

TSLA Due Diligence

Evidence-backed summary built from deterministic market data + retrieved sources.

Hold	70%	\$449.06	56,771,364
Rating	Confidence	Price	Volume

Deterministic Snapshot

Company	Tesla Inc
Sector / Industry	CONSUMER CYCLICAL / AUTO MANUFACTURERS
As of	2026-01-23
Prev Close	\$449.36
Shares Outstanding	3,325,819,000
Market Cap (reported)	\$1,455,112,323,000.00
Market Cap (calculated)	\$1,493,492,280,140.00
Net Debt	\$-10,423,000,000.00
FCF (TTM)	\$24,662,000,000.00

Data Warnings (preview)

- Alpha Vantage DAILY_ADJUSTED: Thank you for using Alpha Vantage! Please consider spreading out your free API requests more sparingly (1 request per second). You may subscribe to any of the premium plans at <https://www.alphavantage.co/premium/> to lift the free key rate limit (25 requests per day), raise the per-second burst limit, and instantly unlock all premium endpoints

(1 total warnings captured during data collection.)

Tesla Inc (TSLA) Stock Analysis

Executive Summary

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Snapshot

Current Price: \$449.06 (down \$0.30 from previous close) [Source: AlphaVantage+SEC]

Market Cap: \$1.49T

Sector: Consumer Cyclical - Auto Manufacturers

Key Metrics:

- Free Cash Flow TTM: \$24.7B [Source: AlphaVantage+SEC]
- Net Debt: -\$10.4B (net cash position) [Source: AlphaVantage+SEC]
- Shares Outstanding: 3.33B [Source: AlphaVantage+SEC]

Market Sentiment (News-Driven)

Market sentiment is mixed with cautious optimism ahead of Q4 earnings. Analysts estimate Q4 revenue of \$24.5B [Source: Tesla Releases Analyst Estimates Ahead Of Q4 Earnings Call, Touts \\$24.5 Billion Revenue — Yahoo \(2026-01-24T22:31:38Z\)](#), but several concerns weigh on investor confidence:

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Positive Factors:

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Financial Quality (Facts-Driven)

Tesla demonstrates strong financial health with several positive indicators:

Strengths:

- Strong free cash flow generation of \$24.7B TTM [Source: AlphaVantage+SEC]
- Net cash position with negative net debt of \$10.4B [Source: AlphaVantage+SEC]
- Large market capitalization of ~\$1.49T providing scale advantages

Areas of Concern:

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Conclusion

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Claim Audit

- Claims checked: 21
- Claims sourced: 18 (85.7%)

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