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its software v7.0 [slide presentation and audio conference]



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This afternoon Tesla CEO Elon Musk held a press conference to explain the Autopilot features included in the update v7.0, which the company will start releasing tomorrow to Model S owners.

If you have been following our coverage of the beta Autopilot, you have a good idea of the capabilities of the system, but Musk revealed a few more details and explained Tesla's approach to the release. Tesla will start releasing the update tonight in North America, but the roll-out could take a few days. Europe and Asia will follow in a few weeks. Musk says that Tesla has a fleet of 60,000 cars with the Autopilot hardware ready to receive the software.

As previously revealed, the update includes: Automatic Emergency Steering and Side Collision Warning, 'Autosteer' (Beta), Auto Iane changing and 'Autopark'.

Autopark currently requires the driver to be in the car and only works in parallel spaces, but in the next update (v7.1), Tesla will introduce Autopark without anyone in the car. The Model S will simply park itself in your garage.

The company is being extremely careful in the way it is releasing the update. They are still calling the version a "beta" and they are asking drivers to keep their hands on the steering wheel while using 'Autosteer':

Tesla requires drivers to remain engaged and aware when Autosteer is enabled. Drivers must keep their hands on the steering wheel.

During the presentation, Musk said that in good road conditions "people may (removed their hands from the steering-wheel), but we don't advise that."

When we tested the early access version of the Autopilot, the Model S would only ask the driver to hold the steering-wheel when the system momentarily didn't have enough data to calculate the projected road, but we could technically drive without touching the wheel on the highway.

The main point differentiating Tesla's Autopilot from driving assist systems from other manufacturers is the fact that all cars are connected to each others and learn from each driver.

Musk referred to each Model S owners as an "expert trainer", which will feed the collective network intelligence of the fleet simply by driving the vehicle on the Autopilot.

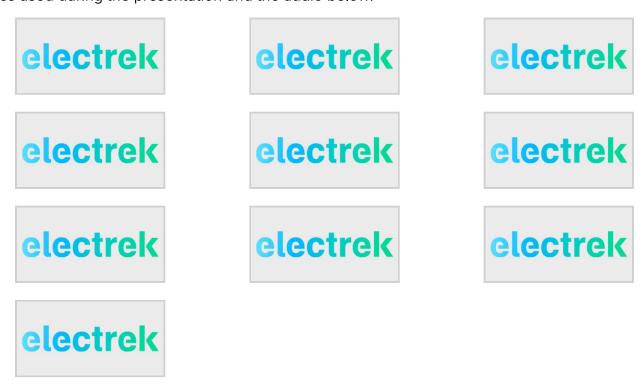
Every week the system should get better by updating the driving algorithm. Musk said that Model S owners could add ~1 million miles of new data every day.

The presentation emphasized that the system will be a real help in high traffic situations. It works "super-well in gridlock traffic – you can almost take your hands off the wheel...almost...some people will" Musk said.

The CEO referred to using the Autopilot as "quite a profound experience" on a number of occasions throughout the call and that it is a milestone in the evolution of automobiles.

Tesla currently has a team of about 50 employees working on the software of the Autopilot, while a team of 100 people have been working on the hardware package. The whole company has surpassed 14,000 employees worldwide.

Slides used during the presentation and the audio below:



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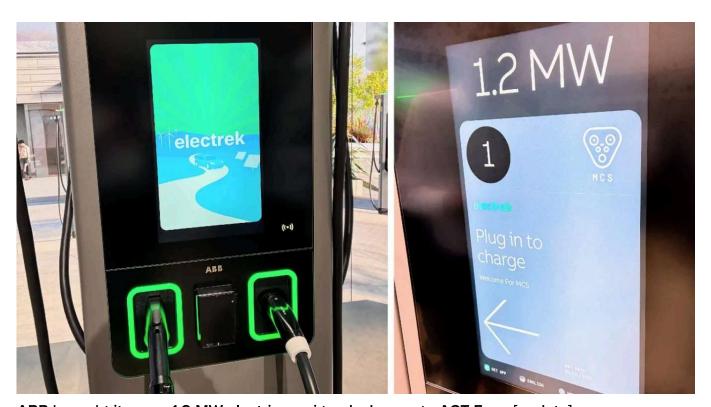


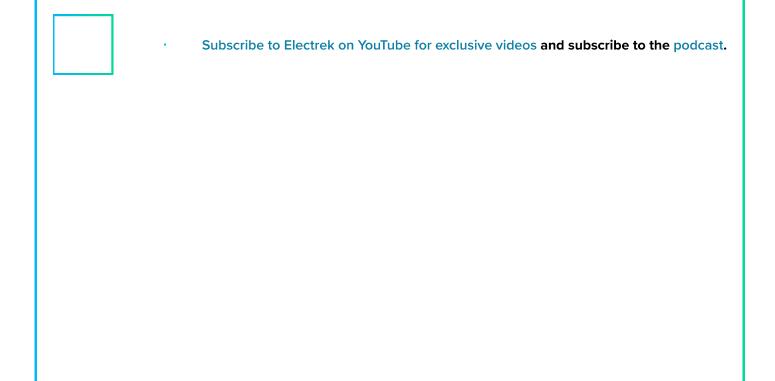
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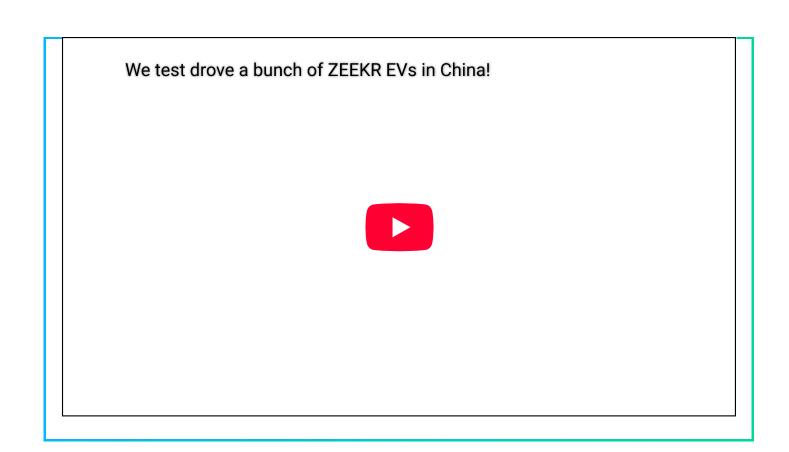
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Head below for other New Green Deals we've found today and, of course, *Electrek*'s best EV buying and leasing deals. Also, check out the new *Electrek* Tesla Shop for the best deals on Tesla accessories.



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Tesla sales have collapsed in Sweden



Tesla's sales have now collapsed in Sweden, with only just over 200 cars delivered in the country last month – down 80% year-over-year.



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Rivian is ringing in spring with an enticing new lease offer for Gen 2 R1 EVs. Through May, customers can lease any Rivian R1 dual-motor EV with a Max battery and performance upgrade for \$0 down.



ELECTRIC SHIPS

Meet the 'world's largest' 100% electric ship: The over-420-foot EV monstrosity, China Zorrilla



The world's largest fully **electric ship** was officially launched on Friday. At over 420 feet in length (130 meters), the China Zorrilla is the largest EV of its kind, boasting over 250 tons of batteries.



UBER MAY MOBILITY

Uber plans to offer self-driving rides in Texas with May Mobility this year

Fred Lambert | May 2 2025 - 7:52 am PT | ₱ 9 Comments



Uber announced that it will offer self-driving rides powered by May Mobility on its app in Texas later this year.

The ride-hailing platform will have both Waymo and May Mobility on its platform in Texas, while Tesla plans to compete with them all in Austin soon.



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Hyundai's new electric SUV is here: IONIQ 9 prices start at \$60,555 with 335 miles range

Peter Johnson | May 2 2025 - 6:57 am PT | ₱ 54 Comments



Hyundai's first three-row electric SUV will arrive at US dealerships any day now. The 2026 Hyundai IONIQ 9 is an impressive SUV with up to 335 miles of driving range, fast charging capabilities, room for seven, and prices start at just \$60,555.



SOLAR ELECTRIC VEHICLES APTERA

Aptera April update: 'Artemis' feature-complete pushes forward, first solar deliveries, and a new partnership [Video]

Scooter Doll | May 2 2025 - 6:31 am PT | 👨 41 Comments



As anticipated, Aptera Motors has shared its monthly progress update for April, complete with new progress across its business strategy. In the video you can view below, **Aptera's** co-founder Chris Anthony details the progress of two more production-intent solar EV builds, including codename "Artemis," and discusses the startup's latest investment opportunities to secure one of the first production builds.



ELECTRIC SEMI TRUCK ACT EXPO WINDROSE

ACT Expo 2025 – Windrose gets real, and Wen Han wins the swag wars [part 2]

Jo Borrás | May 2 2025 - 5:04 am PT |

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Windrose arrived at the ACT Expo in Anaheim this week on a high, with not one but *several* of its 400-mile sleeper cab electric semis, news that its first customer trucks had been deployed in the US, and a \$300 million funding goal. But what got the press really excited? A 1:18 scale model of the R700.



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Tariffs will increase Zero Motorcycles' prices on its more affordable e-motorbikes this month

Micah Toll | May 1 2025 - 11:21 pm PT | 👨 4 Comments



Zero Motorcycles has announced that its newest line of electric motorbikes will see a price increase in the US due to the Trump Administration's tariff policy. But the saving grace is that the company is allowing reservations made in the next few weeks to secure pre-tariff pricing.



TESLA

Tesla (TSLA) reveals web of transactions between Elon Musk's companies

Fred Lambert | May 1 2025 - 5:12 pm PT | ₱ 72 Comments



Tesla (TSLA) has revealed the latest web of transactions between itself, Elon Musk, his multiple companies, and board members.



ELECTRIC SEMI TRUCK HYDROGEN HEAVY EQUIPMENT ACT EXPO

ACT Expo 2025 – one step forward, two steps back for clean trucking [part 1]



ACT Expo is North America's premier clean truck and transport trade show – and for 2025 it was bigger than ever, with more exhibitors and more, more capable battery electric vehicles than ever. The downsides? NACFE have scored with their "messy middle" messaging, and the return of "clean diesel" talking points.







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