

# ELON MUSK AND TESLA GO STRAIGHT TO HELL

Tesla recalling almost 700,000 vehicles due to tire pressure monitoring system issue

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Tesla is recalling almost 700,000 vehicles because of an issue with the warning light on the tire pressure monitoring system.

According to a letter Thursday from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the recall includes certain 2024 Cybertruck, 2017-2025 Model 3, and 2020-2025 Model Y vehicles.

The issue is that the tire pressure monitoring system warning light on the vehicles may not remain illuminated between drive cycles, failing to warn the driver of low tire pressure. Driving with improperly inflated tires can increase the risk of a crash.

The Elon Musk-led automaker said it's providing a free software update to fix the problem.

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AP correspondent Rita Foley reports on the latest vehicle recall.

Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed on Feb. 15, 2025. Tesla customer service can be reached at 1-877-798-3752 for more information. Individuals may also call the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 or visit their website at [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov).

Tesla has been dealing with recalls throughout the year. Its Cybertruck is now up to its seventh recall of the year, with one last month that involved around 2,400 vehicles.

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Musk's Tesla delivered the first dozen or so of its futuristic Cybertruck pickups to customers in November 2023, two years behind the original schedule.

In July the automaker recalled more than 1.8 million vehicles because of a hood issue that could increase the risk of a crash. And in February Tesla recalled nearly 2.2 million vehicles in the U.S. because some warning lights on the instrument panel are too small.

Elon Musk faces shareholder anger as key Tesla backer says 'CEO is not at work'

Elon Musk seems distracted by his involvement in politics, the social media platform X, and his rockets with SpaceX.

Elon Musk is **facing backlash from one of his investors** for "not working" at Tesla as he dedicates more time to politics.

Musk will head up the Department of Government Efficiency in **Donald Trump's** incoming administration, tasked with slashing \$2 trillion from federal spending.

The billionaire also has a host of projects going on right now, with the **expansion of his SpaceX base into a new city** and **developing transportation for New York**.

Tesla investor Ross Gerber, CEO of Gerber Kawasaki Wealth and Investment Management, who drives a Cybertruck, said: "Having your CEO not working at your company and working at the job of having to fire government employees... as a shareholder, I'm paying someone to not work for my company.

Musk, clad in a tuxedo and black tie, took the stage at Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort shortly after the election with all the swagger of the winning candidate himself.

"The public has given us a mandate that could not be more clear, the clearest mandate. The people have spoken. The people want change," Musk told the audience of Trump's biggest donors, campaign leaders, and appointment seekers. "We are going to shake things up. It's going to be a revolution."

Musk's attachment to Trump has created an alliance between America's most powerful politician and its most prosperous businessman - and roughly the exact percentages of Americans have favorable views of each, according to a new poll from the AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Experts are split on whether that overlap in public opinion is good or bad for Musk's businesses or Trump's politics. But it could have far-reaching effects in both realms.

Musk, whose net worth tops \$400 billion, oversees six businesses while continuing to work closely with Trump: electric car manufacturer Tesla, the X social media platform, space technology company SpaceX, brain link company Neuralink, the startup xAI and tunneling operator The Boring Co.

"Even though there's a negative impact, in terms of potentially alienating some of their customers that might not be fans of Trump, the benefits far outweigh any negatives when it comes to having a right-hand seat next to Trump in the White House," said Dan Ives, an analyst at Wedbush Securities.

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