



■ ADDW car systems legislated in the EU

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The European Union has passed legislation that mandates Advanced Driver Distraction Warning (ADDW) systems for new car produced and meant to sell within the EU.^[1] (Article 6 clause d)

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Coming 7 July 2026 all new vehicles within the European Union have to contain cameras that monitor driver behavior and notify the driver accordingly in cases of improper driving conduct, something that had already taken place with M and N type vehicles from July 7th 2024^[2]. This is on par with the goal EU had set to cut down on road accidents by half compared to 2019^[3]. The cameras are ought to monitor the drivers gaze, causing a case for a warning if its not directed at the specified areas that are defined in.^[2] (Specifically points 3.3.1.1., 3.3.1.2., 3.3.1.3).

The legislation asserts that the data generated by the ADDW system, should be contained within a closed loop and not be made available to 3rd parties, in addition no data should be collected except that which is needed to perform the task, and the data must be deleted after processing.^[2] (Article 6 clause 3)

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Privacy concerns are a major issue with such legislation. Although the data falls under GDPR and the EU has established strong rules, serious questions remain. For instance, in the case of Tesla, employees were found sharing sensitive content from consumer vehicle cameras in private group chats.^{[4][5][6]} Moreover, cars are already regarded as privacy hazards, with manufacturers often selling user information and exhibiting questionable security practices.^{[7][8]} Adding to this, [noyb](#), which is a "European Center for Digital Rights", conducted a survey with more than 1,000 privacy professionals, and **74.4% of them assume that the average company fails to comply properly with GDPR guidelines.**^[9] This raises doubts about how effectively the EU can enforce GDPR in the automotive sector, especially as the adoption of such technologies becomes widespread and affects citizens daily lives in the coming years.

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