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1. Introduction

The subjects on which this record focuses are the strategic advertising control of two automotive companies, Tesla and Vauxhall innovator and follower firms within the enterprise respectively. The principle motive of such evaluation is to study the case of the two strategies via which the two organisations pursue their adventure in the macro-marketing environment as well as the technique in which they strategically align themselves to external threats and opportunities. The role of advertising control within the case of Tesla and Vauxhall is important as it determines their vicinity, lengthy-term sustainability, and competitiveness inside the marketplace.

The macro marketing analysis is one of the most tremendous elements of strategic marketing management whereby external forces dictate the advertising techniques of an organisation. The document could be divided into 2 fundamental elements. Task 1 will be a critical analysis of the macro-marketing environment and the identification of key external factors that interfere with the automotive industry. Task 2 will assess the ability of both Tesla (as a pioneer) and Vauxhall (as a follower) to change their strategies in response to external challenges and opportunities using such strategic models as Ansoff Growth Matrix and Porters Generic Strategies.



Figure: Tesla (Pioneer) and Vauxhall (Follower) (Harris, et al., 2022).

2. Task 1 Critical Analysis of Macro Marketing Environment

2.1 Overview of the Macro Marketing Environment

The macro-marketing environment is a wider external factor that influences the capability of a given organisation to formulate and implement effective marketing strategies. The macro environment considers external elements like political, economic, social, technological, environmental, and legal forces unlike the micro-environmental factors, which subconsciously revolve around competitors and the market. Largely, such forces are beyond control of particular firms yet they are factors that firms should observe keenly since they may bring both opportunities and threats (Harris, et al., 2022).

In the case of Tesla and Vauxhall, these macro forces will need to be answered/met by these two companies, as they will need to foresee them to remain competitive. The macro environment is a critical issue of strategic decision-making because of the rapid changes in technology and the increasing demand to use substitute products that are ecologically friendly as opposed to the conventional vehicles (Gündüzyeli, 2025). The Tesla automotive companies and especially the ones focusing on innovating as a reaction to these changes have had a competitive advantage over companies such as Vauxhall, where they are often forced to abide with the trend and adjust their current strategy (White, 2023).



Figure: Macro Environment (Smith, et al., 2021).

2.2 Selection of Two External Macro Marketing Actors

To conduct this analysis, we will be considering two prominent players in the macro marketing that influence the automotive industry in the modern world:

1. Technological Factors: The automotive industry is among the areas that are being transformed by the technological developments, especially the emergence of electric vehicles (EVs) and autonomous driving technology. Firms such as Tesla have been using these developments, whereas others are working to keep up with them, including Vauxhall (Smith, et al., 2021). Being one of the first companies to enter this industry, Tesla has been able to focus on the state of the art battery technology and the autonomous driving capabilities to stand out of the crowd as unusual.

2. Environmental Factors: Consumer preferences are changing towards products of sustainable choice, with environmental concerns (climate change and pollution) propelling the automotive industry to electric mobility. With the new controls on emissions introduced by all governments and organisations of the world, the factors of the environment become more dominant to the development of the strategies of the automakers (Johnson & Lee, 2023).



Figure: External Macro Marketing (Sharma, 2022).

2.3 Critical Assessment of Each of the Actors.

Technological Factors

Through technological innovation, the automotive industry has been revolutionised. The replacement of internal combustion (ICE) vehicles with electric vehicles (EVs) is one of the significant technological changes.

Tesla: Tesla has dominated the EV market mainly because of their dedication to the innovation. The Autopilot and Full Self-Driving (FSD) software that the company developed can be described as the best cases of Tesla incorporation of technology into its products. Tesla has also created its own battery technology to minimise dependence on the third party suppliers and improve their performance. Giga-factories have enabled the company to scale manufacturing and expand vehicle range that has enabled the company to be on the frontline in terms of electric mobility (Patel, 2023).

Vauxhall: Vauxhall on the other hand has been more responsive to changes in technology. Vauxhall as a part of Stellantis has endeavoured to provide electric car models, including Corsa-e and Mokka-e. Yet, these models are regarded as being more traditional in their orientation than the innovative models offered by Tesla. Vauxhall has also shared technologies with Stellantis, which restricts its capability of making independent innovation in some of the main technologies such as autonomous driving. Though Vauxhall is getting more electrically mobile, it remains behind Tesla in a few major technological features, including AI-based systems and self-driving vehicles (Sharma, 2022).



Figure: Technological Factors (Miller, 2022).

Influence to Pioneering and Follower Organisations

Opportunities at Tesla: With the technological leadership, Tesla can dominate the industry standards. The recent innovation of its batteries and software has led to a firm commitment to the company by customers and a dominating presence in the market. Tesla is also at a high level of competition due to its capacity to remain ahead of technological innovation (Armutcu et al., 2023).

Threats to Vauxhall: Vauxhall does not have an easy ride because Tesla has a technological edge over it regarding the market share. Although it is also shifting to electric cars, Vauxhall has not achieved the same in terms of autonomous driving or AI-driven systems, which are essential in keeping up with the competitive elements of the future automotive environment (Davis, et al., 2021).

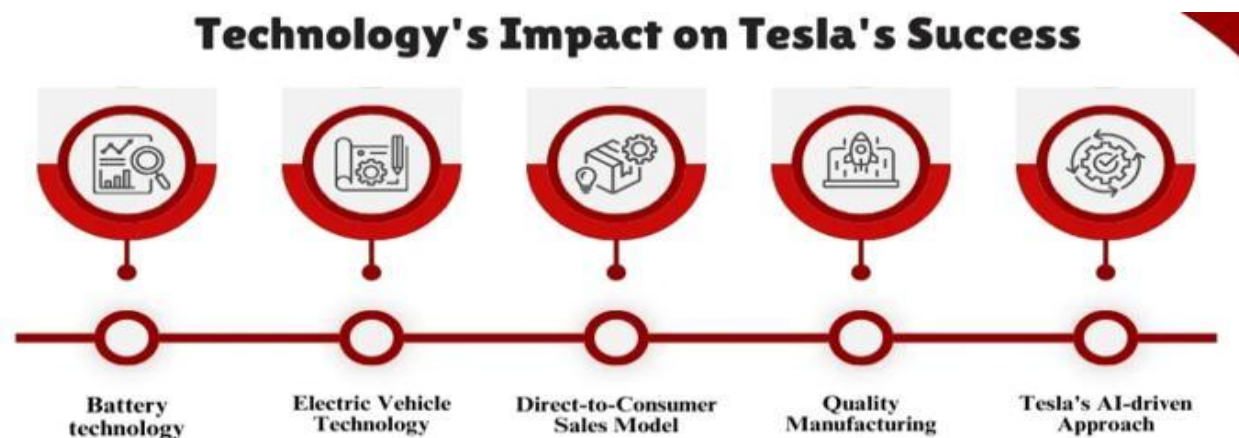


Figure: Technology factors on Tesla company (Miller, 2022).

Environmental Factors

With the greater emphasis on environmental issues, the automotive industry is under pressure to minimise its carbon footprint. Tougher emissions rules are compelling auto manufacturers to be creative and move past the internal combustion engines (ICE) in favour of electric vehicles (EVs).

Tesla: Tesla has established itself as a pioneer in environmental-friendly sources of energy. Its zero-emissions cars comply with the world need of clean substances to fossil fuels. The Tesla vehicles, along with the solar and energy storage products such as power wall are an all-inclusive eco-system designed to minimise carbon emissions. Such an intense environmental devotion has been defined as a fundamental element of the Tesla brand and market differentiation (Miller, 2022).

Vauxhall: Vauxhall sustainability strategy is centred on emergence of electric vehicles in accordance with the worldwide emission regulations. To keep up with the trends in the environment, the company has introduced a number of EVs, including the Mokka-e and Corsa-e. Its sustainability efforts however are viewed as usually reactive and not proactive as compared to the market leadership at Tesla. Vauxhall has continued to take consistent steps towards an electric vehicle future, although it needs to push more efforts to act as a symbol of its sustainability and establish brand loyalty (Martin & Walker, 2023).

Influence to Pioneering and Follower Organisations.

Opportunities of Tesla: Tesla is in a great position since it has been focused on sustainability and the brand image of this company is very strong. Tesla has a wide range of opportunities to grow its prospects in the global markets due to the movement towards cleaner energy and the adoption of EVs (Alshurideh et al., 2025).

Threats to Vauxhall: Environmental forces are posing serious challenges to Vauxhall because it must switch to electric cars at a faster rate. Although the company has invested in going electric, the market share in the EV arena is still a low percentage relative to Tesla. Moreover, by implementing more stringent emission regulations in the European market, it is possible that Vauxhall hastens EV production to achieve regulatory compliance (Sharma, 2022).

3. Task 2: Strategic Responses of Pioneering and Follower organisations

3.1 Innovating Strategic Responses at Pioneering Organisations.

Being an innovator in the electric vehicle, Tesla has established a set of strategies to address external threats and opportunities of technological and environmental factors.

Ansoff's Growth Matrix

Market Penetration: Tesla has prioritised the growth of its market share in current markets by producing more vehicles and raising its marketing costs hence the company has been able to expand its consumer base in the world market. Worldwide Giga-factories development contributes to this strategy as it allows Tesla to increase production and fulfil the growing demand (Williams, et al., 2022). Tesla has heavily focused on extending its presence in the international markets, especially the production capacity in China and Europe, hence exploiting new regional markets.

Product Development: Tesla has further innovated in developing the Autopilot software, to expand the energy storage products, as well as new models, including the Cybertruck and Tesla Semi. This continuous product development approach makes sure that Tesla is ahead of the automotive technical level (Greenwood, 2023). Tesla does not only concentrate on the development of products that are limited to the vehicles themselves. As an example, Tesla stays competitive because of the introduction of a new Tesla Energy (solar panels and Powerwall) as a part of its greater ecosystem and may be considered a significant player both in the automotive and energy markets.



Figure: Ansoff's Growth Matrix (Armutcu et al., 2023).

Porter's Generic Strategies

Differentiation: Tesla has a major key strategy of differentiating with high-tech, high-look and sustainability. Tesla provides its consumers with innovative features, including autopilot and lengthy EVs, and its vehicles are distinctive compared to competitors (Armutcu et al., 2023). Tesla has an unending commitment to being innovative not only in its vehicles, its energy delivery solutions, and its autonomous driving technology endow the company with a unique competitive advantage. A direct-to-consumer sales system that avoids dealerships (used by Tesla) is one more distinguishing factor as it offers a more direct and personalised customer experience.

Rationale: Tesla has emphasised on minimising cost by utilising creative production processes, economies of scale, and intra-company coordination in battery production, although at premium costs. Such initiatives see Tesla provide competitive prices with high margins (Sullivan and Harris, 2022). The fact that Tesla has contracted itself to produce the most important parts of their vehicles including batteries through their own Giga-factories has also helped in reducing the costs of production. Also, Tesla has been investing in the development of automated manufacturing technologies, which continue to significantly reduce costs.

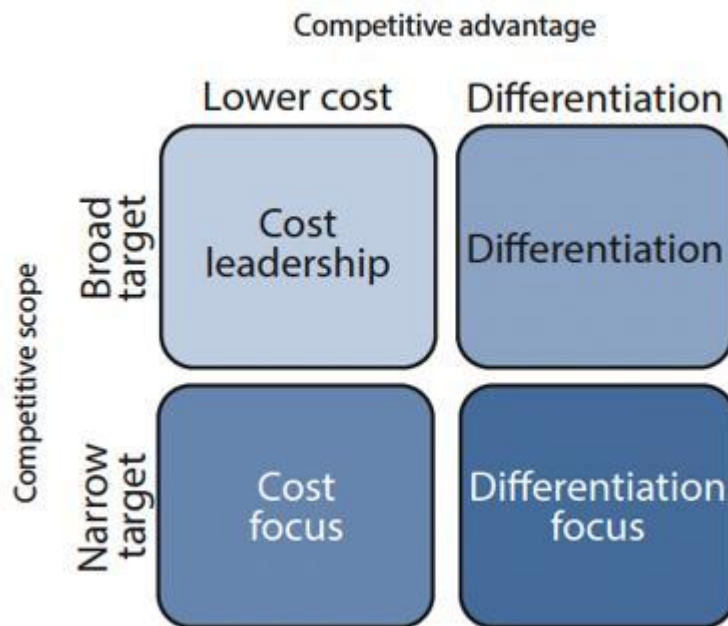


Figure: Porter's Generic Strategies (Gündüzyeli, 2025).

Tactical implications to Pioneers.

The diversity of Tesla due to well-developed technology, sustainability, and affordable leadership of costs has helped the company create a powerful brand in the electromagnetic market. Tesla is managed to capture both the early adopters and mainstream market because of the strategic responses of the company, which focus on technological leadership and incessant innovation. The key to its success is its capability to franchise production on a global scale, and this fact provides it with an opportunity to become a leader in conversion to electric vehicles (Gündüzyeli, 2025).

3.2 Strategic Responses of Follower Organisations.

Vauxhall, as a follower, should change its strategies to remain competitive in the market that is now dominated by Tesla and other leaders of EV boxes.

Ansoff's Growth Matrix

Market Development: Vauxhall is targeting to expand in the European markets that have a rising demand of electric vehicles. Its market development strategy includes the launch of the Corsa-e and Mokka-e models operating on electricity to gain a bigger portion of the market share in the electronic car market (Lester, Young, 2022). Another part of this strategy is the expansion of charging networks and EV manufacturing of Vauxhall.

Diversification: Vauxhall does not only aim at diversification by also trying new collaborations, including those with Stellantis to share resources and invest in new technologies, namely autonomous vehicles and advanced manufacturing systems (Davis, et al., 2021). Diversification is of particular relevance considering the fact that automotive industry is changing drastically. A merger with Stellantis will enable Vauxhall to share the risk of technological development and enjoy additional opportunities in terms of resource pool and expertise (Enshassi et al., 2025)



Figure: Ansoff's Growth Matrix (Sharma, 2022).

Porter's Generic Strategies

Cost Leadership: Vauxhall is working towards cost reduction in Stellantis through shared platforms and economies of scale in order to compete against lower-priced EVs by the franchises of Tesla and Nissan. With the help of the common technology and production capacity, Vauxhall is able to provide cheap electric cars without reducing their quality (Miller, 2022). Indicatively, the Corsa-e and Mokka-e electric vehicles have been made based on the CMP platform with other Stellantis brands, which have contributed to a cost cut on the production costs.

Focus Strategy: Vauxhall focus strategy has been based on the specific needs of the European customers who desire compact, cheap and pollution resistant cars. Focusing on middle-class families seeking cheap EVs, Vauxhall is driven as a cheaper option to the Tesla luxury models (Shah, 2021). The current approach is consistent with the rising cost-effectiveness of EVs in the European market, especially people living in urban areas, who are looking to find a convenient and relatively cheap means of transportation.



Figure: Porter's Generic Strategies (Enshassi et al., 2025)

Strategic Implication to Strategists.

The module of cost leadership and development in the market enables Vauxhall to convert itself into a cheaper solution to the higher priced EVs, which include Tesla. Nonetheless, it is a challenge to the company to remain a follower in a fast-innovating industry. The factors that made Vauxhall dependent on shared platforms and existing technologies present it with an opportunity to save on costs and a limitation to differentiate itself with other market participants. The company should keep on developing its product offerings and keep abreast with the changes in the industry driven by technological and environmental factors (Enshassi et al., 2025)

4. Conclusion

To sum it up, Tesla and Vauxhall have different opportunities and threats in the automotive market, which are determined by the technological and environmental factors. Tesla is a pioneering company thus it enjoys the advantages of being a leading firm in terms of technology and its dedication to the sustainability factor making it able to distinguish itself with newer technologies such as autonomous driving and energy storage products. Using a PESTEL analysis, we have identified the influence of the macro-marketing actors on strategic decision-making in both companies whereby the technological advancements and the environment sustainability is a key factor towards determining the future of the industry. The strategic reactions of both companies, i.e. Tesla emphasising on differentiation and Vauxhall emphasising on cost leadership, show that the companies had to adopt to the external forces constantly. Finally, strategic marketing management would also need to be closely aware of the macro environment and the capacity to adjust the strategies to changes in the external environment. The future of the automotive industry will be characterised with the ability of companies to manoeuvre between these forces and implement responsive measures that will make the company successful in the long run.

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