

Memorandum



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**



Subject: Special Order Response Extension

Date: September 29, 2026

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This memo documents an extension of time for Tesla, Inc. (Tesla) to respond to the Special Order issued on September 10, 2026 in AQ26002. The original due date for Tesla's response was September 30, 2026.

On September 18, 2026, Tesla requested an eight-week extension with a new deadline of November 20, 2026. Tesla attributed the need for additional time to "the voluminous nature of the request, and the need for Tesla to conduct a diligent search of records, review material for responsiveness and privilege, and organize and prepare information into thorough narrative formats in response to each question."

On September 22, 2026, NHTSA granted Tesla a 30-day extension. The new due date for Tesla's response to the Special Order is October 30, 2026.