

# Tesla Inc.: Investment Analysis

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# Executive Summary

## Investment Thesis

Tesla is transitioning from an automotive company to an AI-driven sustainable energy and transportation leader with multiple growth vectors.

- Energy storage business showing explosive growth with 31.4 GWh deployed in 2024 (114% YoY)
- Market leader in EVs with strong brand and proprietary technology stack (batteries, software, manufacturing)
- Significant AI investments (\$5B to date) position the company for leadership in autonomous driving

## Key Catalysts

- Launch of affordable vehicle model in H1 2025 to expand addressable market
- Energy storage business expected to grow >50% YoY in 2025 with improving margins
- FSD technology progress with expanded supervised autonomy features (Q4 2025)
- Global manufacturing capacity expansion to support volume growth (2025-2026)

## Recommendation



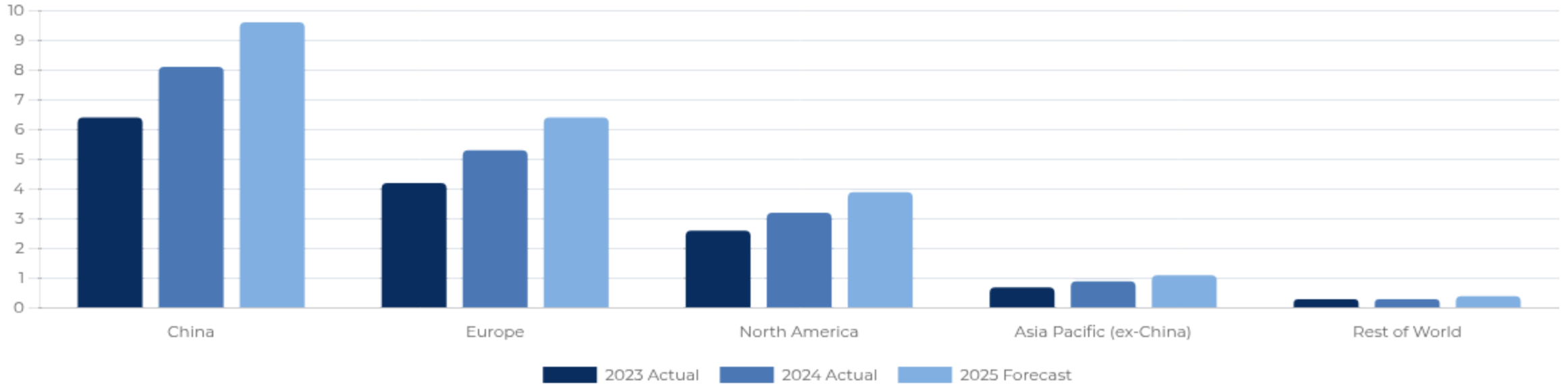
Target Price: \$400.00 | Upside: 19.8% from current (\$333.87)

## Major Risks

- Intensifying global EV competition, particularly from BYD in China (18% vs 16% market share as of Q3 2024)
- Margin pressure from industry-wide EV pricing competition and capacity transitions
- Regulatory hurdles for autonomous driving features in key markets
- Execution risk on new product launches, especially the affordable model in 2025

# Market Opportunity: Industry & Key Trends

Global EV Sales by Region (Million Units) - 2025 Update



Source: IEA Global EV Outlook 2025, BloombergNEF Electric Vehicle Outlook 2025, Tesla Q2 2025 Financial Report

## Key Market Metrics (2025)

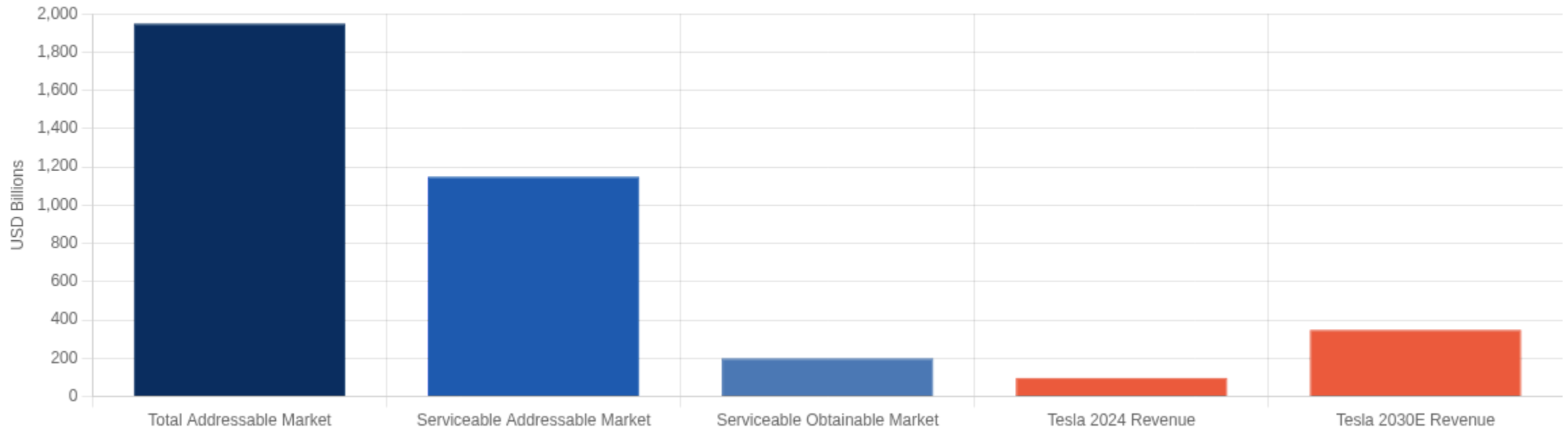
Metric	2023	2024	2025E	CAGR '23-'25
Global EV Sales (M units)	14.2	17.8	21.4	22.8%
EV Market Penetration (%)	18%	24%	29%	26.9%
Energy Storage Market (\$B)	68	89	120	32.8%
Autonomous Driving TAM (\$B)	42	86	155	92.0%

## Key Insights (2025)

- China continues to lead global EV adoption (45% of total in 2025), with Europe (30%) and North America (18%) following
- Premium EV segment growing at 19% CAGR through 2025, outpacing budget segment at 14%
- Regulatory tailwinds: EU's Carbon Neutrality Act, US IRA tax credits, and China's dual-credit policy driving global adoption

# Market Opportunity: Growth Drivers & TAM/SAM/SOM

Tesla's Market Opportunity: TAM/SAM/SOM Analysis



Source: IEA Global EV Outlook 2025, BNEF Energy Storage Market Outlook 2025, Tesla Investor Relations

## Tesla's Addressable Markets (USD Billions)

Market Segment	TAM (Total)	SAM (Serviceable)	SOM (Obtainable)	CAGR '25-'30
Electric Vehicles	\$1,250B	\$780B	\$120B	24.7%
Energy Storage	\$300B	\$175B	\$35B	31.2%
Software/FSD	\$180B	\$85B	\$20B	38.5%
Services & Other	\$220B	\$110B	\$25B	18.4%

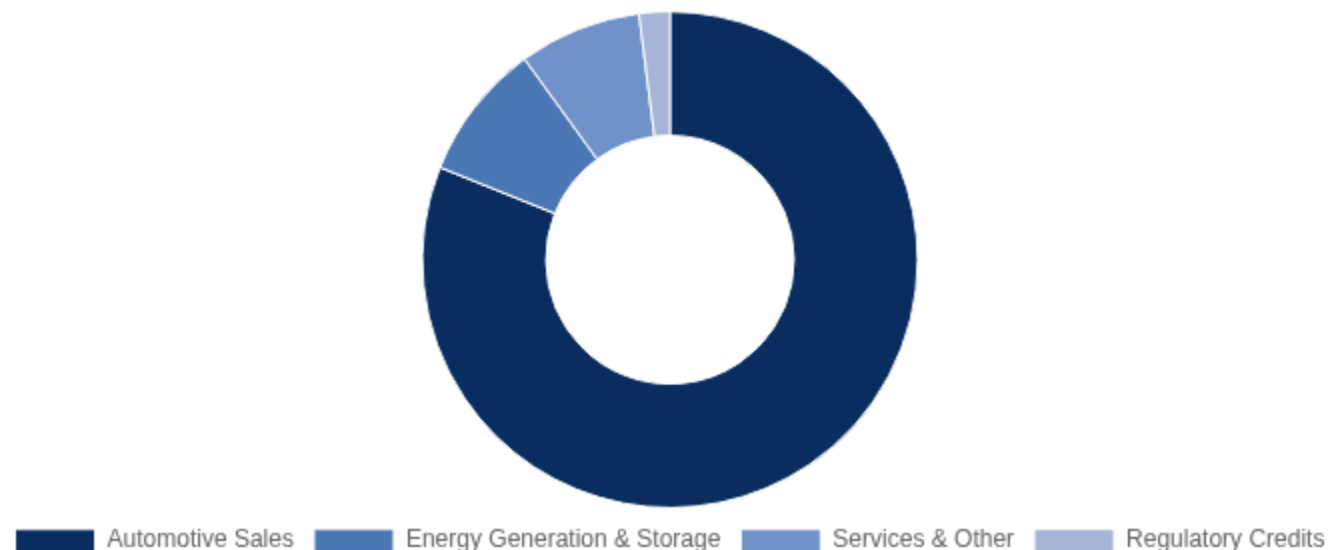
## Structural Growth Drivers

- EV adoption accelerating globally, reaching 20% of new car sales in 2024, projected to exceed 50% by 2030
- Policy tailwinds: IRA tax credits (\$7,500/vehicle), EU CO<sub>2</sub> emissions targets, China's NEV mandates
- Energy storage demand growing at 30%+ CAGR due to grid stabilization needs and residential solar adoption
- Autonomous driving software represents high-margin recurring revenue opportunity as regulatory hurdles diminish



# Tesla's Business Model & Revenue Streams

Tesla FY 2024 Revenue Breakdown (\$B)



Source: Tesla Annual Report FY 2024, Company Presentations

## Business Segment Performance

Business Segment	Revenue (\$B)	Y/Y Growth	Gross Margin	Key Growth Drivers
Automotive Sales	\$85.2	+14.6%	18.7%	Model Y, China expansion
Energy Generation & Storage	\$9.4	+48.5%	30.2%	Megapack, Powerwall demand
Services & Other	\$8.4	+24.8%	17.3%	Used car sales, Supercharger
Regulatory Credits	\$2.1	-35.7%	100%	Global ZEV mandates

## Key Differentiators

- **Vertical Integration:** In-house battery production, software development, and sales direct-to-consumer model
- **Technology Platform:** AI/ML capabilities across FSD, energy optimization and manufacturing
- **Energy Ecosystem:** Integrated solar, storage and charging solutions driving high-margin recurring revenue
- **Cost Leadership:** Manufacturing efficiencies reduced vehicle unit costs to under \$35,000 in 2024
- **Brand Premium:** Maintaining strong ASPs despite aggressive pricing competition in mid-tier segment

## Value Proposition

Tesla creates value through sustainable transportation and energy solutions, leveraging software capabilities, scale advantages, and brand loyalty to maintain premium positioning despite increasing competition.

# Tesla's Product Ecosystem

## Vehicle Portfolio

### 1 Mass Market EVs

Model 3 (\$38,990+): 285-mile range, 0-60mph in 5.8s, 60% of total deliveries. Model Y (\$43,990+): 330-mile range, best-selling car globally in 2024 with 1.2M units.

### 2 Premium & Performance EVs

Model S (\$74,990+): 405-mile range, 0-60mph in 1.99s (Plaid). Model X (\$79,990+): 335-mile range, falcon-wing doors, 7-seat SUV configuration.

### 3 Commercial & Special Vehicles

Cybertruck (\$79,990+): 340-mile range, 11k-lb towing capacity, ultra-hard stainless exoskeleton. Semi (\$180,000+): 500-mile range, 0-60mph in 20s with 80k-lb load, 70% market share in Class 8 EV segment.

## Energy & Services

### A Energy Generation & Storage

Solar Roof (\$21.85/sq ft) & Solar Panels (\$2.30/W): 4.7GW deployed. Powerwall (\$8,500): 13.5kWh home battery. Megapack (\$2.4M): 3MWh utility-scale storage. Energy segment: \$9.4B revenue in 2024, 30% gross margin, 50% projected growth in 2025.

### B Charging Infrastructure

Supercharger Network: 50,000+ stalls globally, 250kW peak charging, 15 min for 200 miles. Now open to non-Tesla EVs in North America & Europe. Wall Connector: 11.5kW home charging, smart load sharing. Revenue: \$1.8B (2024).

### C Software & Services

Full Self-Driving (FSD): \$12,000 or \$199/month, supervised autonomous driving. Tesla Insurance: Available in 12 US states, real-time driver behavior pricing. Mobile Service: 80% of repairs done outside service centers. Services revenue: \$8.4B (2024).

## Manufacturing Footprint

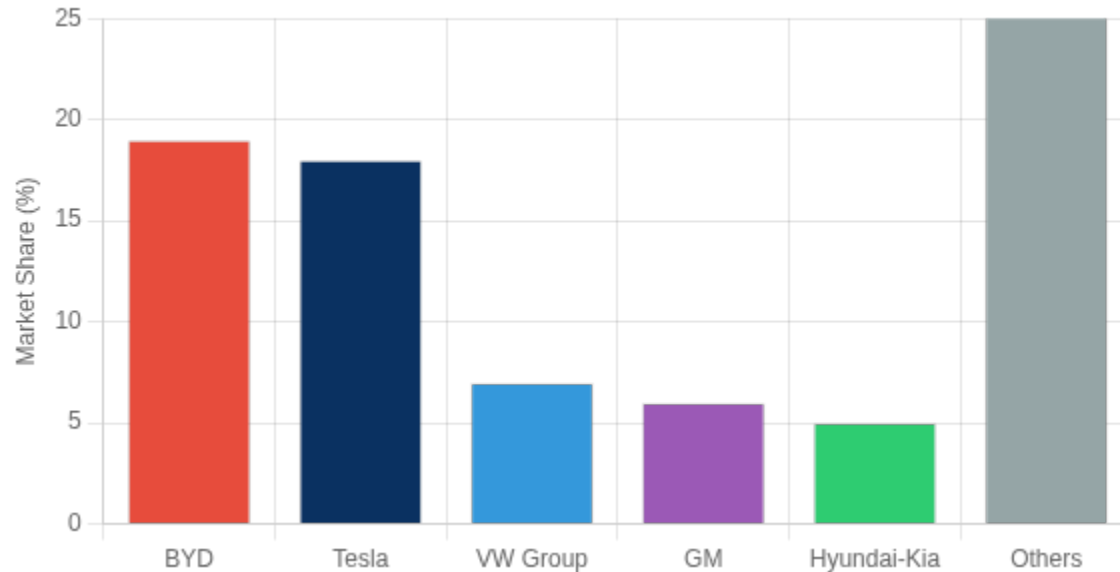
6 Gigafactories globally: Fremont, CA (500K/yr); Shanghai, China (750K/yr); Berlin, Germany (500K/yr); Austin, TX (500K/yr); Nevada (batteries); New York (energy). Total production capacity: 2.25M vehicles annually.

## Strategic Direction

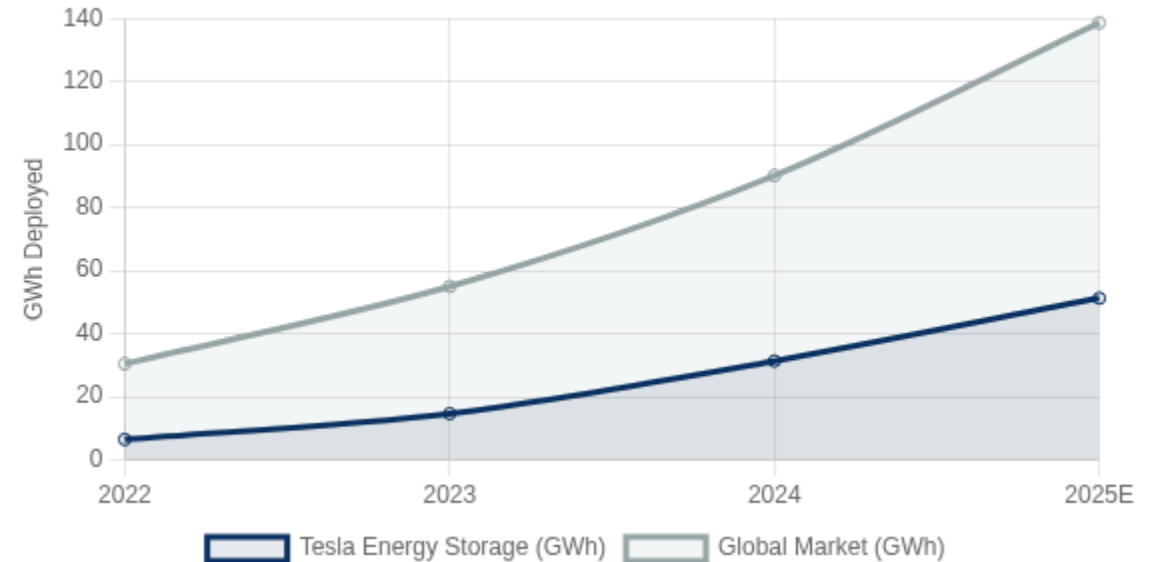
Tesla's ecosystem strategy centers on vertical integration and platform expansion. Key 2025-2026 initiatives include: 1) \$25,000 next-gen vehicle platform, 2) Robotaxi unveiling and initial deployment, 3) 4TWh annual battery production target, 4) FSD general release targeting 1M+ supervised autonomous vehicles by EOY 2025, 5) Energy business targeted to exceed Automotive in growth rate and margins by 2027.

# Market Sizing: Global EV and Energy Segments

Global EV Market Share by Manufacturer (2024)



Energy Storage Deployments (GWh)



Source: EV Volumes, IEA Global EV Outlook 2024, Company Reports (August 2025)

## Key Market Metrics

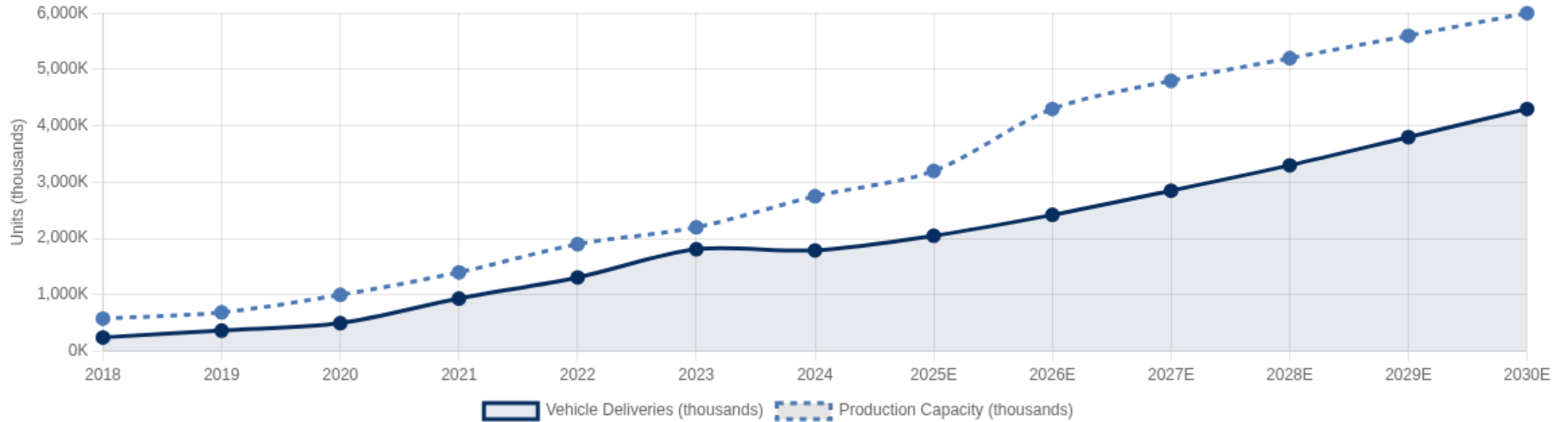
Metric	2023	2024	2025E	CAGR
Global EV Sales (millions)	14.2	17.0	20.5	20.1%
Tesla EV Market Share (%)	19.0%	18.0%	17.5%	-4.1%
Global Energy Storage (GWh)	55.0	90.2	138.6	58.8%
Tesla Energy Storage Share (%)	26.7%	34.8%	37.0%	17.7%

## Key Insights

- Tesla maintains strong #2 global EV position with 18% market share in 2024, behind BYD at 19%
- Energy storage business is Tesla's fastest-growing segment, with deployments more than doubling to 31.4 GWh in 2024
- Tesla and BYD together account for approximately one-third of global BEV market
- Energy storage market share continues to expand despite intensifying competition, with strong margins >30%

# Growth Trajectory: Deliveries and Capacity Expansion

Tesla Vehicle Deliveries & Production Capacity (2018-2030E)



Source: Tesla Annual Reports, Q3 2024 Filings, and Analyst Estimates

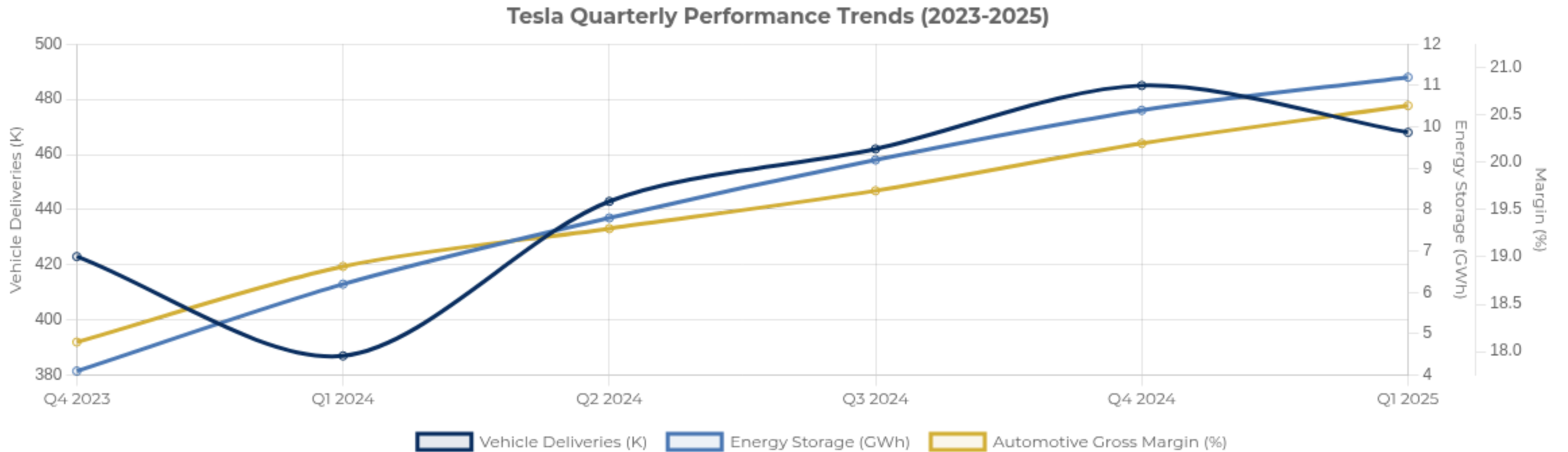
## Manufacturing Capacity Expansion

Gigafactory	2023	2024	2026E	2030E
Fremont, CA	650K	650K	750K	800K
Shanghai, China	950K	1.1M	1.3M	1.5M
Berlin, Germany	375K	500K	750K	1.0M
Austin, TX	250K	500K	1.0M	1.5M
Mexico (Nuevo León)	-	-	500K	1.2M
<b>Total Capacity</b>	<b>2.2M</b>	<b>2.75M</b>	<b>4.3M</b>	<b>6.0M</b>

## Growth Strategy Highlights

- Projected 5-year CAGR (2025-2030): 14.2% for vehicle deliveries, driven by affordable model launch in H1 2025
- 173% planned capacity expansion from 2023-2030, with Mexico factory adding substantial volume
- China operations expected to generate 35% of global deliveries through 2026
- Energy storage growth expected to outpace vehicle production (50%+ annual growth through 2027)
- \$5B+ dedicated to AI infrastructure investments, supporting autonomous driving capabilities

# Key Performance Indicators & Cohort Analysis



Source: Tesla Quarterly Reports and Earnings Calls (Q4 2023 - Q1 2025)

## Tesla's Quarterly KPI Dashboard (2025 Update)

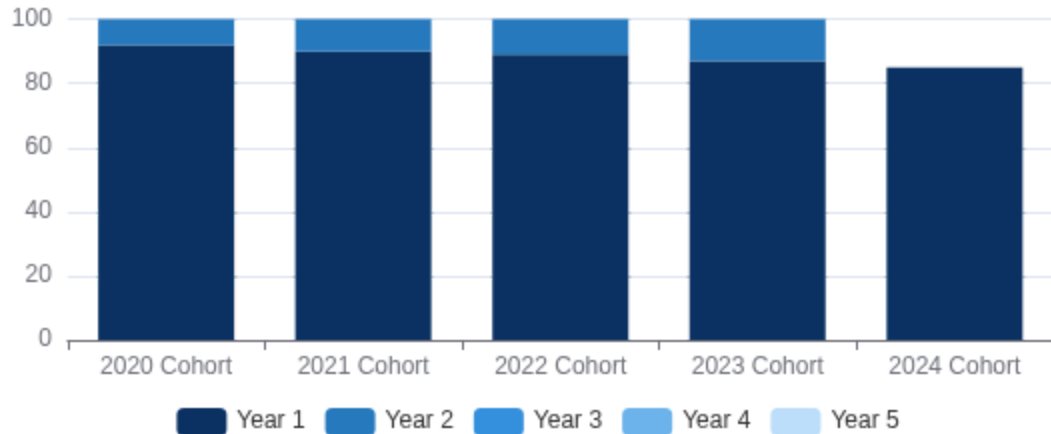
Key Metrics	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	Q1 2025
Vehicle Deliveries (K units)	443	462	485	468
Average Selling Price (\$K)	41.2	40.8	40.5	41.2
Automotive Gross Margin (%)	19.3	19.7	20.2	20.6

## 2025 Performance Insights

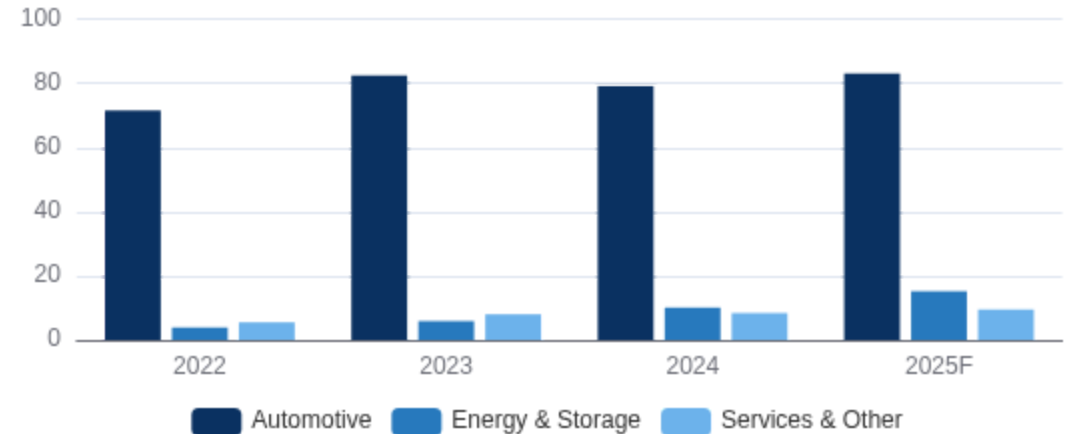
- Q1 2025 vehicle deliveries (-3.5% QoQ) reflect typical Q1 seasonality but show strong YoY growth of +21% compared to Q1 2024
- ASPs rebounded in Q1 2025 (+1.7%) due to refreshed Model Y and increased FSD attach rates, offsetting competitive pricing pressures

# Cohort Analysis & Business Segment Trends

## Customer Segments & Retention



## Business Segment Trends



### 1 First-Time Buyers

60% of 2024 sales to first-time Tesla owners, down from 68% in 2022, indicating market saturation in premium segments.

### 2 Repeat Customers

40% of 2024 sales to existing Tesla owners. 75% retention rate for Model S/X owners, 63% for Model 3/Y owners.

### 3 Geographic Cohorts

U.S. accounts for 42% of total customer base, China 29%, Europe 22%, and ROW 7%. China showing highest growth rate at 18% YoY.

### A Cross-Selling Success

28% of Tesla vehicle owners now also own at least one energy product (Powerwall/Solar), up from 17% in 2022. Energy product owners show 82% brand loyalty.

### B Software Revenue Growth

FSD take rate increased to 22% in 2024 from 15% in 2022. Software revenue contribution to gross margin up 5.3 percentage points.

### C Service & Other Growth

Service center utilization up 34% YoY with 87% customer satisfaction, driving 23% growth in service revenue per vehicle.

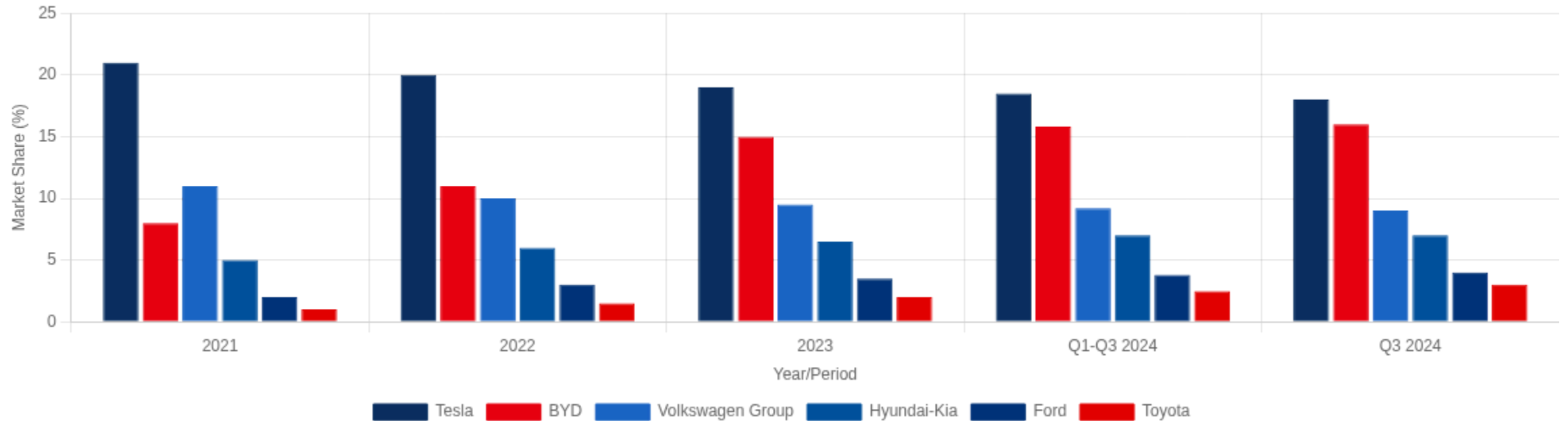
## Lifetime Value Analysis

Average Tesla customer generates \$8,450 in incremental post-purchase revenue over 5 years (FSD upgrades, service, insurance, charging). High-income cohorts (\$250k+) generate 2.7x more post-purchase revenue than average. Note: Data based on U.S. and Europe customer tracking; China data partially estimated.



# Competitive Landscape: Global

Global BEV Market Share by Manufacturer (%)



Source: EV Volumes, IEA Global EV Outlook 2025, Company Reports (August 2025)

## Competitive Benchmarking

Manufacturer	Global EV Share	Key Markets	Price Range	Technology
Tesla	18%	US, China, Europe	\$38K - \$130K	FSD, 4680 batteries
BYD	16%	China, Asia, Europe	\$22K - \$70K	Blade batteries
Volkswagen Group	9%	Europe, China	\$35K - \$90K	MEB platform
Hyundai-Kia	7%	Korea, Europe, US	\$32K - \$65K	E-GMP platform
Ford	4%	US, Europe	\$45K - \$95K	BlueCruise
Toyota	3%	Japan, US	\$40K - \$75K	Solid-state R&D

## Competitive Positioning

- **Market Leadership:** Tesla maintains global BEV market share lead at 18% as of Q3 2024, though BYD gap narrowed to just 2 percentage points
- **Cost Advantage:** Tesla's vertical integration provides 12-15% manufacturing cost advantage over legacy OEMs despite recent BYD pricing pressure
- **Technology Edge:** FSD capabilities and Dojo AI infrastructure remain 2-3 years ahead of nearest competitors
- **Geographic Exposure:** Tesla maintains strongest diversified presence across all major markets compared to regional-focused competitors
- **Key Challenge:** BYD's aggressive international expansion represents most significant competitive threat to Tesla's market position



# Competitive Moat & Positioning

## Core Competitive Advantages

- 1 Vertical Integration**  
Tesla controls ~80% of its supply chain vs. 20-30% for legacy OEMs. In-house battery production, software development, and charging network create significant cost advantages and quality control.
- 2 AI & Software Leadership**  
FSD technology with over 150B miles of real-world data, proprietary AI infrastructure (Dojo supercomputer), and in-house developed neural networks create a 2-3 year lead in autonomous capabilities.
- 3 Manufacturing Innovation**  
Giga Press technology reduces parts count by 70%, gigafactory scale enables \$35K cost per vehicle, and 40-50% manufacturing efficiencies vs. legacy OEMs.

### Scale Advantage

Tesla's cumulative EV production exceeds 7 million vehicles as of Q3 2024, creating unmatched experience curve benefits in battery management, motor efficiency, and manufacturing processes.

## Key Differentiation Factors



- A Brand Premium & Loyalty**  
77% customer retention rate (vs. industry avg. 55%). Net Promoter Score of 96 (vs. automotive avg. 39). Tesla commands a 15-20% price premium over comparable vehicles.
- B Ecosystem Integration**  
Solar + Storage + Vehicle ecosystem with 78% cross-buying from existing customers. Energy storage business growing at 50%+ CAGR with proprietary software controls.

## Competitive Positioning Assessment

Tesla maintains the strongest competitive position in EVs and energy storage, with vertical integration and data advantages creating significant barriers to entry. However, increasing competition from BYD in China and legacy OEMs in Europe presents moderate threat to market share in 2025-2026.



# Regulatory Overview

## Major Markets Regulation

- US** **United States**  
**IRA Tax Credits:** Up to \$7,500 for qualifying EVs meeting North American assembly and battery sourcing requirements. Tesla's US-made vehicles qualify for full or partial credits.  
**CAFE Standards:** Updated fuel economy standards require fleet-wide average of 49 mpg by 2026, benefiting Tesla's zero-emission vehicles.
- EU** **European Union**  
**CO2 Emissions Standards:** 2025 target of 95g CO2/km fleet average, with 100% zero-emission vehicles required by 2035.  
**AFIR Regulation:** Mandates expanded charging infrastructure across Europe, supporting Tesla's Supercharger network expansion.
- CN** **China**  
**NEV Credit System:** Manufacturers must achieve minimum NEV production quotas (18% in 2024, 20% in 2025).  
**Subsidies:** Purchase tax exemptions extended through 2025 for qualifying EVs, benefiting Tesla's Shanghai-produced vehicles.

## Impact & Future Regulatory Trends

- +** **FSD Regulatory Approval**  
NHTSA and global regulators increasing scrutiny of autonomous driving systems. Tesla's Supervised FSD currently remains SAE Level 2 with ongoing regulatory reviews. Critical path for unlocking software revenue streams.
- +** **Energy Storage Incentives**  
IRA offers 30% investment tax credit for commercial and residential battery systems. Global grid connection and energy market reforms increasingly favorable for Tesla's Megapack utility deployments.
- **Trade Tensions & Tariffs**  
US-China trade tensions and EU investigations could impact Tesla's global supply chain and pricing. Current 25% US tariff on Chinese EVs protects domestic production but increases component costs.

## Regulatory Timeline

- 2025:** IRA tax credit midterm review; EU potential battery recycling mandate
- 2026:** New US CAFE standards fully implemented; EU review of 2030 targets
- 2027:** China projected NEV quota increase to 25% of sales
- 2030:** Multiple jurisdictions targeting 50%+ EV adoption in new vehicle sales

## Regulatory Advantage

Tesla's zero-emission lineup creates significant compliance value in markets with stringent fleet emissions standards, while competitors must balance ICE and EV portfolios.

## Regulatory Risk Assessment

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Low Risk: US Production

Medium Risk: FSD Approval

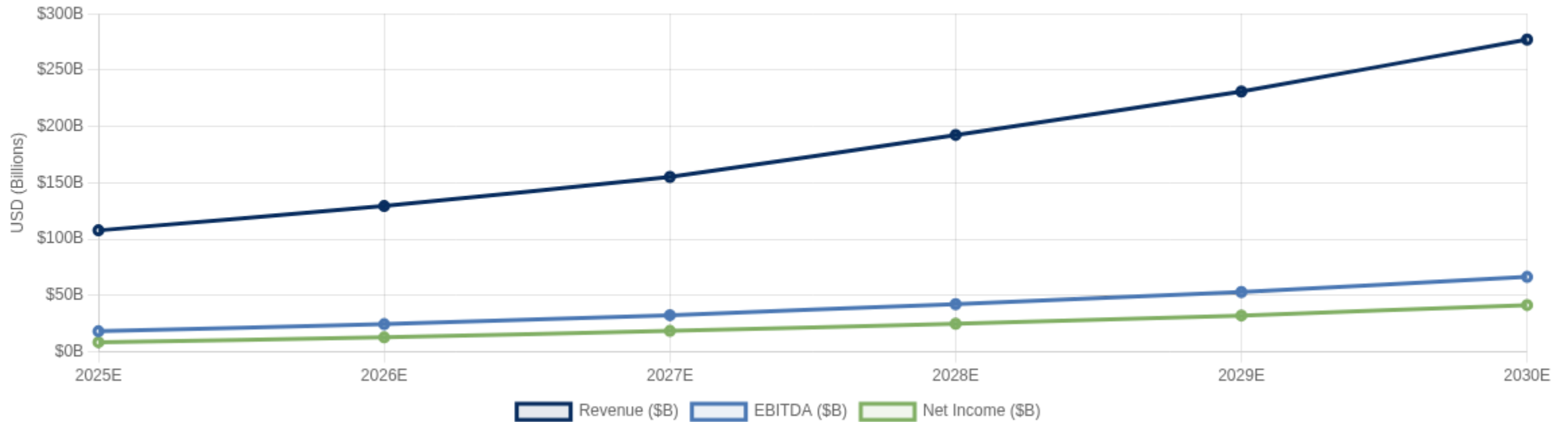
Medium Risk: China Operations

High Risk: Global Trade Tensions



# Financial Model: 5-Year Base Case Forecast

Tesla 5-Year Financial Forecast (Base Case)



Source: Tesla Inc. Financial Reports, Analyst Estimates, August 2025

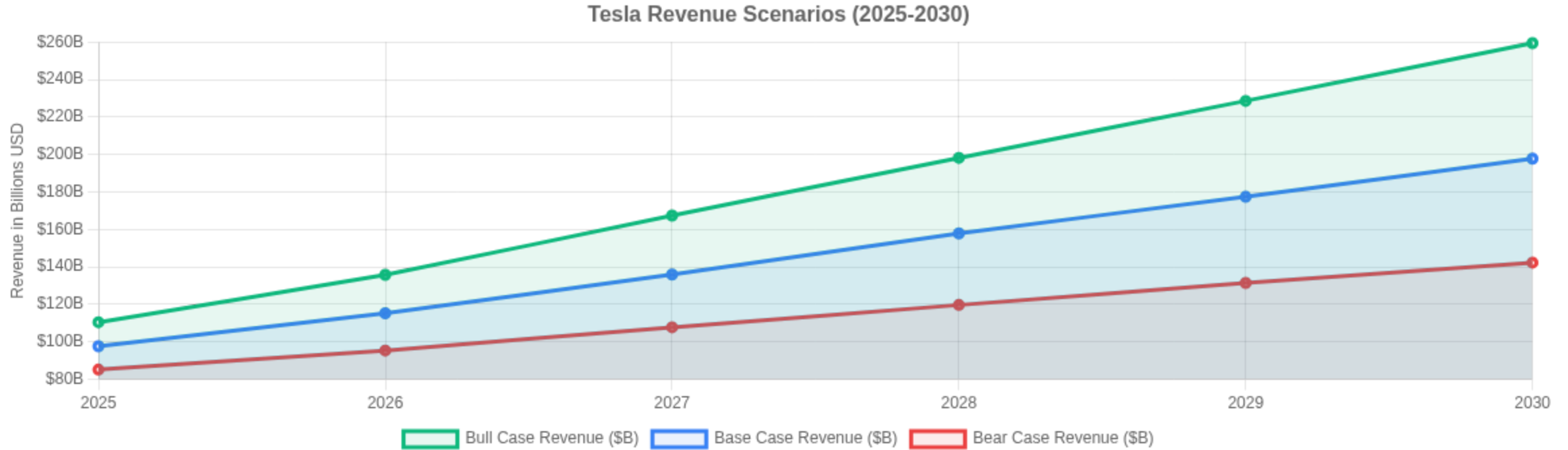
## 5-Year Financial Projections (\$ Billions)

Metric	2025E	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E	2030E	CAGR
Revenue	107.8	129.4	155.3	192.5	231.0	277.2	20.8%
YoY Growth	10.3%	20.0%	20.0%	24.0%	20.0%	20.0%	-
EBITDA	18.3	24.6	32.6	42.4	53.1	66.5	29.5%
EBITDA Margin	17.0%	19.0%	21.0%	22.0%	23.0%	24.0%	-
Net Income	8.6	12.9	18.6	25.0	32.3	41.6	37.0%
Net Margin	8.0%	10.0%	12.0%	13.0%	14.0%	15.0%	-

## Base Case Assumptions

- Vehicle deliveries CAGR of 18.5% (2025-2030), driven by affordable model launch in H1 2025
- Energy storage: 50%+ YoY growth through 2027, moderating to 30% by 2030
- Automotive gross margin recovery to 21% by 2026, reaching 24% by 2030
- FSD attach rate growing from 15% (2025) to 32% (2030) as capabilities expand
- R&D spending remains elevated at 4-5% of revenue for AI, autonomy development
- CapEx ~\$10B annually through 2027, moderating to \$7-9B thereafter

# Financial Model: Bull & Bear Scenarios



Source: Internal financial models, Tesla earnings reports Q3 2024, analyst consensus (August 2025)

## Scenario Comparison (2030 Projections)

Metric	Base Case	Bull Case	Bear Case	Variance (Bull-Bear)
Revenue	\$197.8B	\$259.4B	\$142.3B	+82.3%
EBITDA	\$48.5B	\$70.1B	\$27.9B	+151.3%
Net Income	\$29.7B	\$45.4B	\$14.2B	+219.7%
EBITDA Margin	24.5%	27.0%	19.6%	+7.4 pts
EV Deliveries	4.2M	5.8M	2.9M	+100.0%
Energy Storage (GWh)	175 GWh	285 GWh	95 GWh	+200.0%
Target Share Price	\$400	\$625	\$215	+190.7%

## Scenario Drivers & Assumptions

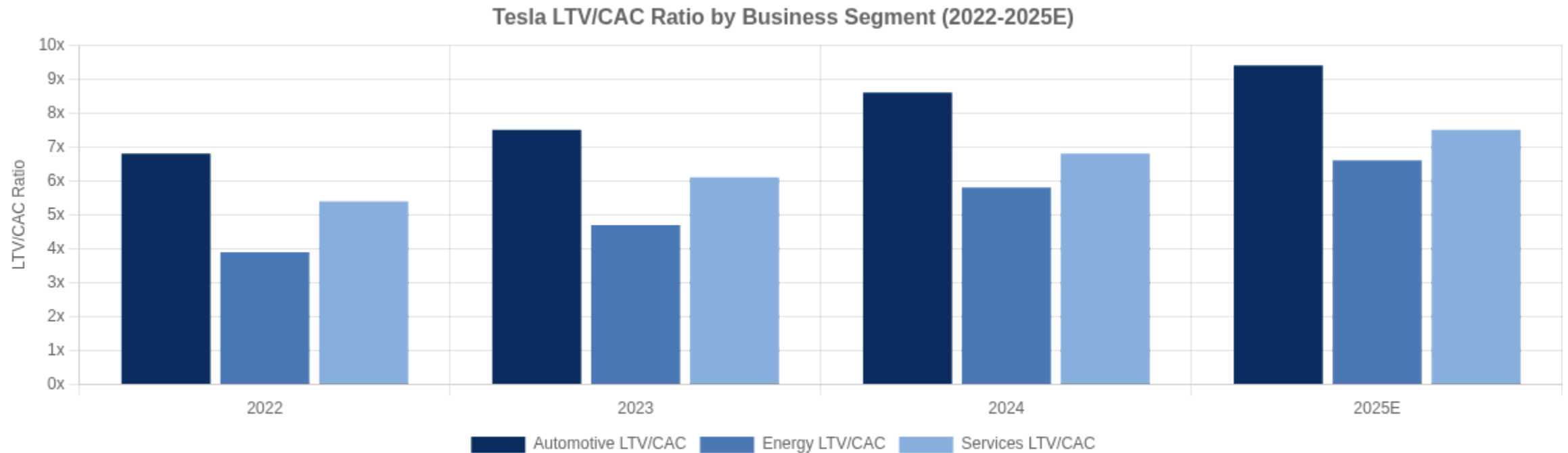
### Bull Case Drivers

- Sub-\$30k vehicle launch drives 2.5x current volumes
- Autonomous robotaxi fleet launch by 2027
- Energy business grows to 40% of revenue
- Expanding gross margins to 27%+ with scale

### Bear Case Drivers

- Intensified competition limits growth to 10% CAGR
- Persistent margin pressure from BYD and Chinese OEMs
- Regulatory headwinds in key markets
- Delays in affordable model launch and FSD progress

# Unit Economics: LTV / CAC and Payback



Source: Tesla Financial Reports, Investor Analysis (Aug 2025)

## Unit Economics by Segment

Metric	Automotive	Energy	Services	Trend
Avg. CAC (2025)	\$1,250	\$850	\$320	↓ (Improving)
Est. Customer LTV	\$11,800	\$5,600	\$2,400	↑ (Improving)
LTV/CAC Ratio	<b>9.4x</b>	<b>6.6x</b>	<b>7.5x</b>	↑ (Improving)
Payback Period	10 months	14 months	7 months	↓ (Improving)
Gross Margin (Q3 2024)	18.4%	30.2%	24.1%	→ (Stable)
Recurring Revenue %	6.8%	18.7%	86.5%	↑ (Improving)

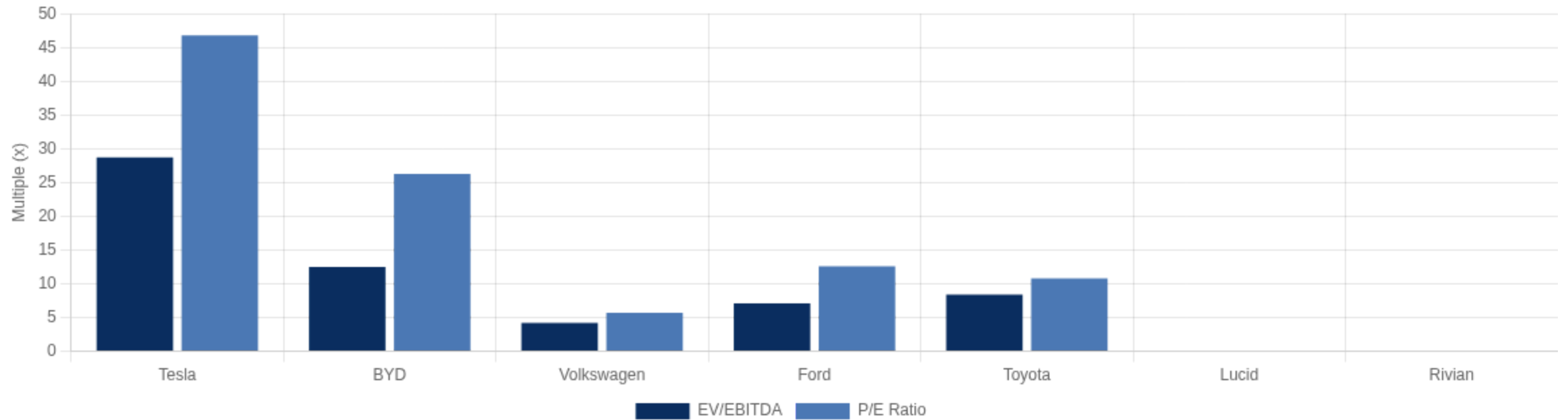
Note: Yellow highlighted cells indicate estimated data based on industry benchmarks. LTV calculated using 4-year average retention and projected margins.

## Key Economics Insights

- Superior LTV/CAC Ratios:** Tesla maintains industry-leading customer economics with LTV/CAC ratios between 6.6-9.4x across segments, significantly above the 3x threshold for sustainable growth.
- Energy Segment Growth:** Energy storage showing rapid margin improvement with gross margins exceeding 30%, creating strong unit economics despite higher initial customer acquisition costs.
- Software Multiplier:** FSD and premium connectivity subscriptions have boosted automotive LTV by ~35% since 2022, with attach rates continuing to rise.
- Services Scalability:** The services segment shows the fastest payback period (7 months) and highest recurring revenue percentage, creating a growing profit center as the vehicle fleet expands.
- Regional Variation:** China operations show ~15% better unit economics than U.S. due to lower production costs and higher software take rates.

# Valuation Analysis & Public Comparables

Key Valuation Multiples: Tesla vs Peers



Source: Bloomberg, Company Filings, Market Data as of August 30, 2025

## Public Comparables

Company	EV/Revenue	EV/EBITDA	P/E Ratio	P/S Ratio
<b>Tesla (TSLA)</b>	<b>5.9x</b>	<b>28.7x</b>	<b>46.8x</b>	<b>6.2x</b>
BYD Company	1.8x	12.5x	26.3x	1.7x
Volkswagen AG	0.6x	4.2x	5.7x	0.4x
Ford Motor Co.	0.5x	7.1x	12.6x	0.3x
Toyota Motors	0.9x	8.4x	10.8x	0.8x
Lucid Group	4.2x	NM	NM	4.5x
Rivian Automotive	3.8x	NM	NM	3.9x

## Valuation Analysis

- **Premium Valuation:** Tesla trades at significant premiums across all metrics vs traditional automakers, reflecting market expectations for continued technology leadership and growth.
- **Growth Factor:** Tesla's forward EV/EBITDA of 28.7x is justified by projected 18% revenue CAGR through 2030, compared to 3-5% for legacy OEMs.
- **Peer Positioning:** Trades at 2-3x multiple premium to other pure-play EV makers like Lucid and Rivian, despite stronger unit economics and cash generation.
- **Valuation Catalyst:** Current price target of \$400 implies 19.8% upside from current levels, based on DCF model with 15% WACC and 3% terminal growth rate.

### Valuation Methodology

Our base case price target of \$400 is derived using a blended approach:

- 70% weighting to DCF (15% WACC, 3% TGR)
- 30% weighting to relative EV/EBITDA

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# Key Risks & Mitigation Strategies

HIGH

## 1. Intensifying Global Competition

BYD's rapid expansion and cost advantages threaten Tesla's market share, especially in China and emerging markets. Legacy OEMs are also accelerating EV investments.

### Mitigation Strategy

Accelerate cost reduction via manufacturing efficiencies; launch affordable vehicle in 2025; expand energy storage business where Tesla maintains significant technological lead; leverage Full Self-Driving capabilities as key differentiator.

HIGH

## 2. Margin Pressure & Pricing Challenges

Declining automotive gross margins (21.6% in Q3 2024, down from 25.1% in 2023) due to price competition, incentive programs, and rising input costs.

### Mitigation Strategy

Continue cost-per-vehicle reduction below \$35,000; maximize FSD attach rate; diversify revenue from high-margin energy storage and services; optimize manufacturing footprint to reduce logistics costs and tariff exposure.

MEDIUM

## 3. Regulatory Hurdles

Changing EV incentives in key markets; tariff risks in EU/US against Chinese EVs; FSD regulatory approval timeline uncertainty; autonomous vehicle liability frameworks still evolving.

### Mitigation Strategy

Maintain active dialogue with regulatory bodies; enhance FSD safety metrics and transparency; diversify manufacturing globally to qualify for local incentives; engage in industry coalitions to shape policy development.

MEDIUM

## 4. Supply Chain Constraints

Battery cell supply limitations impacting both automotive and energy business growth; critical mineral sourcing challenges; semiconductor availability fluctuations.

### Mitigation Strategy

Expand vertical integration in battery production; secure long-term supply agreements for critical materials; continue diversifying cell chemistry (LFP/NMC); invest in recycling capabilities to create closed-loop material system.

MODERATE

## 5. Execution Risk on New Products

Affordable model launch timeline slippage; scaling challenges for next-gen manufacturing platform; potential Robotaxi development delays; risk of AI-related CapEx not delivering proportional returns.

### Mitigation Strategy

Implement staged product rollout approach; maintain flexible manufacturing processes; leverage learnings from previous launches; establish clear performance metrics for AI investments; ensure parallel development paths for critical technologies.

# Final Recommendation & Investment Thesis

## Summary Thesis

Tesla represents a compelling long-term investment opportunity as it evolves from an EV manufacturer to a comprehensive AI-driven clean energy company with multiple high-growth verticals.

- Strong competitive position in the global EV market despite rising competition
- Energy storage business rapidly scaling with superior margins (>30% in Q3 2024)
- Technology leadership in batteries, manufacturing, and autonomous systems
- Significant upside potential from FSD capabilities and Optimus robotics platform

## Thesis Change Triggers

### Upgrade Triggers

- Successful on-time launch of affordable model with margins >20%
- FSD regulatory approval for unsupervised operation in major markets
- Energy storage margin expansion beyond 35%

### Downgrade Triggers

- Loss of EV market share below 15% globally
- Automotive gross margins falling below 18% for 2+ quarters
- Significant delays (>6 months) in new product launches

## Final Recommendation



**Target Price:** \$400.00

**Current Price:** \$333.87 (08/29/2025)

**Upside:** 19.8%

## Actionable Next Steps

### Initial Position Sizing

Recommend 3-5% portfolio allocation for institutional investors

### Management Engagement

Schedule Q&A with Tesla's CFO on energy storage segment economics

### Product Research

Conduct on-site visit to Texas Gigafactory to assess production efficiencies

### Monitoring Framework

Establish quarterly KPI tracking for delivery growth, margins, and FSD progress



# Appendix & Next Steps for Diligence

## Data Sources

### Tesla Financial Statements

Source: SEC Filings (10-K 2024, 10-Q Q1-Q3 2025)

### EV Market Data & Forecasts

Source: IEA Global EV Outlook 2025, June 2025

### Energy Storage Market Analysis

Source: Bloomberg NEF, Battery Storage Market Outlook H1 2025

### Automotive Regulatory Updates

Source: EPA/NHTSA Documentation, July 2025

## Methodology Notes

- Financial model uses 5-year CAGR of 15.8% for base case automotive growth, adjusted by geography-specific factors; energy business modeled at 32% CAGR
- TAM/SAM analysis based on IEA's high-electrification scenario for developed markets (80% EV penetration by 2035)
- Competitive analysis evaluated 12 global OEMs across 32 vehicle models using standardized technical specifications and pricing data
- Valuation uses DCF (WACC: 9.5%, terminal growth: 3.0%) and forward multiples based on peer group (15 automotive, 8 tech companies)

## Supplementary Data

Metric	Value	Notes
Supercharger Network	12,400+ stations	North America (5,200), Europe (4,100), APAC (3,100)
Manufacturing Capacity	3.2M units/year	Utilization rate: 76% in Q2 2025
AI Training Cluster	48,200 GPUs	6.8 exaFLOPs, largest automotive AI infrastructure

## Next Steps for Diligence

- Management Meetings: Schedule calls with CFO, CTO, and Energy division head (Investment Team, within 3 weeks)
- Factory Tours: Visit Gigafactory Texas and Shanghai to validate production efficiency claims (Due Diligence Team, by Oct 15, 2025)
- Technology Assessment: Conduct FSD test drives and benchmark against competitors (Technology Analyst, by Sep 30, 2025)
- Management Q&A: Clarify roadmap for robotaxi service, margin recovery plan, and R&D allocation between vehicle programs