Tesla Motors under yet another investigation in new safety probe

- It's focusing on the brakes and steering, including the Autopilot system

South Korea has launched a safety probe into Tesla, focusing on braking and steering systems including Autopilot, according to *Reuters*. The transport ministry is specifically looking at the the Model 3 in an investigation that could take from six months to a year. The news casts a bit of a shadow on Tesla's huge <u>sales</u> <u>surge</u> in the nation, spurred on by the Model 3.

Tesla has an excellent safety record overall, but the autopilot system has drawn <u>criticism</u> from the US National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB). More recently, Tesla's Autopilot marketing was decried as "<u>misleading</u>" by Korea's Fair Trade Commission. Tesla will cooperate with the investigation, according to a South Korean transport ministry official.

Tesla has dominated EV sales in Korea, taking over <u>50 percent</u> of the market and selling over 22,000 vehicles in the first half of 2020. That's helped in part by 8 million KRW (\$6,700) in government subsidies for each Model 3 buyer, along with Tesla's own <u>investments</u> in 22 superchargers and 172 slow-charging

stations in the country. The investigation is still in the early stages, so it's hard to say yet what impact it will have on Tesla.

<u>Feds investigating possible safety problem</u> <u>in 500,000 Teslas</u>

< <u>https://nypost.com/2020/01/17/feds-investigating-possible-safety-problem-in-500k-teslas/</u>

Jan 17, 2020**Tesla** issued a software update starting in May 2019 to address the problem, but a petitioner said the company should have told officials about it and done a **safety** recall, NHTSA has said.

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https://www.insurancejournal.com/news/international/2020/07/29/577252.htm

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<u>Tesla in trouble as South Korea launches</u> <u>probe into safety ...</u>

c <u>https://auto.hindustantimes.com/auto/news/tesla-in-trouble-as-south-korea-launches-probe-into-safety-issues-</u> 41595990975278.html

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Tesla Model S battery faults were known **issue** inside automaker, report says. The government has reportedly opened a **safety** investigation into the **issue** after leaked emails allegedly confirm **Tesla** ...

<u>Tesla faces safety investigation by South</u> <u>Korea | Autoblog</u>

< https://www.autoblog.com/2020/07/29/tesla-safety-investigation-autopilot-south-korea/

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<u>Tesla under investigation for Model S</u> <u>touchscreen failures ...</u>

< <u>https://www.theverge.com/2020/6/24/21301676/tesla-nhtsa-touchscreen-failure-investigation-model-s</u>

The National Highway Traffic **Safety** Administration (NHTSA) has launched an investigation into touchscreen failures on older **Tesla** Model S vehicles, after receiving 11 complaints in the last 13 ...

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c https://www.express.co.uk/news/world/1315709/elon-musk-tesla-south-korea-china-autopilot-electric-car-news-latest
SOUTH KOREA is investigating suspected **safety issues** with US vehicles made by **Tesla** amid competition with the country's electric vehicle market. By Manon Dark PUBLISHED: 07:23, Wed, Jul 29, 2020

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< https://www.hotcars.com/problems-with-tesla-nobody-talks-about/

You don't have to give a **Tesla**, specifically the Model 3, a thorough inspection to notice that there's an insane amount of space between the tire and the fenders. It's not an overly invasive **issue**, but when you're paying around \$35,000 for a car, there are a few minimum expectations that should be met. One of those is definitely a clean ...

<u>Tesla's Model 3 under investigation in</u> <u>South Korean safety ...</u>

< <u>https://www.engadget.com/south-korea-is-investigating-teslas-autopilot-and-other-features-132542802.html</u>

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