

Tesla, does it burn?

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Assembly line of the electric car Tesla at Tilburg, the Netherlands, 22 August (Photo Guus Schoonewille. AFP)

This is the question that concerns the American agency of traffic safety, after several fires in Tesla sedans. It is going to open an inquiry which could lead to a recall. The starting point of this investigation: “Recent incidents in the states of Washington and Tennessee, where fires in the batteries were started following collisions,” explained the agency. Tesla, specialist in luxury electric vehicles, has seen recently a strong enthusiasm and its stock has more than quintupled between January and October. But it has, however, lost its luster after three notable fires since October in its Model S. “Why does a fire in a Tesla that resulted in no injuries provoke so many more headlines in the media than 100,000 fires in gasoline-powered cars that kill hundreds of people each year?” asked the CEO of Tesla Tuesday on Twitter.