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Body

- **Tesla** is set to increase its **Full Self-Driving** package from \$10,000 to \$12,000
- The increase will go into affect on January 17, but will only be for US drivers
- **Tesla** also rolled out a new software update to the system
- This includes three driving modes that gives the vehicle a 'Chill,' 'Average' or '**Assertive**' approach while on the road

Elon Musk's **Tesla** had a busy weekend - the company announced its **Full Self-Driving** (FSD) package will increase to \$12,000 starting January 17 and it rolled out a software update to the system.

The cost of the FSD premium option is a \$2,000 increase, but according to Musk it will only be available in the US.

Tesla also unleashed the latest FSD beta 10.3 with three driving modes that gives vehicles a 'Chill,' 'Average' or '**Assertive**' approach while on the road.

The **Assertive** mode, however, has caused a stir among the public, as it may perform rolling stops, which many people say is illegal in most US states.

Tesla's FSD is available to drivers with high safety scores of 100 out of 100.

These scores were decided by drivers giving the firm permission to monitor their driving using in-car software. The scores will be ranked per 100 miles of driving.

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Once approved, these drivers will have access to exclusive features like summon that lets drivers move the vehicle in and out of tight space using the companion app or the three new driving modes just added.

Those who choose '**Assertive**' will have a smaller follow distance, perform more frequent speed lane changes, will not exit passing lanes and may perform rolling stops.'

A rolling stop refers to the act of not coming to a complete stop while driving, but just slowing down to a slow, 'rolling' speed, and it is sometimes referred to as a California stop.

It is illegal in Texas, California and other US states, but the act is permitted in New Jersey.

Tech writer David Zipper, who seems to have shared the first news of the modes, jokes on Twitter saying: 'I guess 'Road Rage Mode' didn't fit on the screen.'

A screen shot shared on Twitter by Digitalhen shows 'Average' may also perform rolling stops, while 'Chill' will have a larger follow distance and perform fewer speed lane changes.'

The last FSD software roll out hit in October, but Musk was forced to pull the release after several issues were found.

'Please note, this is to be expected with beta software. It is impossible to test all hardware configs in all conditions with internal QA, hence public beta,' the CEO tweeted.

Several issues from **Tesla** owners surfaced on Twitter, with many citing problems with braking functions and fake front collision warnings.

The issues were later fixed, unlike several mechanical issues that were found among nearly a half a million Model 3 and Model S vehicles.

Tesla announced a recall on December 30 to address issues that increase the risk of crashing.

A total of 356,309 Model 3 vehicles made between 2017 and 2020 are being recalled due to problems with the rearview camera and 119,009 Model S vehicles due to front trunk problems.

Tesla warns that for the specific Model 3 vehicles, opening and closing the trunk could damage the cable harness attaching the rearview camera, causing the camera to suddenly fail.

And the Model S issue could stop the front trunk from latching, allowing it to swing up while the vehicle is in motion.

According to **Tesla**, only about one percent of the Model 3 cars have the flaw, while 14 percent of the Model S vehicles.

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