

Tesla removed as participant in 2025 Vancouver International Auto Show

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Tesla has been removed from the Vancouver International Auto Show.

The decision was announced Tuesday afternoon, March 18, by Eric Nicholl, executive director of the 2025 event taking place this week at the Vancouver Convention Centre.

In a statement, Nicholl explained the American-based automaker was given multiple chances to voluntarily withdraw from the show.

"The Vancouver Auto Show's primary concern is the safety of attendees, exhibitors, and staff," Nicholl added.

"This decision will ensure all attendees can be solely focused on enjoying the many positive elements of the event."

Canadians in several cities have joined a wave of "Tesla Takedown" protests to denounce CEO Elon Musk and his role advising U.S. President Donald Trump.

Hundreds of people attended [an anti-Tesla protest in Vancouver](#) this past Saturday at the Tesla dealership [at W 4th Avenue and Fir Street](#).

The protests took place days after BC Hydro announced it was removing Tesla products [from its electric vehicle rebate program](#).

The move is in line with B.C.'s efforts to prioritize Canadian goods and exclude American products from rebates when practical as the trade dispute between the two countries wears on.

"Crazy," wrote Musk on his social media site X (formerly known as Twitter), in response to a video of Premier David Eby speaking to the rebate ban.

The [2025 Vancouver International Auto Show](#) runs Wednesday, March 19 to Sunday, March 23.

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