker, CEO Elon Musk cooked up a sophisticated electronic scheme to catch the blabbers. It backfired hilariously on the brilliant entrepreneur, who's a bit blabby himself.

Tesla Motors is an icon of the new Silicon Valley, which is placing its bets on clean, green technology. Its \$109,000 Tesla Roadster runs wholly on electricity and accelerates from 0 to 60 miles per hour in less than four seconds. But the company is in deep financial trouble, and is betting its future on government loans that may not materialize. Musk, the company's lead investor, took over as CEO last fall. But his reign has been marked by constant and, as Musk himself had admitted, deadily accurate disclosures of Tesla's parlous condition.

A tipster writes:

Life for the employees at Tesla Motors has got more depressing over the last few months. Elon Musk is now spying on everyone.



Should Management Spy on Employees? - CBS News

The story, according to Valleywag, goes like this: ... Elon Musk is now spying on everyone. ... What do you think? Should management spy on employees to stop media leaks or for any other reason? Come to think of it, ...

cbsnews.com/news/should-management-spy-on-employees/

Leaks: Tesla CEO in Digital Witch Hunt - Gawker

Life for the employees at Tesla Motors has got more depressing over the last few months. Elon Musk is now spying on everyone. The Inquisition began after an engineer named Peng Zhou revealed the company's perilously low \$9 million cash balance to Valleywag last October. Musk ordered a ...

gawker.com/5164035/tesla-ceo-in-digital-witch-hunt

Elon musk - Valleywag

Elon Musk Turned Into Unwitting Hair Transplant ... On Monday former employees of SpaceX, Elon Musk's own private ... The mysterious 'collector' who spent \$866,000 on the James Bond Lotus submarine from The Spy Who Loved Me was none other than billionaire investor and Tesla CEO Elon Musk ...

valleywag.gawker.com/tag/elon-musk

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Elon Musk, Tweet. If this is your first visit, ... Elon Spying on all Employees Leaks: Tesla CEO in Digital Witch Hunt. 2009-03-04, 09:23 AM #14. DRM. View Profile ... and the majority of the negative ones seem to stem from valleywag/gawker.

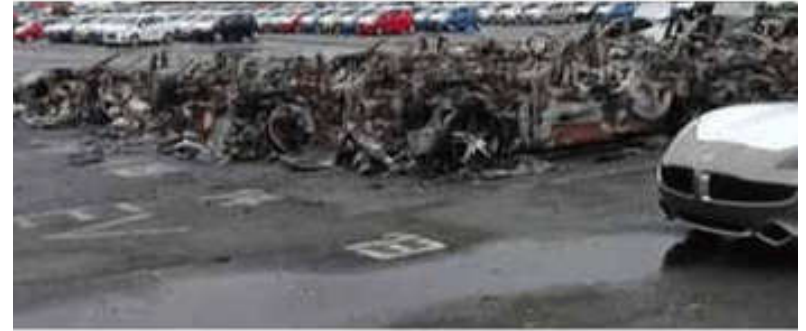
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Tesla Death Watch 35: Musk Outs Zhou | The Truth About Cars

Which is fair enough. God knows TTAC has its spies friends throughout the industry. And the fact that



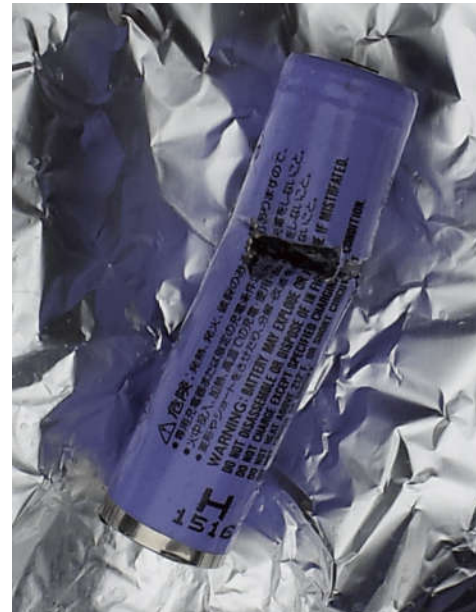
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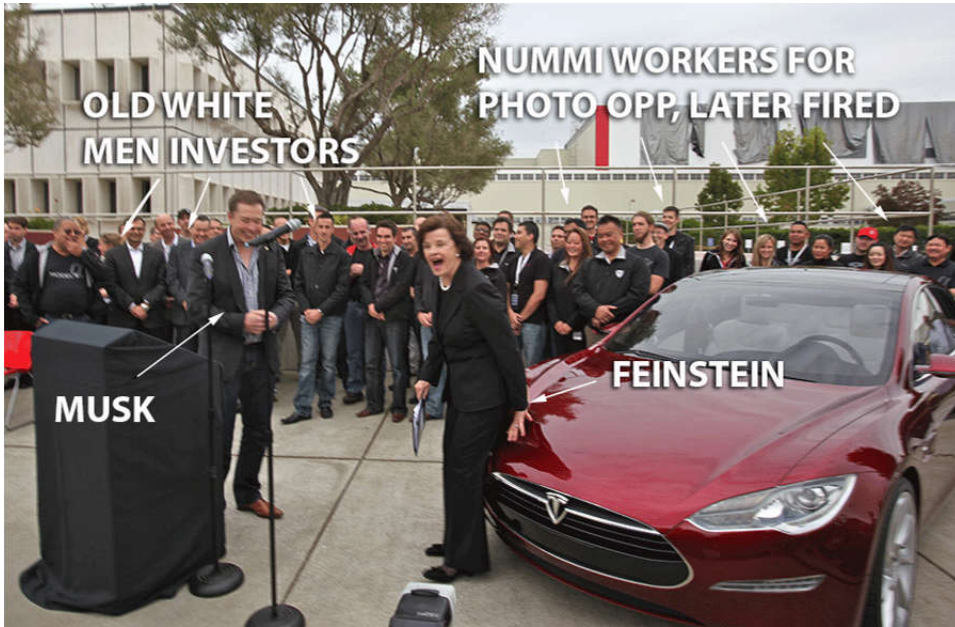
Millions of dollars of lithium ion electric cars that exploded because they got wet!



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Tesla will be recalling the Roadster 2.0 and 2.5 due to a **fire hazard**. The issue is that the 12V low voltage auxiliary cable, located behind the passenger side ...

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What's far less clear is the effect that the **fire** will have on the near ... **fire** battery pack **Toyota Recall Fire risk** ... About the 2010 **Tesla Roadster**;

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3 Items the Shortsighted Media Doesn't Understand About Tesla Motors Inc. Stock

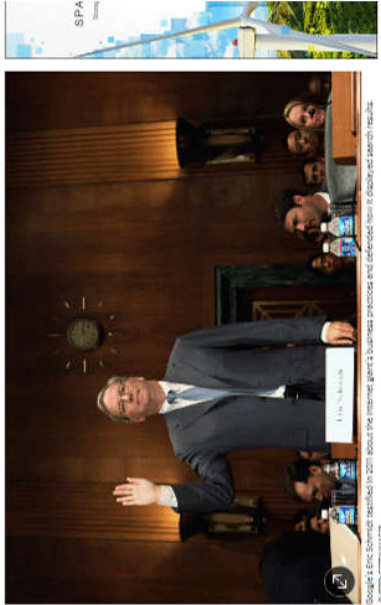
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A number of recent reports on electric-car maker **Tesla Motors** (NASDAQ: **TSLA**) serve as excellent examples of key differences between the shortsighted media and the long-term minded buy-and-hold investors. On three particular Tesla topics that often make headlines, the media appears to be somewhat clueless.



Inside the U.S. Antitrust Probe of Google

Key FTC staff wanted to sue internet giant after finding 'real harm to consumers and to innovation'



BY BRODY MULLINS, ROSE WINKLER and BRENT KENDALL
 Updated March 19, 2013 7:28 p.m. ET

WASHINGTON—Officials at the Federal Trade Commission concluded in 2012 that Google Inc. used anticompetitive tactics and abused its monopoly power in ways that harmed internet users and rivals, a far harsher analysis of Google's business than was previously known.

The staff report from the agency's bureau of competition recommended the commission bring a lawsuit challenging three Google practices. The move would have triggered one of the highest-profile antitrust cases since the Justice Department sued Microsoft Corp. in the 1990s.

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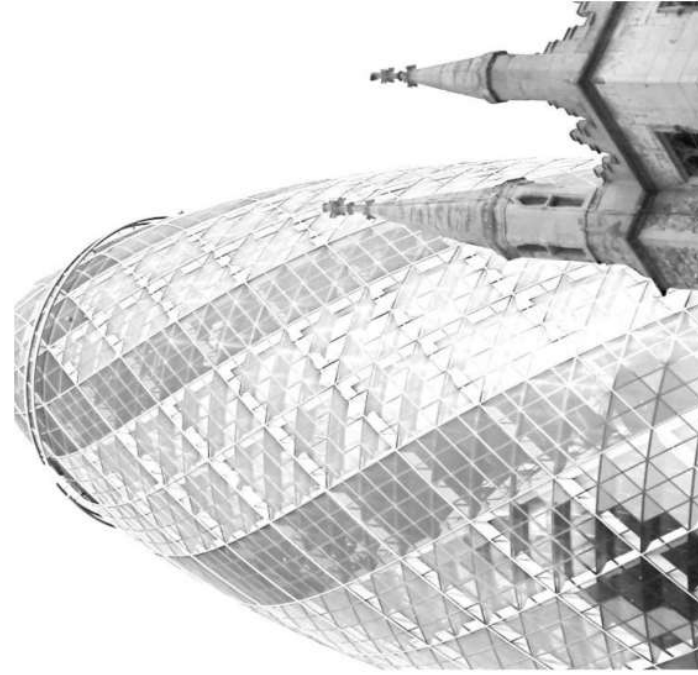
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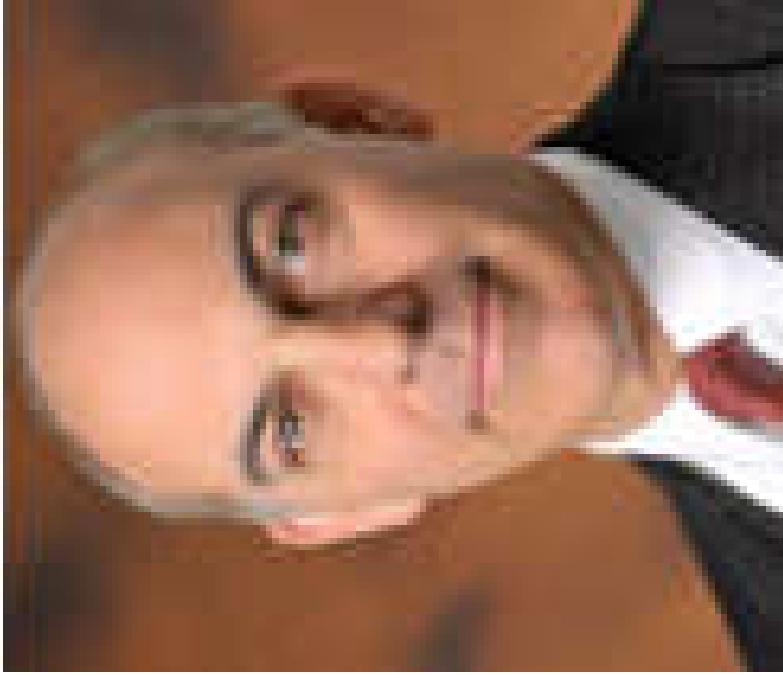
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Morano on Tesla electric cars and CEO Elon Musk: "That is what we are finding, model after model, across the board, the consumers are not interested...Tesla reported sales 30% below expectations...Lost \$660 million over 14 quarters...CEO Elon Musk is driven by fear of Coz, worrying that it will destroy large parts of the earth. He's an ideologue. This guy is worth \$2 billion."

By Marc Morano - Climate Depot

Monday, October 15, 2012

Climate Depot's Morano on Fox News on October 12, 2012 to discuss electric cars and Tesla.

Watch here.

Related Links:

The DOE Restructured Its Loan to Tesla: 'Imagine that. Weeks to go before the election and the Department of Energy has restructured its \$465 million loan to the electric-car company to make sure it didn't run out of cash. The New York Times reports: (Emphasis mine)

As it ramps up sales of its sleek electric sedan, Tesla doesn't appear to be much of a loser right now. But a closer look at company's cash flows suggests it is hardly out of the woods...The federal government eased terms of its \$465 million loan to Tesla to ensure the company didn't breach key financial hurdles. The company then raised \$193 million in a secondary stock offering, easing cash concerns...Tesla's CEO has said he raised the \$193 million "simply for risk reduction." Yeah. It's called the risk to Obama of Tesla running out of cash right before the election.'

Tesapayer Subsidize Forbes' 'Greener Billionaires' Scheme: Musk, best known as co-founder of the company that became PayPal, is Chairman of SolarCity and CEO of Tesla. According to the Center for Responsive Politics, SolarCity spent \$350,000 in 2009 and 2010 to lobby Congress and the Department of Energy on climate legislation, the Recovery Act, "green workforce training and development," and provisions in various legislation "relevant to solar development"... So far, according to DOE reports, SolarCity has received more than \$66 million from that program. The company also won a partial guarantee from DOE of a \$3.44 million loan that will place up to 160,000 rooftop solar installations on military housing across the country. Similarly, Musk's Tesla Motors spent \$480,000 from 2007 to 2011 to lobby Congress, the White House, EPA and DOE on climate and energy issues, the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing loan program, the Promoting Electric Vehicles Act, and the Recovery Act. Tesla received a \$465 million loan guarantee from DOE's ATVM program. Musk is also a generous political donor, mostly to Democrats, although his investments and giving are equally diverse.

Tesla Motors warns it will raise sales expectations

Climate Depot's reports: Electric/Hybrid car industry loses power in the face of market reality and lack of consumer demand -- Washington Post on Chevy Volt: 'The basic theory -- if you build them, customers will come -- was a myth. And an expensive one, at that'

The Greentech VC Influence Over Washington

By [Katie Fehrenbacher](#) Aug. 18, 2010, 8:28am PDT [No Comments](#)

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There've been a couple articles in the past few weeks pointing to President Obama as the "[clean tech investor in chief](#)" and the [presidential VC with bets on clean energy](#). The real trend is that venture capitalists focusing on greentech seem to have had an unprecedented influence on U.S. federal policy and allocations of the stimulus package.

When I attended the Department of Energy's (DOE) first [ARPA-E conference](#) (Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy) earlier this year in Washington D.C., I was struck by how many venture capitalists were there. I shared a cab back to the airport with some familiar Silicon Valley faces, and was told if your firm didn't have a dedicated person in Washington — in some circles they call them lobbyists — maneuvering grant and loan programs, you weren't able to be competitive.

Just look at the figures from the stimulus package (which I am fully in support of): somewhere between \$50 billion and \$80 billion into clean power and energy efficiency initiatives ([depending on](#)

When Wall Street Makes Crap Loans, It's a Crisis; When DOE's Steven Chu Does It, It's Green Energy.

Mike Gillespie | March 15, 2012

[Via links provided](#) linking to [The Fiscal Times](#) comes documentation of just what an easy grader

Department of Energy (DOE) Secretary Steven Chu really is. As you'll recall, a while back the Nobel laureate cum bureaucrat was asked by Rep. Paul Brown (R-Ohio) to grade his performance at DOE. Chu's humble response? "There's always room for improvement, maybe an A+."

The Fiscal Times' Edward Mortenson writes about the new Government Accountability Office report on the performance of DOE's loan-guarantee program which gave way to Solyndra and other debacles. Suffice it to say, GAO wasn't grasping on a curve set by the performance of Obama's cabinet. Snippets:

The GAO looked at the handling of \$30 billion outstanding in loan guarantees and future commitments and discovered that the DOE rarely follows its own written procedures for vetting and auditing applications. In fact, in many cases, the Loan Guarantee Program (LGP) couldn't even find the data managers needed to administer the loans properly...

In almost every case study investigated by the GAO, important steps got skipped in the reviews that determined whether loan applications would be granted. In other cases, the documentation was so poor that the GAO couldn't figure out what the LGP did...

The process had at least an 85 percent failure rate on its process check. Most people would not associate that level of process accuracy with a grade of A minus...

With \$30 billion in taxpayer money at risk, the DOE, under Steven Chu, didn't bother to conduct the reviews it claimed it would on applications for loan guarantees, didn't keep records of what reviews they did accomplish, and signed off on loans with incomplete documentation and inadequate oversight of the risk. The result — perhaps [\\$16.3 billion](#) [unnecessarily at risk](#), according to CBS, and possibly most of the \$30 billion.

Mortenson drives home the point that when it comes to lending standards and the verification of private financial institutions processing mortgages that were either bought or bought up by government-sponsored enterprises, the Obama admin is firmly in the "do as we say, not as we do" camp:

What makes [DOE's] carelessness sad



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Girl treated for second-degree burns after iPhone explodes in pocket

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A 14-year-old girl in Kennebunk, Maine was settling in for another normal school day late last week when she heard a pop emanate from her pocket. Her friends immediately noticed smoke billowing from the girl's pants and realized they had caught fire. When all was said and done the girl, who remains unidentified, was in the hospital. A charred iPhone 5c was on the classroom floor.

According to witnesses as well as emergency responders, it was an iPhone 5c, given to the girl less than two months prior, [that was confirmed in what can be considered a freak occurrence.](#) The most likely culprit was the [new device's lithium-ion battery.](#)

Who Bricked The Electric Car? You Did!

Filed in: Automobiles, Electric Vehicles [By Lisa Brown](#) February 23, 2012 @ 11:28am



Tesla Motors might be hiding a big battery issue from their customers. Apparently, the company's electric vehicles, including their Roadster and the upcoming Model S, feature a battery pack which if completely discharged might leave a huge financial burden on the unfortunate owner. But is the owner unfortunale, or simply a bit careless?

According to an article by Michael Depgeas over at [theunderstatement.com](#), if a Tesla electric car, such as the Roadster is parked unplugged, it will eventually become what the company calls a "brick". The vehicle can no more be started or even pushed down the road. This is the result of the car's always-on subsystems which continually feed on the battery.

And when the battery dies, the owner ends-up paying Tesla approximately \$40,000 for replacing the battery pack. Apparently, there is a way to avoid this via warranty or a car insurance policy for this type of problem. However, it's not clear how far Tesla will go to help the owner with this type of problem. Depgeas says Tesla is unwilling to let their customers know about the issue, although they know that it's a big one.

But don't you have a slight feeling that Depgeas's argument is nonsense. That's because it is.

If you are familiar with electric cars or hybrids or even smartphones, you might know the fact that the battery which is not recharged will eventually die. And since the battery pack on a Roadster is not your usual \$1200 laptop battery, you'll have to pay a huge price for not finding the time for maintenance.

And a Tesla, as you know, has an electric motor. There is less maintenance required for the vehicle when compared to a vehicle with a [combustion engine](#). So it's not too difficult to pay attention to the charge in the battery packs. And the company has designed the car in such a way that it warns the owner (and even the company, in the case of the Roadster) when the battery is low. The owners who ended up with a brick might have ignored all the warnings.

So who is culpable here?

Tesla has this to say in response to Depgeas's article: "All [automobiles](#) require some level of owner care. For example, combustion vehicles require regular oil changes or the engine will be destroyed. [Electric vehicles](#) should be plugged in and charging when not in use for maximum performance. All batteries are subject to damage if the charge is kept at zero for long periods of time. However, Tesla models this problem in virtually all insurers with non-renew counter-insurers. Tesla batteries can remain unplugged for weeks (for even months), without recharging or a state of charge. Owners of Roadster 2.0 and all subsequent Tesla products can request that their vehicle alert Tesla if SOC falls to a low level. All Tesla vehicles emit various visual and audible warnings if the battery pack falls below 5 percent SOC. Tesla provides extensive maintenance recommendations as part of the customer experience".

KLEINER PERKINS/EELLEN PAO SEX ABUSE LAW SUIT LINKS

Sex Scandal in Tech - Business Insider

Ellen Pao is the venture capitalist who accused Kleiner Perkins of retaliating against her for reporting an incident of sexual harassment. Pao ended up losing her job about five months after she filed a lawsuit. [businessinsider.com/sex-scandal-in-tech-2013-7?op=1](#)

Kleiner Perkins won't appeal Ellen Pao ruling to U.S. Supreme ...

With venture capital giant Kleiner Perkins Caulfield and Byers saying it's ready to face former partner Ellen Pao in court, Pao's lawyer says he'll add a wrongful termination claim to her sex discrimination suit. [contracostimes.com/news/0_24134958/kleiner-perkins-wont-appeal-ellen-pao-ruling-o](#)

Sexual Harassment

Ellen Pao's gender discrimination lawsuit All Things Digital June 14, 2012/news.legalhelpmate.com/constitutional-law-civil-rights/sexual-harassment/2012/june/news-stories-12

Kleiner Perkins Files Answer to Sexual Discrimination Complaint

More than a month after Ellen Pao accused the firm of sexual discrimination, Kleiner Perkins Caulfield & Byers has responded. Attorneys defending venture capital firm Kleiner Perkins filed a seven-page answer to Pao's initial legal complaint with Superior Court in San Francisco. [inc.com/john-modermott/kleiner-perkins-files-answer-to-sexual-discrimination-complaint.html](#)

Scandal Rocks Legendary VC Firm Kleiner Perkins After A...

Ellen Pao's settlement in court with Kleiner Perkins Caulfield and Byers, a major Silicon Valley VC firm with investments that include Zing and Groupm. Sex abuse is a by-product of non-consensual contact that can happen to men or women of any age. [articles.wcm.com/View/2013/05/22/Scandal_Rocks_Legendary_VC_Firm_Kleiner_Perkins_After_A_Par](#)

Silicon Valley Venture Capital Firm Accused of Gender ...

The lawsuit was filed by Ellen Pao, 42, a junior partner who joined the firm in 2005. On May 10, ... so if you or someone you know has been discriminated against or abused, turn to a sexual harassment attorney immediately to take legal action. [sexual-harassment.usatortneys.com/silicon-valley-venture-capital-firm-accused-gender-discrimination-retaliation/](#)

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The Sex Discrimination Case That Rocked Silicon Valley ...

Ellen Pao's sex discrimination lawsuit against Kleiner Perkins Caulfield and Byers is proceeding to trial and continues to cause a stir in Silicon Valley. [mglawyers.com/blog/discrimination/sex-discrimination-case-rocked-silicon-valley-proceeds-trial/](#)

Kleiner partner sues firm for discrimination

[Reuters/May 22 Reuters](#) - Kleiner Perkins Caulfield & Byers partner Ellen Pao is suing the venture capital firm for sexual harassment and discrimination, according to a lawsuit filed earlier this month in California Superior Court. Pao, who joined the firm in 2005, alleges that former Kleiner ... [Reuters.com/article/2013/05/22/Kleiner-discrimination-ah1SL1E6GMA520120522](#)

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With the 2013 Tesla Model S Luxury Sedan set to enter production this year and the 2013 Tesla Model X Crossover [still](#) already unveiled, it isn't difficult to see why Musk is keen to look back in Tesla's less-glimpse prospects. After all, history tends to be written by the victors.

But while we understand Musk's leanness to distance Tesla from [this](#), [this](#) [conceivable](#) DOE AFVM loan recipients, he's next move baffled us.

"Musk said that generally he doesn't believe government subsidies are good, but in some cases they do help," reports [The Wall Street Journal](#).

Instead of offering federal loans which artificially pick and choose winners and losers in the marketplace, he argued, companies should be allowed to survive on their own merits. The implication, of course, was that startups should rely on private investors, not government funds. In addition, he proposes taxing business and individuals on the carbon dioxide they produce, encouraging individuals to make greener choices through taxation.

Had Tesla not stolen funds from the DOE, Musk's statements would be entirely understandable.

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n Musk: Daimler Saved Tesla, DOE Loans A Bad Idea <http://www.greencar3p.com>

Given Tesla's participation in the program however, it doesn't seem all that fair for Musk to criticize the loan that - at least in part - helped to keep the company afloat.

In fact, we can't help but think that Musk's recent revelation is nothing short of an attempt to distance Tesla from the DOE and its now politically toxic AFVM loan program ahead of the 2012 Presidential campaign.





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Pension Funds Sue Big Banks Over Manipulation Of \$12.7 Trillion Treasuries Market



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(Steve Strahlery) At least two government pension funds have sued major banks, accusing them of manipulating the \$12.7 trillion market for U.S. Treasury bonds to drive up profits, thereby costing the funds—and taxpayers—millions of dollars.

As with another case earlier this year, in which major banks were found to have manipulated the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR), traders are accused of using electronic chat rooms and instant messaging to drive up the price that secondary customers pay for Treasury bonds, then conspiring to drop the price banks pay the government for the bonds, increasing the spread, or profit, for the banks. This also ends up costing taxpayers more to borrow money.

In the latest complaint, the Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System is suing Barclays Capital, Deutsche Bank, Goldman Sachs, HSBC Securities, Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley, Citigroup and others, according to Courthouse News Service. Last month State-Spoton, Retirement System (SERS) filed a similar complaint against 22 banks, many of which are the same defendants in the Oklahoma suit.

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The stock market is rigged.

When I started making that claim years ago — and provided solid evidence — people scoffed. Some called it a conspiracy theory, innuendo and that sort of stuff. Most people just ignored me.

But that's not happening anymore. The dirty secret is out.

With stock prices rushing far ahead of economic reality over the last six or so years, more experts in the financial markets are coming to the same conclusion — even if they don't fully understand how it's being rigged or the consequences.

Ed Yardeni, a longtime Wall Street guru who isn't one of the chroniclers of the bubble, said last week that the market was being propped up. "These markets are all rigged, and I don't say that critically. I just say that factually," he asserted on CNBC.



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A high-speed electronic trading floor at the New York Stock Exchange in New York, October 24, 2013.

(Reuters) — The U.S. stock market is rigged in favor of high-speed electronic trading firms, which use their advantages to extract billions from investors, according to Michael Lewis, author of a new book on the topic, "Flash Boys: A Wall Street Revolt."

High-frequency trading (HFT) is a practice carried out by many banks and proprietary trading firms using sophisticated computer programs to send orders or orders into the market, securing a small portion of them when opportunities arise to capitalize on price imbalances, or to make markets. HFT makes up more than half of all U.S. trading volume.

The trading methods and technology that make HFT possible are all legal, and the stock exchanges HFT firms trade on are highly regulated. But Lewis said these firms are using their speed advantage to profit at the expense of other market participants to the tune of tens of billions of dollars.

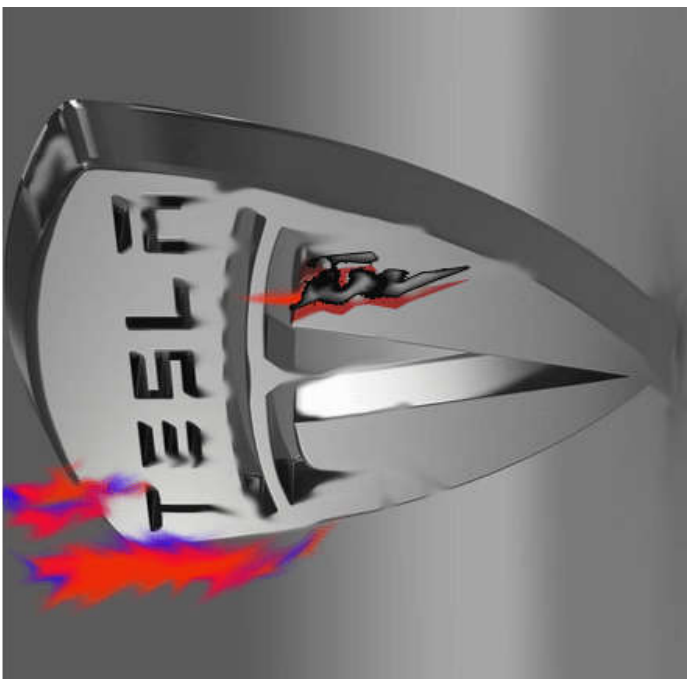
"They are able to identify your desire to buy shares in Microsoft and buy them in front of you and sell them back to you at a higher price," Lewis, whose book is available on Monday, said on the television program "60 Minutes" on Sunday.

"This speed advantage that the faster traders have is milliseconds, some of it is fractions of milliseconds," said Lewis, whose books include "The Big Short" and "Moneyball."

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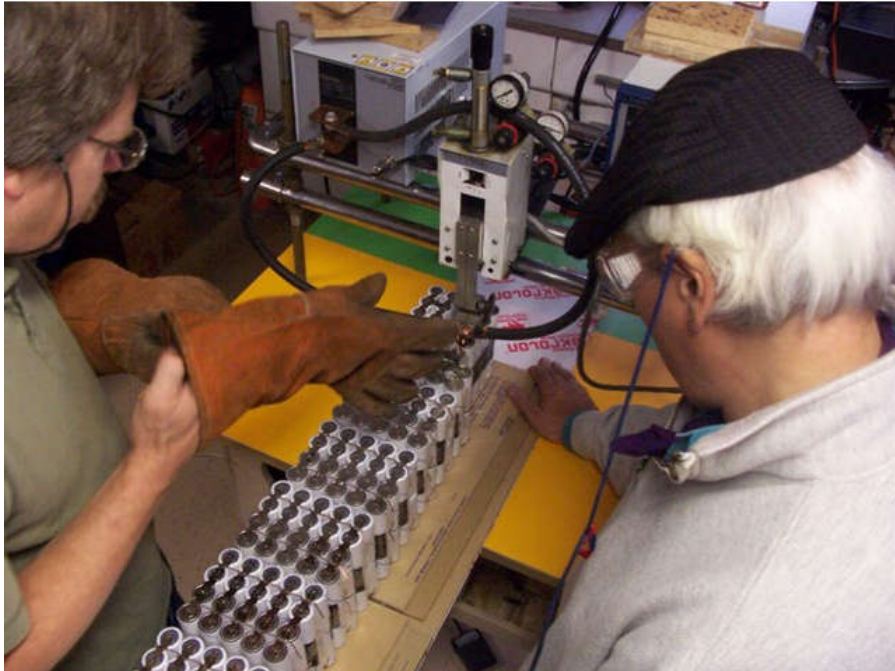
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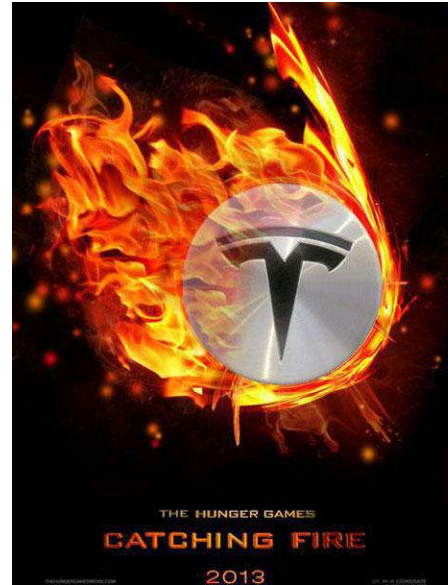
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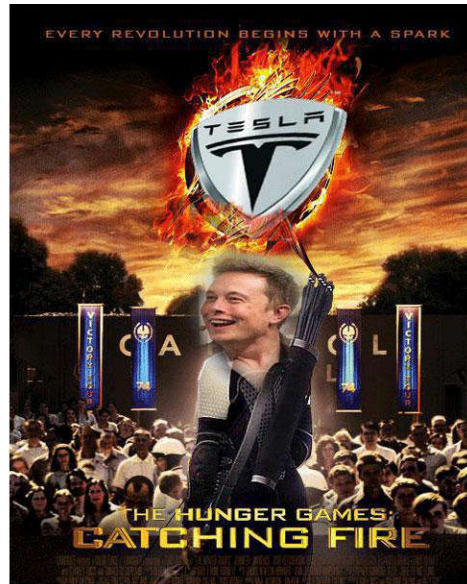
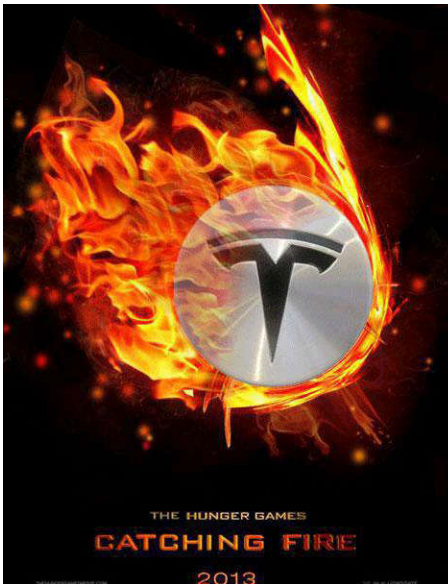
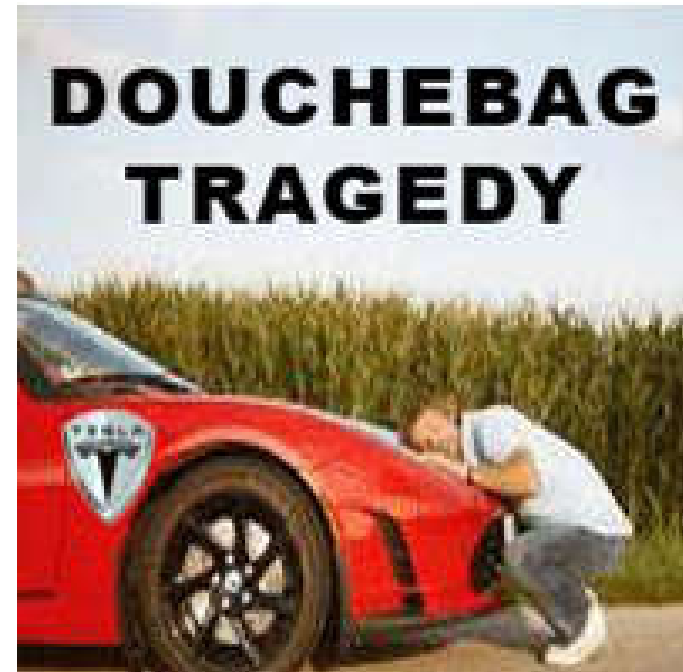
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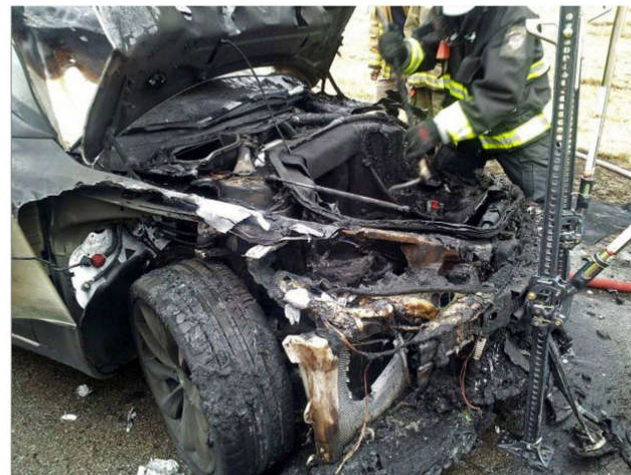
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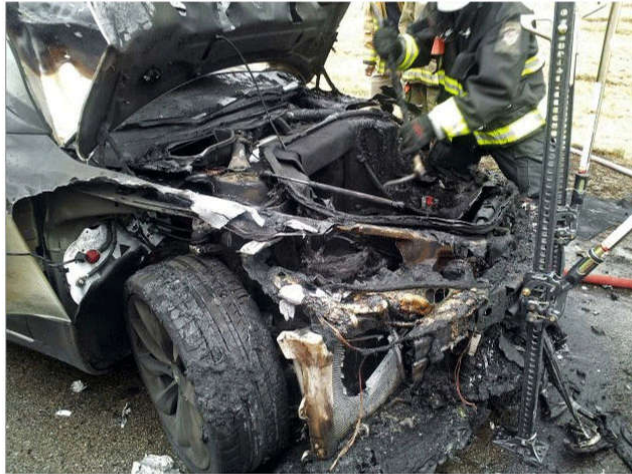
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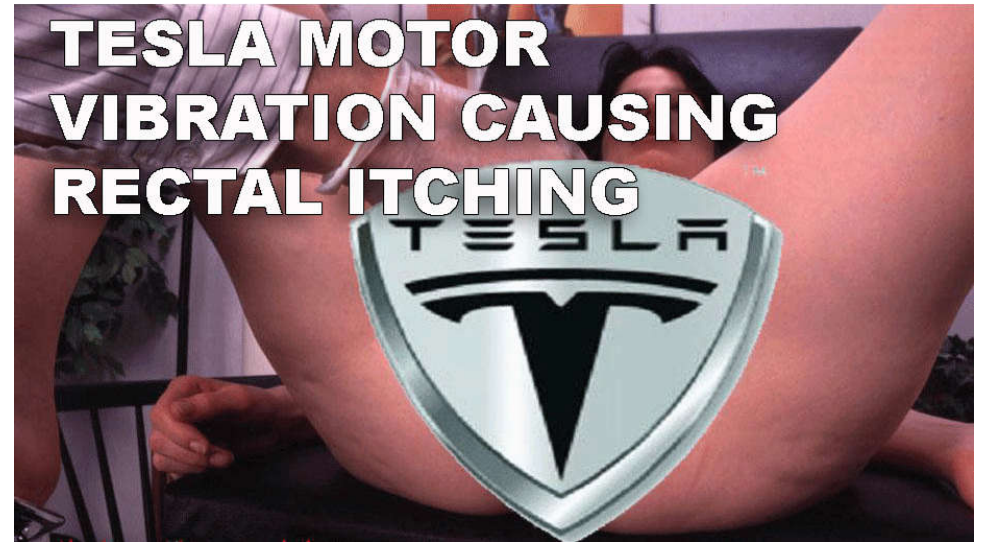
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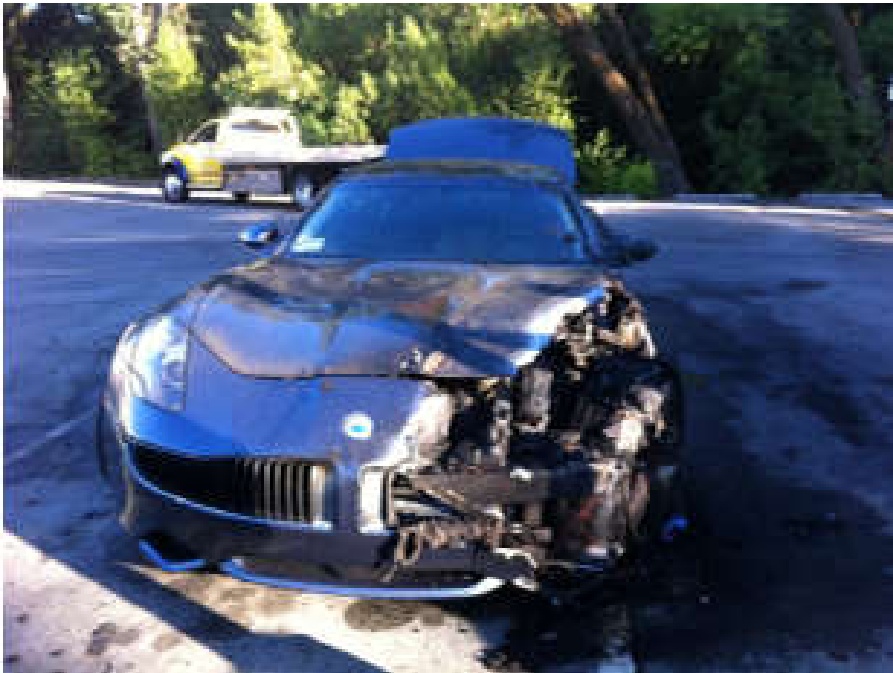
REASON FOR THIS RECALL

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WHAT TESLA MOTORS WILL DO

First, Tesla Motors has developed a software update that allows the Model S onboard charging system to detect any unexpected fluctuations in the input power or higher resistance connections to the vehicle. If detected, the onboard charging system automatically reduces the charging current by 25%. For example, this reduces a 40 amp charge rate to 30 amps. This dramatically reduces the heat generated in any high resistance connections outside of the vehicle.

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 Anonymous Employee (Current Employee)

I have been working at Tesla Motors fulltime for more than a year.
 Pros - Very public company with great brand recognition.
 Cons - Very poor management who regularly abuses their power, sometimes in a danger of a safety suit. Many employees are paid poorly and the use of intimidation and fear tactics.
 Management is primarily made up of engineers and not business oriented professionals. They are not trained in business and is unethical.
 Little to no training.
 Extreme favoritism.

Advice to Senior Management - Hold regular peer reviews, hire real industry professionals and start a management training program to educate managers on proper management techniques and practices.

No, I would not recommend this company to a friend

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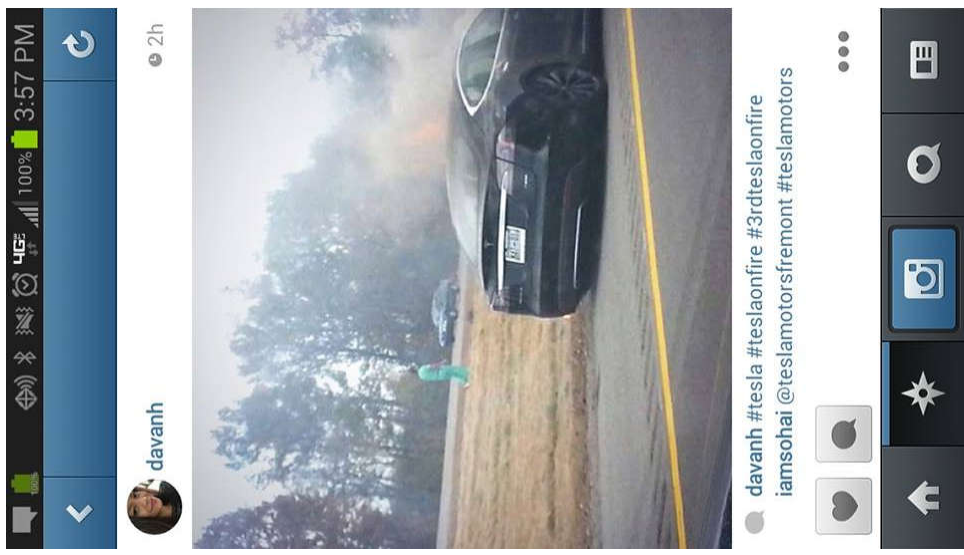
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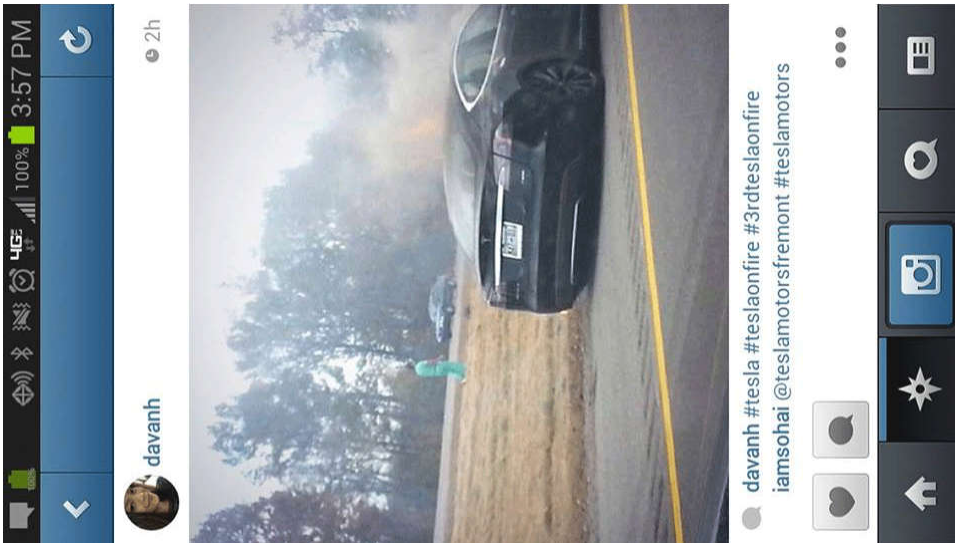
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The National "TESLA FLYERS" CONTROVERSY



People In San Francisco Are Leaving Insane Fliers On Tesla Cars, Claiming To Expose The 'Truth' About The Company

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People are apparently leaving fliers on Tesla cars in San Francisco, warning drivers that owning a Tesla means they are involved in "organized crime."

The flier accuses Tesla of "manipulating Congress" and questions the safety of lithium ion batteries.

"Lithium ion batteries blow up if they get wet or bumped," the flier reads. "They have already burned planes, cars, homes & children. There have been tens of thousands of lithium ion battery fires & explosions. Tesla's (sic) have over 7000 "non-automotive designed" batteries in each car, that means over 7000 chances of having a catastrophic fire."

The flier also speculates that Google is a "silent partner" of Tesla's.

"Tesla audio and location tracking can be remotely monitored with two clicks of a mouse," the flier reads. "Google hushes up bad news about Tesla. By driving a Tesla you are supporting spying."

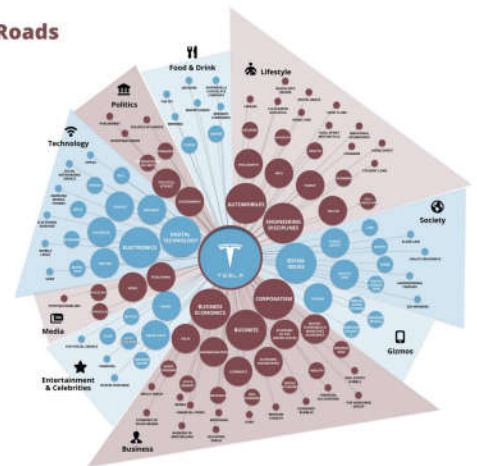
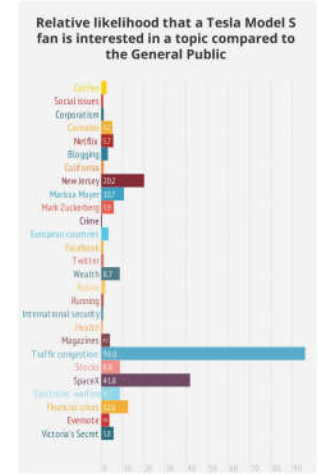
It's not clear who is behind this, but the flier ultimately urges Tesla owners to give the car back. Check it out below.



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Nitesh Dhanjani
 @nitesh_dhanjani

Cursory Evaluation of the Tesla Model S: We Can't Protect Our Cars Like We Protect Our Workstations
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Nov 27, 2013

1100 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. James Chen
Vice President of Regulatory Affairs
Tesla Motors, Inc.
1050 K Street, N.W., Suite 101
Washington, DC 20001

NVS-212
PE13-037

Dear Mr. Chen:

This letter is to inform you that the Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is opening a Product Recall File (PE13-037) to investigate underlying deformation in the main ride seat (MY 2013 Model S motor vehicles) resulting from impacts with road debris, including, but not limited to, consequent intrusion into propulsion battery compartment(s) and the associated risks to motor vehicle safety, and to request certain information. The Tesla Model S is manufactured by Tesla Motors Inc. ODI has received information on two incidents of deformation/intrusion into the propulsion battery caused by impact with roadway debris and resulting in a thermal reaction and fire in 2013 Tesla Model S vehicles. The office is also aware that the Model S may be equipped with an active suspension system that automatically adjusts the vehicle's ride height under certain driving conditions, such as at highway speeds.

Unless otherwise stated in the text, the following definitions apply to these information requests:

- Subject vehicles:** All 2013 Tesla Model S manufactured for sale or lease in the United States, including, but not limited to, the District of Columbia, and current U.S. territories and possessions.
- Subject component:** The high-voltage propulsion battery, including its enclosure baseplate (alloy plate) and the components and materials it is constructed of, and all components and materials contained within the enclosure including the individual battery cells.
- Tecla:** Tesla Motors, Inc., and all of their past and present officers and employees, who are assigned to their respective offices or departments, including, but not limited to, all of their divisions, subsidiaries (whether or not incorporated) and affiliated enterprises, and all of their headquarters, regional, zone and other offices and their employees, and all agents, contractors, consultants, attorneys and law firms and other persons engaged directly or indirectly (e.g., employee of a consultant) by or under the control of Tesla.

(including all business units and persons previously referred to, who are or, in or after 2006, were involved in any way with any of the following related to the alleged defect in the subject vehicles:

- Design, engineering, analysis, modification or production (e.g. quality control);
- Testing, component or evaluation;
- Construction, management (e.g. complaints, field reports, warranty information, part sales), analysis, claims, or lawsuits; or
- Communication to, from or intended for some representatives, fleets, dealers, or other field locations, including but not limited to people who have the capacity to obtain information from dealers.

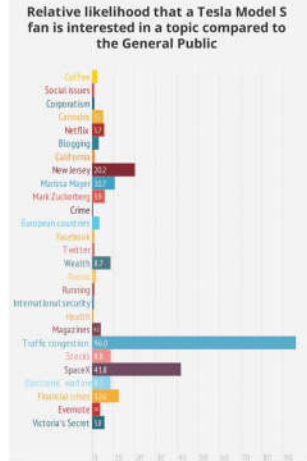
Alleged defect: Deformation or damage to the subject component from impacts to the subject component or failure of the subject component to withstand an impact such that the propulsion battery or individual cells of the battery are damaged by the impact, and/or shut down of the vehicle propulsion system, stalling of the vehicle or fire or other thermal event in the propulsion battery following an impact to the subject component.

- Document:** "Document(s)" is used in the broadest sense of the word and shall mean all original written, printed, typed, recorded, or graphic matter whatsoever, however produced or reproduced, of every kind, nature, and description, and all non-identical copies of both sides thereof, including, but not limited to, papers, letters, memoranda, correspondence, communications, electronic mail (e-mail) messages (existing in hard copy and/or in electronic storage), faxes, mailgrams, telegrams, cables, text messages, notes, annotations, working papers, drafts, minutes, records, audio and video recordings, e-mails, other information bases, summaries, charts, tables, graphics, other visual displays, photographs, interviews, opinions, reports, newspaper articles, studies, analyses, evaluations, instructions, blueprints, drawings, as-built, changes, bulletins, notices, announcements, manuals, publications, statistical data, desk, portable and computer calendars, appointment books, diaries, travel reports, lists, tabulations, computer programs, data processing program libraries, data processing inputs and outputs, microfilms, microchips, statements for services, resolutions, financial statements, governmental records, business records, personnel records, work orders, pleadings, discovery in any form, affidavits, motions, responses to discovery, all transcripts, administrative filings and all mechanical, magnetic, photographic and electronic records or recordings of any kind, including any storage media associated with computers, including, but not limited to, information on hard drives, floppy disks, backup tapes, and zip drives, electronic communications, including but not limited to, the Internet and shall include any drafts or revisions pertaining to any of the foregoing, all other things similar to any of the foregoing however dominated by Tesla, any other data compilations from which information can be obtained, translated if necessary, into a usable form and any other documents. For purposes of this request, any document which contains any note, comment, addition, deletion, insertion, annotation, or otherwise comprises a non-identical copy of another document shall be treated as a separate document subject to production. In all cases where original and any non-identical copies are not available, "document(s)"

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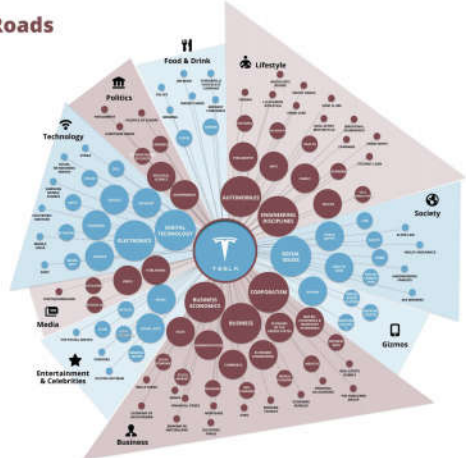
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2. State the number of each of the following, received by Tesla, or of which Tesla is otherwise aware, which relate to, or may relate to, the alleged defect in the subject vehicles:

- Consumer complaints, including those from fleet operators;
- Field reports, including dealer field reports;
- Reports involving a crash, injury or fatality;
- Reports involving a fire;
- Reports involving a thermal reaction and/or short not included in Tesla's response to subpart d above;
- Property damage claims;
- Third-party arbitration proceedings where Tesla is or was a party to the arbitration; and
- Lawsuits, both pending and closed, in which Tesla is or was a defendant or codefendant.

For subparts "a" through "h," state the total number of each item (e.g., consumer complaints, field reports, etc.) separately. Multiple incidents involving the same vehicle are to be counted separately. Multiple reports of the same incident are also to be counted separately (i.e., a consumer complaint and a field report involving the same incident in which a crash occurred are to be counted as a crash report, a field report and a consumer complaint).

In addition, for items "c" through "h," provide a summary description of the alleged problem and causal and contributing factors and Tesla's assessment of the problem, with primary responsibility for the significant factors being assigned to either "Firearm," "Fire," "Thermal Reaction" or "Other." All field reports, consumer complaints, crash docker number, and date on which the complaint or other document initiating the action was filed.

3. Separately, for each item (complaint, report, claim, notice, or matter) within the scope of your response to Request No. 2, state the following information:

- Tesla's file number or other identifier used;
- The category of the item, as identified in Request No. 2 (i.e., consumer complaint, field report, etc.);
- Vehicle or fleet name (and fleet contact person), address, and telephone number;
- Vehicle's VIN;
- Vehicle's make, model and model year;
- Vehicle's mileage at time of incident;
- Incident date;
- Report or claim date;
- Whether a crash is alleged;
- Whether a fire, thermal reaction and/or short is alleged;
- Whether property damage is alleged;
- Number of alleged injuries, if any; and
- Number of alleged fatalities, if any.

Provide this information in Microsoft Access 2010, or a compatible format, entitled "REQUEST NUMBER TWO DATA."

8. Describe all assessments, analyses, tests, test results, studies, surveys, simulations, investigations, inquiries and/or evaluations (collectively, "actions," and including actions conducted during subject vehicle design, development, and validation) that relate to, or may relate to, the alleged defect in the subject vehicles that have been conducted, are being conducted, are planned, or are being planned by, or for, Tesla. For each such action, provide the following information:

- Action title or identifier;
- The actual or planned start date;
- The actual or expected end date;
- Brief summary of the subject and objective of the action;
- Engineering group(s)/supplier(s) responsible for designing and for conducting the action; and
- A brief summary of the findings and/or conclusions resulting from the action.

For each action identified, provide copies of all documents related to the action, regardless of whether the documents are in interim, draft, or final form. Organize the documents chronologically by action.

9. Provide detailed engineering drawings depicting dimensional specifications of the subject component and including all subassemblies and mechanical, electrical, and battery components. The drawings should contain sufficient detail, such as sectional views of the battery modules, to illustrate the proximity to the enclosure baseplate and/or other conductive materials which allow the ODI to be in contact with the enclosure baseplate to cause deformation or damage and the likelihood that it could lead to cell damage.

10. Describe all modifications or changes made by, or on behalf of, Tesla in the design, material composition, manufacture, quality control, supply, or installation of the subject component, from the start of production to date, which relate to, or may relate to, the alleged defect in the subject vehicles. For each such modification or change, provide the following information:

- The date or approximate date on which the modification or change was incorporated into the vehicle or component;
- A detailed description of the modification or change;
- The reason(s) for the modification or change;
- The part number(s) (service and engineering) of the original component;
- The part number(s) (service and engineering) of the modified component;
- Whether the original unmodified component was withdrawn from production and/or sale, and if so, when;
- When the modified component was made available as a service component; and
- Whether the modified component can be interchanged with earlier production components.

Also, provide the above information for any modification or change that Tesla is aware of which may be incorporated into vehicle production within the next 120 days.

11. Describe all modifications or changes made by, or on behalf of, Tesla in the function and operation of the actively controlled suspension system, from the start of production to date,

4. Produce copies of all documents related to each item within the scope of Request No. 2. Organize the documents separately by category (i.e., consumer complaints, field reports, etc.) and describe the method Tesla used for organizing the documents. Describe in detail the search methods and search criteria used by Tesla to identify the items in response to Request No. 2.

5. State, by model and model year, a total count for all of the following categories of claims, collectively, that have been paid by Tesla to date that relate to, or may relate to, the alleged defect in the subject vehicles: warranty claims, extended warranty claims, claims for good will services that were provided; field, zone, or similar adjustments and reimbursements; and warranty claims or repairs made in accordance with a procedure specified in a technical service bulletin or customer satisfaction campaign.

Separately, for each such claim, state the following information:

- Tesla's claim number;
- Vehicle owner or fleet name (and fleet contact person) and telephone number;
- VIN;
- Repair date;
- Vehicle mileage at time of repair;
- Repairing dealer's or facility's name, telephone number, city and state or ZIP code;
- Labor operation number;
- Problem code;
- Replacement part number(s) and description(s);
- Concern expressed by customer and how it was addressed;
- Comment, if any, by dealer/technician relating to claim and/or repair.

Provide this information in Microsoft Access 2010, or a compatible format, entitled "WARRANTY DATA."

6. Describe in detail the search methods and search criteria used by Tesla to identify the claims in response to Request No. 5, including the labor operations, problem codes, part numbers and any other pertinent parameters used. Provide a list of all labor operations, labor operation descriptions, problem codes, and problem code descriptions applicable to the alleged defect in the subject vehicles. State the terms of the new vehicle warranty coverage offered by Tesla on the subject vehicles (i.e., the number of months and mileage for which coverage is provided and the vehicle systems that are covered). Describe any extended warranty coverage option(s) that Tesla offered for the subject vehicles and state the number of vehicles that are covered under each such extended warranty.

7. Produce copies of all service, warranty, and other documents that relate to, or may relate to, the alleged defect in the subject vehicles, that Tesla has issued to any dealers, regional or zone offices, field offices, fleet purchasers, or other entities. This includes, but is not limited to, bulletins, advisory notices, communications, training aids, manuals, and other documents, with the exception of records of recalled vehicles. Also include the latest draft copy of any communication that Tesla is planning to issue within the next 120 days.

which affects, or may affect the subject vehicle ride height, including but not limited to software or other programming modifications/revision(s). For each such modification, provide the following information:

- A detailed description of the modification;
- The reason(s) for the modification as it pertains to the alleged defect;
- The changes in vehicle ride height due to the modification;
- Whether the modification was incorporated into vehicle production, and is so, the date it was incorporated;
- Whether the modification was introduced (released) as a service update for consumer owned subject vehicles, and if so;
 - The date the modification was released;
 - The number of subject vehicles available for updated (i.e., how many were produced to the original/unmodified condition);
 - The number of consumer owned vehicles that have been modified/updated to date; and,
- A description of how the service update is applied (the procedure or method used to make the modification) to an affected vehicle.

Also, provide the above information for any modification or change that Tesla is aware of which may be incorporated into vehicle production, or as a service update, within the next 120 days.

12. Describe in detail all possible consequences to the vehicle from an impact to the subject component that damages the battery. Describe in detail how these possible consequences were addressed in the design of the subject vehicle and the limits of that design to prevent damage to the propulsion battery, stalling and fires.

13. Furnish Tesla's assessment of the alleged defect in the subject vehicle, including:

- The causal or contributory factor(s);
- The failure mechanism(s);
- The failure mode(s);
- The risk to motor vehicle safety that it poses.

Legal Authority for This Request

This letter is being sent to Tesla pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30166, which authorizes NHTSA to conduct any investigation that may be necessary to enforce Chapter 301 of Title 49 and to request reports and the production of things. It constitutes a new request for information.

Civil Penalties

Tesla's failure to respond promptly and fully to this letter could subject Tesla to civil penalties pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30165 or lead to an action for injunctive relief pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30163. (Other remedies and sanctions are available as well.) The Vehicle Safety Act, as amended, 49 U.S.C. § 30163(o)(3), provides for civil penalties of up to \$7,000 per violation per day, with a maximum of \$35,000,000 for a related series of daily violations, for failing or

refusing to perform an act required under 49 U.S.C. § 30166. This includes failing to respond completely, accurately, and in a timely manner to ODI information requests. The maximum civil penalty of \$7,000 per violation per day is established by 49 CFR 578.6(a)(3). The maximum civil penalty of \$35,000,000 for a related series of daily violations of 49 U.S.C. § 30166 is authorized by 49 U.S.C. § 30165(a)(5) as amended by § 31203(a)(1)(B) of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act, Public Law 112-141.

If Tesla cannot respond to any specific request or subpart(s) thereof, please state the reason why it is unable to do so. If on the basis of attorney-client, attorney work-product, or other privilege, Tesla does not submit one or more requested documents or items of information in response to this information request, Tesla must provide a privilege log identifying each document or item withheld, and stating the date, subject or title, the name and position of the person(s) from, and the person(s) to whom it was sent, and the name and position of any other recipient (to include all copies of the same carbon copies), the nature of that information or material, and the basis for the claim of privilege and why that privilege applies.

Confidential Business Information

All business confidential information must be submitted directly to the Office of Chief Counsel as described in the following paragraph and should not be sent to this office. In addition, do not submit any business confidential information in the body of the letter submitted to this office. Please refer to PE13-## in Tesla's response to this letter and in any confidentiality request submitted to the Office of Chief Counsel.

If Tesla claims that any of the information or documents provided in response to this information request constitute confidential commercial material within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4), or are protected from disclosure pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1905, Tesla must submit supporting information together with the materials that are the subject of the confidentiality request, in accordance with 49 CFR Part 512, as amended, to the Office of Chief Counsel (NCC-11), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room W41-227, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20590. Tesla is required to submit two copies of the documents containing allegedly confidential information (except only one copy of blueprints) and one copy of the blueprints from the "ENTIRE PAGE CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS INFORMATION" or "CONTAINS CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS INFORMATION" (as appropriate) must appear at the top of each page containing information claimed to be confidential, and the information must be clearly identified in accordance with 49 CFR 512.6. If you submit a request for confidentiality for all or part of your response to this IR, that is in an electronic format (e.g., CD-ROM), your request and associated submission must conform to the new requirements in NHTSA's Confidential Business Information Rule regarding submissions in electronic formats. See 49 CFR 512.6(c) (as amended by 72 Fed. Reg. 59434 (October 19, 2007)).

If you have any questions regarding submission of a request for confidential treatment, contact Otto Matheke, Senior Attorney, Office of Chief Counsel at otto.matheke@dot.gov or (202) 366-5253.

Due Date

Tesla's response to this letter, in duplicate, together with a copy of any confidentiality request, must be submitted to this office by January 14, 2014. Tesla's response must include all non-confidential attachments and a redacted version of all documents that contain confidential information. If Tesla finds that it is unable to provide all of the information requested within the time allotted, Tesla must request an extension from me at (202) 366-0139 no later than five business days before the response due date. If Tesla is unable to provide all of the information requested by the original deadline, it must submit a partial response by the original deadline with whatever information Tesla then has available, even if an extension has been granted.

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If you have any technical questions concerning this matter, please call Will Godfrey of my staff at (202) 366-5231.

Sincerely,



D. Scott Yon, Chief
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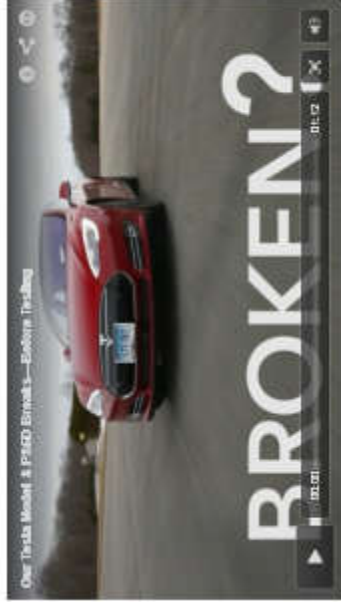


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Consumer Reports' Tesla Model S P85D breaks—before testing begins A broken power door handle is one of the most common Tesla problems

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A new car shouldn't have problems when you've owned it for less than a month. Yet Consumer Reports' two-year \$127,000 Tesla Model S P85D, with the fancy retractable door handles released to us in an exclusively-rendered car advertisement, found "Why We Bought a Tesla Model S."

After we'd owned the P85D for a mere 27 days, with just over 2,300 miles on the odometer, the driver-side door handle failed. The door handles in the Model S retract electrically so they rest flush with the sides of the car when they're not in use. Walk up to the car with the key fob in your pocket, and the handles move out

to allow you to grab them.

Scout! This time, the one on the driver's door of our P85D didn't pop out, leaving us no way to open the door from the outside. And significantly, the car wouldn't stay in Drive, perhaps mistaking that the door was open due to the issue with the door handle. We have observed other vehicles likewise problematic driving with a door open.

We're far from the first Tesla owner to experience the problem. Our car [reliability survey](#) shows that doors, locks and accessories are the biggest trouble areas with Teslas and that the Model S has the higher than average rates of such problems.



Driver's door handle is stuck.



NEWS MEDIA CONTACT:
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
June 23, 2009

Obama Administration Awards First Three Auto Loans for Advanced Technologies to Ford Motor Company, Nissan Motors and Tesla Motors

Washington, DC - Today, the Obama Administration announced \$8 billion in conditional loan commitments for the development of advanced technologies to build electric cars.

Tesla Motors will receive \$465 million that will also advance electric vehicles. The first loan will finance a manufacturing facility for the Tesla Model S sedan. This vehicle demonstrates how the emerging electric car is becoming more affordable, the Model S is expected to be roughly \$50,000 cheaper than Tesla's first vehicle, the Roadster. The all-electric sedan consumes no gasoline and runs entirely on electricity from any conventional 120V or 220V outlet. It will get the equivalent of more than 250 miles per gallon, far exceeding the 32.7 mpg minimum efficiency required for large sedans. Production of the Model S will begin in 2011 and ramp up to 20,000 vehicles per year by the end of 2013. This integrated facility expects to create 1,000 jobs in Southern California.

\$\$\$ AWARDED TO TESLA TO DO NONE OF THE THINGS THEY SAID!!!???

The second part of the loan will support a facility to manufacture battery packs and electric drive trains to be used in Teslas and in vehicles built by other automakers, including the Smart For Two city car by Daimler. This project demonstrates how Tesla's early technology will support electric projects at larger companies. Early pilot battery pack production will begin in 2011, reaching about 10,000 by 2012 and 30,000 packs in 2013. The new facility expects to employ 650 people in the Bay area of Northern California.

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Ex-Tesla Execs Win Reinstatement Of Contract Claims

By Leigh Kamping-Carder

Law360, New York (May 06, 2011, 8:05 PM ET) -- A California appeals court on Thursday dismissed the defamation claims of two Tesla Motors Inc. executives fired in a round of layoffs in 2008 but reinstated claims that the electric-car maker breached a stock options agreement.

Statements Tesla made about a group of 26 fired employees were clearly opinion, not fact, and did not name former Director of Communications David Vespremi and former Chief Information Officer Gene Glauzell directly, entitling the company to free speech protections, the appeals court ruled.

Vespremi and Glauzell joined Tesla in...

Marin County Tesla driver who died in crash off Hwy. 1 cliff ...

So, Elon's earlier joke about someone probably having to **drive it off a cliff** to die in a Tesla has finally come to pass. Sad. Worse yet if it was intentional.

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Drove it off a cliff and still avoided injury | Forums ...

Tesla Tour; Forums; Stores; Service Centers; Superchargers; Contact; Order Your Tesla; What to Expect; ... He shared the story of the crash in Mexico where the **driver**, ... It suggests that you theoretically could make a car that could **drive off a cliff** of any height and still be survivable.

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Driver of Tesla who drove off cliff identified :: SFBay | San ...

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3 Tesla employees killed in California plane crash

www.autonews.com/article/2011/02/17/OEM021700219869/3-tesla

Three employees of Tesla Motors were killed in a small airplane crash in northern California today. ... Tesla CEO Elon Musk confirmed all had worked at the company.

URGENT: 3 Tesla Motors employees killed in plane crash

www.pressetelegram.com/technology/20110217/urgent-3-tesla-motors...

Effective Date: April 13, 2010

GUIDANCE FOR APPLICANTS TO ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY VEHICLES MANUFACTURING LOAN PROGRAM

The U.S. Department of Energy's Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program (ATVMLP) was established under Section 136 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. Its purpose is to arrange loans from the U.S. Department of Treasury's Federal Financing Bank to enable manufacturers of advanced technology vehicles (ATVs) and ATV components. This memorandum provides guidance to ATV...

b) **Financial Viability.** The applicant must be financially viable without the receipt of additional federal funding for the proposed project other than the ATVMLP loan. This requires a determination by the ATVMLP that (i) there is a reasonable prospect that the applicant will be able to pay principal and interest as and when due under the ATVMLP loan and (ii) the applicant has a net present value that is positive, taking all costs, existing and future, into account. 10 CFR 611.100(c) sets forth some of the factors considered by the ATVMLP in determining the applicant's financial viability.

2) **Eligible Project.** The proposed project to be financed with the ATVMLP loan must consist of either (1) the reequipping, expanding or establishing of a manufacturing facility located in the United States which will produce ATVs or ATV components or (2) engineering integration performed in the United States for ATVs or ATV components.

4) **Eligible Costs.** The ATVMLP loan can only be used to reimburse the applicant for (i) costs that are reasonably related to reequipping, expanding or establishing a manufacturing facility in the United States or (ii) costs of engineering integration performed in the United States. Such costs cannot have been incurred before substantial completion of the application. The ATVMLP loan cannot be used to reimburse the applicant for costs associated with vehicle variants that are not ATVs.

6) **Fees.** At the financial closing date, the applicant must pay a fee equal to 0.1% of the principal amount of the ATVMLP loan. The ATVMLP may also require the applicant to pay certain customary administrative or collateral agency fees.

Tesla driver who killed Santa Cruz bicyclist: I fell asleep ...

Tesla driver who killed Santa Cruz bicyclist: I fell asleep. ... 40, of Santa Cruz. VIDEO: Santa driver strikes, kills cyclist on Highway 1. The deadly accident happened on a bright, sunny Saturday at 11:30 a.m.

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CHP: Dozing driver struck, killed bicyclist north of Santa Cruz

The driver of the black 2013 Tesla S has not been arrested, ... Alper had been cycling with three people. Two of them were far in front of him and one person was far behind and none of them saw ... Alper is one of a handful of cyclists killed in Santa Cruz County in recent years. Joshua ...

santacruzsentinel.com/general-news/20131104/chp-dozing-driver-s...

accident with cyclist in Santa Cruz - Tesla Motors Club

Very sad story about a cyclist killed when struck by Tesla Model S: Santa Cruz cyclist struck by ... Very sad story about a cyclist killed when struck by Tesla Model S. Santa Cruz cyclist struck by motorist on Hwy. 1 ... the Tesla's driver went up and down the dirt embankment ...

teslamotorsclub.com/showthread.php?23418-accident-with-cyclis...

Tesla Motors named in fatal bike crash suit in Santa Cruz ...

SANTA CRUZ -- A 63-year-old Tesla driver from Santa Cruz, ... "If you or I drove across Highway 1 and into the bushes, then steered straight back on to the highway and killed somebody, we would have been hauled off to jail in handcuffs," O'Reilly said.

mercurynews.com/crime-courts/cl_25076376/tesla-motor-co-n...

Cyclelicious » Cyclist killed by Tesla in Santa Cruz County

My condolences to his friends and loved ones. A 40 year old Santa [...] Cyclelicious; About; Shop; ... A 40 year old Santa Cruz resident was killed after he was hit in a head on collision with a Tesla Model S on Saturday morning. ... "Cyclist killed by Tesla driver ...

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Capitalism 2015: In corporate finance today, the theme is "Go where the money is." For Elon Musk, CEO of Tesla, SolarCity and SpaceX, the place to hunt for cash isn't Wall Street or even Silicon Valley. It's Washington, D.C.





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Key take-aways

- ✓ In July 2010, Lattice began to issue public warnings about thermal runaway risks with large, scaled-up Lithium-based battery packs; on Slide #54 in an August 6, 2013 Lattice presentation subtitled "A Fool's Paradise" we questioned whether Tesla's engineering had solved problematic runaway issues, or whether they had just been lucky - so far
- ✓ October 1, 2013 fire incident (really a form of battery runaway) with Tesla Model S that occurred near Seattle, WA suggests that they had merely been lucky to date — battery thermal runaway issues have not yet been truly solved by Tesla Motors or anyone else
- ✓ As seen in the progression of news stories quoted from herein, Tesla began the news cycle by trying to assert that the battery pack had nothing to do with the hot fire that consumed the front end of a \$70,000 car. By Wednesday evening they finally admitted that the battery was in fact the culprit, but that the incident had been triggered by the vehicle's impact with "metal debris" that had been lying on the road surface and that consequent mechanical damage to battery cells triggered the thermal runaway fire event; they are emphatically asserting that the battery did not catch fire spontaneously
- ✓ While Tesla's theory of the incident is plausible, it is inconsistent with statements made by the highway patrol officer — trained to be keenly observant — who first investigated the accident scene and found no evidence whatsoever of any claimed "metallic debris"
- ✓ Unless conclusive physical evidence is revealed that proves otherwise, Lattice believes it is more likely that the fire was caused by a spontaneous heat-event inside the battery



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Tesla Motors Model S car catches fire on road Incident occurred on October 1, 2013 near Seattle, WA

While nothing is totally conclusive yet, circumstances are suspicious re battery

Large Lithium-based EV batteries are potentially risky

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Tesla Stock Tumbles After Model S Catches Fire

SEATTLE October 3, 2013 (AP)

By MIKE BAKER Associated Press



Shares of electric car company Tesla sank more than 6 percent Wednesday after an Internet video showed flames spewing from one of the company's vehicles near Seattle.

Source: <http://www.king5.com/news/local/Tesla-stock-tumbles-after-Model-S-catches-fire-near-Seattle-226207191.html>

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Thermal runaway severity varies in Lithium-based batteries

"Garden variety" thermal runaways:

- Temps: ~300° C up to 600° C (Lattice's criteria)
- Reasonably well understood failure events
- Triggered by substantial over-charging or excessively deep discharges of Li batteries
- Triggered by external mechanical damage to battery cells, e.g., crushing, punctures; growth of internal dendrites pierces plastic separators



Field-failure thermal runaways can also include electric arc internal shorting:



- Temps: > 600° C - can go up to thousands of ° C with arcs
- Much rarer and comparatively poorly understood by industry
- Many believe triggered and/or accompanied by electrical arc discharges (internal shorts); what causes initial micro-arcs?
- Much higher peak temperatures vs. garden variety events
- Lattice suggests: super-hot low energy nuclear reactions (LENRs) could well be initial triggers for some % of them

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3 workers burned at Tesla plant - SFGate

Hot metal spilling from a malfunctioning aluminum press burned three employees at the Tesla Motors factory in Fremont Wednesday, sending the workers to a hospital.

[SF sfgate.com/bayarea/article/3-workers-burned-at-Tesla...](https://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/3-workers-burned-at-Tesla-101700000.html)

3 Tesla Motors employees burned in industrial accident

3 Tesla Motors employees burned in industrial accident. The accident follows three reports of Tesla's Model S sedans catching fire, but appears unrelated.

[firerescue1.com/fire-products/vehicles/articles/1604028-3...](https://www.firerescue1.com/fire-products/vehicles/articles/1604028-3-tesla-workers-burned-in-industrial-accident/)

Tesla Motors accident: Hot metal burns three workers at ...

FREMONT -- Three Tesla Motors employees were injured when a low-pressure aluminum casting press failed Wednesday afternoon at the company's Fremont factory.

[mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_24516306/tesla-accident-...](https://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_24516306/tesla-accident-20131114)

Tesla CEO Elon Musk Visits Injured Workers at Hospital | NBC ...

Two workers at Tesla Motors' plant in Fremont remain hospitalized at a San Jose burn unit after they were injured by a hot-metal spill caused by an equipment failure.

[nbcbayarea.com/news/local/Fire-Ambulance-at-Tesla-Plant-...](https://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/local/Fire-Ambulance-at-Tesla-Plant-20131114)

Workers burned at Tesla car plant | Technology | The Guardian

Three Tesla Motors employees were injured when a casting press containing hot aluminum failed at its San Francisco Bay area factory, officials said.

[theguardian.com/technology/2013/nov/14/workers-burned-tes...](https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2013/nov/14/workers-burned-tesla)

Tesla Motors Workers Burned, Cal-OSHA Continues Investigation ...

Cal-OSHA has continued its investigation into the burned workers at the San Francisco Bay Tesla Motors factory. Three employees suffered burns after a casting

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required to meet certain conditions before closing, the conditional commitments will require Solyndra to meet an equity commitment as well as other conditions prior to closing. Today's action signals the Department's intent to move forward with Solyndra's application for \$535 million loan guarantee provided the company meets its obligations before offering a conditional commitment. DOE takes significant steps to ensure risks are properly mitigated for each project and to ensure that the Department's investment is protected. This DOE process includes a thorough investigation and analysis of each project's financial, technical and legal strengths and weaknesses. In addition to the underwriting and due diligence process, each project is reviewed in consultation with independent consultants.

Secretary Chu ~~intended to target to have the first conditional commitments out by May - three months into his tenure - but today's announcement significantly delays that announcement.~~ Secretary Chu credited the Department's loan team for their work accelerating the process to offer this conditional commitment in less than two months, demonstrating the power of teamwork and the speed at which the Department can operate when barriers to success are removed.

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Obama Administration Offers \$535 Million Loan Guarantee to Solyndra, Inc.

Investment Could Lead to Thousands of New Jobs

Washington, DC – Energy Secretary Steven Chu today offered a \$535 million loan guarantee for Solyndra, Inc. to support the company's construction of a commercial-scale manufacturing plant for its proprietary cylindrical solar photovoltaic panels. The company expects to create thousands of new jobs in the U.S. while deploying its solar panels across the U.S. and around the world.

"This investment is part of President Obama's aggressive strategy to put Americans back to work and reduce our dependence on foreign energy," Secretary Chu said. "Solyndra's technology is cutting-edge. We can create millions of new, well-paying jobs that can't be outsourced. Instead of relying on imports from other countries to meet our energy needs, we'll rely on America's innovation, America's resources, and America's workers."

Secretary Chu is moving aggressively to accelerate important Department of Energy investments that can create jobs and transform the way America uses and produces energy. This allows the Department of Energy to offer its first loan guarantee within the first two months of the Obama Administration. This loan guarantee will be supported through the President's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which provides tens of billions of dollars in loan guarantee authority to build a new green energy economy.

Solyndra's photovoltaic systems are designed to provide the lowest installed cost and the highest solar electricity output on commercial, industrial and institutional roof tops, which are a vast, underutilized resource for the distributed generation of clean electricity. Solyndra's proprietary design transforms glass tubes into high performance photovoltaic panels that are the size and appearance of a standard solar panel. The panels are made from fossil fuel sources, the electricity produced from the solar panels will reduce emissions of greenhouse gases.

Based in Fremont, CA, Solyndra is currently ramping up production in its initial manufacturing facilities. Once finalized, the DOE loan guarantee will enable the company to build and operate its manufacturing processes at full commercial scale.

Solyndra estimates that:

- The construction of this complex will employ approximately 3,000 people.
- The operation of the facility will create over 1,000 jobs in the United States.
- The installation of these panels will create hundreds of additional jobs in the United States.
- The commercialization of this technology is expected to then be duplicated in multiple other manufacturing facilities.

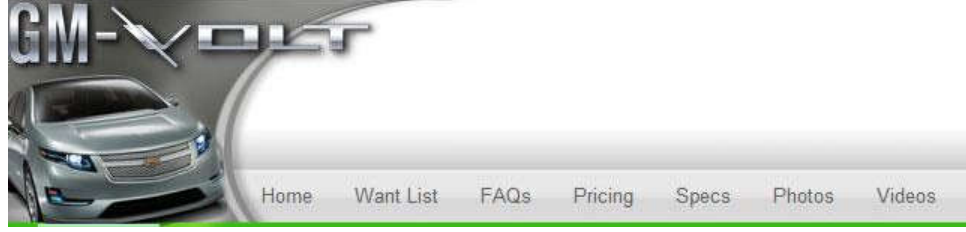
Secretary Chu is offering the loan guarantee by signing a "conditional commitment" today, following approval this week by the Department of Energy's Credit Review Board. Just as homebuyers who have been approved for a loan are

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Re: Tesla model-s-still-loses-power-while-turned-off

What interests me most is that the 23-25 mile loss overnight the writer of the article mentions is in line with what the NY Times mentioned and yet Musk claimed it wasn't so. It's recently been "improved" to a 15 mile loss, but that's still substantial.

Others have pointed out the loss overnight and were pooh-pooed by Silicon Valley types claiming biased reporting. But it seems there is a problem and losing 20 or so miles overnight could be the difference between getting home and getting stranded.



As other have noted, this has not been a secret, every Tesla owner knows about this. Second, most reports I have seen, and my own experience, state the previous vampire loss at about 30kWh, not 4.5. With the latest update, that has been reduced to about 1 kWh. And they are not done optimizing yet.

I think the idea of it being a "secret" comes from the fact that this is a weakness that the general media doesn't cover, not yet anyway. I think if it were common knowledge that every Tesla born is like plugging in and losing 20 miles overnight, but most people wouldn't know it, but it would be a headline on the hour on Fox News.

You may know this author better than I, but I didn't see any evidence that he used an inaccurate methodology. He was very clear about how it was done, and acknowledged that he could use a larger sample size to dig up more accurate comparisons. It seems to me it's your claim that the press is biased, not the author. I think that's ridiculous. I would like to see you actually post it from a Tesla forum or Tesla corporate, which should automatically come with questions about objectivity. And this 1 kWh figure seems directly in contradiction to the author's findings by a wide margin.

IMO, a lot of time has passed with a known and significant issue (actually a set of related issues it seems), and despite promises and a concerted effort, what seems like it should be an eminently solvable problem has not been fixed. I think it's fair to say that the press is biased, but I think it's fair to say that there's a tendency to look at Tesla with rose-colored glasses; something I'm seeing even in this thread, and IMO this issue is potentially more of a problem for Tesla than the recent spate of road-incident fires.

Originally Posted by McEnergyCzar
How many kWh per day does a plugged in Tesla draw? ?? What amount are we talking about here? Thanks...

According to the article, he's seeing an average of 3-5 kWh per day after the latest software update.
 Last edited by volt11; 15 Hours Ago at 11:53 PM.

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Originally Posted by bonaire
I love my 2011 hold mode. It is called mountain mode. Works great for my long distance trips. I personally don't consider Tesla vehicles as green. From 10,000 miles out of near 21, I live to more kWh per mile than other cars to the excess power from the motor and far too large a battery subsystem. Add to that the vampire drain and it just isn't conservative enough for my tastes.

I agree with this. To me the Tesla is less of a green automobile and more of a wasteful alternative fuel sports car.

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Tesla model-s-still-loses-power-while-turned-off

The Tesla Model S, for all its technical and design artistry, has a dirty little secret: the car has a substantial appetite for kilowatt-hours even when turned off and parked. Since the Model S was introduced in 2012, this "vampire" power drain from the cars sold so far has consumed roughly 15 gigawatt-hours of electric energy, nearly a day's output for a mid-size nuclear power plant. It's enough wasted energy to drive the cars 50 million miles.

After nine months of promises to fix it, Tesla finally sent out a software update a week ago to the Model S fleet that it claims "significantly reduces power usage when (the car is) shut down."

But based on a week's worth of measurements on my 60-kWh Model S, I've concluded that the new software is only mildly effective.

As far as I can tell, the vampire's fangs are still sharp.

Wasted power

Shortly after taking delivery of my Model S last February, I noticed that I would typically lose 10-15 miles of indicated range overnight. On average, I was losing 23 miles of indicated range every 24 hours.

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