

# Tesla has the highest fatal crash rate per new safety study

Tesla cars have been branded as having the highest fatal crash rate of any car brand in the US, a new study claims.

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Tesla vehicles have the **highest fatal crash rate of any car brand** in the United States, according to a new car study.

The study, conducted by iSeeCars, analyzed data from the U.S. Fatality Analysis Reporting System covering crashes between 2017 and 2022.

It comes at a bad time for Tesla, with **California police struggling with 'unusable' Tesla patrol cars** and the self-driving mode being **described as stressful with a 'false sense of complacency.'**

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According to the study, Tesla cars have a fatal crash rate of 5.6 per billion miles driven. That's higher than Kia at 5.5 and Buick at 4.8.

The national average fatal crash rate for all cars in the U.S. is 2.8 per billion miles.



Tesla's have the highest reported fatality crash rate according to a new report. (Image: Getty)

Hyundai's Venue model was found to have the highest fatal crash rate, with 13.9 per billion miles.

The study's authors emphasized that the results do not suggest that Tesla cars are unsafe.

"Tesla vehicles are loaded with safety technology," the study noted.

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) awarded the 2024 Tesla Model Y a Top Safety Pick+ award.

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Karl Brauer, executive analyst at iSeeCars, explained that the high fatal crash rates reflect a mix of factors.

“The models on this list likely reflect a combination of driver behavior and driving conditions, leading to increased crashes and fatalities,” he said.

Brauer added: “A focused, alert driver, traveling at a legal or prudent speed, without being under the influence of drugs or alcohol, is the most likely to arrive safely regardless of the vehicle they’re driving.”