Are intensifying Tesla safety recalls a symptom of a leadership vacuum?

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The news: Recent safety recalls on **Tesla Model X**, **Model Y**, and **Model 3** vehicles could be symptoms of its preoccupied leadership and expose the danger of hyperscaling production per PCMag.
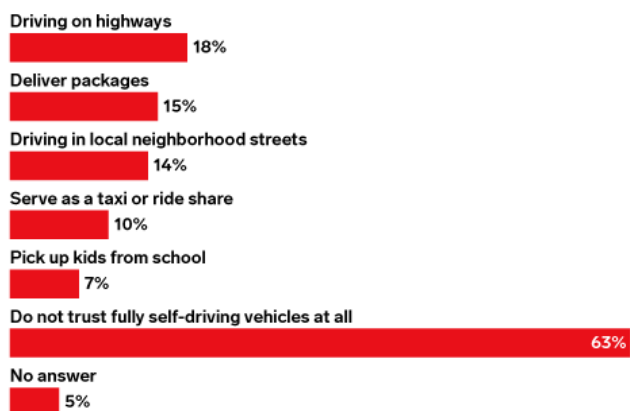
Recalls mount while Musk is away:

- Tesla has issued a recall for over 300,000 EVs in the US due to a taillight problem where tail lamps "may intermittently illuminate due to a firmware anomaly."

- Last week, **Tesla recalled 29,000 Model X vehicles for faulty front-passenger airbags that could deploy** "in an unwanted configuration during certain low-speed collision events."

- Before that, Tesla recalled 1,000 vehicles in Australia due to a steering system defect where electronic-assist steering could lose power, per Insider.

  You can't autopilot passenger safety: Tesla has filed 19 recall campaigns this year, covering over 3.7 million vehicles, per Sky News.

- Hyperscaling EV production complicates quality testing and results in QA problems being discovered when thousands of affected vehicles are already being used by customers—which increases the possibility for accidents.

- Software updates introduce new problems. For example, Tesla recalled 40,000 Model S and Model X vehicles November 1 after a software update caused power steering to malfunction.

Which Tasks Would US Adults Be Comfortable Letting an Autonomous Vehicle Do? Oct 2021
% of respondents

Task	%
Driving on highways	18%
Deliver packages	15%
Driving in local neighborhood streets	14%
Serve as a taxi or ride share	10%
Pick up kids from school	7%
Do not trust fully self-driving vehicles at all	63%
No answer	5%

Source: Momentive and SurveyMonkey as cited in company blog, Oct 18, 2021
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