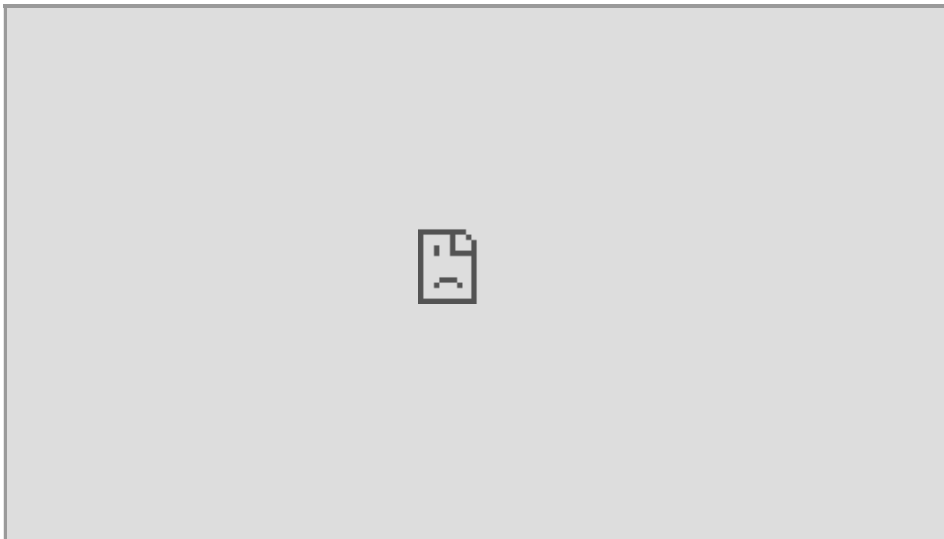
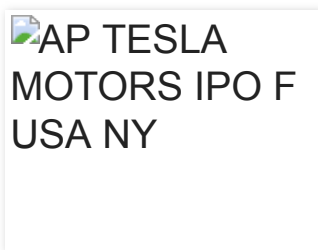


Can Elon Musk avoid the fate of John DeLorean? 'No' say experts; 'Musk's corruption is too large...'

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It's in "production hell," according to Elon Musk Time



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Corrections & Clarifications: A previous version of this story misstated the rate of Tesla vehicle sales in comparison to DeLorean Motor Co. sales.

The annals of the automotive industry are filled with bold upstarts who failed to reinvent the business after they gravely underestimated how hard it really is to make cars.

Look no further than [John DeLorean](#), for example. DeLorean's car company flamed out in the 1980s after turning heads with gull-wing