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Tesla ships emergency home fire prevention device to all owners. Says it is "not a recall" but an "upgrade". To deal with the new, additional, fire danger for Tesla cars. Tesla is shipping a new gadget to all owners. Like: Not a bug, it's a "feature"! Detroit News is now reporting that <u>NHTSA has ordered Tesla to Recall The Entire Line over the NEW Fire Danger!</u>

After sending out a mind-numbing amount of TESLA press releases and a tsunami of stock media shill articles saying that there is "no problem, nothing to see here, move along" Now we finally get to the truth:

Woo Hoo. It only took Tesla a decade and a billion dollars to sell 25,000 of something that their competitors have been selling tens times as much of, since 1890, for half the price and with 70% less development cost and it still doesn't work. And we should be impressed with this because of why?

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## Tesla to Upgrade Adapter on Reports of Garage Overheating

By Jeff Plungis Jan 10, 2014

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Tesla Motors Inc. (TSLA), which is under investigation by U.S. regulators over fires in its Model S sedan after battery punctures, will upgrade wall-charger adapters following reports of overheating in garages.

The charger connectors, which tether Tesla-issued cables to wall outlets, will be mailed out in the next two weeks, Chief Executive Officer Elon Musk said in an interview today. The replacements will be treated as a recall, though owners won't be required to travel to service centers. Overheating can stem from inadequate household wiring, he said.

"These are very rare events, but occasionally the wiring isn't done right," Musk said. "We want people to have absolute comfort, so we're going to be providing them with an upgraded adapter."

The decision to provide the improved part follows a series of about a half-dozen incidents, described on a Tesla-owner website and in some cases relayed to U.S. regulators, in which

Model S wall plugs melted or smoked while vehicles were recharging. The redesigned adapter will include a thermal fuse designed to shut off charging if overheating is detected, Musk said.

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Tesla fell 1.2 percent to \$145.72 at 4 p.m. after earlier falling as much as 3.6 percent. The shares have plunged almost 25 percent from their peak in September after three reports of battery-related fires in the Model S in October and November.

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Tesla Motors Inc. Model S vehicles are charged at company's design studio in Hawthorne, California.

The U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration opened an inquiry Nov. 19 after the last fire.

#### Six Incidents

Tesla isn't aware of any fires that have been definitively caused by its cables, electronics or vehicles, said Liz Jarvis-Shean, a company spokeswoman. The replacement adapters are expected to cost "a few million dollars" and have no material impact on earnings, she said.

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The company in December sent a software update to its customers to deal with the recharging issue. The new software is designed to trigger a 25 percent reduction in charge current when it senses conditions that could lead to overheating.

The company isn't aware of any overheating incidents since the software update, Musk said.

"We're highly confident the software update addresses overheating issues," Musk said.

### **Regulators Monitoring**

At least six overheating incidents were reported on the Tesla Motors Club users forum website between March and December.

In October, one Model S owner reported that "plumes of smoke" came from his adapter, which fused to the charging cord. A York, <u>Pennsylvania</u>, owner reported <u>burning his hands and</u> arm trying to remove his charging cord after smelling melting plastic in December.

There are five reports of Model S cord and plug overheating in NHTSA's consumer complaint database, including some of the incidents reported on the Tesla user website.

Tesla said its Model S and charging system didn't cause a fire in a Southern California garage in November.

While there was a fire at the wall socket where the vehicle was plugged in, the car itself wasn't burned, the Palo Alto, California-based company said in e-mailed comments.

Investigators couldn't conclude whether the fire started inside the wall socket or was caused by the charger, and found it had nothing to do with the battery, the Orange County Fire Authority said last month.

Tesla has informed NHTSA of the overheating incidents, the software update and the new charger adapters, Musk said.

"NHTSA is monitoring reported fires associated with certain Tesla Model S charging cords and adapters and will take appropriate action as necessary," Nathan Naylor, an agency spokesman, said in an e-mailed statement.

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