

Kim Kardashian has befriended  
Optimus, the Tesla bot

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Pete Davidson? Kanye West? Step aside. Kim Kardashian's new beaux is a Tesla bot named Optimus.

The fashion mogul got some hands-on experience with Tesla's bipedal, humanoid robot, which is not yet available to the general public. In Kardashian's videos with the robot — posted to X and her Instagram story — she prompts Optimus to make a heart with its hand (unlike Kim, Optimus is not wearing massive bling), dance like it's at a luau, and play rock, paper, scissors.

Then she joins a one-of-a-kind gold version of the robot to sit inside Tesla's Cybercab, a two-passenger autonomous vehicle that CEO Elon Musk says will

begin production in 2027. However, even Musk admitted that he's not always realistic with his timelines — after all, he predicted in 2019 that Tesla would have a million robotaxis on the road within a year. It has been nearly five.

Tesla flaunted its Optimus robots at its We, Robot event last month, and while the event was flashy, the robots that greeted guests on the ground were not autonomous: They were controlled by humans. So, it's likely that Kardashian's experience with Optimus was mediated by humans as well.

Kardashian's videos don't show any actual driving in the Cybercab, but she describes the vehicle as “insane” and “crazy.” Musk hasn't responded directly to Kardashian's videos, but he retweeted one of them on X.

Kardashian didn't flag the videos as being sponsored — something that is legally mandated for influencers to disclose — but we know she has already bought into the Tesla sphere. She owns a Cybertruck, though TMZ says she was recently pulled over because her front window was tinted too dark. Maybe Optimus can help her fix that.