

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

## 24V-615

**Manufacturer Name :** Tesla, Inc.

**Submission Date :** AUG 15, 2024

**NHTSA Recall No. :** 24V-615

**Manufacturer Recall No. :** SB-24-12-008



### Manufacturer Information :

**Manufacturer Name :** Tesla, Inc.

**Address :** 1 Tesla Road  
Austin TX 78725

**Company phone :** 6506815000

### Population :

**Number of potentially involved :** 9,136

**Estimated percentage with defect :** 10 %

### Vehicle Information :

**Vehicle 1 :** 2016-2016 Tesla Model X

**Vehicle Type :**

**Body Style :**

**Power Train :** NR

**Descriptive Information :** The subject population includes all Tesla Model X vehicles from the start of production through July 31, 2016, when a change in process and documentation was made at the supplier.

**Production Dates :** SEP 17, 2015 - JUL 31, 2016

**VIN Range 1 : Begin :**

NR

**End :** NR

Not sequential

## Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : The Model X is equipped with a cosmetic applique at the front of the roof just behind the windshield, known as the front applique, as well as an applique at the center of the roof in between the upper falcon door roof glass, known as the spine applique. Both appliques are adhered to the vehicle using urethane. If the applique-to-urethane interface lacks primer, then, over time, the adhesion may weaken, causing the applique to separate from the vehicle.

On November 17, 2020, Tesla initiated a voluntary recall (20V-710) to inspect these vehicles for proper applique retention and reattach or replace the roof applique where proper retention was not found. The inspection method was to pull the applique with a maximum force of 60N. Appliques that were retained after the pull inspection were determined to meet specification and were not replaced. Appliques that showed any indication of displacement or separation from the urethane bond after the pull inspection were deemed to not meet specification and were replaced.

Subsequent to the initial recall, Tesla determined that either the inspection pull force or the location and number of locations where pull force was applied were not sufficient to accurately identify all instances in which the part may be at risk of separation.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : While we are not aware of any accidents or injuries resulting from this condition, if the applique separates from the vehicle while in drive, it could create a road hazard for following motorists and increase their risk of injury or a crash.

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : Prior to separating, an applique without primer may create a detectable noise inside the cabin for either a short or prolonged period of time. Separately, the customer may observe the applique coming loose.

## Involved Components :

Component Name 1 : NR

Component Description : NR

Component Part Number : NR

**Supplier Identification :****Component Manufacturer**

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

**Chronology :**

NR

**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : Tesla Service will inspect affected vehicles and perform an improved retention test at a number of defined locations and with a considerably higher force at a minimum of 120N which has been determined through a fleet study. If the applique passes the retention test, then it has sufficient adhesion, and no further action is necessary. If an applique fails the retention test, then Tesla Service will reattach that applique with the proper primer and urethane procedure or replace it if needed.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The recalled applique may not have primer applied to the urethane-to-applique interface whereas the remedied applique will ensure that primer is applied to the urethane-to-applique interface.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : In July 2016, the supplier implemented new processes to standardize and document primer application.

**Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule : All Tesla stores and service centers will be notified on or about August 19, 2024. Owner notification letters will be mailed in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 577.7.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : AUG 19, 2024 - AUG 19, 2024

Planned Owner Notification Date : OCT 14, 2024 - OCT 14, 2024

\* NR - Not Reported