



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

OFFICE OF DEFECTS INVESTIGATION

ODI RESUME

Investigation: DP25002
Prompted By: Defect Petition
Date Opened: 12/23/2025
Investigator: Ayesha Huertas-Torres
Reviewer: Peter Kivett
Approver: Tanya Topka
Subject: Emergency egress controls are not readily accessible and clearly identifiable.

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: Tesla, Inc.
Products: MY 2022 Tesla Model 3
Population: 179,071 (Estimated)

Problem Description: The petition cites that the mechanical door release is hidden, unlabeled, and not intuitive to locate during an emergency.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	EWR D&I	Other	Total	EWR Field Reports
All Incidents:	1	0	0	0	1	0
Crashes/Fires:	1	0	0	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	1	0	0	0	1	0
Number of Injuries:	1	0	0	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of Fatalities:	0	0	0	0	0	0

ACTION/SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: Open this Defect Petition (DP) to evaluate the issue and determine whether to grant or deny the petition.

Summary:

The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) received a petition on November 24, 2025, requesting a defect investigation into the mechanical door release on model year (MY) 2022 Tesla Model 3. The petition cites allegations that the mechanical door release is hidden, unlabeled, and not intuitive to locate during an emergency. The petition itself can be reviewed at [NHTSA.gov](https://www.nhtsa.gov) under ODI number 11698174. A defect petition has been opened to evaluate the issue and determine whether to grant or deny the petition.