
China's BYD beats Tesla, becomes world's top EV seller

The Chinese company BYD is now the world leader in electric vehicle (EV) sales. It has sold more cars than the American company Tesla for the first time in one year. In 2025, Tesla sold 1.64 million cars. This was a 9% drop from the year before. At the same time, BYD sales grew by 28% to more than 2.25 million cars.

Tesla had a difficult year for several reasons. Some customers did not like the new car models. Other people were worried about the political actions of Tesla's owner, Elon Musk. Competition from Chinese companies like BYD, Geely, and MG also made things harder. These companies often sell their cars for less money than Western brands. To help, Tesla lowered its prices in the United States, but sales still fell. One reason was the end of a government program that gave buyers \$7,500 to help pay for electric cars.

Elon Musk has big goals for the future. He wants to sell more cars and increase the company's value. He also plans to sell one million humanoid robots called Optimus. Experts say that Tesla's success depends on new self-driving taxis. Some people believe Tesla will lead this market because of its large size. However, Musk has many other businesses, such as SpaceX and the social media platform X. Some investors worry he is too busy with these projects.

Although BYD sold more cars, Tesla still made more profit recently. BYD is growing quickly in Europe, Southeast Asia, and Latin America. In the United Kingdom, BYD sales grew by 880% in one year. Even though many countries are adding taxes to Chinese cars, BYD continues to expand because its prices are lower than its competitors.

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