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By Matt Smith, Associated Press



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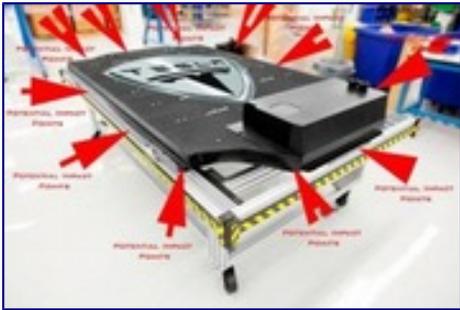
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By [Lizbeth](#) on Feb 10, 2015 at 10:00 AM



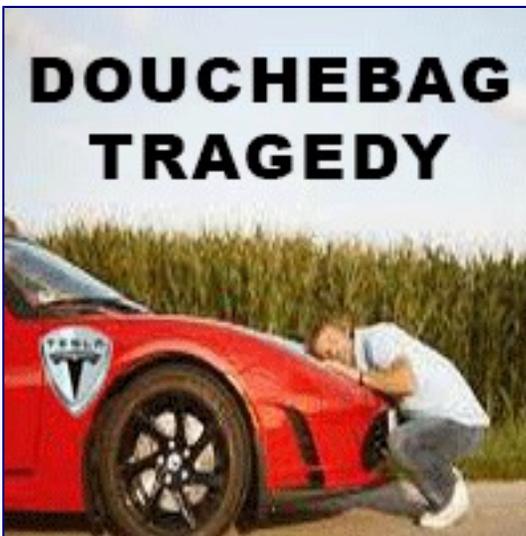
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# Millions of dollars of lithium ion electric cars that exploded because they got wet!

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### Consumer Reports' Tesla Model S P85D breaks—before testing begins

A broken power door handle is one of the most common Tesla problems

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A new car shouldn't have problems when you've owned it for less than a month. The Consumer Report introduces \$137,000 Tesla Model S P85D, with the left rear power door handle refused to let us in, effectively rendering the car unusable. (Read "Why We Bought a Tesla Model S.")

After we'd owned the P85D for a week (7,462), with just over 2,000 miles on the odometer, the driver side door handle failed. The door handles in the Model S retract automatically as they roll flush with the sides of the car when they're not in use. When up to the car with the key fob in your pocket, and the handles move out to allow you to grip them.

Except this time, the one on the driver's door of our P85D didn't pop out, leaving us no way to open the door from the outside. And significantly, the car wouldn't stay in Drive, perhaps misinterpreting that the door was open due to the issue with the door handle. We have observed other vehicles (because pretending driving with a door open).

Here's to hope the first Tesla owners to experience this problem. Our car reliability survey shows that doors, locks, and windows are the biggest trouble areas with Teslas and that the Model S has the highest average rates of such problems.

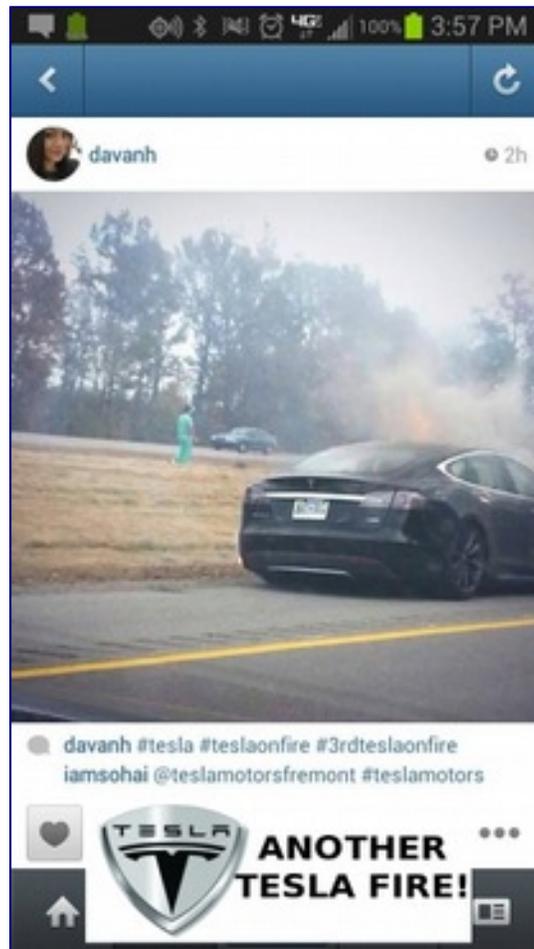
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SEATTLE October 3, 2013 (AP)

By MIKE BAKER Associated Press



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# Key take-aways

- ✓ In July 2010, Lattice began to issue public warnings about thermal runaway risks with large, scaled-up Lithium-based battery packs; on Slide #54 in an August 6, 2013 Lattice presentation subtitled "A Fool's Paradise" we questioned whether Tesla's engineering had solved problematic runaway issues, or whether they had just been lucky - so far
- ✓ October 1, 2013 fire incident (really a form of battery runaway) with Tesla Model S that occurred near Seattle, WA suggests that they had merely been lucky to date — battery thermal runaway issues have not yet been truly solved by Tesla Motors or anyone else
- ✓ As seen in the progression of news stories quoted from herein, Tesla began the news cycle by trying to assert that the battery pack had nothing to do with the hot fire that consumed the front end of a \$70,000 car. By Wednesday evening they finally admitted that the battery was in fact the culprit, but that the incident had been triggered by the vehicle's impact with "metal debris" that had been lying on the road surface and that consequent mechanical damage to battery cells triggered the thermal runaway fire event; they are emphatically asserting that the battery did not catch fire spontaneously
- ✓ While Tesla's theory of the incident is plausible, it is inconsistent with statements made by the highway patrol officer — trained to be keenly observant — who first investigated the accident scene and found no evidence whatsoever of any claimed "metallic debris"
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batteries

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employees.

Because all of our batteries are defined as "articles", they are exempt from the requirements of the Hazard Communication Standard, hence a MSDS is not required.

The following components are found in a Panasonic Lithium Ion battery:

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Positive Electrode	Lithium Cobalt Oxide	LiCoO <sub>2</sub>
Negative Electrode	Graphite	C
Electrolyte	Ethylene Carbonate - Solvent	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
	Diethyl Carbonate - Solvent	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>18</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
	Lithium Hexafluorophosphate - Salt	LiPF <sub>6</sub>

The overall reaction is:  $LiC \rightarrow Li^+ + CoO_2 \leftarrow C = LiC_2$



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All Panasonic Lithium Ion batteries are classified by the federal government as non-hazardous waste and are safe for disposal in the normal municipal waste stream. These batteries, however, do contain recyclable materials and are accepted for recycling by the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation's (RBRC) Battery Recycling Program. Please call 1-800-8-BATTERY for information on recycling your used Lithium Ion battery or go to the RBRC website at [www.rbrc.org](http://www.rbrc.org) for additional information.

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Currently all Panasonic Lithium Ion batteries are regulated by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) under Special Provisions 188 and 230. These regulations will stay in effect until January 1, 2010 when Special Provisions 188 and 230 will be updated.

If you build any of our lithium cells into a battery pack, you must also assure that they are tested in accordance with the UN Model Regulations, Manual of Test and Criteria, Part III, Subsection 38.3. If you plan on transporting any untested prototype battery packs contact your Panasonic Sales Representative for regulatory information.

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Two weeks ago my right rear **door** handle assembly was replaced by the **Tesla** Ranger. He also replaced the 12v battery as a separate issue. This week, my driver **door** handle has the same **problem** and they are coming this week to replace it.

[teslamotors.com/nl\\_NL/forum/forums/door-handle-problems](https://teslamotors.com/nl_NL/forum/forums/door-handle-problems)

### **Door Problem** | Forums | Tesla Motors

... rispondi ai filoni di discussione aperti con i proprietari e gli appassionati **Tesla**, oppure ... I only noticed it today when the car wouldn't **lock**. ... The old design still uses a pressure switch and because there is no give when pulling on the **door** handle, this causes **problems with the** ...

[teslamotors.com/it\\_IT/forum/forums/door-problem](https://teslamotors.com/it_IT/forum/forums/door-problem)

### **Tesla** Model S gets Consumer Reports' recommendation - Oct. 28 ...

The **Tesla** Model S is now Consumer Reports Recommended. The Model S isn't perfect, according to its owners, but none have reported any **problems with** the car's battery-powered electric drive system or with the enormous iPad-like touch screen inside the cabin.

[money.cnn.com/2013/10/28/autos/tesla-model-s-consumer...](https://money.cnn.com/2013/10/28/autos/tesla-model-s-consumer...)

### **Tesla** Model S: Glitches, Quirks, and Peccadilloes Roundup

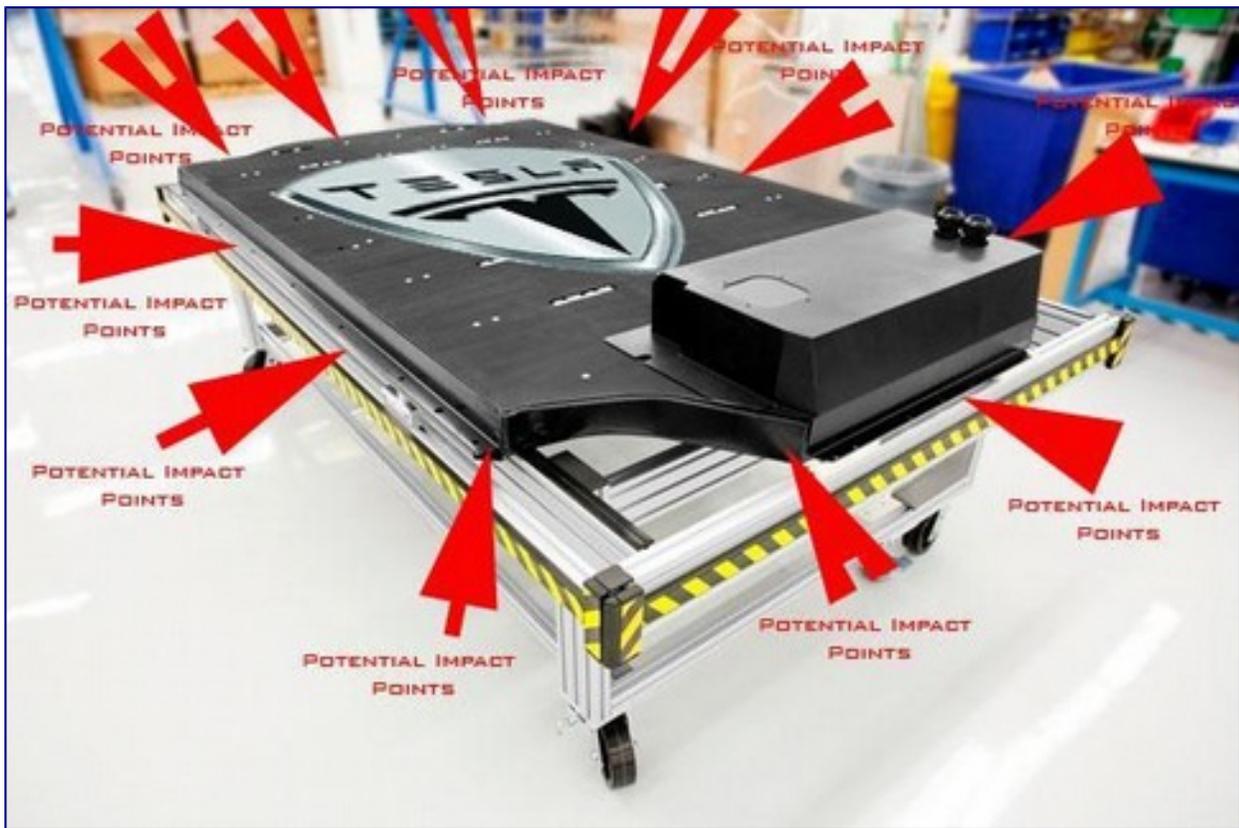
**Door locks** are electronic on many cars. If a solenoid misfires, the **door** unlocks. ... the **door problems** are a lie despite **Tesla's** publicly acknowledging the **problem**, etc... When people write good things, they are true and you don't question them.

[greencarreports.com/news/1081935\\_tesla-model-s-glitches-qui...](https://greencarreports.com/news/1081935_tesla-model-s-glitches-qui...)

### **Door Won't Open!** - Tesla Motors Club - Enthusiasts & Owners Forum

So I got my **Tesla** S Performance and was so excited to show it off to as many people ... Do you have 4.2 (1.19.42) installed? I had **problems with** this exact **door**. It only worked randomly. I did the update and it hasn't failed to work. The **door** seemed to get better (before my update) the more ...

[teslamotorsclub.com/showthread.php/13213-Door-Won-t-Open!](https://teslamotorsclub.com/showthread.php/13213-Door-Won-t-Open!)



Good Credit, Bad Credit Auto Loans

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 Posts: 254  
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### Tesla model-s-still-loses-power-while-turned-off

*The Tesla Model S, for all its technical and design artistry, has a dirty little secret: the [car](#) has a substantial appetite for kilowatt-hours even when turned off and parked.*

*Since the Model S was introduced in 2012, this "vampire" power drain from the [cars](#) sold so far has consumed roughly 15 gigawatt-hours of electric energy, nearly a day's output for a mid-size nuclear power plant. It's enough wasted energy to drive the cars 50 million miles.*

*After nine months of promises to fix it, Tesla finally sent out a software update a week ago to the Model S fleet that it claims "significantly reduces power usage when (the car is) shut down."*

*But based on a week's worth of measurements on my 60-kWh Model S, I've concluded that the new software is only mildly effective.*

*As far as I can tell, the vampire's fangs are still sharp.*

*Wasted power*

*Shortly after taking delivery of my Model S last February, I noticed that I would typically lose 10-15 miles of indicated range overnight. On average, I was losing 23 miles of indicated range every 24 hours.*

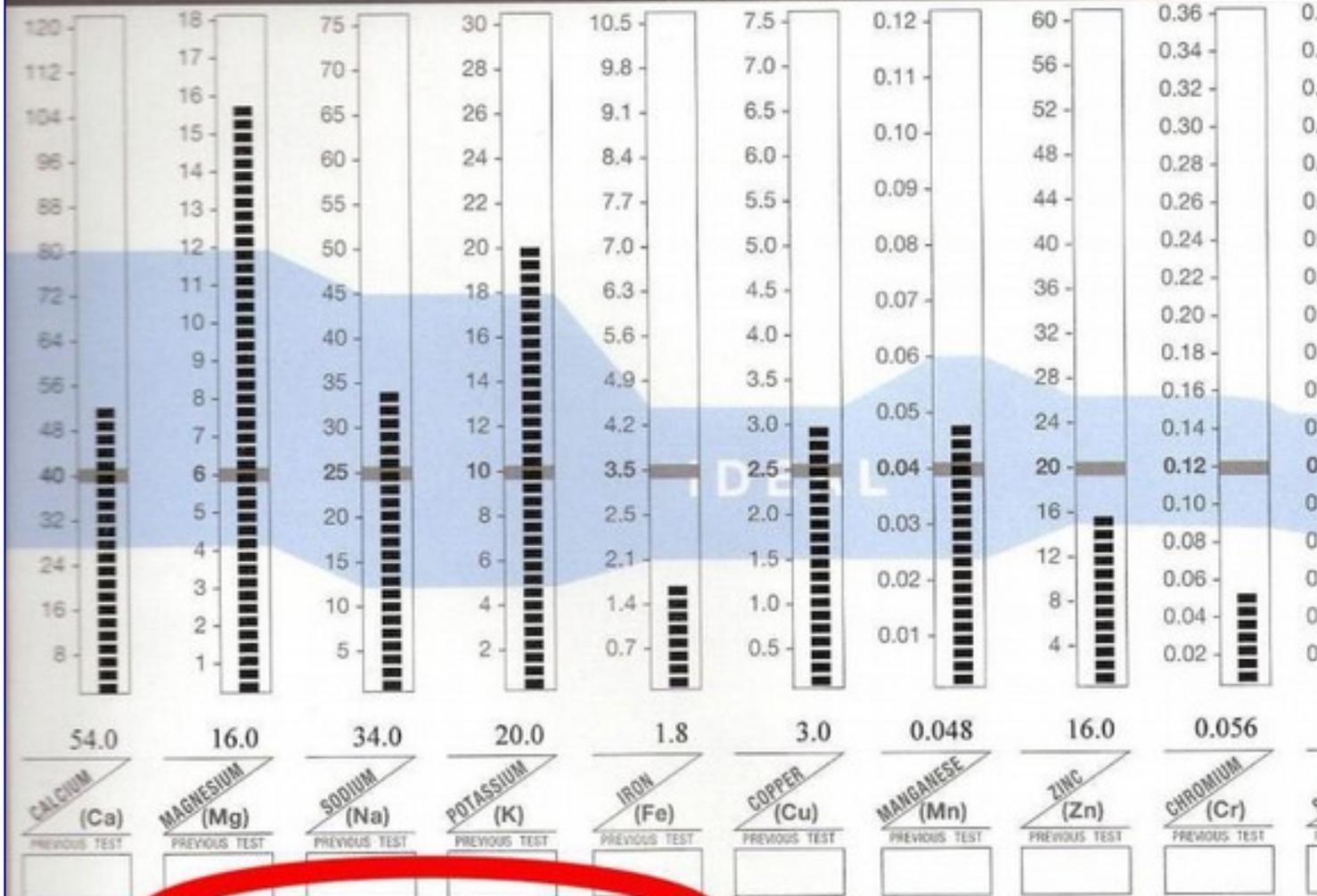
Read more: <http://www.greencarreports.com/news/...#ixzz2lsLv4ftz>

**Keywords:** Lithium ion battery, ionic liquid, electrolyte, safety, thermal stability

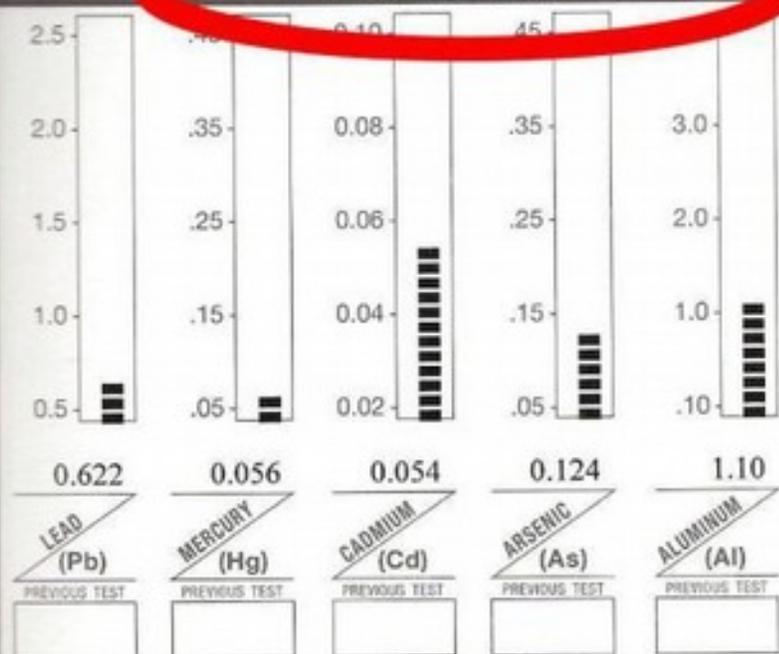
## 1. INTRODUCTION

Lithium ion batteries have been widely used on personal computers and mobile phones for their high-voltage, high-energy-density characteristics [1-4]. Especially, the rapidly need for cleanly resource and crisis of energy, lithium ion batteries attract more attention as the power source of electric and hybrid electric vehicles. However, Lithium ion batteries have not been large-scale applied to electric vehicles for the safety issues, the volatile and flammable organic solvent organic solvents is the main components of electrolytes in lithium ion batteries, the cases of flaming, smoking or thermal runaway caused by electrolytes are the main reason for the safety problem. Therefore, electrolyte system, which has more stable features, is necessary to be found.

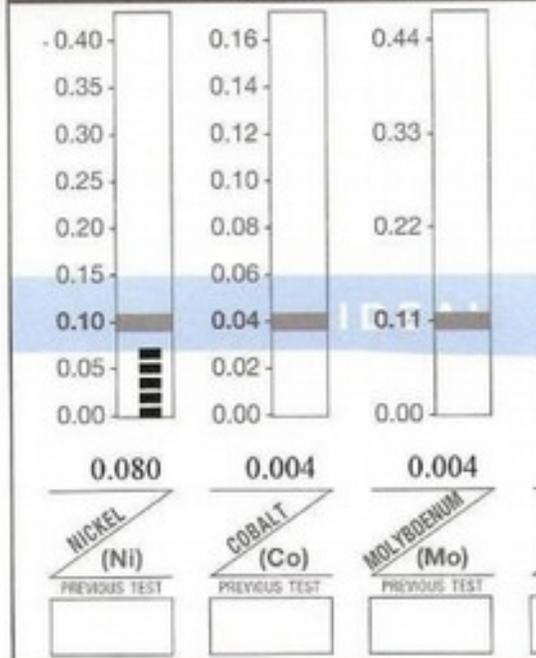
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Mr. James Chen  
Vice President of Regulatory Affairs  
Tesla Motors, Inc.  
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NVS-212  
PE13-037

Dear Mr. Chen:

This letter is to inform you that the Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has opened a Preliminary Evaluation (PE13-037) to investigate underbody deformation in certain model year (MY) 2013 Model S motor vehicles resulting from impacts with road debris, including, but not limited to, consequent intrusion into propulsion battery compartment(s) and the associated risks to motor vehicle safety, and to request certain information. The Tesla Model S is manufactured by Tesla Motors Inc.

ODI has received information on two incidents of deformation/intrusion into the propulsion battery caused by impact with roadway debris and resulting in a thermal reaction and fire in 2013 Tesla Model S vehicles. The office is also aware that the Model S may be equipped with an active suspension system that automatically adjusts the vehicle's ride height under certain driving conditions, such as at highway speeds.

Unless otherwise stated in the text, the following definitions apply to these information requests:

- **Subject vehicles:** All 2013 Tesla Model S manufactured for sale or lease in the United States, including, but not limited to, the District of Columbia, and current U.S. territories and possessions.
- **Subject component:** The high-voltage propulsion battery, including its enclosure baseplate (skid plate) and the components and materials it is constructed of, and all components and materials contained within the enclosure including the individual battery cells.
- **Tesla:** Tesla Motors, Inc., and all of their past and present officers and employees, whether assigned to their principal offices or any of its field or other locations, including all of their divisions, subsidiaries (whether or not incorporated) and affiliated enterprises and all of their headquarters, regional, zone and other offices and their employees, and all agents, contractors, consultants, attorneys and law firms and other persons engaged directly or indirectly (e.g., employee of a consultant) by or under the control of Tesla

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## Girl treated for second-degree burns after iPhone explodes in pocket



posted on Feb 3rd 2014 by Kevin Krause

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A 14-year old girl in Kennebunk, Maine was settling in for another normal school day late last week when she heard a pop emanate from her pocket. Her friends immediately noticed smoke billowing from the girls' pants and realized they had caught fire. When all was said and done the girl, who remains unidentified, was in the hospital. A charred iPhone 5c was on the classroom floor.

According to witnesses as well as emergency responders, it was an iPhone 5c, given to the girl less than two months prior, that ignited in what can be considered a freak occurrence. The most likely culprit was the handset's lithium-ion battery.

## Who Bricked The Electric Car? You Did! <sup>2</sup>

Filed in: [Automobiles](#), [Electric Vehicles](#)

By [Lee Xie](#), February 23, 2012 @ 11:22am



Tesla Motors might be hiding a big [battery issue](#) from their customers. Apparently, the company's electric vehicles, including their Roadster and the upcoming Model S, feature a battery pack which if completely discharged might leave a huge financial burden on the unfortunate owner. But is the owner unfortunate, or simply a bit careless?

According to an article by Michael Degusta over at [theunderstatement.com](#), if a Tesla electric car, such as the Roadster is parked unplugged, it will eventually become what the company calls a "brick". The vehicle can no more be started or even pushed down the road. This is the result of the car's always-on subsystems which continually feed on the battery.

And when the battery dies, the owner ends up paying Tesla approximately \$40,000 for replacing the battery pack. Reportedly, there is no protection available via warranty or a car insurance policy for this particular problem. Apparently, at least five Tesla owners were unfortunate enough to end up with this problem. Degusta says Tesla is unwilling to let their customers know about the issue, although they know that it's a big one.

But don't you have a slight feeling that Degusta's argument is nonsense. That's because it is.

If you are familiar with electric cars or batteries or even smartphones, you might know the fact that the battery which is not recharged will eventually die. And since the battery pack on a Roadster is not your usual \$100 laptop battery, people will have to pay a huge price for not finding the time for maintenance.

And a Tesla, as you know, has an electric motor. There is lot less maintenance required for the vehicle when compared to a vehicle with a [combustion engine](#). So it's not too difficult to pay attention to the charge in the battery packs. And the company has designed the car in such a way that it warns the owner (and even the company, in the case of the latest Roadster) when the battery is low. The owners who ended up with a brick might have ignored all the warnings.

So who is culpable here?

Tesla has this to say in response to Degusta's article: "[All automobiles](#) require some level of owner care. For example, combustion vehicles require regular oil changes or the engine will be destroyed. [Electric vehicles](#) should be plugged in and charging when not in use for maximum performance. All batteries are subject to damage if the charge is kept at zero for long periods of time. However, Tesla avoids this problem in virtually all instances with numerous counter-measures. Tesla batteries can remain unplugged for weeks (or even months), without reaching zero state of charge. Owners of Roadster 2.0 and all subsequent Tesla products can request that their vehicle alert Tesla if SOC falls to a low level. All Tesla vehicles emit curious visual and audible warnings if the battery pack falls below 5 percent SOC. Tesla provides extensive maintenance recommendations as part of the customer experience".



FIGURE 9. HIGH-SPEED VIDEO CAPTURE OF EXPLODING CELL

#### 4.2. MULTIPLE CELL TESTS IN THE 64-CUBIC-FOOT CHAMBER.

A series of tests were conducted to determine the flammability of multiple cells, simulating the tightly packed configuration that would be found in bulk shipment. The tests were conducted using the 5.25" fire pan, 50 ml of 1-propanol, and a wire basket suspending the cells 3" above the fire pan. The cells were tested in groups of 4, 8, and 16 in both 50% and 100% charged states.

##### 4.2.1. The 50% Charge

Each test resulted in similar peak temperatures, measured 12" above the fire pan, of approximately 1200°-1300°F. The duration of the peak temperature increased with additional cells, but the actual peak did not significantly vary. This peak is about 500°-600°F above that of the 1-propanol fire alone. Peak heat flux was under 0.5 Btu/ft<sup>2</sup>-sec. The heat generated by the burning electrolyte was usually enough to cause the adjacent cells to vent. Generally, the cells would eventually reach the Second Event; however, once the alcohol fire was exhausted, the electrolyte did not ignite. Cells at a 50% charge rarely exploded. Figure 10 shows a typical test with eight cells.

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Office of Aviation Research  
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# Flammability Assessment of Bulk-Packed, Rechargeable Lithium-Ion Cells in Transport Category Aircraft

Harry Webster

September 2006

Final Report

This document is available to the U.S. public through the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), Springfield, Virginia 22161.



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# READ THE PUBLIC TESLA MOTORS SAFETY REPORT



Important Safety Recall Notice Regarding Your Universal Mobile Connector NEMA 14-50 Adapter

Dear Model S Owner,

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

## REASON FOR THIS RECALL

Tesla Motors has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in your Tesla Model S vehicle. Under increased electrical resistance circumstances, the NEMA 14-50 adapter for the Universal Mobile Connector (UMC) provided with your Model S vehicle, or the electrical wall receptacle, could overheat. An overheated adapter or wall outlet could impact the UMC cord as well and result in an increased risk of burn injury and/or fire.

## WHAT TESLA MOTORS WILL DO

First, Tesla Motors has developed a software update that allows the Model S onboard charging system to detect any unexpected fluctuations in the input power or higher resistance connections to the vehicle. If detected, the onboard charging system automatically reduces the charging current by 25%. For example, this reduces a 40 amp charge rate to 30 amps. This dramatically reduces the heat generated in any high resistance connections outside of the vehicle.

Second, Tesla is replacing the NEMA 14-50 adapters with ones of an improved design. Tesla will begin mailing the new adapters in the next two weeks. New adapters can be readily distinguished by the grey connector face as shown in the picture below.



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BLAST CHAMBER that it must be used in at the Tesla  
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# Tesla opens its Model S electric car factory

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Tesla unveiled its sign over the old NUMMI plant, where it will build the Model S electric car.  
(Credit: James Martin/CNET)

On Wednesday, Tesla CEO Elon Musk and California Senator Diane Feinstein stood before the New United Motor Manufacturing Inc. (NUMMI) plant, shuttered since April, and announced its new beginning as the base for Tesla Model S production. The press conference was capped by the unveiling of a large Tesla sign over the plant.

Tesla Vice President for Manufacturing Gilbert Passin conducted a tour through the parts of the factory that will host production lines for the Model S. Passin boasted that acquiring NUMMI was a huge cost savings for Tesla, as building a new plant would cost hundreds of millions of dollars. Toyota sold the plant to Tesla for \$42 million.



**OLD WHITE  
MEN INVESTORS**

**NUMMI WORKERS FOR  
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## TESLA EMPLOYEE REVIEWS ON GLASSDOOR

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### "Tesla is an abusive and highly unethical company."



Anonymous Employee (Current Employee)

Palo Alto, CA

I have been working at Tesla Motors full-time for more than a year

**Pros** – Very public company with great brand recognition.

**Cons** – Very poor management who regularly abuses their power. Below average pay - Many customer facing employees are paid poorly and sometimes are in danger of a salary cut. The use of intimidation and fear tactics. Excessive work hours 65+ hours a week is expected. Management is primarily made up of engineers and not business oriented professionals. HR has a blind eye to abuse and will not take action against managers. Illegal work practices. Little to no training. Extreme favoritism.

**Advice to Senior Management** – Hold regular peer reviews, hire real industry professionals and start a management training program to educate managers on proper management techniques and practices.

**No, I would not recommend this company to a friend**

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### "ABSOLUTE THE WORST JOB I'VE EVER HAD: "Very Disappointing!"; "Completely Corrupt""



Service Advisor (Former Employee)

I worked at Tesla Motors full-time

**Pros** – Sexy fast cars, allot of incredibly talented people, excellent benefits, cutting edge opportunity and free food.

**Cons** – TERRIBLE TERRIBLE QUALITY CONTROL. vehicles shipped to customer locations incomplete yes MISSING PARTS that should have been installed at the factory from doors, frunks to the screws that hold the vehicle to solid (CraZy...), salaries WAY below market, RIDICULOUS cut throat management politics, VERY disorganized throughout the company, ZERO work life balance (forget having a day off). I've seen them FIRE employees in an instant and HIDE behind the "CA. AT WILL ACT" so they don't have to deal with management or their quality issues. HR. claims to have an open door policy but what they really mean is open your mouth about anything and your FIRED (I've seen it), allot of haste with company money on travel between cities and countries rather than QC at factory level and quality staffing. "NO RECOGNITION OF TALENT & HARD WORK.", review system is a joke this is a very frustrating environment.

**No, I would not recommend this company to a friend** – I'm not optimistic about the outlook for this company

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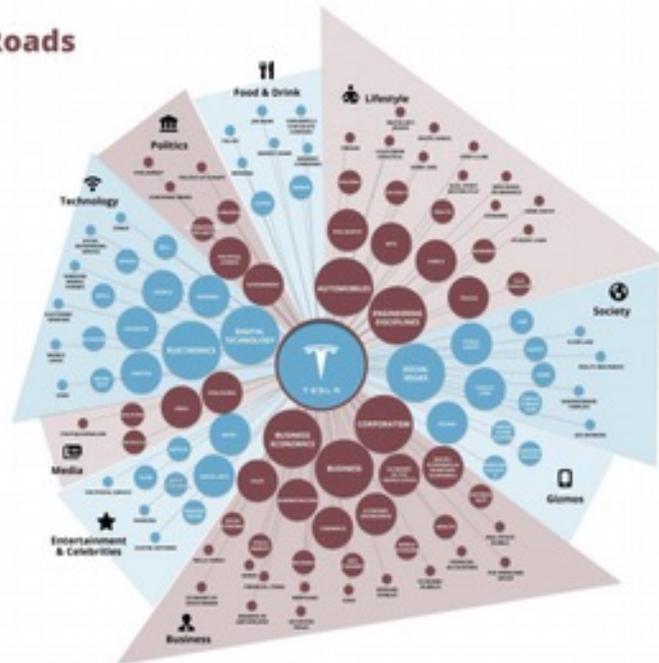
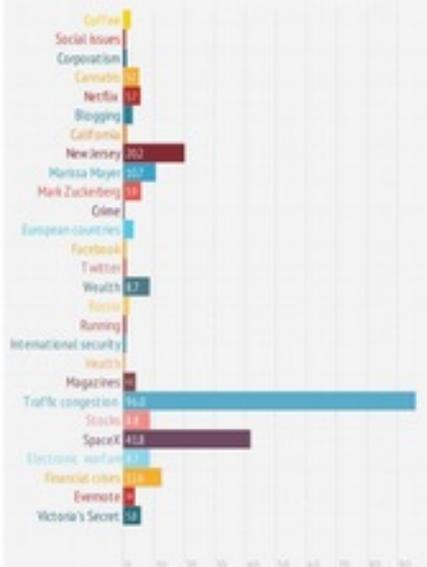
## Tesla Fans: Sex, Money & Open Roads

What the Tesla Model S says about you

### We all have an Interest Graph...

It's the set of things you care about and how much you care about them. When we all get together as a group, we have one big Interest Graph that describes us too. Let's see what a whole lot of Interest Graphs from folks who are into the Tesla Model S can tell us about them.

#### Relative likelihood that a Tesla Model S fan is interested in a topic compared to the General Public



 **21,000**  
Tesla Model S 2013  
sales estimates

 **183,000**  
Humans with Interest  
Graphs indicating a  
meaningful interest in  
the Model S

### [Tesla Model S is dead after the first day | Forums | Tesla Motors](#)

Tech was adamant the 2nd key would fix the problem... well, the 2nd key was 30 ... They would unlock the door remotely, try to fix the car in my ...

[www.teslamotors.com/forum/forums/tesla-model-s-dead-after-first-day](http://www.teslamotors.com/forum/forums/tesla-model-s-dead-after-first-day) - [View by Ixquick Proxy](#) - [Highlight](#)

### [Charge Port Door Opens Spontaneously | Forums | Tesla Motors](#)

This was diagnosed to be because of a defective charging cable. ... is locked when it is parked in a public place, the charge port door is locked.

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### [Tesla recalls some Model S cars due to seat-mount defect ...](#)

19 Jun 2013 ... Electric car maker Tesla Motors will recall 1228 of its 2013 Model S cars ... The Palo Alto automaker twice recalled its first model, the two-door ...

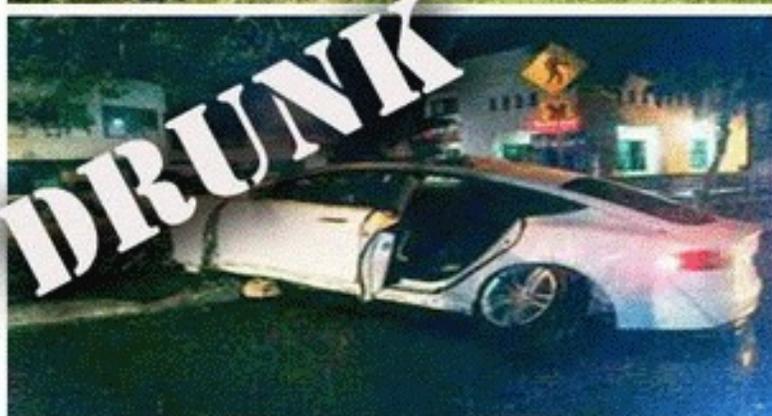
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### [Door Handles: Warning! Random Door Opening While Locked! \[Archive ...](#)

Tesla needs to figure out the problem and fix it ASAP. ... I have started to lock the door manually (key fob push) rather than depending on the ...

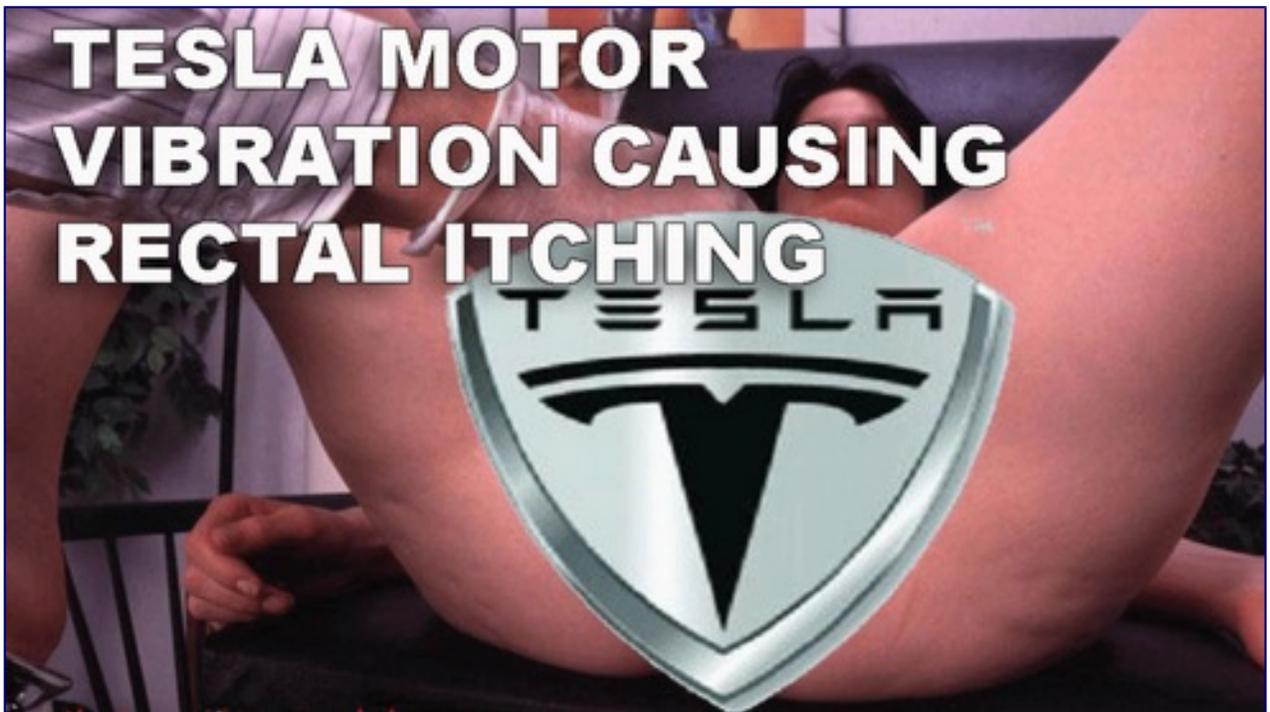
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Making crashes 50% more likely**





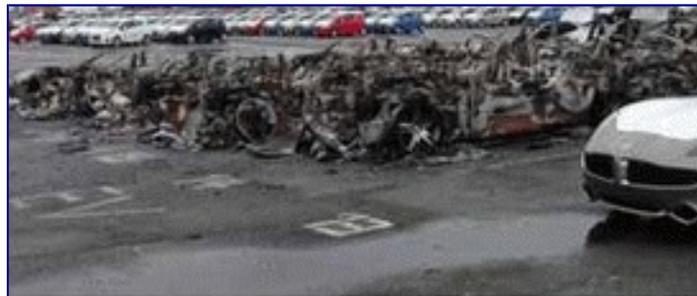
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ARE ASSHOLES & DOUCHEBAGS!**



**Millions of dollars of  
lithium ion electric cars  
that exploded because  
they got wet!**

### 3 workers **burned** at Tesla plant - SFGate

Hot metal spilling from a malfunctioning aluminum press **burned** three **employees** at the Tesla Motors factory in Fremont Wednesday, sending the workers to a hospital.

 [sfgate.com/bayarea/article/3-workers-burned-at-Tesla...](https://sfgate.com/bayarea/article/3-workers-burned-at-Tesla...)

### 3 Tesla Motors **employees burned** in industrial accident

3 Tesla Motors **employees burned** in industrial accident The accident follows three reports of Tesla's Model S sedans catching fire, but appears unrelated

 [firerescue1.com/fire-products/vehicles/articles/1604028-3...](https://firerescue1.com/fire-products/vehicles/articles/1604028-3...)

### Tesla Motors accident: Hot metal burns three workers at ...

FREMONT -- Three Tesla Motors **employees** were injured when a low-pressure aluminum casting press failed Wednesday afternoon at the company's Fremont factory.

 [mercurynews.com/breaking-news/cl\\_24516306/tesla-accident-...](https://mercurynews.com/breaking-news/cl_24516306/tesla-accident-...)

### Tesla CEO Elon Musk Visits Injured Workers at Hospital | NBC ...

Two workers at Tesla Motors' plant in Fremont remain hospitalized at a San Jose burn unit after they were injured by a hot-metal spill caused by an equipment failure.

 [nbcbayarea.com/news/local/Fire-Ambulance-at-Tesla-Plant-...](https://nbcbayarea.com/news/local/Fire-Ambulance-at-Tesla-Plant-...)

### Workers **burned** at Tesla car plant | Technology | The Guardian

Three Tesla Motors **employees** were injured when a casting press containing hot aluminium failed at its San Francisco Bay area factory, officials said.

 [theguardian.com/technology/2013/nov/14/workers-burned-tes...](https://theguardian.com/technology/2013/nov/14/workers-burned-tes...)

### Tesla Motors Workers **Burned**, Cal-OSHA Continues Investigation ...

Cal-OSHA has continued its investigation into the **burned** workers at the San Francisco Bay Tesla Motors factory. Three **employees** suffered burns after a casting

 [natecintl.com/blog/tesla-motors-workers-burned-cal-osha...](https://natecintl.com/blog/tesla-motors-workers-burned-cal-osha...)

### [3 Tesla Employees Killed in Plane Crash | WIRED](#)

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### [3 Tesla workers killed in Calif. plane crash - US news ...](#)

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A small plane crashes in a residential neighborhood in East ... 3 Tesla employees killed in Calif. plane crash ... Tenn. plane crash devastates Kansas ranching ...

### [Videos of 3 tesla staff killed in plane crash](#)

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### [3 Tesla employees killed in California plane crash](#)

[www.autonews.com/article/20100217/OEM02/100219869/3-tesla...](http://www.autonews.com/article/20100217/OEM02/100219869/3-tesla...) ▼

Three employees of Tesla Motors were killed in a small airplane crash in northern California today, ... Tesla CEO Elon Musk confirmed all had worked at the company.

### [URGENT: 3 Tesla Motors employees killed in plane crash](#)

[www.presselegram.com/technology/20100217/urgent-3-tesla-motors...](http://www.presselegram.com/technology/20100217/urgent-3-tesla-motors...) ▼

Death of Tesla Whistle-Blowers?

## Marin County Tesla driver who died in crash off Hwy. 1 cliff ...

So, Elon's earlier joke about someone probably having to **drive it off a cliff** to die in a **Tesla** has finally come to pass. Sad. Worse yet if it was intentional.

 [teslamotors.com/forum/forums/marin-county-tesla-driver-wh...](https://teslamotors.com/forum/forums/marin-county-tesla-driver-wh...)

## Drove it off a cliff and still avoided injury | Forums ...

**Tesla** Tour; Forums; Stores; Service Centers; Superchargers; Contact; Order Your **Tesla**; What to Expect; ... He shared the story of the crash in Mexico where the **driver**, ... It suggests that you theoretically could make a car that could **drive off a cliff** of any height and still be survivable.

 [teslamotors.com/en\\_GB/forum/forums/drove-it-cliff-and-sti...](https://teslamotors.com/en_GB/forum/forums/drove-it-cliff-and-sti...)

## Driver of Tesla who drove off cliff identified :: SFBay | San ...

Driver of **Tesla** who drove off **cliff** identified. By ... The Sonoma County coroner's office has identified a **driver** of a **Tesla** found at the bottom of a **cliff** along ... California Highway Patrol officials said. Emergency responders found a 2014 **Tesla** at the bottom of the **cliff** with ...

 [sfbay.ca/2014/12/31/driver-of-tesla-who-drove-off-...](https://sfbay.ca/2014/12/31/driver-of-tesla-who-drove-off-...)

## Tesla's stock drives itself off a cliff | America's Markets

**Tesla's** stock **drives** itself off a **cliff**. By: Matt Krantz October 10, 2014 11:30 am. [SHARE ON FACEBOOK](#). [SHARE ON TWITTER TWEET](#). [SHARE ON SMS](#). [SHARE ON WHATSAPP](#). [EMAIL](#) Getty. Editor's Note: An

## Tesla driver who killed Santa Cruz bicyclist: I fell asleep ...

Tesla driver who killed Santa Cruz bicyclist: I fell asleep. ... 40, of Santa Cruz. VIDEO: Tesla driver strikes, kills cyclist on Highway 1. The deadly accident happened on a bright, sunny Saturday at 11:30 a.m.

 [ksbw.com/news/central-california/santa-cruz/santa-...](http://ksbw.com/news/central-california/santa-cruz/santa-...)

## CHP: Dozing driver struck, killed bicyclist north of Santa Cruz

The driver of the black 2013 Tesla S has not been arrested, ... Alper had been cycling with three people. Two of them were far in front of him and one person was far behind and none of them saw ... Alper is one of a handful of cyclists killed in Santa Cruz County in recent years. Joshua ...

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## accident with cyclist in Santa Cruz - Tesla Motors Club

Very sad story about a cyclist killed when struck by Tesla Model S: Santa Cruz cyclist struck by ... Very sad story about a cyclist killed when struck by Tesla Model S: Santa Cruz cyclist struck by motorist on Hwy. 1 ... the Tesla's driver went up and down the dirt embankment ...

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## Tesla Motors named in fatal bike crash suit in Santa Cruz ...

SANTA CRUZ -- A 63-year-old Tesla driver from Santa Cruz, ... "If you or I drove across Highway 1 and into the bushes, then steered straight back on to the highway and killed somebody, we would have been hauled off to jail in handcuffs," O'Reilly said.

 [mercurynews.com/crime-courts/cl\\_25076376/tesla-motor-co-n...](http://mercurynews.com/crime-courts/cl_25076376/tesla-motor-co-n...)

## Cyclelicious » Cyclist killed by Tesla in Santa Cruz County

My condolences to his friends and loved ones. A 40 year old Santa [...] Cyclelicious; About; Shop; ... A 40 year old Santa Cruz resident was killed after he was hit in a head on collision with a Tesla Model S on Saturday morning. ... "Cyclist killed by Tesla driver ...

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## Consumer Reports' Tesla Model S P85D breaks—before testing begins

### A broken power door handle is one of the most common Tesla problems

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A new car shouldn't have problems when you've owned it for less than a month. Yet Consumer Reports' brand-new \$127,000 Tesla Model S P85 D, with the fancy retractable door handles refused to let us in, effectively rendering the car undrivable. (Read "Why We Bought a Tesla Model S.")

After we'd owned the P85 D for a mere 27 days, with just over 2,300 miles on the odometer, the driver-side door handle failed. The door handles in the Model S retract electrically so they're flush with the sides of the car when they're not in use. Walk up to the car with the key fob in your pocket, and the handles move out

to allow you to grip them.

Except this time, the one on the driver's door of our P85D didn't pop out, leaving us no way to open the door from the outside. And significantly, the car wouldn't stay in Drive, perhaps misinterpreting that the door was open due to the issue with the door handle. We have observed other vehicles (brand-see prohibiting driving with a door open.

We're far from the first Tesla owners to experience this problem. Our [car reliability survey](#) shows that doors, locks, and latches are the biggest trouble areas with Teslas and that the Model S has far higher than average rates of such problems.



Driver's door handle is slack.

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**Tesla Model S Plunges Off Cliff, Catches Fire, Fatality Reported**

3 months ago by Eric Savitsky 12:00



Photo courtesy L.A. County Fire Department

Tesla, Inc. is reporting that on Monday a 2012 Tesla Model S drove over the edge of a steep cliff 100 feet below and caught fire. The car was on fire for

It is unclear if the car was fully charged at the time of the crash. The car was on fire for approximately 10 minutes before firefighters arrived. The car was on fire for approximately 10 minutes before firefighters arrived.

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We believe that in most all accidents involving a 2012 Tesla plugging in this incident has no negative connection to the safety of the Model S or other cars in general.

Tesla, Inc. spoke to L.A. County Fire Department on Monday. They stated the following:

"It is unclear if the car was fully charged at the time of the crash. The car was on fire for approximately 10 minutes before firefighters arrived. The car was on fire for approximately 10 minutes before firefighters arrived."

Firefighters did manage to contain and extinguish the fire. One firefighter sustained minor injuries.

The cause of the accident is unknown as well as why the car drove off the cliff. The car was on fire for approximately 10 minutes before firefighters arrived.

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