



Tesla recalls 50,000 cars as software snubs 'stop' signs

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TESLA is being forced to fix more than 50,000 cars in the US after its selfdriving software made some electric vehicles drive past "stop" signs.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) said **Tesla** would issue the change through a free software update delivered over the internet.

Tesla is coming under increasing scrutiny over the safety of its "full selfdriving" and "autopilot" features as more of its electric cars make it on to roads and it gives more drivers access to the experimental driverless features.

The NHTSA said that Model S, X, 3 and Y vehicles would "roll through" stop signs when equipped with the **full self-driving** software - a paid-for update that **Tesla** boss Elon Musk has said will ultimately mean cars driving themselves.

Cars are legally required to fully come to a halt at stop signs in many parts of the US.

The driverless software - which costs \$10,000, or £6,800 in the UK, when buying a car - is currently available in "beta" form to drivers in the US.

"The 'rolling stop' functionality available as part of the **full self-driving** (beta) software may allow the vehicle to travel through an all-way stop intersection without first coming to a stop," the NHTSA said.

Tesla drivers can set the self-driving software to one of three modes: chill, average, or **assertive**, with cars not coming to a halt in the latter two cases. The rolling stop feature means cars can drive through junctions at up to 5.6mph.

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Tesla is not aware of any accidents as a result of the flaw, the regulator said.

Mr Musk has made repeated promises about **Tesla**'s progress on driverless car software but has often come up against regulators.

Tesla did not comment.

\$10,000 Cost of the '**full self-driving**' software in America, where a fault will have to be fixed due to cars rolling past stop signs

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