



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** //frʌ'stretɪd// (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

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