



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 21-023
Date Opened: 12/21/2021
Investigator: Roy Nelson
Approver: Stephen Ridella
Subject: Tesla "Passenger Play"
Reviewer: Gregory Magno

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: Tesla, Inc.
Products: 2017-2022 Model 3, S, X, Y equipped with "Passenger Play"
Population: 580,000 (Estimated)
Problem Description: Tesla vehicles equipped with "Passenger Play" which allows the gameplay to function on the front center touchscreen while the vehicle is in motion and may present a distraction to the driver.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	1	TBD	1
Crashes/Fires:	0	TBD	TBD
Injury Incidents:	0	TBD	TBD
Number of Injuries:	0	TBD	TBD
Fatality Incidents:	0	TBD	TBD
Number of Fatalities:	0	TBD	TBD

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: A Preliminary Evaluation (PE) has been opened.

Summary:

The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) is opening a Preliminary Evaluation (PE) on certain model year (MY) 2017 - 2022 Model 3, S, X, and Y vehicles based on reports that Tesla gameplay functionality, which is visible on the front center touchscreen from the driver's seat, is enabled even when the vehicle is being driven. This functionality, referred to as "Passenger Play," may distract the driver and increase the risk of a crash.

ODI has received one Vehicle Owner Questionnaire (VOQ) describing the gameplay functionality and has confirmed that this capability has been available since December 2020 in Tesla "Passenger Play"-equipped vehicles. Prior to this time, gameplay was enabled only when the vehicle was in Park.

This PE has been opened to evaluate the driver distraction potential of Tesla "Passenger Play" while the vehicle is being driven. Through this PE, ODI will evaluate aspects of the feature, including the frequency and use scenarios of Tesla "Passenger Play."

The ODI report cited above can be reviewed at:
<http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/owners/SearchNHTSAID>
 using the following complaint identification number: 11439598