

## Another Tesla Model S Driver Killed in Fiery Netherlands Crash

- Many Tesla deaths uncovered from “**Accelerator-Surge System Failure**”. Either from hacking or poor engineering, a huge number of Tesla’s have suddenly surged into trees, walls, over cliffs, into bicyclists, into oncoming cars, into swimming pools and into homes and caused a **huge number of deaths and injuries not reported** in the main-stream liberal press.



**Tesla says**

**'Autopilot' wasn't engaged when the Model S crashed while traveling nearly 100 mph.**

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— A Tesla Model S crash that killed a 53-year-old driver in the Netherlands wasn't caused by the "Autopilot" feature, according to Tesla engineers who reviewed the electric car's logs. According to local media reports, the driver crashed at high speed into a tree, causing the Model S to catch on fire.

Emergency medical personnel say the car was in such a mangled state that firefighters were afraid to recover the body because of electrocution fears.

The crash, which occurred about 25 miles from Amsterdam, was so violent that people at the scene said the Model S battery pack was detached from the car and thrown into the road.

Tesla said in the beginning it was looking at the data to determine if Autopilot was engaged during the crash, however, the automaker now says the logs from the Model S show Autopilot was not activated at

any time during the trip. But the data did show the driver was traveling nearly 100 mph when he crashed into the tree.

Although Tesla says Autopilot wasn't involved, the automaker says it is working with the authorities to determine the facts of the crash.

While car fires and accidents are common, every Tesla crash is under a microscope after the [death of Joshua Brown](#), the 40-year-old former Navy SEAL who was killed in his Tesla Model S. The crash data proved Autopilot was engaged when the car slammed into a tractor-trailer, traveling under the trailer and sheering the top off the Model S.

Since the Brown crash, other Tesla owners have said they crashed with Autopilot engaged and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) opened an investigation into how Autopilot works and is marketed.

In addition to the Brown crash, [NHTSA is looking into the crash](#) of a Tesla Model X SUV that occurred in Pennsylvania. The driver claims he had activated Autopilot, but Tesla says it didn't believe the feature had anything to do with the crash.

In August, a Model S driver in China claimed he sideswiped a parked Volkswagen and did more than \$7,000 damage to the Model S. The driver said he thought Autopilot meant "self-driving" and accused Tesla of marketing the Model S as a self-driving car when it isn't.

## Tesla investigates deadly crash after Model S drives into a tree [Updated]



By [Gene](#)



News coming out of Baarn, Netherlands of a Tesla Model S that killed a driver after the vehicle reportedly drove at high speed into a tree is currently being investigated by the electric automaker. It is unclear whether Tesla's driving-assist feature, Autopilot, was engaged.

Tesla in conjunction with local police are investigating the scene of the accident. According to Tesla they are exercising standard procedure when an accident is involved. The company will analyze data collected through the vehicle once they're able to recover it from the wreck. As soon as the results are final, "we'll share it with the public", says Tesla.

Due to the nature of the accident, the victim's body couldn't be recovered immediately since local fire and rescue personnel were said to have no experience with extinguishing fires in electric cars. "There's high current in the car. When there's something wrong but it's still on four wheels, we can work safely. It's a sad thing the victim is still in the wreck, however, we're not taking any chances when it comes to our safety.", said a fire brigade spokesman, translated to us from Teslarati reader Dennis Storm. "The damage to this car is so extreme that we're unsure how to handle it without endangering our own lives." Firefighters struggled to extinguish the burning wreckage. "We tried first with a powder extinguisher. But there was a short circuit. In the end we covered him with earth from the roadside.", said local firefighters.



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The body of the Model S driver was not extracted from the wreckage until mid-afternoon. Report out of Netherlands indicate that a portion of the battery dislodged from the battery casing and was found burning down the road.

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New details coming from Tesla Motors indicates that the 53-year old driver killed behind the wheel of the Model S was not using Autopilot at any point during his drive. Vehicle logs show that the Model S was traveling at more than 155 kph (96 mph) when it crashed into a tree. A Tesla spokesperson said that the damage sustained on the vehicle is consistent with the speed at which it was traveling before hitting the tree.

“We are working with the authorities to establish the facts of the incident and offer our full cooperation,” Tesla said in a statement.

## **Motorist in Tesla self-driving vehicle is killed when it smashes into a tree at 100mph in Holland - but the company insist he had not switched on auto-pilot function**

- **Motorist in Holland is killed when his self-driving car crashes into a tree**
- **It is the second fatal incident involving a Model S Tesla self-driving vehicle**
- **However, Tesla insist auto-pilot was not switched on at time of the crash**

By [Jennifer Newton for MailOnline](#)

Another motorist has been killed in Holland after the self-driving Tesla car he was travelling in smashed into a tree at 100mph.

However, the company has insisted the crash happened after the driver switched off the auto-pilot function.

The Model S sedan had been driven by the man, aged 54, near the eastern Dutch town of Baarn, when the car ploughed into the tree.

Accident investigator work around the scene where a Tesla self-driving car crashed into a tree killing the driver

It is believed it took firefighters several hours to recover his body as they feared they would be electrocuted.

However, in a statement by Tesla Netherlands sent to AFP, the company says the car's logs show the auto pilot was not activated.

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They also added that the car was driving at 100 mph, which was consistent with the heavy damage to the vehicle.

The statement added: 'Our thoughts go out to the family. We are working with the authorities to establish the full facts surrounding the accident.'

The crash is the second fatal incident involving a Tesla electric car, after a motorist was killed in May in Florida while driving on auto-pilot.



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Tesla is also probing an incident in France in August when a Model S sedan caught fire during a test drive in the southwestern town of Bayonne.

US federal regulators also recorded two fires involving the Model S, one each in the states of Washington and Tennessee in 2013.

In both cases, the cars involved hit debris on the road that pierced the chassis and caused a battery fire.

Tesla has cautioned that the autopilot system, introduced last year, is not a fully autonomous system and drivers should be at the wheel and in control.

The system allows the vehicle to automatically change lanes, manage speed and brake to avoid a collision. The system may be overridden by the driver.



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