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National Highway
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Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V445

Manufacturer Name: Tesla, Inc.

Submission Date: Jul 17, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V445

Manufacturer Recall No.: SB-26-00-004

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: Tesla, Inc.

Address: 1 Tesla Road
Austin TX, 78725

Total number of potentially involved: 15

Estimated percentage with defect: 100%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2024-2024 TESLA MODEL 3

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type:

Fuel / Propulsion:

Production Dates: Dec 21, 2023 - Jul 30, 2024

Number of potentially involved: 12

Descriptive Information:

The recall population includes certain Model Year ("MY") 2024 Tesla Model 3 vehicles manufactured between December 21, 2023, and July 30, 2024, and certain MY 2026 Tesla Model Y vehicles manufactured between August 17, 2025, and February 16, 2026. The affected vehicles were manufactured at Tesla's Shanghai factory or Tesla's Berlin factory to comply with Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (CMVSS) and may have been subsequently imported by customers into the U.S. from Canada.

Vehicle 2: 2026-2026 TESLA MODEL Y

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type:

Fuel / Propulsion:

Production Dates: Aug 17, 2025 - Feb 16, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 3

Descriptive Information:

The recall population includes certain Model Year ("MY") 2024 Tesla Model 3 vehicles manufactured between December 21, 2023, and July 30, 2024, and certain MY 2026 Tesla Model Y vehicles manufactured between August 17, 2025, and February 16, 2026. The affected vehicles were manufactured at Tesla's Shanghai factory or Tesla's Berlin factory to comply with Canadian Motor

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Vehicle Safety Standards (CMVSS) and may have been subsequently imported by customers into the U.S. from Canada.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

Because the affected vehicles were not originally manufactured to comply with FMVSS, they are not equipped with a knee airbag and therefore, do not meet the unbelted test requirements in FMVSS No. 208, S5.1.2(b) and S15.2. In addition, affected Tesla Model Y vehicles are not equipped with countermeasures required to meet FMVSS No. 201, S6. Moreover, the affected Model 3 vehicles were not tested pursuant to the bumper impact resistance procedures required by Part 581.

FMVSS1: 201 - Occupant protection in interior impact

FMVSS2: 208 - Occupant crash protection

Description of the safety risk, including crash, fire, death, injury:

Noncompliance with FMVSS Nos. 208 and 201 may result in reduced occupant protection during a collision, increasing the risk of injury.

Description of the cause:

Identification of any warning that can occur:

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier:

Supplier Type:

Name:

Address:

Country:

Involved Components

Component Name 1: knee airbag

Component Description:

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Chronology

- Between December 21, 2023, and February 16, 2026, the affected vehicles were manufactured at Tesla's Shanghai factory or Tesla's Berlin factory to comply with all CMVSS and were eventually sold to customers in the Canadian market.
- Between June 4, 2024, and April 3, 2026, in response to requests received through its customary customer communication channels from customers seeking letters of compliance to satisfy the documentation required to import the affected vehicles from Canada into the U.S. under Declaration Box 2B, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 591.5(g), Tesla issued letters of compliance for the affected vehicles, confirming that the vehicles complied with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety, bumper, and theft prevention standards, except for the certain standards related to labeling and daytime running lamps outlined in 49 C.F.R. 591.5(g).
- On April 28, 2026, upon receiving a letter of compliance request from a customer outside the customary communication channel, Tesla initiated an internal review of its importation verification procedures for vehicles produced at Tesla's international factories.
- From April 28 through June 22, 2026, Tesla investigated this issue to understand the design and vehicle content differences between vehicles built at the different assembly plants, and whether the differences in vehicle content between markets affected compliance with FMVSS requirements. On April 28, 2026, Tesla ceased issuing letters of compliance for MY 2024 and later Model 3 and Model Y vehicles while Tesla conducted its internal review. On May 8, Tesla refined the scope of its investigation and ceased issuing letters of compliance for all vehicles manufactured at its Shanghai or Berlin factories while Tesla continued to investigate.
- On May 28, 2026, Tesla met with NHTSA's Office of the Chief Counsel (OCC) to discuss the subject vehicles, and on June 3, 2026, Tesla followed up with OCC with additional information regarding the subject vehicles that was requested by OCC during the May 28, 2026, meeting.
- On June 29, 2026, after completing the internal investigation, Tesla determined that the affected vehicles are not compliant with FMVSS Nos. 201 and 208, and made a voluntary recall determination.
- As of June 30, 2026, Tesla has identified 0 warranty claims and 0 field reports that may be related to the condition. Tesla is not aware of any collisions, fatalities, or injuries that are or may be related to the condition.

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type:**Consumer Advisories:** ☐ Do Not Drive ☐ Park Outside

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Description of remedy program:

For the affected vehicles that were imported to the United States under 49 CFR Part 591.5(g), and are currently registered in the United States, Tesla will repurchase the vehicles free of charge in accordance with 49 U.S. Code § 30120 and as described in the terms set forth in Tesla's letter to owners. For all affected vehicles, Tesla will rescind the previously issued letters of compliance and send customers new letters that correctly describe the vehicles as noncompliant to certain FMVSS.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

The remedy is to repurchase the noncompliant vehicles that have been imported by customers into the United States and are currently registered in the United States. Tesla will also rescind the previously issued letters of compliance for all affected vehicles and send customers new letters that correctly describe the vehicles as noncompliant to certain FMVSS.

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

As of May 8, 2026, Tesla ceased issuing letters of compliance for vehicles manufactured at its Shanghai and Berlin factories that do not meet the FMVSS except for the labeling requirements of FMVSS Nos. 101 and 110 or 120, and/or the specifications of FMVSS No. 108 relating to daytime running lamps, as permitted by 49 C.F.R. 591.5(g).

Reimbursement Plan

Description of reimbursement program:

Tesla does not plan to include a statement in the Part 577 owner notification about pre-notice reimbursement to owners because no vehicle owner incurred costs for a pre-notification remedy associated with the noncompliance.

Period of reimbursement:

Costs to be reimbursed:

Address for reimbursement claims:

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

All Tesla stores and service centers will be notified about this recall on or shortly after July 10, 2026. Owner notification letters will be mailed in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 577.7.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Jul 10, 2026 - Jul 10, 2026

☐ No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:

☐ No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Sep 05, 2026 - Sep 05, 2026

☐ Phased Recall

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Date when VIN will be searchable: