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Tesla recalls more than 475,000 vehicles over safety issues

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The number of recalled vehicles is near the number of Teslas sold in 2020. Image credit: Tesla

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U.S. automaker Tesla has recalled nearly half a million Model 3 and Model S electric vehicles due to issues regarding their rearview cameras and trunks.

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According to the [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#) (NHTSA), Tesla found rearview camera issues in 356,309 Model 3 vehicles and front hood issues in 119,009 Model S vehicles. As of press time, Tesla shares dropped 1 percent.

Safety precautions

The safety concerns surrounding the rearview camera of some Model 3 vehicles is that it can potentially be damaged by opening and closing the trunk of the vehicle, ultimately inhibiting the rearview camera display.



Earlier this year, Tesla recalled nearly 135,000 vehicles after touchscreen issues led to the loss of several safety-related features. Image credit: Tesla

For the Model S, issues regarding the front hood latch could potentially cause the trunk to open unexpectedly, blocking a driver's vision.

NHTSA is concerned this may result in car accidents, however, Tesla is not aware of any crashes or injuries related to these issues.

Tesla is currently under investigation by the U.S. government over safety issues regarding its autopilot system.

Since 2018, the NHTSA has identified at least 11 crashes in which Teslas on autopilot or traffic-aware cruise control have hit vehicles where emergency vehicle flashing lights, flares and hazard warnings have been present. From these motor accidents, 17 people were injured and one was killed, according to the agency ([see story](#)).

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