



Elon Musk Delays Tesla Roadster Unveiling Again

Description

Elon Musk has delayed the unveiling of the Tesla Roadster again. During a call on April 26, 2026, he said the car may debut “in a month or so.” This is a change from the late April date he set just weeks earlier.

This is the eighth time Musk has changed the timeline for the Roadster since its prototype was revealed in November 2017, nearly nine years ago. Recently, Musk mentioned that the delay is due to the need for “testing and validation” of the car. He explained that they want to avoid problems during the demonstration.

The Roadster has had a long history of delays. The prototype was first shown in 2017, with production promised for 2020. Many delays followed, moving the timeline to 2024, then to 2026, and now to late May or June 2026.

Thousands of customers paid deposits for the Roadster in 2017. The Founders Series required a \$250,000 payment. Customers are now waiting nearly ten years without seeing a production vehicle.

While Musk makes new promises, other companies like Rimac and Lotus have already delivered real products. Customers who invested early are frustrated with the ongoing delays.

Vocabulary List:

1. **unveiling** //ʌn'veɪlɪŋ// (noun): showing something new to the public
2. **delayed** //dɪ'leɪd// (verb): made something happen later than planned
3. **prototype** //'prɒʊtə,taɪp// (noun): the first working model of a product
4. **validation** //,vælɪ'deɪʃən// (noun): checking that something works and is safe
5. **deposits** //dɪ'pɒzɪts// (noun): money paid to hold or reserve a product
6. **frustrated** //'frʌstretɪd// (adjective): feeling annoyed because things did not go right

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. When did Elon Musk announce that the Tesla Roadster may debut?

Option: April 26, 2026



Option: April 26, 2025

Option: May 1, 2026

Option: April 25, 2026

2. What does Musk attribute the latest delay in the Roadster's debut to?

Option: Marketing decisions

Option: Testing and validation

Option: Production issues

Option: Supply chain problems

3. How many times has Musk changed the timeline for the Roadster as noted in the article?

Option: Five times

Option: Six times

Option: Seven times

Option: Eight times

4. What was the original production promise year for the Tesla Roadster?

Option: 2020

Option: 2021

Option: 2022

Option: 2023

5. Which companies have already delivered products while customers wait for the Roadster?

Option: Tesla and Ford

Option: Rimac and Lotus

Option: BMW and Audi

Option: Mercedes and Honda

6. How much did customers have to pay to secure a Founders Series Roadster?

Option: \$100,000

Option: \$150,000

Option: \$200,000

Option: \$250,000

True-False

7. The Tesla Roadster was first revealed in November 2018.



8. The latest estimated debut date for the Tesla Roadster is late May or June 2026.
9. Musk has delayed the Roadster's launch only once since the prototype was revealed.
10. Thousands of customers have paid deposits for the Roadster since 2017.
11. Elon Musk successfully delivered the Roadster as promised in 2020.
12. Customers are experiencing frustration due to ongoing delays from Musk.

Gap-Fill

13. The Tesla Roadster prototype was first shown in 2017, with production promised for _____.
14. This is the _____ time Musk has changed the timeline for the Roadster.
15. Customers are now waiting nearly ten years without seeing _____.
16. The Founders Series required a \$250,000 _____ to be paid by customers.
17. Musk mentioned that the delay is due to the need for testing and _____.
18. Musk explained that they want to avoid problems during the _____.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. April 26, 2026 2. Testing and validation 3. Eight times 4. 2020 5. Rimac and Lotus 6. \$250,000

True-False: 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. True 11. False 12. True

Gap-Fill: 13. 2020 14. eighth 15. a production vehicle 16. payment 17. validation 18. demonstration

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)



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1. What are tariffs primarily used to regulate?
 - Option: Trade
 - Option: Social services
 - Option: Healthcare
 - Option: Education

 2. What might a customer request if they are dissatisfied with a product?
 - Option: Warranty
 - Option: Refund
 - Option: Upgrade
 - Option: Exchange

 3. Which of the following is a common reason to invest in stock markets?
 - Option: Short-term gambling
 - Option: Wealth accumulation
 - Option: Educational purposes
 - Option: Social engagement

 4. Which industry would involve creating products from raw materials?
 - Option: Agriculture
 - Option: Manufacturing
 - Option: Services
 - Option: Retail

 5. What type of issues are often discussed during an election?
 - Option: Economic
 - Option: Political
 - Option: Social
 - Option: Environmental

 6. What can provide relief from certain taxes or duties?
 - Option: Regulations
 - Option: Exemptions
 - Option: Permits
 - Option: Licenses

 7. What word describes a cold drink on a hot day?
 - Option: Heavy
 - Option: Stale
 - Option: Refreshing
 - Option: Bland



8. What term is used to describe a specific area of expertise?

- Option: General
- Option: Specialty
- Option: Basic
- Option: Common

9. Which type of beverage is known for its stimulating effects?

- Option: Caffeinated
- Option: Decaffeinated
- Option: Herbal
- Option: Flat

10. What is typically made to share important information with the public?

- Option: Request
- Option: Announcement
- Option: Invitation
- Option: Report

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The _____ of products can vary based on demand and supply.

12. After dinner, we enjoyed several _____ at the café.

13. Users face challenges when _____ the online platform.

14. Many businesses are moving towards a digital _____ for sales.

15. The new software integrates with the existing systems through an _____.

16. Supply chain _____ can lead to delays in product delivery.

17. Online _____ have become popular for buying and selling unique items.

18. The results of the research were _____ by multiple studies.

19. The company is _____ a new discount for first-time customers.

20. Customer feedback is highly _____ by companies seeking improvement.



Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The wealthy businessman owned a sprawling estate in the countryside.
22. Investing in shares can be a way to grow wealth over time.
23. The manufacturing process was streamlined to increase efficiency.
24. The new tax laws were so complicated that few could understand them.
25. The unveiling of the new smartphone attracted a large audience.
26. The project was delayed due to unexpected challenges.
27. The engineers developed a prototype to test the new design.
28. Before launching the product, the team sought validation from industry experts.
29. The bank requires deposits to open a new savings account.
30. The customers were frustrated by the long wait times for service.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Trade 2. Refund 3. Wealth accumulation 4. Manufacturing 5. Political 6. Exemptions 7. Refreshing 8. Specialty 9. Caffeinated 10. Announcement

Gap-Fill: 11. availability 12. beverages 13. accessing 14. platform 15. API 16. disruptions 17. auctions 18. confirmed 19. offering 20. valued

Matching sentence: 1. estate 2. shares 3. process 4. complicated 5. unveiling 6. delayed 7. prototype 8. validation 9. deposits 10. frustrated

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